

Papakura High School



Papakura Panui Term 3 – Week 9 - 2016

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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

Term 3 has come to an end and we are moving into the time of the year which is absolute crunch time for our senior students in the final run up to NCEA. Every day in Term 4 will count as students prepare for this final push. Parents, we greatly appreciate your encouraging your daughters and sons in getting those final credits sorted. We have had a very eventful term, the highlights of which are here for you to see in our end of term newsletter. Depicted below is the impressive school powhiri to the 24 teams from around the country who arrived in Papakura on the morning of Monday 29 August 2016 the National Secondary Schools Rugby League Tournament.

John Rohs

PRINCIPAL



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.





**Congratulations to all
Papakura
High School teams
who competed in
Tournament Week 2016**



Tournament Week 2016



Above: Papakura High School rugby league team host Aranui High School rugby league boys during tournament week.

Papakura Rotary

Papakura High School is rebuilding relationships with Papakura Rotary Club who are looking forward to including students in the opportunities that Rotary has to offer.

Already, Y12 students are applying to Rotary to take part in their Residential Science course during January 2017.

Photo left to right: John Rohs Principal, Roger Goldstone, John Faber (Director Youth Committee) and George Wilson (Youth Committee).



Community Access—Year 10



Photo above: Community Access Group

During the past two terms a group of our Year 10 boys have been part of a leadership group 'Community Access'. Throughout this programme they have been exposed to various workshops at school which has targeted developing interpersonal skills that can assist them to be the best that they can be.

Once a month these students participated in a local speed ball competition at Lock n Load Paintball, playing against James Cook High School. We are pleased to announce that one of our teams placed third last week at this tournament.

Zoo Trip L3 Bio and HASSA Students

Monday 12 September the Level 3 Biology students, including HASSA students, took a trip to Auckland Zoo. They had an informative lecture for an hour on how New Zealand has the most unique biodiversity of any country. This information links to the external exam the students will sit next term on speciation. Afterwards the students took a walk around the zoo and completed worksheets prepared by the Science Department that will give them extra resources for their exams. Luckily the sun was shining which made for a very enjoyable day. Most students were exhausted by the end and fell asleep on the bus on the way back to school.

Cheryl Mitchell
HOD Science

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ZOO**



Staff News

Kent Christensen

Hi everyone my name is Kent Christensen, new role as a Youth Worker which I am very excited about. Here to support and walk alongside our students, their families and the community we live in. Passionate about connecting and creating opportunities for our young people. Into my creative arts, dance, music, art, running projects and events and anything really to do with living an active and full life-style. Hope to see you around.



Above: Kent shows off his dance moves



Leon Deverick

In addition to supporting the Science department, Leon is currently helping to develop, in collaboration with Zurich based Toni Areal, a waste bioremediation product for use in sub-Saharan slums, and running a plate armoury. Before taking up his role at Papakura, Leon worked in the Pathology Department of Otago University, and as an international circus performer. Recent memorable events include walking the Camino de Santiago, winning the 2015 Czech national whip championship, and taking out the top prize for fire performers at Kiwiburn 2016.

Leon strongly believes that students can achieve a great deal of their potential when engaged by fun and interesting experiments that enable them to better understand how the world around them works.

NCEA Exams

Students and whanau can check if individuals are entered for exams via the KAMAR portal at any time. These exams are compulsory and form part of the overall subject courses. The credits may be required to pass each course, or may be needed to achieve course endorsement, or NCEA endorsement. Students will receive exam slips and much more in depth information next term, prior to the first exam taking place. Please note: all students will be expected to be in school until the 25th November, unless they apply to Miss



Mortimer for study leave - the application form will be available at the beginning of next term.



Year 10 Chromebook Information Evening
Monday 10 October 2016
5.00pm-6.00pm
School Hall

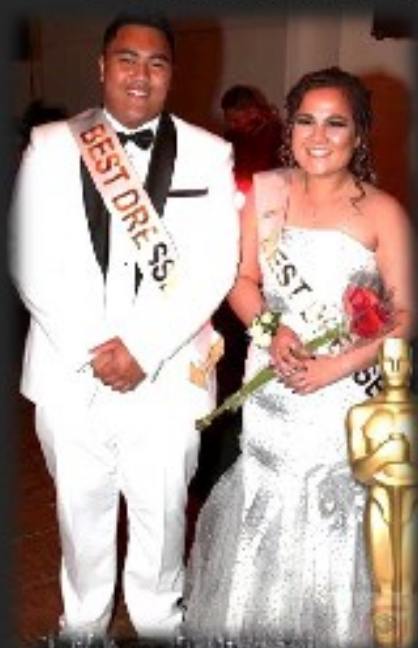
Tongan Language Week Celebrations



Beginning with a formal service and flag raising ceremony. The week was full of Tongan events which celebrated our community, culminating in a Tongan feast for our whole school.



Papakura High School Ball 2016





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National Hindi Week 12—16 September



Staff above left to right: Raji Kaur, Praveena Prasad and Sharina Naidu.

Top Award goes to Simran Shiristi



During Hindi Language week 37 students from Auckland Secondary Schools competed in the Hindi Speech Contest held at Papatoetoe High School. Congratulations to Simran Shiristi (pictured above) who won first prize in the contest. On the Friday our Indian staff put on a magnificent lunch in the staff room for the entire staff, which was greatly appreciated.

Year 9 Digital Leaders visit Westpac Head Office

Ten of the digital leaders spent Monday 12 September in the Westpac Head Office in Auckland city.

The purpose of the visit was to assist Westpac, our Kootuitui sponsors, with developing an online Digital Financial Literacy app.

There are many similarities between Westpac and ourselves. We are both looking to move what has traditionally been done using pen and paper, onto a digital platform.

Our Y9 digital leaders were able to share with Westpac what a 21st learner looks like. Our digital leaders were able to experience what 21st Century learning and employment might look like. We were given a tour of all nine floors of the Head Office and also a very delicious lunch. A big thank you to Angela Gattung of Kootuitui for helping set up this event.



Right: Zoel Holamotu, Gabrielle Frewen-Lord, Setaita Fakapulua

Transitions V Hawkins Centre



Decision Reach Out Toro Mai Trust

This trust fully funds six PHS students to go to the Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre in the September holidays in order to develop leadership skills.

On 8 September I accompanied six students and several sets of caregivers to the Barbarians Rugby Club at Eden Park to see these students awarded and congratulated on being chosen.

The clubrooms on Level 6 were quite posh, and very reminiscent of an English-style gentlemen's club, but had an intimate feel. Students chosen from Aorere College and Tamaki College gave our students a warm welcome, and there was a selection of good food.

There were several short speeches from members of the Trust, and a somewhat under-prepared longer one from Steve Devine, ex-Blues/Auckland. We were shown a video of all the exciting outdoor activities the students will be exposed to, which stimulated a lot of discussion in the car after a silent ride up there!

The students are: Latai Ahokovi, Logan Hays, Ngapaki Heemi, Billie-Gene Rawiri, Natasha So'oialo and Joseph Vakasiuola.

I am sure they will have a wonderful time and learn a lot about themselves. I am very envious of their opportunity.

Gail Boyce
Year 12 Dean

Y10 students off to Hillary Outdoors Term 4

Special thanks to the Hillary Outdoors who are contributing \$7800 for 20 of our Year 10 students to visit in early November.

Another big thank you to First Sovereign Trust who are also contributing \$2000 to make this camp possible.

This money covers their food, accommodation, transportation on site, instruction and all their outdoor educational activities.

Hillary Outdoors provides outdoor education programmes which will significantly benefit our students in the areas of team building, working in groups and decision making. Through the outdoor activities they will experience life skills, enjoy a positive social environment, gain a better understanding of interpersonal relationships, share new experiences and meet new people. The students will also learn about the environment around them. They will benefit from this programme, as will their peers, families and communities and we believe that they will transfer their learning to their everyday lives.



Jason Borland
HOD PE/Health

Property Update: The area outside the Wharenui has been cobbled and we are currently remodelling our administration block which we hope to have complete for the start of Term 4.





School Support Information Sheet

We are aware that an increasing number of families in our community are facing extreme hardship in a variety of ways, such as financial, housing, health or otherwise. The impact of this often reflects in our students here at school. This may impact on students' health, attendance, behaviour and engagement at school.

We would like to be able to assist, if at all possible, to help lessen the impact on the family.

We have a number of supports available to you and your family through the Wellness Centre at Papakura High School.

- We run a 'food in schools' programme which is supported by Kids Can. We provide hot food and fruit for students at interval on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the Hospitality Restaurant in school. This is also available on other days on an individual basis by arrangement if needed.
- Waterproof Warriors Jackets are available from the school which have been included in our school uniform options.
- Black shoes and socks are available for students which also comply with uniform regulations.
- We now have a GP on site every Thursday – this is a free service for our students. Appointments can be made through the Health Centre.
- We have head lice treatment products available – (it is important that the whole family be treated together so we just need to know how many in your household)
- We have a Physiotherapist on site twice each week
- Asthma Nurse specialist one visit per term
- Whirinaki Nurse one visit each week
- Dental care options

If you would like to discuss, in confidence, the above support or any other supports you may need, please contact one of the team.

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Kia ora Tatou,

As part of their on-going work, the leadership team at Papakura High School is interested in understanding more about your perceptions of your child's/children's experiences in the school. This survey is an opportunity for them to find out about your perceptions and views. The survey should only take about 10 minutes to complete. Your participation in this survey is voluntary and your responses are anonymous. The responses will be collated and used to provide evidence to inform decision making about next steps with regard to professional development in your school.

If you have any queries or concerns about the survey please talk to your Principal or Deputy Principals in your school.

Please note that this survey is only intended for the parents or caregivers of Māori students

Thank you for your participation.

Please click on the hyperlink below to start the survey:

<http://bit.ly/WhanauT2>

Visit our new website www.papakurahigh.school.nz



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

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

Health Care

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.