

Papakura High School



Papakura Panui Term 2 – Week 5 - 2016

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Greetings, Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Namaste,

Our Year 9 classes finally have their chromebooks and we have well and truly launched into our new future in the age of digital pedagogy. After months of planning and support, our Year 9 students have had their new devices issued to them.

A very big thank you to the Kootuitui Trust and the team of experts who have worked alongside our staff to make this happen. In particular I would like to acknowledge the expertise brought to this project by Angela Gattung and Maria Krausse, who have worked tirelessly and with great patience to ensure the programme has every chance of success.

We look forward to the development of this new mode of learning for our students with great excitement.
Naku noa, na John Rohs, Principal



Papakura High School Mooting Group off to Waikato University for Preliminary Rounds of the Inter-school competition on Tuesday 24 May. *Left to right:* Shylene Singh, Shar Matafeo, Jitesh Latchman, Joey Peck, Payal Kaur, Arik John and Salem James.



Don't forget to check out **Papakura High School 2016** facebook page for the most up to date news on what is happening at school and see the latest photos.





Level 3 Biology students were making the most of the newly available Chromebooks in the Science department this week. Two sets of 30 Chromebooks have been purchased by Papakura High School for those students who do not have the opportunity to buy their own. This facility is in addition to the numerous computer rooms available around the school. Access to these devices enables staff to increase their own knowledge of digital teaching and students the opportunity to use up-to-date technology and ensures Papakura High School is leading the way with 21st century teaching and learning.

It is not too late to order your Chromebook if you have not already done so.

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Below: On Wednesday 11 May Papakura High School was fortunate enough to have Reggie Dabbs and the Revolution tour performing a concert at the school assembly.

Students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the performance and the positive message that was delivered. The message for the concert was to promote anti-bullying and this was a nice way to lead into our 'Anti-bullying week's activities and Pink Shirt Day' on Friday 20 May.



Technology News

Terms 1 & 2

The Junior and Senior Engineering and Carpentry students have had a great start with their learning these past terms. Each student has been focussed and involved with their individual learning and it is a pleasure to see students engaged on their project work and developing a number of key practical skills. A number of students have elected to be involved in both the Engineering and Carpentry courses (at school and M.I.T) which allows them to gather sufficient knowledge and skills in both subjects for further growth and development once they complete school. Well done to the hard working students of Papakura High School for their progress so far and I look forward to the rest of the course.

Mr R Pretorius (Head of Technology)



Above: Andrew McLaughlin Y13 working on metal lathe



Above: Luke Dayberg proudly displays his step ladder after coming top in the class



Above: Left – Kyle Latchman, Luke Takimoana drilling pilot holes for their engineering project

The Learning Centre

“To assist young people to be confident, connected, actively involved, Lifelong Learners.” (The New Zealand Curriculum)

The Papakura High School Learning Centre is an integral part of Papakura High School and embraces the philosophy of “inclusive education.” It offers a wide-range of programmes to support the learning needs of students at PHS. The Learning Centre helps students with learning difficulties as well as those who are accelerated students. This programme is run by the SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) and works out of The Learning Centre in room W15.



The Learning Centre can provide support and assistance for students who are identified as requiring additional support with their learning. Trained teachers or teacher aides work with individuals or small groups as well as in the classrooms.

Students who work through The Learning Centre are encouraged to take responsibility for their learning processes and to learn how to learn. The Learning Centre provides a safe environment for all students and works to help students improve their self-esteem, cope after long periods of illness with work they have missed, provide individualised programmes for students who are not coping in class or who want to “advance” their learning.

Students are identified through school-wide as well as SENCO/RTLB testing, teacher observation, anecdotal records and/or information gained from their previous school. Referrals are made to the SENCO or at the regular Hauora Level meetings, through the Dean or SLT. ***Parents/caregivers can also refer their child directly.***

Congratulations to our Digital Leaders

Below: Student Digital Leaders have been chosen for each Year 9 tutor class to assist teachers and students in their use of the new technology. These students were chosen because they demonstrate leadership skills and have experience of using Chromebooks at previous schools. Their job will be to work with each of their teachers to digitally enable their classrooms.



Above Back Row: Antonio Hafoka, Winter Clark, Jason Borland (HOD PE), Nemasis Kershaw, Liutama Togatama-Potaha

Front Row: Zoel Holamotu, Alita Sateki, Gabrielle Frewen-Lord, Tanika-Gyne Tait



Above: Shannon and Kirsty from Tuakau College attend Papakura High School L3 Trades Academy course.

Touch Students vs Staff

On the last Thursday of Term One, students and staff once again competed against each other, this time in touch. After a defeat in Volleyball the previous week, staff wanted to rectify the scores. It was a tight contest, played with high intensity and good sportsmanship. The result came down to the wire, with the students scoring on the final play of the game to level the scores at 5-5. Thanks to all staff and students involved with the game. Bring on next year!



Below: Papakura 1st XV played Manurewa High School on Saturday 28 May and won a very hard game 18-15



Staff News

Right: Christine Wardle

New to Papakura High, I have just taken on the role of English teacher. I came to New Zealand in 2011 to work at Wairoa College and lived in Gisborne before moving to Auckland. In my spare time I enjoy cycling, swimming and going to concerts. In 2013, I published my first novel, 'Beneath the Perfect World' and I hope to write more. I look forward to helping students become better writers too.



Above Aubhilesh Singh

I am the new HOD of Mathematics. I have 19 years of experience teaching Mathematics and Physics to all levels. I taught at One Tree Hill College for 15 years before coming to Papakura High School.

I am excited to work in a new environment to bring in positive change. I have a commitment to teaching and education as a career and passion for the profession. Irrespective of gender, socioeconomic, cultural and physical background, I commit to bring in a positive change among young minds and that is to instil the love of learning Mathematics.



Congratulations to Loina Tuihalangie
(above) a year 1 Social Science / ESOL teacher at her Graduation Ceremony 6 May 2016.

XA breaks down the barriers with their neighbours

On Monday morning the XA Unit visited the Nina Busing Kindergarten, located down the alleyway across from the school main entrance, to read their anti-bullying story to the children. The little students all loved the true story of a young rooster called Survivor overcoming bullying. The climax of the story was the children being shown and allowed to pat three of Survivor's sons and daughters.



Above: The XA students also sang and performed 'E Papa', after which they taught some of the Nina Busing students the stick games. The children also performed a folk dance for the XA students. It was great fun and great interaction.

iSport Foundation Donation

Below: Papakura High School is delighted to receive two donations of surplus sports gear donated by the staff of Westpac and Epsom Girls Grammar School. These were presented on two separate occasions in the recent past with the assistance of Alister Gates, the CEO of i.Sport which is an organisation set up to promote and assist young people with the provision of sports gear. Founded by Richie McCaw, Ali Williams and Daniel Carter in 2009, the [iSPORT Foundation](#) helps 12-18 year old kiwis achieve their sporting goals, no matter their circumstances by providing grants and crowdfunding, sports gear, leadership and inspiration. Westpac is iSPORT's major grants partner.

Below: Epsom Girls Grammar students with Alister Gates present sports gear to Papakura High School.





Above: Head Students Roy Potaha and Moananoa Rountree lay the wreath at Papakura ANZAC service.

Below: L3 OED Tongariro



Pink Shirt Day held on Friday 20 May raised \$512.40 for Mental Health.



Level 3 OED Tongariro

What a time to leave for camp!!! The weather was totally against us, but we fronted up and made our way down to Tongariro despite the dismal forecast on the May 11th to return 14th May. Our first night was spent at the Tongariro School in Turangi, after being welcomed on to the Marae and treated to some lovely Kai we settled in and relaxed before the much anticipated tramp the following day. Our hosts were awesome and our short time there was very much enjoyed - to the point no-one wanted to head off for our trek. The plan was for the Level 3 Outdoor Education class to complete the Northern Circuit around Tongariro, however, it was not to be and so after talking things through with DOC (Department of Conservation) in Whakapapa Village we headed off on our adventure. Our three days out were amazing and fun filled; we experienced all the different types of weather: gale force winds; rain; freezing temperatures and sunshine - thankfully no snow appeared. We also celebrated an 18th birthday with caramel slice and mini chocolate bars!! The camp was very successful and all students overcame some challenges from dealing with the weather to conquering the many suspension bridges and stream crossings. None of us can wait for our next camp where we are going to tackle Lake Waikaremoana - bring it on!

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Perform at

Vector Wero Opening

On Tuesday 26 April, The Rising Foundation in partnership with Papakura High School Kapahaka Group Kahurangi Ki Uta, performed at the opening ceremony of the Wero Whitewater Park - adjacent Vodafone Events Centre, Manukau.

Wero is a development that was 10 years in the making and New Zealand's first facility to offer an artificial river and water course for recreation, sports, emergency services training, school programmes and youth development.

Students who attended represented their school and community with a sense of pride and kaitiakitanga. Special thanks to the tutors and support crew for making this event possible, Whaea Vanessa, Anaru Te Wheoro, Whaea Dee and Matua Abe.



Above: Papakura High School students performing on the bridge for Wero opening



Above: The Rising Foundation including students from Pukekohe High School and Papakura High School with Prime Minister John Key.

**Term 1 The Rising Foundation Camp
Camp Adair**

During the first week of the Term 1 holidays, Year 9-13 The Rising Foundation students from Papakura High School and Pukekohe High School attended a leadership camp at the YMCA Camp Adair, Hunua. While at camp students focussed on the theme 'Discipline' creating and maintaining healthy habits of thought, speech and behaviour, where the activities that were taken part in emphasized this. Activities such as the high ropes, Burma trails and late night leadership workshops aimed to increase one's self-esteem and confidence to not only work well in a team, but also drawing insight to one's strengths and weaknesses; offering space for self-improvement and growth. Overall, students from both schools were able to build strong relationships and share in valuable experiences that will hopefully prove beneficial to the individuals' daily life. *Grace Kingi, The Rising Foundation*





Hell Pizza Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have received their first free Kids' Pizza.

Remedy Jones, Cooper Christopher, Haley Waru and Setaita Fakapulia

Absences

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BOT Update

BOT Parent Rep

Elections

Voting closes 12.00pm Friday 3 June 2016

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New BOT take office

Thursday 10 June 2016

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BOT Meeting

5.30pm Thursday 30 June 2016

