Friday 18th November 2022

Principal's Perspective

Kia ora.

One of the common misconceptions in New Zealand secondary schools is that after the senior students take exam leave, that there is a period of 'winding down' before the Christmas break. At Papanui High School the last weeks of term are full of learning opportunities and it has been fantastic to see many students take these up.

Over the next four weeks, many students will be participating in camps, speech competitions, production auditions, form class challenges and activities days. These are an excellent chance for Year 9 and 10s to practise collaborative work, leadership, future focused learning, and gain some new skills before their end of year reports come home.

Examples of our students' focus and determination recently have been our Ethics Olympiad team (mentioned later in this newsletter). Our 'Ethletes' showed their online skills in critical thinking, collaboration and communication working together on complicated moral issues. They came 1st in the South Island after competing against 17 other schools. We are very proud of them.

A unique learning opportunity for all students and staff this term is to practise and embed our knowledge of Huakina Papanui (our school haka). As a new school leader who is just beginning the journey of learning and connecting to the community through participating in the haka, I am excited to watch it grow over the next few years. Thank you to the staff and students who have patiently worked alongside me to ensure that I am beginning to look like I know what I am doing.

Ngā mihi

Stacey Fry (Associate Principal)

Final 2 Accord Days for 2022

A reminder that these days have been confirmed for this term, they will be held on Friday 25th and Monday 28th November.

On those two days the school will be closed for instruction. Senior Exams will continue as timetabled.

PPTA Union Meetng

PPTA PAID UNION MEETING—Tuesday 29th November

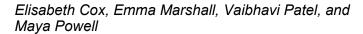
On the morning of Tuesday 29th November, Papanui High School teachers will be attending a paid union meeting from 8.30am until 11.00am. The right to hold a meeting of this nature is contained in the Secondary Teachers' Collective Employment Agreement. All union members are expected to attend.

Accordingly on Tuesday 29th November the school day will begin with Period 4 (11.35am)

If you wish to have your son/daughter supervised during morning school hours please register with the school office (phone: 352 6119)

Gold in the South Island Ethics Olympiad

On Wednesday the 16th, we competed in the South Island Middle School Ethics Olympiad. The competition involved 4 rounds, with the objective being to look at all sides of an issue and come up with the best solution. In total, there were 8 cases each with unique ethical issues that we had to understand and present. The cases ranged from moral dilemmas raised in the movie *Jaws* to citizenship legislation. We were up against many great teams, so it was nice to be challenged by them. It was an amazing opportunity with unique learning outcomes and we are so happy to have achieved gold and made it to the international round. We want to give a big thank you to Mrs Dwan for coaching us for this competition!





Junior Work Day

Papanui High School Work Day: 25th OR 28th of November

This work day is for all Year 9 and 10 students to raise funds to support Ronald McDonald House. This is an incredibly important organization that supports unwell children and their families. Our school sponsors the Teenager Room in their Cashel Street building. This is our marquee sponsorship for the community. We aim to raise at least \$10,000 for this cause this year. Our students will be receiving information about this activity early next week.



Work need not be completed on Work Day as students may choose to do this on another day (e.g. a weekend). However, on Friday the 25th of November and Monday the 28th of November, Papanui High School has two Staff Only Days (Accord Days). These days provide an obvious opportunity to complete work.

The target is for each student to raise a minimum donation of **\$10 total** for the equivalent of one and a half hours work. Our school anticipates that a large number of students will find work at home, with friends, with relatives, or neighbours.

The Work Day gives students the opportunity to work in their community for the benefit of others, to learn new skills, to meet new people, and for some, this may lead to ongoing employment.

Tim Kirby Deputy Principal Papanui High School krt@papanui.school.nz

School Policies

Our school policies can be found at https://papanui.schooldocs.co.nz

Username: papanui password: pride



Daniel, a Local Hero

On Wednesday on his way home from school Daniel Newman saw a young woman running out of her house holding a baby and screaming. The baby was choking on some food. Dan kept calm and helped her. He called for an ambulance and together they managed to clear baby's throat.



Are you throwing off your uniform for the final time?

Do you have a PHS uniform gathering dust?

Do you want to give it another life and save it from landfill?

Is preparing it for sale, finding customers,
and negotiating prices a hassle?

Please consider letting the PTA sell it for you.

Drop here:

Tuesday 6 December 1025 (right after sign out) R4

What to do:

- Fill out the form provided on the day (just bank details, name, mobile number, email)
- 2. Sit and wait for money in the bank
- Feel good about helping another PHS whānau and the school community

Bring:

Clean uniform (Repaired, if necessary and possible).

> Bank account number and name (So we can pay you).

Donations of old shoes and socks

(If you have any in reasonable condition which you wish to gift. By law, we cannot sell these).

Basic fine print:

- We take a 30% commission, up to a maximum of \$20 per item. In return, we carefully assess all your items
 to ensure you the receive best price and give you access to hundreds of customers so your item sells as
 quickly as possible.
- . 100% of the PTA's profit is returned to the students.
- (We are 100% volunteer-run. Minimal overheads equal maximum benefit for students).

Once you enter your uniform into the system it cannot be removed, other than by purchase.

Detailed fine print: https://www.papanui.school.nz/our-school/second-hand-uniform-sale
Any questions not covered by the above: please email Claire: PHS.PTA.SHU@gmail.com

PTA Fundraiser

Papanui High School PTA needs your support!

Sign up for this great deal with Entertainment Book and 20% goes directly to the PTA.

Click on the link to sign up

Papanui High School PTA (entertainmentnz.com)





PHS Homestays Wanted

2023 is going to be an adventure, are you in?

Overseas holidays are now a major luxury, so what other options are available for you to experience and enjoy a new culture? What if we said you could bring the world to you?

Papanui High's International enrolments are quickly growing for the 2023 intake. We are excited about students arriving from Japan, Germany, Thailand and South Korea throughout next year, but our students need homes. Now is a great time to consider hosting an international student. It's a great opportunity to share cultures and insights, support learning another language, and develop international friendships.

If you think this might be something your family would be interested in please contact our International Department staff for more information, we are here to answer any questions you may have and we'd love to hear from you.

Margaret Kinzett, Homestay Coordinator email knm@papanui.school.nz



Click on the links below to hear from our previous International students about what they have gained from their time at Papanui, and the important part their Homestay families played in the enjoyment of their experience.



https://sites.google.com/papanui.school.nz/phs-international/student-stories

https://sites.google.com/papanui.school.nz/phs-international/homestays

Sports News

Sport Results

Indoor Netball

Junior Girls: defeated by Avonside Girls' White

Touch

Super Touch Girls: defeated by Rangi Ruru

Volleyball

Junior Girls A: defeated by Middleton Grange Junior Girls B: won 2-0 against Rangi Ruru

Junior Boys: won 2-1 against Emmanuel Christian School

Waterpolo

Junior Boys: defeated by Christchurch Boys' High Junior B

Student Achievements

Have you competed in a Sports Competition lately? Send your story and results (with pictures if possible) to Paige (http://papanui.school.nz) in the Sports Office.

This is a great way to showcase what our students are doing outside of school in sport within our community

Important Information

- Students who were issued a Winter Sports Uniform are asked to please return these to the Sports Office as soon as possible.
- Any students who are keen on purchasing Papanui High School sports gear can be done via the link below. Payments are done through the website and then are sent directly to you.
- Please Note: students are not permitted to wear sports gear instead of school uniform.

https://withers-merch-shop.myshopify.com/.../papanui-high-sch...



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