



Papakura High School

Papakura Panui
Term 1 – Week 6 - 2016

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Greetings, Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Namaste,

I am delighted to be sending you this first newsletter for 2016. Our year is full of promise and hope and I look forward to meeting many of you as the year progresses. After only one month at Papakura High School, I am so impressed by the energy and enthusiasm of the staff, and the fine qualities of our student leaders. We have a number of clear priorities as a school for 2016, the most important of which is our digital implementation under the Kootuitui Trust, along with a number of our community primary schools. This development, with the roll out of Chromebooks for Year 9, will change the way we deliver education in our school.

John Rohs
Principal



Above: Head Boy Roy Potaha, Hon Judith Collins, Head Girl Moananoa Rountree, Principal John Rohs at the 'Sod Turning' ceremony at Kauri Flats School, Takanini.

NCEA Results

Congratulations to the following students

Level 1

Latai Ahokovi
Penisio Aholelei
Narea Anderson
Fred Anesi
Justin Broughton
Shammah Brown
Timothy Brown
Asaia Butiaua
Baukin Butiaua
Karma Christopher
Slade Coetser
Richard Cook-McLaughlin
Samuel Cribb
Autumn-Breeze Cruller
Nazaria Di Cecca
Robert Downes
Waiata Elia
Sione Funaki
Hunter Grant-Miles
Javorn Grigg
Dylan Harland
Rachael Harris
Logan Hays
Ngapaki Heemi
James Hellyer
Kahurangi Hemopo
Grayson James
Jolie John
William Kaihe
Pehikura Kaiwai
Ewa Uatuku Kirikau
Hepetema Kirikau
Tyrone Kopua
Tamzin Korff
Payaal Kumar
Jitesh Latchman
So'o Lea'ana
Sipa Leka
Sio Leuo
Tuifa'asau Liona-Lutau
Bailee Maihi
Junior Mailata
Shamal Mani
Shar Matafeo
Zane Matekuare Came
Heeni Millar
Kreelahna Misikopa
Tatanka Morgan
Tiara Morunga-Rogers
Richard Nielsen
Jerome Nu'u
Te Kawehau O'Donnell
Byron Parry
Joey Peck
Azalea Peeni
Syriann Peni
Saffron Pitman

Rishan Prasad
Sharon Raman
Tia Rangi-Dixon
Billie-Gene Rawiri
Emi-Ara Rehua-Moore
Tereapii Rikiau
Kaiwhare Rupuha
Monica Sang-Yum
Simran Shiristi
Sheemal Shivani
Phoebe Stowers
Aroha Subritzky
Luke Takimoana
Maria Tatopau-Roberts
Ngaki Te Kare-Ruaine
Maryanne Teui Mana Daniel
Amber Tuigamala
Syria Tuigamala
Epi Vaasili
Mele Vainerere
Joseph Vakasiuola
Lauryn Wairepo
Chantal Waru
Sheraleigh Waru
Tyson Waru
Milika Warwick

Level 2

Joshua Ah Leong
Ngatilda Allen
Ernest Anesi
Teuila Aumua
Brodie Boyce
Pepe Brown
Timothy Brown
Tutaki Brown
Asaia Butiaua
Paul Cooper
Tane Crowther
Kiana David
Jakib Davies
Robert Downes
Apikaira Edwards
Ray Fiso
Helen Funaki
Holly Gracie
Javorn Grigg
Dylan Harland
Jaris Herdson
Bailee Jacobson
Salem James
Creedence Kanivatoa
Payal Kaur
Richard Kennedy-Walker
Janesh Latchman
Jayden Lawardorn
Frederique Lemanu

Sio Leuo
Api Lum
Bradley Maaka
Papauta Mailata
Melevesi Manase
Gavin Maniapoto
Fransalina Manuel
Neville Manukau
Ngaria Marsters
KellieMay Masiutama
Andrew McLaughlin
Heeni Millar
Primrose Mwene
Kingston Nathan
Kaitlyn Neale
Huia Ngatai
Shaahidah Nisha
Jerome Nu'u
Te Kawehau O'Donnell
Jovan Parry
Linda Patthamang
Joey Peck
Azalea Peeni
Salesi Poe
Sarah Pohiva
Cheyane Poraurangi-Kapa
Kevin Postma
Roy Potaha
Matalena Poutoa
Katherine Quinn
Tia Rangi-Dixon
Destiny Reid
Mahu Ritete-Spice
Edward Robertson
Moananoa Rountree
Wendy Savieti
Jayden Schell
Kaewa Shepherd
Shylene Singh
Aroha Subritzky
Maria Tatopau-Roberts
Mary Tatopau-Roberts
Orson Toto
Willamina Tuiiri Williams
Trinity Turei
Saimoni Vasu
Georgia Walker
Chantal Waru
Memory Waru
Sheraleigh Waru
Mellissa Warwick
Drew Wharehinga

Level 3

Maleka Busch
 Corey Hampson
 Filisita Kapeli Su'a
 Nikita Kumar
 Tevita Leka
 Katie Matau
 Taamati Pahiri
 Phoenix Pule'anga
 Danii Rawiri-Rudman
 Johna Rawiri-Rudman
 Schae Roberts
 Wahine Shortland
 Emily Thammavongsar
 Wesley Vave
 Khyara-Ann Waerea
 Manawanui Woonton



Above: Hon Judith Collins presents award to Papakura High School 2015 Dux Danni Rawiri-Rudman, and below left 2015 Proxime Accessit Schae Roberts.



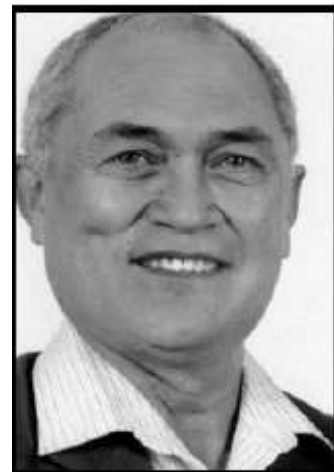
2015 Junior Dux Awards

Keriana Cork-Patrick
 Luke Dayberg

Ivona Lui	Restore Trust Award
Manawanui Woonton	Restore Trust Award
Emily Thammavongsar	Inder Lynch Barristers & Solicitors Achievement Award
Taamati Pahiri	Inder Lynch Barristers & Solicitors Achievement Award
Tangi Koiatu	Manukau Institute of Technology Scholarship
Rudolf Mana Daniel	Manukau Institute of Technology Scholarship
Filisita Kapeli Su'a	Rotary Club of Papakura Scholarship
Emily Thammavongsar	Holland Study Award
Schae Roberts	Holland Study Award
Manawanui Woonton	Holland Study Award
Fransalina Manuel	NZ School of Tourism
Moananoa Rountree	First Foundation and Fonterra Award
Phoenix Pule'anga	Auckland University of Technology
Danii Rawiri-Rudman	Auckland University of Technology Vice Chancellors Scholarship

Papakura High School BOT Chairman's Message

Welcome to the 2016 year, and the whanau of Papakura High School. We at the board are very excited about this year, and especially to welcome our new Principal, John Rohs. We were very pleased with the calibre of applicants for our vacancy, and were especially delighted when John accepted our offer. He has strengths in whanaungatanga and relationship building, a great understanding and empathy for our Maori and Pasifika students, and is very keen to get to know our school and our community. We are confident that he has the skills, knowledge and experience to guide our school in a direction that will ensure Papakura High School becomes the school of choice for our community, our students and our staff.



We also acknowledge the support of our Senior Leadership Team and the work and effort they have made to start 2016 off well. They are a very capable and committed group of leaders who work with staff and students on a regular basis to ensure they are on track with their teaching and learning.

We are also excited by the recent launching of the Kootuitui Trust in Papakura, supporting our families in the education of our students, their health and their homes. Currently six local schools are working together on this project for the benefit of our students. Our Year 9 families will have received information about the opportunity to access a chromebook for their child, which will bring a whole new way of learning and collaboration between the students and their teachers. Other areas of New Zealand who have implemented similar programmes in their communities have seen marked improvement in engagement and learning, which opens opportunities for the future plans of their students.

This year is an election year for all school Boards of Trustees across New Zealand. Information will be coming out over the next few months, asking for nominations and then voting. Now is the time to be thinking about whether you have the interest, skills, knowledge, time and enthusiasm to contribute to the governance of Papakura High School and the education of our young people. You may not want to actually be part of the board, but we encourage you to have your say and make sure that you take part in the election process by voting for the candidates that you think will do a good job for the school.

Peter Goldsmith
Chairman BOT

2016 BOT Trustee Triennial Election

Papakura High School will be calling for nominations for Board of Trustee members early in Term 2. Please give this some consideration.

For those of you interested in finding out what this role is all about an electronic guide can be found on www.nsta.org.nz/parent-place or you may collect a copy from the BOT Secretary during school hours.

BOT Meetings are usually held on the last Wednesday of each month at 5.30pm.

Papakura High School welcome the following new staff members.



Malo e lelei, I am Loina Tuihalangingie also known as 'Miss T' the Social Sciences teacher. I am always impressed by the ones who can actually pronounce my long surname. I am proud to be teaching in South Auckland as South Auckland is home to me, so it feels awesome to give back to my community.



My name is Jason Borland. I am a Physical Education and Health teacher of 13 years' experience. My special interests include Touch Rugby and digital technology. I am very excited about the challenge of working at Papakura High, and feel very privileged to teach such wonderful students.



My name is Cameron Huberts. I am a first year teacher of Geography and Social Studies. I am looking forward to an interesting first year teaching at Papakura High.



Hi I'm Jacqui Hooks, I have returned to Papakura High School to teach Mathematics this year, having started my teaching career here back in 2005. Since then I have taught at Rosehill College and Long Bay School. I play masters hockey and squash and love to tramp around our beautiful countryside.



My name is Regan Pretorius, the new HOD of Technology. I am an experienced educator and look forward to working with all the staff and students at Papakura High School. I enjoy design and creativity in the classroom and value students who are dedicated towards their educational goals.

My name is LeRoy Paul and I am the new PE/Dance and Drama Teacher here at Papakura High School. I'm a strong believer in using students strengths and talents to become successful in life. I enjoy fitness, Maori performing arts, Kapa Haka and music.

I look forward to inspiring the students here and working alongside the parents to give them the best opportunity.



My name is Sheela Lal, I teach Junior Hospitality and ICT. I'm looking forward to being part of the Papakura High School whanau.

I come to Papakura High School from Papatoetoe High School where I was relieving, having taught at Avondale College for 14 years.

I enjoy rugby, music and digital technology.

Introducing our new Principal, John Rohs

Kia ora ano koutou katoa

It was a great honour and privilege to be invited by the Board of Trustees to become the new Principal of Papakura High School.

My teaching career has spanned 36 years of involvement in a range of different schools around Aotearoa New Zealand. I began my teaching career at Lytton High School in Gisborne, as a teacher of English and languages. My last three years there were as Assistant Principal. My family moved to the Waikato following a lengthy stay in Gisborne, and I took up a role at Hamilton Boys' High School, where I worked for 6 years as the Faculty Head for Languages and then English. A further promotion as Deputy Principal took me to Melville High in Hamilton South. Four years later my family relocated again, as I was appointed to the position of Principal at Aranui High School in Christchurch. The period following the Feb 2011 earthquake was a very challenging time for the school community there, due to the loss of homes for the families of our students and staff alike, and the massive depopulation of Christchurch East as a whole. Serious damage to the school buildings also caused further upheaval, particularly as we continued to have severe quakes in June and December of that year. After ten years as Principal at Aranui High, I was looking forward to a new challenge, and am delighted that this will be at Papakura High School.



Last week our head prefects accompanied me to the closure of my role as Principal at Aranui High, where they were able to participate in my farewell assembly and then be hosted by the head prefect team there for the rest of the day. This was a very exciting occasion for both the Aranui and Papakura school leaders.



I have had the opportunity over the past month to visit a number of our community primary schools and look forward to continuing with this over the remainder of the term. I have already met a number of parents and caregivers at our recent year 9 families BBQ and at our prefects and parents' dinner. I am very much looking forward to getting to know many more of you during the year.



Year 13 leadership day at Papakura Marae

On the 2nd of February 2016 the prefect team worked together with Miss Fagan, Miss Ryan and Mr England to prepare a leadership day for all Year 13 and staff of Papakura High School at Papakura Marae. The aim of the day was for our 2016 prefect team to step up and run activities with students and staff to build their confidence and leadership skills. The activities also allowed Year 13 and staff to get to know each other and work together as a team so that the bond is strong for the new year.

The feedback we as a prefect team heard from many Year 13 students and staff was that they had heaps of fun bonding with each other and for most Year 13 students it was amazing for them to see the staff participating in the activities and being themselves. Overall the outcome of the day was positive as we all finished our day with big smiles and laughter.



Level 3 Music performance at First Steps Kindergarten

On Thursday 25 February, the Level 3 Music class gave a concert for the Senior Kindy students at First Steps Centre on Onslow Rd. The Level 3 students performed children's songs as well as contemporary songs to a captivated audience of four year olds. So'o Lea'ana and Ray Fiso then taught the kindy students some basic Sasa dance moves and then performed some of their Polyfest routine. Fred Lemanu and Sio Leuo then led a drum circle with the kindy students playing drums brought over from the music department. The performance was a great success and was a great opportunity to make links with our community.



Photo Right: *Ray Fiso and So'o Lea'ana teaching Sasa to the kindy students accompanied by Sio Leuo and Fred Lemanu*

2016 Young Women in Leadership Programme

We are pleased to inform you that five Papakura High School applicants have been selected to attend the 2016 Young Women In Leadership programme. Papakura High School is the only low decile school participating and we are pleased that 5 students out of the 15 selected were from PHS.

Shontelle Kelly
Kreelahna Pili-Misikopa
Billie-Gene Rawiri
Terapii Rikiau
Ashleigh-May Harris-Keinan

Prefects Parents / Caregivers Dinner

Recently John Rohs hosted dinner for Prefects and their whanau. The food was prepared onsite by our very hard working Year 13 Educaterer's team and served in our restaurant.



Right and below: The Year 13 'Educaterers' team hard at work. This year we are running a Year 13 Trade School in Hospitality. Our Hospitality students are joined all day Thursday and Friday by Tuakau College students who travel to use our facilities. The two groups have blended well as a team and are already catering for a number of events.



Students Zoey, Pepe and Arik prepare in the kitchen.





Friday 18 March

8.30am	Tongan Performance
9.00am	Kapa Haka Performance
12.00pm	Cook Island Performance
1.00pm	Indian Performance
1.20pm	Tongan Performance
3.10pm	Samoaan Performance

*Please note there will be **no school** on this day, students and their whanau are encouraged to support our cultural performance groups.*



XA Unit helps celebrate the life of a wonderful teacher

XA students and staff were devastated when their Maori Tutor Ms Dawn Matata passed away on the 20th of February. A very talented teacher for 40 years, she had devoted her retiring life to teaching Maori culture to young people. Every Thursday for the last eight years she had been assisting a small group of XA students learn Maori culture skills such as the use of harakeke. She loved to teach and radiated love.

The XA students helped celebrate her life at her funeral on Thursday, 25th February at Mangere Lawn Cemetery and the Makarau Marae. Their hand made wreath, which comprised putiputi (flax flowers) from every student mounted on a framework of natural driftwood was carried into the chapel by Shannon Haynes and was escorted by family members. It was chosen by family members to be put on Dawn's hand painted casket.

During the service, the group sang 'Tutira Mai Nga Iwi' to a very large audience of family and friends. Afterwards, we received many positive comments such as 'You did your school proud' 'We loved what you did for Dawn'. The students certainly promoted the Whanaungatanga values of the school and gave an example of displaying the positive aspects of Papakura High School to the community.



Above: Shannon Haynes with the wreath that XA made for the funeral.

Left: XA students with their putiputi'.

Important Dates

BOT Meeting

Wednesday 30 March 5.30pm

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ASB Polyfest

Wednesday 16 March

Thursday 17 March - *No School*

Friday 18 March – *No School*

Saturday 19 March

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3 Way Conferences

Wednesday 23 March

2.00pm – 7.00pm

Thursday 24 March

9am – 3.00pm

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Easter Break

Friday 25 March - *No School*

Tuesday 29 March - *No School*

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End of Term 1

Friday 15 April

Uniform Blitz

Reminder

Correct school uniform is to be worn at all times. If there are any issues, please contact the year level Dean before the start of the school day.

Absences

must be telephoned through to our Attendance Officer. Leave a message on
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0508 ABSENT
0508 227 368
Email znv@papakurahigh.school.nz