Friday 25th November 2022

# **Principal's Perspective**

Kia ora.

Last Monday night I attended the final PTA meeting for the year. I would like to thank the parents who are involved for their continued support of the school. Whether it be helping out at the various events we hold, running uniform sales, raising funds to support students, or being a sounding board for ideas and initiatives, your input is greatly appreciated. In particular I would like to acknowledge those parents who are leaving the PTA this year, after many years of service to the school. I thank them for their ongoing support and wish them well. It is important that we are able to get regular feedback from our local community, and this group provides a forum for this to happen.

Unfortunately, inclement weather in the mountains meant our Year 10 Outdoor Education Camps scheduled for this week became one day adventure excursions which included a Spencer park activity day, a day tramp on the Port Hills, and a Craigieburn activity day which included Caving, Bouldering and Kura Tawhiti/ Castle Hill walk.

Staff have continued their work on the NCEA change programme this Friday and will continue on Monday. The changes are scheduled to be phased in, with new achievement standards at Level 1 being introduced in 2024, followed by Level 2 in 2025, and Level 3 in place by January 2026.

Throughout the week interviews were held for our incoming 2023 Year 9 cohort. These were an opportunity to gather

family and student voice, and to share and discuss the transition process. These interviews were incredibly well supported by the community, and as a school we are appreciative of the opportunity to build these connections, and will be looking forward to seeing the students next year. Alongside this, 80 Year 12 students will be returning to school in Week 9 to participate in the Peer Support training programme. They will return as Peer Support Leaders next year, and will play a significant role in supporting the transition and integration of our new Year 9 students to Papanui High School.

Congratulations to Kirsten Hill who has been appointed as Year 9 Dean for 2023.

Three weeks of the external examination programme have now been completed, and with one week to go, students will be coming to the end of this process. I hope these have been going well, and for those yet to finish, good luck for the remaining week.



Ngā mihi

Jeff Smith Principal

# **Final Accord Day for 2022**

The final Accord day for 2022 will be held on Monday 28th November.

On that day the school will be closed for instruction. Senior Exams will continue as timetabled.

# **PPTA Union Meeting**

## 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)

# **Activities Day - Friday 9th December**

On Friday the 9th of December Year 9 and 10 students will be participating in our annual activities day. Throughout the day students will rotate in form classes around 6 activities which include Swiss/Volleyball, a General Knowledge Quiz, Board Games, Dart Throw and a Sport Canterbury run activity. Year 10 students will spend a short amount of time off site at the Papanui Youth Centre which is run by Papanui Youth Development Trust. Students are asked to wear active wear for the day and are reminded that it is important for health and safety that they wear appropriate sports shoes for practical activities. The Year 10 visit to the Papanui Youth Centre is supervised by school and Centre staff and is considered to be a low-risk activity meaning a consent form is not needed. However, students interested in rock climbing while at the Centre will be required to return (by the 5th of December) a consent form which will be distributed during form time next week.

There is no cost for the day but a sausage sizzle and Mr Whippy will be available for sale at lunchtime for a few dollars.







# **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 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

## **School Policies**

Our school policies can be found at <a href="https://papanui.schooldocs.co.nz">https://papanui.schooldocs.co.nz</a>

**Username**: papanui password: pride



## **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**

## **Term 4 Sport Results**

### Waterpolo

Junior Boys: drew 6 all with Christ's College

#### **Student Achievements**

Have you competed in a Sports Competition lately? Send your story and results (with pictures if possible) to Paige (<a href="http://papanui.school.nz">http://papanui.school.nz</a>) in the Sports Office. This is a great way to showcase what our students are doing outside of school in sport within our community.

### **Canterbury Secondary Schools' Junior Tennis Championships**

Papanui High School had 3 students (Maya Powell, Amelia McNaughton and Toby Smith) compete in the Canterbury Secondary Schools Junior Tennis Championships this week at Wilding Park. All students played exceptionally well in the singles. Maya and Amelia teamed up in the Year 10 doubles event and finished 6th out of 16 teams. Well done!



## **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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