

# Papakura High School



## Papakura Panui Term 3 – Week 1 - 2016

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the year. We have reached “crunch time” for our seniors as they engage with their NCEA preparation. I was very heartened to see the number of students who came to school during the vacation break to spend time with their teachers, catching up on missed work and making sure that they were staying ahead with their studies. Over the holidays we have had a great deal of property refurbishment undertaken, some of which is not quite finished. However, the transformation to the interior of many classrooms is quite outstanding as a result. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful efforts of our Project Manager Steve Waters, who has overseen all this work.

The Matariki celebration provided a wonderful conclusion to our Term 2 events. Thank you to so many parents and whanau who came to support this.

I do hope you will enjoy reading this newsletter.

Naku noa, na John Rohs

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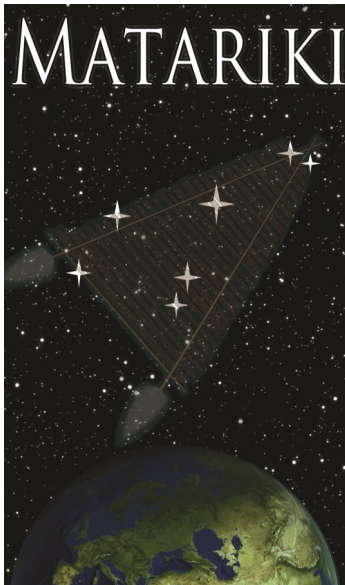
Don't forget to check out **Papakura High School 2016** facebook page for the most up to date news on what is happening at school and see the latest photos.



## Papakura Student Art Flag Competition

The Papakura Student Art Flag Competition is promoted to celebrate Youth, Matariki and Papakura through the arts. It is an initiative run by the Papakura Local Board and the Papakura Youth Council. They received 230 entries and the judges were highly impressed with all the artwork submitted by students throughout Papakura. Two of the four Matariki flag finalists were Alan Gregory and Tia Rangi-Dixon from Papakura High School. Linda Patthamang was the only entry from our school in the Papakura Flag category and she was also selected as a finalist. These flags were designed as part of an assessment for Level 3 Art Design.

This project provides a great opportunity for young people to create Street Flag Designs to adorn the Papakura main Street. The Matariki flags were installed on the Papakura Town Centre flagpoles on 25 June and will be up for one month. The Papakura flags will be installed on 25 July and will remain up until 25 August 2016.



Alan Gregory, Y13



Linda Patthamang, Y13



Tia Rangi-Dixon, Y13

## Stardome Visit

Year 10 students were fortunate enough to be able to go to the Stardome at One Tree Hill on the 14th, 15th, 16th June. After a long bus ride students were given a 30 minute lecture, a quiz to complete about the exhibits and shown a video in the planetarium on Matariki and the night sky. All this extra knowledge will be used by the students as they start an NCEA Level 1 internal called Astronomical Cycles. It is worth 4 credits, including literacy, and these credits can be banked towards the 80 needed to complete Level 1 next year.

Students were a credit to Papakura High School and engaged in all the Stardome had to offer.





## Lake Waikaremoana Trip

*Miss Annie Ryan*

At the end of Term 2, twenty Year 13s and two teachers headed off to Te Ureweras to complete the Lake Waikaremoana Great Walk. The weather wasn't looking too favourable and it proved to be a marathon of a drive down and back, but we left eager and undaunted by what lay ahead of us. The first day was a gruelling uphill walk for approximately 9km and took our group approximately 5 hours to complete. The hut that awaited us at the top was a sight for sore eyes once we reached it. Lucky for us there was already a group inside who had a fire going which was a blessing and a relief for our cold and tired bodies. That night we were early to bed as we had an early 7am start planned and had to complete a journey of just over 20kms. The weather took pity on us and the sun came out for most of our walk this day, however, it did not go without some unexpected events. We had a couple of sprained ankles and more than a few of us found this to be a real challenge to our fitness and mental resilience. Needless to say, reaching the hut on this day did not come a moment too soon. I set to getting the fire started while everyone else set about getting changed, cleaned up and started on preparing dinner. Once again it was early to bed as we planned on a bit of a sleep in before heading off on the last leg (11km long a about 4 - 5 hours in duration) of our journey to meet the water taxi for a 2pm pick up. This proved to also be a tough day, as by this time we were all very tired and our bodies were at their limits for physical and mental exertion. Luckily it was an easy 8-9km walk that followed (for the most part) the shore of the lake. But we made it and in total for the 3 days walked for approximately 18 hours covering 40km. Mr Martin and I just want to say we are proud of you all for the way you handled yourselves and took all of the unexpected events in your stride. We couldn't have asked for a better group to have experienced this with, thank you all for being so amazing!!





## Aspiring Leaders Forum

The experience had really opened my eyes for what I wanted to do after I left school. The most significant thing that I had learnt was service to my community and how I could implement change here.

We got to visit the Beehive and even sit down with politicians. A lot of the discussion was comparing our own faith and values with theirs and how it aligned with their leadership style. It was really interesting to witness the in-house commotion amongst the politicians in contrast to how down to earth they are out of that mode.

I think the most amazing part of the forum is meeting so many different people from all over New Zealand. The connections I have made during this trip still continue today with friendships I will always treasure. It was a really special trip and made me appreciate our political leaders in New Zealand.

Wendy Savieti Y13

*Below: Wendy Savieti back row second from right*



**Papakura High School**

**Cap**

Available from  
Accounts  
Office

**\$10.00**



**Transitions V 2016  
Hawkins Theatre Arts Festival  
17-18 August  
7pm—9pm**

Foyer opens at 6.15pm for those wishing to view and place bids on artwork, performance commences at 7pm. Tickets available from the school cashiers office.

Tickets \$10.00 or purchase five for \$40.00  
Children under 5 years of age \$5.00 each

Tickets are limited, to avoid disappointment please purchase your tickets early.



## Matariki Celebrations





## Super 12 Kapa Haka Competition

Kahurangi ki Uta Kapa Haka group performed at the Cloud (Queens Wharf) and performed in the Te Wananga o Aotearoa Super 12 competition. We are grateful to have come away with 3rd place, winning \$1000. Our performance was dedicated to Sione Nau, a student who sadly passed away in 2014. Thank you to everyone who supported the team. The audience at the Cloud was very impressed with our very original performance.

Mr Paul





## Come One Come All To Circ Le Epic

At the end of Term 2 our Senior Drama students travelled to local and Waikato schools performing a circus. The students took to the stages decked in self designed and created costumes, self applied makeup and a belly full of courage.

The schools watched in awe as our Strongman lifted children in the air, amazement as our Magician made a card shrink, excitement as the Acrobats flipped and Tight rope walkers balanced, fright as the lion was tamed, confusion as our Fortune Teller read a mind and pure enjoyment as the clowns bumbled and played.

It was a fun filled hour in which all of the students performed to the highest of standards.



Above: Jayden Schell as the Ringmaster introduces Carol Tauraki as a clown to the young students.



Left: Melevesi Manase as the head Clown having fun with the students and our resident squirrel.

Below: Clockwise from top left, Syria Tuigamala, Enix Poe, Shayla Hattie, Kreealahna Misikopa and Carol Tauraki enjoying the audiences admiration.

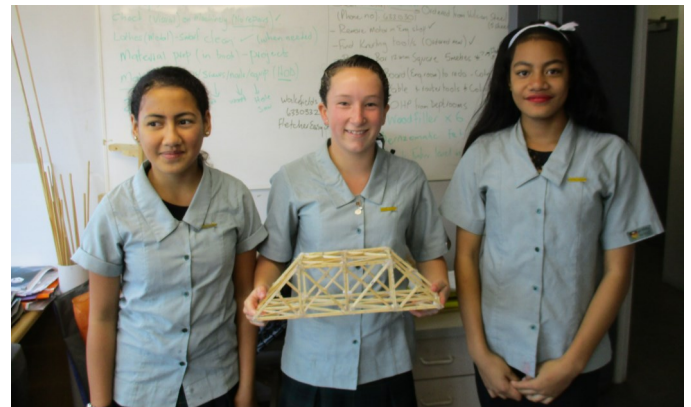




## Technology News

### Bridge Weight Project

The girls from right to left (holding the chocolates), Tanika-Gyne, Alicia, and Gabrielle equalled the record weight held by previous bridges. Due to triangulation their bridge held a weight of 20 kilos and could have held more than the required weight. Triangulation is an important aspect to take into consideration when building structures and these three students understood the brief and completed the task that was set excellently. Well done girls and enjoy the chocolate. *Mr R Minton*



### Camp stools Project

Well, these boys can go camping with a greater degree of comfort from now on. Pouvalu, Sonny and Nicholas have made these folding camp chairs in Technology out of Radiata Pine as the main hard material. Well done guys, no more sitting around on the floor for you. *Mr R Pretorius*





## Turbo Touch

Miss Annie Ryan

2016 is the fifth year we have attended the Secondary Schools Turbo Touch championships. This year we took 27 students across 3 teams; boys, girls and mixed. The competition was stiff and we were up against some well drilled teams. Our students stayed composed and played their hearts out never giving up no matter the score, displaying the true meaning of sportsmanship. All teams had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to competing again next year. Well done students, Mr England and Miss Ryan are proud of your efforts; you did yourselves and your school proud.

Girls Team 8th

Boys Team 9th

Mixed Team 9th

*Below: Left to right Willamina Tuiiri, So'o Lea'ana, Georgia Walker*



## Believe You Can Leadership Day

On Wednesday 29 June, 10 students from The Rising Foundation - Papakura High School were invited to attend the 'Believe You Can'- Leadership Day funded by Isport Foundation, the focus of which is towards developing potential leaders in our communities. This was held at the Vodafone Events Centre where 50 schools gathered, each bringing with them a uniqueness of their culture and representation of their school systems. Throughout the day students engaged in mixed school groups, playing games and sharing their thoughts on the concept of leadership and the attributes/actions reflective of someone who considers themselves a leader. Guest speakers on the day included former All Blacks Captain Richie McCaw, Jeremy Scott, Temepara Baily and Dr. Ralph Pim.



Above: Papakura High School and Rosehill College students of The Rising Foundation



## 2016 Prefects



Congratulations to our two new Prefects Melevesi Manase back row 4th from left and Daniel Keno back row 2nd from right.

## Staff News

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Fabian Broughton to the role of Sports Co-Ordinator.

Alongside his role here at Papakura High School, Fabian is currently studying at AUT university, completing the Bachelor of Sport and Recreation, majoring in coaching. Prior to his studies Fabian has been living abroad for the past six years working in various jobs and playing rugby internationally. One highlight for Fabian was representing the German National 7s team in the 2012 competition.

Fabian is passionate about seeing young people striving towards excellence and through sport he hopes to create a platform which ensures growth and well-being for Papakura High School students.



## Property Update

Since school began this year, we have had the following property upgrades:

- Complete refurbishment of one Mathematics classroom C2;
- New student toilet block;
- Conversion of old toilet block into a shower and bathroom block;
- Recarpeting and wall cladding in the G block classrooms (attached to the gymnasium);
- Complete refurbishment of a former art room into a digital learning space;
- Two graphics rooms completely refurbished;
- Complete refurbishment of a former graphics room into our **Fale Ako Pasifika** to be opened next week by Hon. Judith Collins MP as a Community Pasifika Centre).

### **Still to come:**

The complete refurbishment of the entire Science block (four laboratories) and the re-modelling of the school administration building.



PRESENTING

# INSPIRE

YOUTH LEADERS CONFERENCE

12-13<sup>TH</sup>  
SEP

9:30AM-2:30PM  
LUNCH INCLUDED

**DAY ONE: INSPIRATION DAY**

A DAY TO BE INSPIRED BY OUR SPEAKERS WHO ARE YOUNG AND PROUD IN THEIR ENDEAVOURS TO REACH THEIR DREAMS.

**DAY TWO: MOTIVATION DAY**

PRACTICAL WORKSHOP DESIGNED TO HELP YOU SET YOUR GOALS TO ACHIEVE YOUR DREAMS FROM MENTORS WHO HAVE SUCCESS IN THEIR FIELDS OF EXPERTISE FROM BUSINESS, SPORTS, MEDICINE, ARTS AND SO ON.

**INSPIRING TOMORROW'S LEADERS TODAY**



## Papakura High School

### Business Lunch

On Friday 1 July our Level 3 Hospitality Academy, comprising students from Papakura High and Tuakau College, provided a tasty lunch for 24 guests, who were representatives of our local business community, police, government agencies, police, tertiary providers and local government.

The objective of this event was to create a greater connection between our school and significant members of our business community, and to develop a greater awareness of our school and its future plans. We were delighted that so many of the invited guests were able to join us for this time. During the course of the lunch, two of our Year 12 students, Shar Matafeo and Sipa Leka, presented short speeches to the lunch guests in which they shared their hopes and dreams for the future.

We look forward to running another business lunch event later in the year.



Above: Jakib Davies Papakura High School Y13 serving staff from AUT, Westpac and Pak'nSave.

### 2017—Year 9 Digital Scholarships

Papakura High School BOT is offering five Digital Scholarships to deserving Year 9 Students for 2017.

Collect application details from Papakura High School office or visit our website [www.papakurahigh.school.nz](http://www.papakurahigh.school.nz)

**Free** onsite Doctor available to all Papakura High School students every Tuesday and Thursday 11.30am—12.30pm

Appointments can be made through the school nurses office or by phoning 09 295 1516.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

2.30pm - 7.00pm Thursday 4 August 2016

Contact subject teacher to book your appointment or alternatively telephone the school office on (09) 296 4400

***Term 3 Progress Reports will be handed out at this time.***



### Papakura High School BOT Update

Papakura High School BOT Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 5.30pm in the Boardroom.

BOT Members

Peter Goldsmith (Chairman)

Aaron Davidson

Rosalie Freeman

Jerome Mika

Daniel Newman

Allen Kukutai

Rev. James Matamua

Deeana Howard-Afeaki

Beverley Matamua (*Staff Elected Rep*)

Sipa Leka (*Year 12 Student Elected Rep*)

John Rohs (Principal)

BOT Secretary

Cheryl Inder [c.inder@papakurahigh.school.nz](mailto:c.inder@papakurahigh.school.nz)

### Absences

must be telephoned through to our Attendance Officer. Leave a message on  
09 296 4400 ext 706

0508 ABSENT

0508 227 368

Email [znv@papakurahigh.school.nz](mailto:znv@papakurahigh.school.nz)

### Girls Football Fundraiser Quiz Night

7.30pm—9.30pm Tuesday 9 August  
School Hall

Nibbles provided

\$10 per ticket