

Friday 15 September 2023

## **Principal's Perspective**

Kia ora

This week is the nationwide celebration of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori from 11-17 Hepetema (September) 2023. This year's theme is Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori – making the language stronger. Staff and students participated in a range of activities, including Thursday lunchtime's combined staff and student haka.

This week our senior students have continued sitting 'Formative Assessments' to assist in their preparation for the NCEA external exams in November. As we move into Term 4 students should be thinking about reducing their part time work hours where appropriate, engaging their study plan, and talking to their teachers to support their ongoing learning later in the year. I would like to thank the junior school again who have gone about their daily routines and respected the need for quietness in areas in the school while the assessments were happening.

#### **Rebuild Update**

West Learning Hub:

Hawkins' team continue to work inside the building on fit out work (services, framing and plasterboard). Externally the cladding and fascia framing continues to progress

#### East Learning Hub:

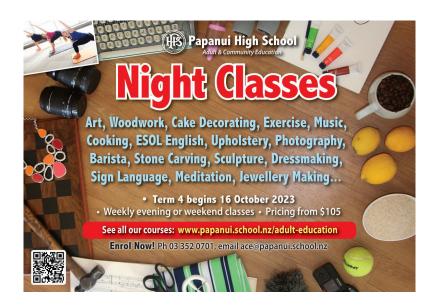
The steel framing continues to progress (see picture - second storey almost completed). The first-floor flooring system installation commenced this week, along with heating pipe installation.

We are closing in on the end of a very busy term. Next week will include the traditional Extravaganza Week, which provide a range of fun activities during the lunch breaks, culminating in a extended lunchtime 'Carnival' on Friday



A reminder that the personal digital devices (phone) survey for students, and caregivers closes on Wednesday 20th, and results will be presented to the Board on Thursday evening.

Ngā mihi Jeff Smith Principal



## Start Work Notice - Langdons to Sawyers Arms Path upgrades

Start works notice for The MCR Northern Line Path Repair and Upgrades between Langdons Road and Sawyers Arms Road railway crossings.

This work will involve the repair and widening of large sections of the cycleway.

Work will commence on 25/09/23 and the existing path will be closed until up to the end of October. There will be a diversion route in place



## **Greymouth Special Olympics**

On 6<sup>th</sup> September, 16 students travelled to Greymouth to compete in the Special Olympics Basketball tournament. Our first stop was morning tea in Springfield and a great chance to catch up with our friends from Allenvale and Ferndale. We carried onto Castle Hill and managed a loop walk around the amazing rocks before the rain came. It was lunch in Arthur's Pass and the students loved getting a close view of the Keas.

We arrived in Greymouth and settled into our bunkrooms before heading off for a swim. We enjoyed dinner with the Waimea and Allenvale/Ferndale athletes - it was great to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. After that we were excited to get back to our accommodation to share Isabella's birthday cake for



dessert. We also enjoyed chilling out and playing games in the lounge. Our students were amazing and settled in quickly for a good night's sleep ahead of the tournament.

We started the day with skill testing and Kimi Ora definitely impressed! There was a combination of shooting, dribbling, and catching and passing drills. Congratulations to Toby who came 2nd overall and Sammy who achieved 3rd place.

Then it was down to business where both Kimi Ora teams played 3 games. Kia Toa coach Grant Ditfort has been focussing on working together as a team and we saw this on court with lots of passing on display and everyone contributing to the teams success. Our athletes showed excellent sportsmanship and we noticed a big improvement in skill level and confidence as the day went on. Papanui Kia Toa finished in 1st place in division 1 and Papanui Kia Kaha finished 2nd in division 2! Congratulations to Kalani and Derek for being awarded team MVPs - tu meke!

After a quick stop at Subway for lunch we departed Greymouth and headed home. As always, we are so proud of our rangatahi and how they handled themselves on and off the court. We know being away from home can be challenging, however they all rose to the occasion and represented themselves and Papanui High School with pride - Ka mau te wehi - (amazing)

Huge thanks to Ngarita and Grant Ditfort for giving up their time to support our rangatahi. Thanks to you both we have all banked some awesome new memories - ngā mihi nui!

Written by Amanda Siave





Photo: 1— 1st Place in division 1 2— 2nd Place in division 2

## **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Recipients**

Congratulations to Evie, Shelby, Elizabeth and Lucas on completing their bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards.



## **From the Careers Department**

#### **Upcoming Events and Information Evenings**

**Lincoln University Liaison visit Tuesday 19th September**. If you are intending to study at Lincoln next year you MUST attend this important event. See the Year 13 Google Classroom for details of the time and venue for this event.

#### Ara Drop-In session Wednesday 20 Sept 11.30am-1.00pm in the library reading room.

If you are thinking of studying at Ara next year or in 2025, come along and meet Kirsty who will give you information and answer any questions you might have.

#### Lincoln University Open Day 29th Sept from 10am (during the school holidays)

Register via this link https://lincolnuniversity.microsoftcrmportals.com/event/sessions?id=Hui\_Whakatuwhera\_Open\_Day\_20231766446187

UC Choose Law and Criminal Justice Careers evening Thursday 19 October 5.00pm-7.00pm https://events.humanitix.com/uc-law-and-justice-careers-evening-october-2023

**Thrive for Life is** a program to enable students to develop the skills needed to be University Ready. It includes information about study, self-care, the differences between school and university etc. For more information and to register follow the link below

https://www.thriveforlife.co/urlive8feb2024

**Te Ara Pūtahi for Maori at Ara** is a holiday programme for secondary aged rangatahi across Ōtautahi. September 27th – 29th, 10.00am – 3.30pm at Te Puna Wānaka, Ara City Campus. Register via this link https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=819H79F800-

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#### Other useful information

#### Ara Te Pükenga updates

- Application closing dates (please refer to our Ara Te Pūkenga update)
- Information Sessions (please refer to our Ara Te Pūkenga update)
- Ara scholarships Applications are now being taken for Ara scholarships. If you are intending to study at Ara
  full time next year please see the link. Applications close on 15 November https://www.ara.ac.nz/studentservices/supporting-your-study/scholarships/

#### Planning to leave school at the end of the year?

- If you are considering studying at a polytechnic you can begin to apply now. Go to the providers website for information on specific courses. Many courses have specific closing dates so make sure you are prepared.
- Thinking of joining the workforce? Make sure you have an up to date CV and check out this site: https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/student-jobs.html

For more details about all these events check out our website <a href="https://papanui.careerwise.school/">https://papanui.careerwise.school/</a> or contact a member of the Careers team:

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### **School Policies**

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

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## **Sports News**

Share your successes with us.

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

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.

# Mahuika: Girls on Fire Rugby Sevens Tournament.

On Friday 8th September, fourteen Papanui girls represented the school at the Mahuika: Girls on Fire Rugby Sevens Tournament. Linwood Rugby Club hosted this tournament, which was designed for new players to get a taste of sevens and most importantly have some fun!

Breeze, Alice, Lexie, Emma and Te Rangi showed their experience as club rugby players making great tackles, good runs and supporting the new players to run, pass and tackle. The girls are proudly

showing their bruises this week, and some have definitely got the rugby bug. We are looking forward to further developing girls' rugby at Papanui High, through creating a 15s and 7s team for next year.

The team was coached by Mpho Mbiyozo, a South African rugby sevens representative who now works at Belfast Rugby Club. He achieved more than we could imagine in a few trainings with so many new players. Thanks to Heather Algar for finding a coach for our team. The girls loved his coaching and we saw the positive effects of it as the tournament progressed. Our first two games were against a very experienced Christchurch Rugby Club and West Coast Hinds team. The girls made some fantastic tackles and strong runs and learnt more about how to play sevens. In our final game the girls pulled all Mpho's coaching tips out and ran in four tries to take the win. They spread the ball well, attacked space

and made some great tackles turning over possession. This win took out the Plate!

To top off a fantastic last game, Breeze Apiata-Hobson was named in the Tournament Team.

Papanui High was represented by Breeze Apiata-Hobson, Lexie Boese, Millie Brown, Alice Butcher (captain), Emma Dorman, Briar Duston, Maia Gaitt, Maia Leigh-Monsall, Cialla Loto, Ocean Nasmith, Zaleen Page, Te Rangimarie Tipene Mangu, Verdana Undersen, and Angie Vaea.

#### **Term 4 Sport Registration**

Term 4 Sports Registrations close on Wednesday 20th September. The Google Sign-Up Form can be found on the School Website and the Sports Facebook Page.



