



Papakura High School Panui Term 4 Week 1 2017

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

At the end of Term 3 all students in the Kootuitui cluster of schools received a free blanket courtesy of the Middlemore Foundation. Due to a very generous discounted offer from Bed Bath & Beyond the Middlemore Foundation were able to purchase more than 1,500 blankets, which are a wonderful gift for our Papakura community. We know that these warm fleece blankets will prove to be very popular with our students.

John Rohs
Principal



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Otuuwairoa Winners of Whanau Solo Performances



A great Whanau celebration to end the term with two solo performances from each Whanau, hugely enjoyed by students and staff alike. Congratulations to Otuuwairoa for their convincing win.

Above: Otuuwairoa winning performers Pongi Nasilai (Year 11) and Bretttau'llin Misikopa (Year 11)

Our Future Identity

With increased numbers in our Year 9 enrolments in 2017 and even more for 2018, our school is definitely "on the up" With the introduction of our new whanau culture, there is a real feeling of change around the school.

One of the most exciting innovations in the school has been the initiative to create **Te Kaunihera a Akonga** - our Student Council. This body of 30 students - 10 representatives from each whanau, have been meeting every second Friday throughout the year. These students have been taking their role very seriously and with growing confidence, have started to articulate their vision for our school's future. They are keen as a group of school representatives, to forge ahead and work on a new identity for our school's future. This will include a new logo, school motto and values. These are well and truly needed as the Papakura High of 2017 is a very different one to the original Papakura High School of 1954, indeed the whole community has seen major changes in its demographics. While valuing the importance of the school's heritage, these students have developed a sense of ownership of the school's future direction.

The school has now engaged the services of Joanne Lottering from Design Impact, who will work with a sub-committee of Te Kaunihera a Akonga, to produce some drafts of a new logo or school crest. This is a very significant undertaking, as we are wanting a logo which is contemporary, relevant and in which the young people of Papakura High School can develop a sense of identity and pride. Design Impact as a graphic design company have captured our attention as the artists responsible for the very striking and strong logo which was commissioned for Papakura Intermediate School.

Videos of each of the Whanau Solo performances can be viewed on our facebook page



Property



Our school is in the process of having a major facelift! As part of our school's overall property refurbishment, which began last year, the entire school is being repainted. Bright fresh colours have been chosen, to give the school a much more contemporary image - white, grey and teal are the new colours, which replace the very tired brown tones which have dominated for many years. The gymnasium is the first fully completed building in the project.



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Celebrating Achievement



Above: Congratulations to our students pictured above who have all achieved NCEA Level 2 or Level 3, who were presented with certificates in the final assembly for the term.



Six of our Year 12 students were selected by the Toromai Trust for a fully funded week at the Decision Reach Out - Toromai Trust OPC camp in the school break. These six students and their families were invited to a special event at Eden Park on Wednesday 20 September 2017 which included inspirational guest speakers and a dinner. We are very proud that our students have been selected for the OPC week.

Photo: (left) Harry Taiaroa, Montana Henare, Te Aroha Neal, Kisione Havili and Joshua D'Acierno, Absent: Amanda Kavemanu

Culture



We have enjoyed Tongan Language Week and Te Wiki o te Reo Maori in consecutive weeks in September. Tongan students with the help of staff organised activities throughout the week which started with the raising of the Tongan flag and singing of Tongan songs. Students gave speeches and prayers in the assembly on Wednesday and the final event on the Friday was a magnificent feast provided by families. Te Wiki o te Reo Maori was equally celebrated with activities including a group of staff performing a flashmob waiata. On the Friday the kapa haka students enjoyed a hakari as a thank you for all their hard work supporting our school. Staff were encouraged to speak as much reo Maori as they could during the course of the week.

Above: (left) Ms Finau, Pongi Nasilai, Kisione Havili, John Rohs, Pippo Lasike, Sisilia Heimoana and Ms Tuihalangie

Below: Kahurangi ki uta with the junior Cosgrove Kapa Haka roopu and our school Kaumatua Matua Allen Kukutai





Farewell to Nartarsha Ikiua

On Friday 29 September 2017 we farewelled our Dance and Drama teacher Nartarsha Ikiua (formerly McHatten) who is moving to Westland with her family.

Nartarsha has been an extremely colourful and very popular teacher over the three years she has been here and we were very sorry to see her go.

We are delighted to be able to appoint Anita Imlach as her replacement. Anita is a former student of this school, currently teaching at Rosehill Intermediate School and has also taught at Papakura Intermediate School. She is already well known to our students here at Papakura High School.



BOT Student Rep Elections

Right: Congratulations to our recently elected Board of Trustees Student Representative Eakalafi Taeiloa. Eakalafi is currently a Y12 student



Students excel in Technology

Congratulations to the Year 12 Construction Pathway students on completing their Furniture Cabinet units. Each unit was uniquely crafted showing an element of quality workmanship. Well done to each student in the class. The furniture together with three theory booklets gave each student 15 Level 2 credits.

Above left: Jonathan Amataga Taifaga, Mark Maletino Vaifale, Peter Isaako, Mr Pretorius (Head of Department- Technology) Andrew Euini, Simon Tusi and Nitesh Kumar.



Papakura High School

Invites all Y8 students to our

Annual Year 8 Open Day

Wednesday 6 December 2017

10.00am—2.00pm

Get involved in some of our subject areas

- ♦ meet our staff and kaitiaki (prefects)
- ♦ have a tour of our Kura
- ♦ kai for everyone

Meet in the School Hall

10.00am

We look forward to seeing you there

*to allow for catering on the day, please email d.corban@papakurahigh.school.nz
with student numbers*

RSVP Friday 1 December 2017



Visit our website www.papakurahigh.school.nz
Tel (09) 296 4400



Option Selection All Students

Options should now have been chosen for the 2018 year. If you have still not completed yours, you need to do so urgently.

On the home page underneath the calendar towards the bottom of the page you will see the Kamar Login, (*pictured below*). On the right are some useful quick links to help you out, select **SchoolPoint**. You can view an instruction sheet to help you through to process or simply login, select My Courses and make your selections.

Please contact the school office if you would like some help with this. If you need Username and password details please contact Shona Muir 09 296 4400 ext 733.

Kamar Login:

KAMAR Username:

KAMAR Password:

Login

Quick Links

- [Student Portal](#)
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Term Dates 2018

Term 1
30 January 2018—13 April 2018

Term 2
30 April 2018—6 July 2018

Term 3
23 July 2018—28 September 2018

Term 4
15 October 2018—12 December 2018

Term 1 Public Holidays

Auckland Anniversary - Monday 29 January
Waitangi Day - Tuesday 6 February
Good Friday - Friday 30 March
Easter Monday - Monday 2 April
Easter Tuesday - Tuesday 3 April

2018—Year 9 Digital Scholarships

Papakura High School Board of Trustees is offering Digital Scholarships to five deserving Year 9 Students for 2018.

The recipients of the Digital Scholarship will receive a Chromebook.

The application for the scholarship consists of a letter (approximately 400 words) to the Principal introducing yourself and in which you explain why you would be a deserving candidate for the award.

For more information visit our website www.papakurahigh.school.nz and go to the Enrolment tab.



School Holiday Study Programme

This year, for the first time, we have opened the school for an entire week during the term break, in order for students to receive extra support with the completion of NCEA tasks. Some students have availed themselves of a quiet place to study, if this is not possible at home.

Twenty-seven teachers gave up part of their holidays to spend time at school with these students. Their willingness to do so is a very positive sign about the progress we are making as a school, in our objective to become a high performing and successful school. While it is common practice in many schools to run holiday programmes for students, this is a relatively new feature of our own school programme - in 2016 we made a modest start to this with the school being open just for two days in the July break. The extra assistance students have received during this week will make a difference for them in their NCEA success this year.



Above from left: Ms Selvi Radhakrishnan, HOD Science Alison Wilson with students Christina Leiataua, Pongi Nasilai and Martin Matamua



NEW ZEALAND QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY
MANA TOHU MĀTAURANGA O AOTEAROA

**NCEA External examinations
begin Monday 13 November
2017**

**Exam timetable is available on
the school website
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click on Parent Portal then
select calendar**

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Senior School Ball
2017
Winter Wonderland
Holiday Inn
Airport Oaks
September 15



Term Dates 2017

Term 4 - 16 October - 8 December

Public Holidays

Labour Day Monday 23 October

Term 1 - 2018

30 January 2018—13 April 2018

Kaiarahi Whanau Contact Details

Otuuwaitoa Troy England 021 1300 847

Te Aparangi Gail Boyce 021 1287 644

Kirikiri Di Corban 021 1271 076

Absences

must be telephoned through to our Attendance Officer. Please leave a message on

09 296 4400 ext 706

0508 ABSENT

0508 227 368

Email znv@papakurahigh.school.nz

Wellness Centre

At Papakura High School we have two nurses, Sue Iles and Angem Din who offer nursing services and general health care including throat swabbing for strep throats and smoking cessation treatments. We also have the following health professionals visit:

- **School Nurses** Sue Iles s.iles@papakurahigh.school.nz and Angem Din a.din@papakurahigh.school.nz
- **Doctor** Tuesday and Thursday - free of charge for all students
- **Physio** Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- **Asthma Nurse** one visit per term
- **District Nurse** - visits as required (treats Rheumatic Fever students)

**Visit our website www.papakurahigh.school.nz
or facebook Papakura High School 2017**

NCEA

Exams start on Monday 13 November 2017. All exams times are on the school calendar which is on the front page of the school website. The rooms that the exams are taking place in is available if you log onto SchoolPoint and look at the calendar there.

There will be an assembly for students who have external assessments in a few weeks and you must attend that. Exam slips are handed out and you can not get into the exams without it. It also gives us a chance to check your exams and address so that you get your results sent out to the right place



Important Dates

NCEA Exams begin
Monday 13 November

Senior Prize Giving
Tuesday 28 November 6pm

Y8 Open Day
Wednesday 6 December 10am—2pm

Graduation Dinner
Friday 1 December 6pm

Junior Prize Giving
Friday 8 December 2017
School finishes for Term 4
following Prize Giving