



Principal's Perspective

Kia ora,

After a long and eventful year, we are now heading into the penultimate week of school, finishing off with our Junior Prizegiving on Tuesday 13th December.

I would like to thank our parents/caregivers for your support as the staff completed the last two Accord Days for 2022. You may have seen, in some recent press releases, that the Ministry of Education has specifically set aside two Staff Only Days in 2023, and 2024, in recognition of the need for schools to have time to further support the ongoing development and implementation of the curriculum review and the NCEA assessment changes. We will let you know the exact dates of these next year. It is anticipated the first of the days will take place early in Term 2.

On Wednesday the PTA held an afternoon tea to recognise the 'unsung heroes' who have given their time to support the school this year. This included parents, community members, ex-students, and staff who have volunteered to support the school in a number of ways, ranging from coaching a team, to being a reader/writer. They were officially thanked and acknowledged, while also enjoying a shared afternoon tea together. Thank you to the PTA for their ongoing support of the school.

Albeit the last week, it still manages to retain its busyness. There are number of things that will be taking place, such as the final Year 10 camps, the Kimi Ora Celebration, Peer Support Training, Activities Day, Staff farewells, and the Whānau Class Noho to Kaikoura. Alongside this, the Senior NCEA exams concluded on Friday (2nd December). On Tuesday senior sign out will be held for all Year 11 –13 students, and in the evening the final farewell Leavers' dinner will be held at Addington Raceway.

Rounding out this week (Friday evening) is the Aiga shared dinner and cultural performances, creating a wonderful community opportunity to celebrate the end of the school year.

Ngā mihi

Jeff Smith
Principal

Service Council supporting Foster Hope

On the 1st of December, a group of Service Council members went to Kmart to buy items for Foster Hope.

Foster Hope is a non-profit organisation who support caregivers that are fostering a child. They provide backpacks for the children with essentials.

For this Christmas, we went shopping to buy presents for children in foster homes. We did this to help as many children as possible have gifts to open on Christmas Day. Some of the items we purchased were; stationery, sports equipment, and much more. Everyone who went enjoyed the trip and had fun choosing the items to buy.

Lara (Year 10) Service Council



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.



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Junior Work Day

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported the Junior Workday. Ronald McDonald House will be incredibly grateful for your contribution. It is not too late for students to do some work to support this cause – for instance this weekend may be a more suitable time.

A reminder that monies can be deposited through the School bank account with a reference “**(Students Name), Workday**” 123147 0225793 00. Or, the money can be paid through the school office.

It is a donation. While there is no compulsion for each student to have raised a minimum of \$10, the school feels this amount is appropriate and supportive.

Well done! Mr Kirby, Deputy Principal



**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

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).

What to do:

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

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 receive the 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 <https://papanui.schooldocs.co.nz>

Username: papanui **password:** pride


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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

Waterpolo

Junior Boys: defeated by Shirley Boys' High School

Student Achievements

Have you competed in a Sports Competition lately? Send your story and results (with pictures if possible) to Paige (hrp@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 and Summer 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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