Friday 17th February 2023

Principal's Perspective

Kia ora,

It has been so nice to complete a full week of school for the first time in a long time and to see an extensive list of cocurricular and classroom activities keenly participated in by the student body of Papanui High School. As such, our sympathies are with some of our North Island colleagues, students and schools who have not enjoyed the same settled start because of the weather conditions there.

This week the Year 13 Outdoor Education class was due to head out on our first tramp of the year, to Arthur's Pass. Because of the effects of Cyclone Gabrielle, which was due to impact our region later in the week, we made the difficult decision to postpone this trip. That decision, with Wednesday's rain and wind, was the correct one, however we do anticipate that trips will start to go out again next week.

Following on from the Orientation Year 9 Meet the Teacher evening two weeks ago, we held our Year 10—13 'Meet and Greet' evening last Thursday night. It is important that families/whānau and caregivers have the opportunity to meet subject teachers and get an overview of the year's learning. I would like to thank the community for supporting this event, and for the positive feedback. I would also like to thank staff for their organisation and extra effort to build relationships with the wider whānau of our students. Once those relationships are formed it becomes easier to work together towards each students' personal achievement goals

The first PTA meeting of 2023 will be held on Monday 20 February, and I invite all new parents to attend. An invitation from the PTA follows.

Ngā mihi

Stacey Fry Associate Principal

Secondary Teachers Set Date For First National Strike - Thursday 16 March

Last year teachers began negotiations for their collective agreement. At Paid Union Meetings at the end of last year, members agreed on a one-day national strike if they felt there was no satisfactory progress with their collective agreement. As such all secondary school teachers in New Zealand will hold a national one-day strike on Thursday 16 March. As no PPTA members will be available for teaching duties on that day it will not be possible to run normal classes.

For any students who do attend, supervision will be arranged. Please phone the school office (on 352 6119) if you require supervision for your child.

PTA Invitation

Nau mai Haere mai

The PTA welcomes all parents and caregivers to come along to our next regular meeting.

Find out what is happening around the school and see what is planned for the rest of the year. Hear from the Principal about the progress on the new school buildings.

Our meetings are relaxed and informal with new people and ideas welcomed. Bring a friend and come along!

If you can't make it to meetings but would be interested in hearing more from the PTA, you can become a Friend of the PTA and join the email group.

Our first meeting for this year will be at 7.00pm on Monday 20 February in the staff room (upstairs in the admin block)

If you'd like to find out more please come to our meeting or contact Amanda at Pta.chair@papanui.school.nz

Engagement Reports

Engagement Reports will resume next week (Wednesday 22 February) for Year 9 and 10 students. Parents/ Caregivers will receive an email showing the level of their child's 'engagement' to their learning for each of their classes, measured through a grade out of '3' for each subject. An explanation of the grades and the criteria for awarding them will be included in the email. Senior students will receive their first engagement reports the following week on Wednesday 1 March. Following this, engagement reports will be sent home every Wednesday, alternating between junior and senior reports.

The focus of these fortnightly engagement reports is primarily twofold:

- 1. to provide parents with regular and on-going information about their child's engagement in their learning, and
- 2. to provide students and parents a clear picture of the degree to which a student is putting themselves in the best possible position to progress their learning in the future.

If you have questions or concerns as to why a particular grade was given to your child, please feel free to contact the subject teacher directly via email.

The school will continue to review how best to use the data collected from these engagement reports, to ensure individual students are supported both pastorally and academically.

Adult and Community Education - Term 1 Vacancies

We still have vacancies in the following night classes scheduled to begin from next week. If you would like to enrol in any of these courses please visit our website https://www.papanui.school.nz/com-edu/categories or email ace@papanui.school.nz or telephone our office on 03 352 0701

MONDAY NIGHT STARTING 20 FEBRUARY

Cake Decorating for Beginners Cooking - Creating Breads and Classic Kiwi Baking Cooking Experience the Flavours of Asia Photography Beyond Beginners Watercolour Painting

TUESDAY NIGHT STARTING 21 FEBRUARY

Beekeeping Intro Course
Cooking - International Street Food
Creative Writing
Photography - Learn to Photograph Children and
Animals
Ukulele Intermediate
Upgrade Your Life - Goal setting, creating new habits
and uplevelling your self-belief

WEDNESDAY NIGHT STARTING 22 FEBRUARY

Cooking - Practical Indian with Budget Friendly Recipes Learn to Draw Tennis for Beginners Yoga for Beginners

THURSDAY NIGHT STARTING 23 FEBRUARY

Tai Chi for Beginners Thai Cooking Genetic Genealogy Research Mosaics - Upcycling with Broken Ceramics

WEEKEND WORKSHOPS

Cheesemaking 18 March
Jewellery Making - Using Resin 18 March
Reiki Level 1 4 & 5 March
Soap Making 5 March
Soap Making 25 March
Upholstery 1 & 2 April
Roman Blind Making 4 & 5 March
Creative Journalling 4 March

School Policies

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

Username: papanui password: pride



Sports News

Student Achievements

Have you competed in a Sports Competition lately? Send your story and results (with pictures if possible) to Sarah (lms@papanui.school.nz) in the Sports Office.

Here at Papanui we love to showcase what our students are doing outside of school in sport within our community.

Congratulations to

Kirsty Watts who competed in the Criterium National Championships in Palmerston North on the 23rd January. Kirsty came away with a bronze medal in the U19 Women's race. On the 10th and 11th February Kirsty also competed in the Elite Road National Championships in Tokoroa and won a silver medal in the U19 Women's Time Trial race. Fantastic effort Kirsty.





Student Work on Display at the Papanui Public Library

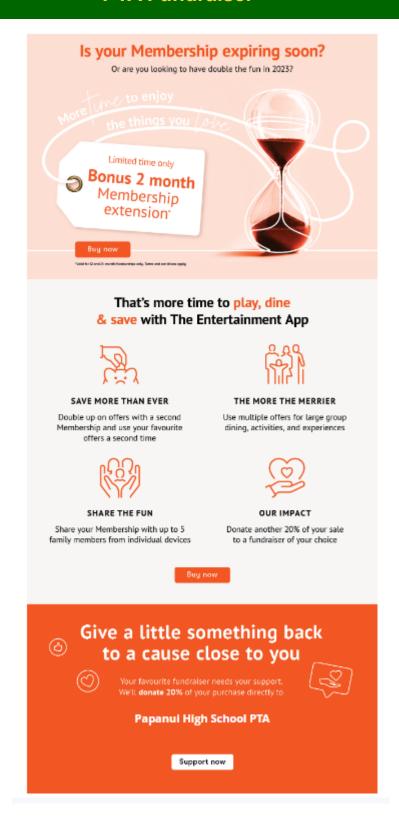
The team at the Papanui Library have installed the BEAUTIFUL (I cannot stress that enough) Year 10 art pieces in the Young Adult section and on the back wall above the international section.

They have written ..' we are wowed by how much they brighten our space up! The space feels personal to our community, unique and vibrant! We have already noticed patrons admire them!!....'

Anjie Connon Art Department



PTA Fundraiser



For more information email support@entertainmentbook.co.nz

Papanui High School 2023 Term Dates

TERM ONE: Tuesday 31 January - Thursday 6 April

Monday 27 March Summer Tournament Week

Friday 7 April Good Friday - school closed

94 half days

TERM TWO: Monday 24 April - Friday 30 June

Monday 24 April Additional MOE staff only day

Tuesday 25 April ANZAC DAY - school closed

Monday 5 June King's Birthday - school closed

96 half days (The additional Staff Only Day is to support implementation activities across The NZ

Curriculum Refresh, the redesign of Te Marautanga o Aotearoa and the NCEA

Change programme)

TERM THREE: Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September

Monday 21 August Staff Only Day

Monday 28 August Winter Tournament Week

Monday 11 September Senior Assessment Week

98 half days

TERM FOUR: Monday 9 October - Tuesday 12 December

Monday 23 October Labour Day - school closed

Wednesday 25 October Senior Prizegiving

Monday 6 November NCEA exams start

Friday 17 November Show Day - school closed

Tuesday 12 December Junior Prizegiving

92 half days

Total 380 half days