



### Principal's Perspective

Kia ora,

We have been lucky to have enjoyed some warm weather this week which has ensured that Outdoor Ed and other field trips have been able to be completed after being postponed previously. The Year 13 Sea Kayaking trip sounded like an amazing experience and a real test of fitness and endurance. Summer sport is well underway and this has culminated in two teams competing in the Mainland Volleyball tournament today and over the weekend. Winter sports trials will be starting soon and I wish students all the best as they pursue their sporting goals and achieve personal excellence in their chosen fields.

We have a large group of students and tutors who are practising very hard for their performance in Polyfest in two weeks' time. We look forward to seeing the results of this hard work at Fia Fia night and at Polyfest.

Many of our councils and service groups have started to make plans for what they wish to achieve this year. It is always heartening to see how civic and community minded teenagers are and eager they are to help others. Papanui High School provides them with a large number of opportunities to give back and we know that this is appreciated in our community as evidenced by our Heart Foundation collection at the end of last week.

As we approach the second half of the term, good information will start to come home regarding your progress at school so far. We encourage caregivers to participate actively in their student's learning journey and look forward to seeing you again in face to face interviews and conferences.

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.

### Community Message from Papanui High School

We wish to bring to your attention a recent email home regarding social media to inform you of a recent harmful social media incident that the school has had to investigate due to its impact on the school and the wider community.

We have been made aware of several Instagram accounts attached to the school's name that were sharing harmful content, including images of our students without their permission. We have worked with Instagram and Netsafe to get the content removed. When incidents like this occur we refer to the school's policy on Responding to Digital Incidents and Bullying, and therefore we have investigated, sought support from Netsafe, made a report to the police, and are now contacting the community to make them aware of the incident.

It is important that we continue to work together to support students to understand the context of such sites. Students should always be mindful of their safety and understand the implications that messages from social media may have on the wider community.

We will continue to monitor social media and hope that these sites do not reappear in a different form and would appreciate contact via [admin@papanui.school.nz](mailto:admin@papanui.school.nz) if you believe that they have.

# Academic Celebration Day - Academic Counselling Interview Day

## Academic Celebration Day – Academic Counselling Student Interview Day

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March we are holding our annual Academic Celebration Day combined with our Academic Counselling Student Interview Day.

### Academic Celebration Day

Our Academic Celebration Day is where we celebrate our NCEA successes from 2022. A number of assemblies will take place where we will acknowledge all student's achievement and award both Merit and Excellence Endorsement badges to those students who gained NCEA Level 1 or 2 certificate endorsement in 2022.

Parents/caregivers of students who received a Merit or Excellence endorsement for their Level 1 or 2 NCEA certificate will be invited to attend and share a morning/afternoon tea with the staff following the assemblies. Please check your email for your invitation early next week and R.S.V.P. to the main office before Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

### Academic Counselling Student Interview Day

#### SENIOR STUDENTS

When students are not expected in an assembly, they will spend the day in their form rooms, studying independently, whilst Academic Counsellors complete AC interviews and assist senior students to set their "Academic Aspiration" for the year.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to complete work set by subject teachers to reinforce the current learning occurring in all NCEA subjects.

To make the most of the day, it is crucial students spend the week leading up to the day ensuring they understand the work set and ensuring they have the necessary resources to complete the work. For many students, the use of a fully charged electronic device, would be most helpful.

#### JUNIOR STUDENTS

Our junior students will also take part in the Academic Counselling day through a range of activities. Junior students will have a revised timetable for the day and will be predominately taught by their form teacher. Junior students will reflect on who they are as learners and also set their "Academic Aspiration" for the year.

Following Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March, I would encourage all parents/caregivers to discuss the day with their students so they can share their aspirations with you too.

Lynette Archer  
Deputy Principal

## Congratulations

### Ethics Olympiad International Final

On Thursday the 24th of February, Papanui High School competed in the International Final of the Middle School Ethics Olympiad. The team included: Elisabeth Cox, Emma Marshall, Maya Powell, Vaibhavi Patel and our coach Mrs Dwan.

Throughout the day, we competed against teams from across the world including India, Australia, Singapore and New Zealand. Together we discussed complex issues such as the ethics of "Birth tourism" and "When should friends help friends with punishments", and collaborated with other teams, to find the best solutions to difficult ethical questions. At the end of the competition, we finished 6th out of 40 teams!

We loved the challenging experience of using our brains to find how we can best help our world be a better place. We owe a lot to our coach Mrs Dwan who took time to train us and build our confidence for the competition.

## Heart Foundation Collection

Last Friday seven Papanui High School students from the Service Council collected money on behalf of The Heart Foundation at Northlands Mall. Each group was there for two hours and everybody had a great time out in the community collecting.

Thank you to all who donated. Many people who donated shared their personal experiences about living with a heart condition or having had a heart attack. It is great for us as a school to be involved in raising awareness, and funds, for important causes. *Many thanks to Katie Ward, Megan Bennetts, Aska Ueda, Charlie Stephens, Jay Sacramento, Khyla Swann-Jefferson and Lily Reeves.*

*Write up by Katie Ward.*



## Challenge Wanaka

Ollie King, Sammy Lu, Toby Paterson, Clark Slater, Samuel Pethig, and Lachlan Oakes participated in the Adaptive Challenge Wanaka Event.

Athletes swam distances ranging from 200m-25m, biked 2km or 1km then ran 1km to the finish. Each athlete had a buddy to support and encourage them during the race. A huge thanks to you all!

The aim for our athletes was to complete the distance best suited to them and finish the race.

It was awesome watching each athlete and their buddy come up the finishing chute. We are thankful for the wonderful support we received from all involved.

It was great to be part of such an inclusive event.  
Well done Challenge Wanaka!!

Sharon Scott  
Head of Kimi Ora Department





## Year 13 Kayaking Trip

This week our Year 13 PE classes paddled their way through the Marlborough Sounds on a 3-day kayaking adventure. With the assistance of Sea Kayak Adventures guides and school staff, students took responsibility for navigation, safety, participant welfare, equipment, and taking care of their environment. Each day posed new challenges including rain and wind, packing up, finding and setting up camp, and cooking meals. The group paddled an epic 65km over three days. An added bonus was seeing two Papanui High staff, Sharon Scott and Brigitte Masse, as they rode mountain bikes past our paddle guard of honour at Ngakuta Bay on their way to winning the Super Vets category of the Summer Challenge. This was inspirational for both the students and the staff. The guides and members of the public commented repeatedly on how respectful and positive our students were and the group is to be commended for their actions throughout the trip.



## From the Careers Department

### School based events

#### Year 13 Conference Day

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March all Year 13 students are required to attend the annual Year 13 conference at the Papanui Club. This event is intended to aid students in establishing a pathway plan for their transition from school. Students will have the chance to hear directly from a panel of employers. A panel of ex-pupils will share their experiences around transition from high school into work and tertiary study.

We have an inspirational speaker, Anton Matthews, followed by workshops run by the NZ Institute of Sport, Te Pukenga Ara, Canterbury University, and Lincoln University.

Students and whānau will receive letters with more details next week

### Events outside of school

Later school start times research: have your say.

We'd like to hear your opinions about later starts for Year 12 and 13 students.

Click the link below to access short University of Otago research surveys for students (age 16+), parents, teachers and principals, and Board of Trustee members of New Zealand high schools.

The research is funded by CureKids and the study has been approved by the University of Otago Human Ethics Committee approval #22/105

<https://blogs.otago.ac.nz/teensleep/>

Information about a wide variety of events, activities, job hunting support and more can be found on our careers web-site

<https://papanui.careerwise.school/>



## 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](mailto: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 Brooke Flett who braved the wet weather and competed in the Canterbury Secondary Schools' Show Jumping Competition.

Good luck to our Premier Girls' and Boys' Volleyball teams who are playing at the Mainland Senior Secondary Schools' Championships this weekend.

### Week 2 Sports Results

#### Girls Futsal

Won 31-0 against Rangi Ruru

#### Volleyball

Premier Girls - Won 3-2 against Middleton Grange

Premier Boys - BYE

#### Water Polo

Girls Water Polo - 10-6 win against Marian College

Boys Water Polo - won against Christchurch Boys' High School

#### Touch

Due to the wet weather all Touch games were cancelled.

## School Policies

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

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## PTA Fundraiser

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# 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

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