



Papakura High School Panui August 2019

Dear parents, caregivers and friends of Papakura High School

You will note from this edition of our newsletter, that it has been quite some time since we sent out a printed newsletter to you. Our Facebook page is updated at least once a week which provides you with the most up to date information about school events.

The opening of the Police Academy Te Hotaka Piri Kura has been one of these very important steps in the development of our school.

We are currently excited to see the number of students making great progress with their internal credits towards their NCEA results. Even more exciting is the number of students progressing towards a gold award in the Tohu Rangatira (Junior Graduation) programme—this number has trebled from the Term 1 numbers.

We have our senior external assessment practice exams in a few weeks. I urge parents and caregivers to encourage their sons and daughters to do well. These exams provide a very useful practice for the 'real thing' in November.

John Rohs
Principal

Papakura High School Wharenuui - rededication



After 40 years, some of the carvings on the Wharenuui were showing serious signs of wear and tear and required repair work. Our resident carver, Raniera Lee, took on this job.

The rest of the carvings have been stripped down and repainted.

(Please see over for more)

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Papakura High School Wharenuī - rededication

Our school kaumatua Matua Allen Kukutai completed much of this very detailed paint work.

In addition to the repair work, new windows were commissioned for the front of the whare. As well as the whare, we are also very pleased with the upgrade of our wharekai, which has been completed by our own property team. Yet to be completed is new flooring to finish the facility.

At 7am on 1 July the rededication ceremony was held, celebrating months of hard work and re-emphasising the importance of this building to the school community.



Fale Pasifika Dedication and Blessing



On Friday 5 April, we celebrated the dedication and blessing of the new Fale Pasifika, along with the Board of Trustees and invited guests.

Photo left: Rev. James Matamua speaking at the dedication ceremony.



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Fale Pasifika Dedication and Blessing

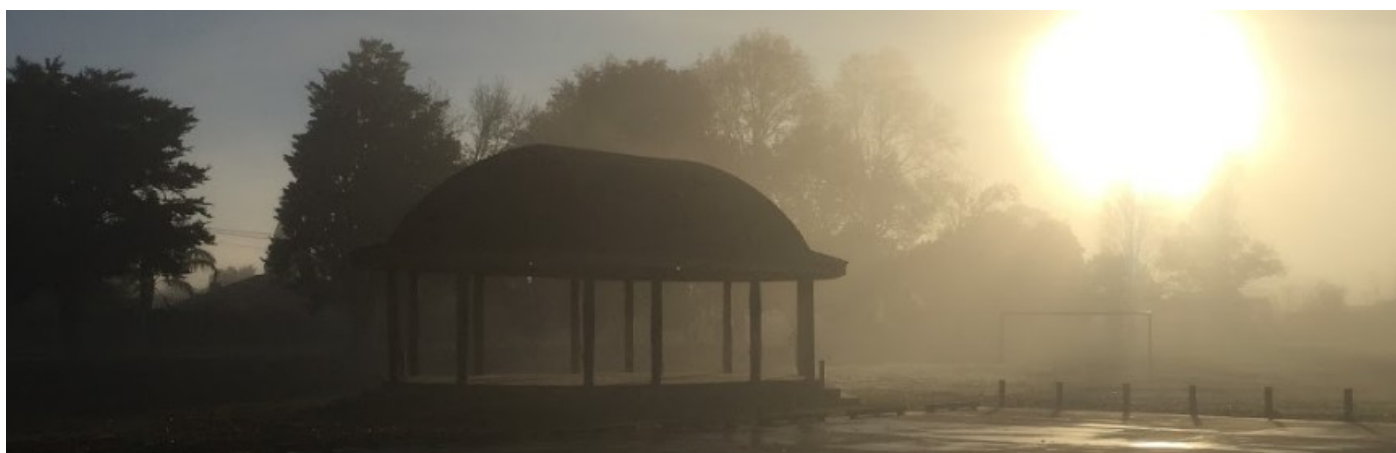


Photo left (from left to right): John Rohs, Principal, Rev. Saane Langi, Anahila Kanongata'a-Suisuiki MP, Rev. James Matamua and Brent Catchpole, Papakura Local Board Chair.

Also present were representatives from the Trillian Trust, whose generous sponsorship made the construction of the Fale possible.



Photo below left: Our three Kaitiaki whānau, Pongi Nasilai, Allen Tea Taanoa and Teisi Finau



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New staff

Over the past 14 weeks, we have again welcomed several new staff to our school.



Photo above:
Chandrikah
Gnanapadithan

Photo above (left to right): Mandy Seabrook, Clive Caine, Henry de Soysa, Te Rata Hikairo, Gerald Pillay and Lisa Ruatara.
Not pictured: Sonja Edwards

Clive Caine (Learning Support)

Clive has had many years experience working as a Principal, Head of Department and teacher before starting here at the end of Term 1. He was HOD Special Needs and Learning Support at Waiuku College, and before that Clive worked at Gisborne Health Camp School and Kawerau College.

Henry de Soysa (Science)

Henry joined Papakura High School at the start of Term 2.

Before starting here, he worked at Wesley College for 12 years as Head of Science and also at Tamaki College.

Henry is originally from Sri Lanka and migrated to New Zealand in 1998. Before migrating to New Zealand he worked in Zimbabwe for three years.

Sonja Edwards (Teacher Aide)

Sonja has previously worked as a Teacher Aide at Kelvin Road School, as well as at Chillout, the after-school and holiday programme provider based at the Papakura Leisure Centre.

Chandrikah Gnanapandithan (Science Technician)

Chandrikah will be starting with us on 22 July as Science Technician. Originally from Sri Lanka, Chandrikah has a MSc.(Hons) from Auckland University.

Te Rata Hikairo (English, Social Studies and Te Reo)

Originally trained as a Primary School teacher, Te Rata started with us at the beginning of Term 2, having been originally employed as a day reliever.



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New staff

Gerald Pillay (English)

Gerald is originally from South Africa. He has previously worked in several schools around the Auckland area, including James Cook High School, Manurewa High School, Edgewater College and Eden Christian Academy.

Lisa Ruatara (Gateway Coordinator)

Lisa is the new Gateway Coordinator at Papakura High School. She was born and grew up in Otahuhu, and is a mother of three daughters aged 23, 20 and 16. She and her family have spent time in the Far North as well as in Australia, before moving back to Auckland. She is a qualified teacher and has taught both in New Zealand as well as in Melbourne, Australia. Lisa is looking forward to being a part of Papakura High School, and working along side the senior students on their gateway to exploring what is on offer for them after their school life ends and their work or study life begins.

Mandy Seabrook (School Nurse)

Mandy is a registered nurse working in the Wellness Center with Sue Iles. She is an experienced nurse having worked for 7 years with young people in schools.

Shauna Thomas *see photo right* (Yr 10 Education Enhancement Programme)

Shauna has joined us to support some of our Year 10 Rangatahi in achieving graduation from the Te Tohu Rangatira programme at the end of this year. Shauna is an experienced primary school team leader.



Welcome to our newest Kaitiaki team member



Congratulations Lorenzo

Lorenzo Lepua is a new student at Papakura High School, having transferred from Otahuhu College at the beginning of this year. After only two terms, Lorenzo has really made his mark as an exceptionally mature young leader, and as such, has been recognized by the school with his appointment as a kaitiaki (prefect). Lorenzo is a Year 13 student in our Police Academy. Lorenzo's appointment shows that nothing is impossible for young people who have the right attitude.

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Haka-Waiata Competition



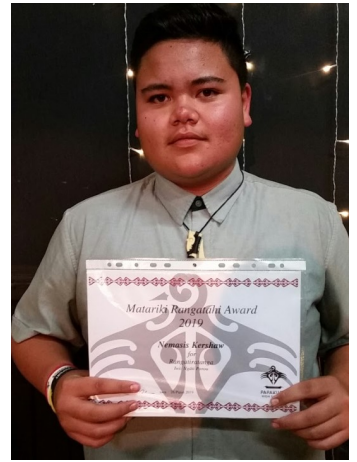
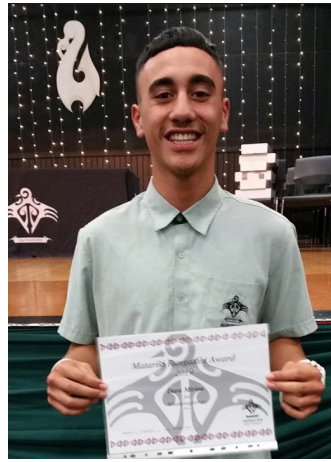
Photo left: Te Aparangi were the well-deserved winners, Sharea Wilson and Allan Tea Taanoa holding the trophy.

Photo above: The four competition judges, Whaea Dee, John Rohs, Bec Kaukau, Principal of Papakura Intermediate, and Whaea Tamara Elliott.

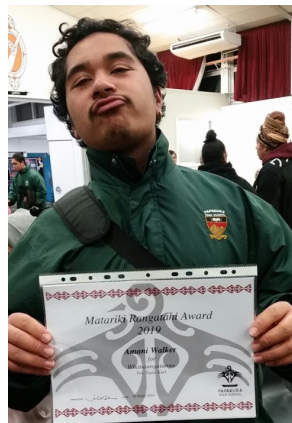
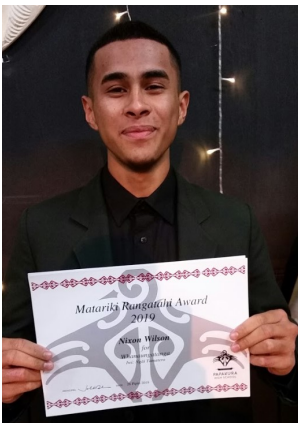


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Matariki and Rangatahi Awards Night



Our annual Matariki and Rangatahi Awards Night was once again an outstanding success, with over 150 students receiving awards for their contribution to school life and commitment to school values. Our school Hall was packed to capacity and again, we concluded the evening with a free hangi for our whānau to enjoy. Our MC, Matua LeRoy Paul, was in fine form and awards were presented by a range of Board of Trustees members and kairāhi. Whānau performed some memorable haka tautoko in response to students receiving these.



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Year 9 students

Edmund Hillary School

Be determined, aim high



Kelvin Road School



REDHILL
SCHOOL



Rosehill Intermediate

Where do our Year 9 Students come from?

This year we have 190 Year 9 students in our school.

Surprisingly, they come to us from our major contributing schools (the highest percentage at 30% from Papakura Intermediate, followed by Rosehill Intermediate) as well as large numbers from other Papakura schools and much further afield. An increasing number come from Manurewa and Mangere as well.

In total, our Year 9 cohort come from 30 different schools, which makes for a very interesting and vibrant mix.



Welcome



Home to Innovative Learners and Leaders

PAPAKURA
Intermediate

Tū Rangatira: Believe | Strive | Achieve



Opaheke School

Sharing, Caring, Learning and Achieving



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Important Information



PAPAKURA
HIGH SCHOOL

Terms 3 and 4 2019

Term 3 2019 – Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September

Term 4 2019 – Monday 14 October to Friday 6 December

Public Holiday - Labour Day Monday 22 October 2019

Lesson Times 2019

Period		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1		8:50 9:50	8:50 9:45	8:50 9:45	8:50 9:45	8:50 9:50
2		9:50 10:50	9:45 10:40	9:45 10:40	9:45 10:40	9:50 10:50
Break 1		10:50 11:15	10:40 11:10	10:40 11:10	10:40 11:10	10:50 11:15
		Kaitohutohu 11:20 11:35	Kia Rangatira 11:15 11:45		Whānau 11:15 11:45	Kaitohutohu 11:20 11:35
3		11:35 12:35	11:45 12:40	11:15 12:10	11:45 12:40	11:35 12:35
				Weds. Assemblies 12:10 - 12:40 - Seniors 1:05 - 1:35 - Juniors		
4		12:35 1:35	12:40 1:35	12:10 1:35	12:40 1:35	12:35 1:35
Break 2		1:35 2:10	1:35 2:15	1:35 2:15	1:35 2:15	1:35 2:15
5		2:15 3:10	2:20 3:10	2:20 3:10	2:20 3:10	2:20 3:10

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ASB Polyfest 2019



Our Samoan Group just before their performance at the ASB Polyfest.

This group had an extremely successful performance this year. The very colourful pink and blue costumes worn by both the boys and girls attracted a lot of attention.

Unfortunately, the impact of the Christchurch terror attack resulted in our Tongan group, along with those from the other competing schools, losing their performance day, which was the Saturday, the final day of Polyfest.

Tongan Performance



Our Tongan group was very popular with students this year and performed a wonderful dress rehearsal to a packed Hall but sadly were robbed of their chance to perform on the day because of the cancellation of the final day of the polyfest.



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Hotaka Piri Kura—launch of the PHS Police Academy



On Wednesday 20 March, Papakura High School was honoured to welcome several high-ranking Police Officers to the Hotaka Piri Kura launch. The PHS Police Academy is one of only three in the whole greater Auckland area. This is a fantastic opportunity for any students considering the Police Force as their career.

Photo back row left to right: Benjamin Faatiga, Area Commander David Glossop, Sgt Jeremy Steedman, Wiremu Waretini

Middle row left to right: Lisa Mortimer DP, Onolina Partsch, Allan Tea Taanoa, Manveer Singh, Remana Togatama-Potaha, Tyrrah Tokarahi, Sharea Wilson, Lorenzo Lepua, Senior Constable Tony Tumai.

Front row left to right: Anahila Kanongata'a-Suisuiki MP, Caitlin Brooke, David Fa'atoese, Counties Manukau District Commander Superintendent Jill Rogers, Brooke Himiona, kaumatua Haare Williams, Colleen Mahutoto.

Supt. Jill Rogers presented each of the participating students with a Police Academy badge.



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RYPEN Camp

Over the weekend of 27 - 29 March, four of our Senior students took part in the Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment (RYPEN) Camp held at Kokako Lodge, Hunua.

After the camp, which the students greatly enjoyed and benefited from, they were invited to talk about their experience at the Rotary Club meeting on Thursday 11 April.

The four students who took part were Salamasina Sauileoge, Mele Nau, Nehaal Gounder and Nemasis Kershaw.

Thank you to the Papakura Rotary Club for your support.



Welcome to our Tu Kotahi Team



Members of the Tu Kotahi team, supporting youth mental health programmes at Papakura High School: Kelly Peterson, Zeke Raui, Sam Butler, Henare Powell, Michelle Haare, Troy England and Chaz Brown.



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Pink Shirt Day 17 May 2019

Staff, as well as students, took part in Pink Shirt Day on Friday 17 May, showing their support for the anti-bullying campaign.



Arts Festival 2019

TE HEKENGANGA NUI
PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

Adults and Students: \$10
Under 5's: \$5
Group ticket of 5: \$40

PAPAKURA High School HALL | ART EXHIBITION STARTS 6:15pm
JULY 2019 | PERFORMANCE STARTS 7:00pm

Tuesday 2nd
Wednesday 3rd
Thursday 4th

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Te Hekenga Nui—Past, Present and Future

The theme for this year's Art Festival focused on the 40th Anniversary of the building of the Whare and its past, present and future influence on the School culture.

Many students and staff members were involved in the preparation and performances around the Arts Festival and it was a wonderful chance for students to showcase their talent in the different areas of Visual and Performance Art.

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Board Corner August 2019 - from the Trustees

We have just been through the triennial Board of Trustees Election process, and we would like to thank all of those who took part, particularly the eleven candidates who put their names forward. This number is a clear demonstration of the positive interest by our community in Papakura High School.

Your new board members are Enosa Auva'a, Deeana Howard-Afeaki, Moana Ratahi, Nane Lockington and Rosalie Freeman. The staff trustee is Beverley Matamua, and a new student trustee, Elijah Olano, has filled the recent vacancy of this position. With principal John Rohs we have a new team who are very aware of the important role they have been entrusted with, and who are looking forward to working with John and his team on this school's journey of 'Continuous transformation for student success'.

We received an update report from the Education Review Office team (ERO) who have been keeping a close eye on the school over the last few years. This report was produced for the benefit of the new board, but has some great positive comments that we want to share with our community.

The ERO team have noted significant progress and development in a number of areas:

- a sustained focus on creating a settled, orderly, positive, supportive school culture that values and celebrates students' diverse backgrounds, including Maori success as Maori and Pacific learners.
- positive signs of improvement in student attendance and students' progress towards achieving their NCEA qualifications in 2019
- increased student access to targeted support services, community resources and digital technologies to promote engagement in learning.
- enhanced community relationships and perceptions that have particularly contributed to Year 9 roll growth from a wide range of local contributing schools
- developed the Year 10 Te Tohu Rangatira programme that has lifted expectations for positive learning behaviours, attendance, and key competencies
- Continued to strengthen the whanau structure, and promoted student leadership through tuakana teina strategies

We look forward to the ERO team coming back to the school later this term, to show them the continued progress we have been making to improve student achievement outcomes.

We would like to thank the outgoing board members for their valuable contribution over the past three years to the great progress that is being made by the school. Our thanks go to Daniel Newman, Peter Goldsmith, Aaron Davidson, Jerome Mika, Rev James Matamua and student Micah Savea, for their enthusiasm and support for Papakura High School. We wish you all the best.



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ANZAC DAY



Photo above: Pongi Masilai after having made his speech at the Anzac Day Parade.

Photo right: The Hon Judith Collins MP with the PHS Kaitiaki team.



The civic ceremony was very well attended by our students and staff as always. Our entire Kaitiaki (prefect) team attended and a number filled important roles. Pongi Nasilai presented the only student speech this year, which was an outstanding effort. He received a lot of praise from various members of the community for his presentation. Sharea Wilson, at very short notice, read the Ode in te reo Maori, also beautifully delivered. The size of our student group made a very favourable impression.

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PHS MERC Camp 2019

In Term 2, the top 48 students of Year 10 were given the opportunity to attend a camp at the Sir Peter Blake Marine Education and Recreation Centre (MERC) camp in Long Bay.

41 students and 4 staff took part, spending 3 days participating in a variety of activities including rock climbing, kayaking, canoeing, sailing, archery and team activities.

It was an awesome opportunity to reward our hardworking students, they all enjoyed it and I am sure they wished it was longer.

Thanks to Josy Whittaker, our Social Worker, who was able to secure funding from IOSIS for this event.



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New opportunity for students' learning

Laser Cutter - new acquisition for the school

From smart board to tablets, 3D printers to laser cutters, more and more schools are bringing hands-on, interactive technology to the classroom. Whether it is an industrial technology course, art lab or a makerspace, schools and universities incorporating new technology in the classroom are engaging more students and creating active learners.

Laser cutting/engraving systems most in-demand tools to add to cases, to build an entire cutters are versatile, easy to use incredibly fun to use.

We have recently installed a laser School. Students will be able to imagination and creativity. Taking Technology has taken on a new By incorporating interactive able to take the student's ideas completion. Every student has the Imagine your design students assignment by laser cutting real-finished prototype. Or a students use the laser to create custom marquetry work on a table they built themselves.



Mr Tuhoe's design - engraved tropical leaves.

are fast becoming one of the the classroom, or in some curriculum around. Laser and safe. Not to mention

cutter here at Papakura High broaden their critical thinking, products from ideas to reality, importance in the classroom. technology resources, you are from concept to creation to potential to be a maker. tackling a product packing world materials and creating a woodworking project where

Our school is on the move with the implementation of the new Digital Technology Curriculum.

Thanks to all our supporters

We would like to say a huge thank you to all those who support our school: The Hugo Charitable Trust; The Rotary Club of Papakura; The Rising Foundation; Kootuitui ki Papakura; The Trillian Trust; Tu Kotahi - the Key to Life Charitable Trust; The Graham Dingle Foundation and the Papakura High School Charitable Trust. We are very appreciative of all that you do for our students.



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Papakura High School Charitable Trust



Early in 2017, the New Zealand Herald produced a short documentary film and ran a printed series entitled 'Under the Bridge', following the school life of three students and the new Principal at Papakura High School through the year, 2016. This engendered much interest from the local community, from past students, and from people all around New Zealand and the world.

Two past students approached Principal John Rohs with the desire to form a charitable trust to support the education of today's students at 'their' school. After a year or more of meeting and planning, The Papakura High School Charitable Trust is now launched and ready to start fundraising.

The trustees are Jo Clegg (nee Babbington), Clare Fogarty (nee Gasson), Michael Talbot and Rosalie Freeman. Jo, Clare and Michael are all ex-students of Papakura High School, while Rosalie is a member of the Board of Trustees. These people are all passionate about this school and its students and would like to give back to the community by raising funds for the school.

The purpose of the Trust is to further the education and welfare of students and the wider school community of Papakura High School, through financial assistance, clothing, books, equipment, use of facilities, counselling, scholarships, outdoor education and other appropriate assistance.

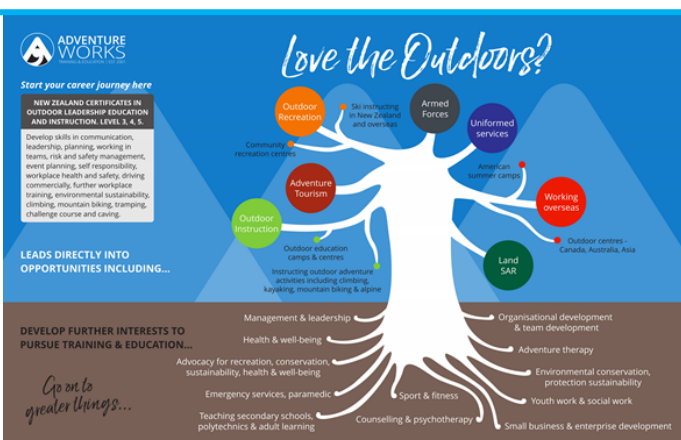
You can help us in this mission by spreading the word about the Trust to past students and people who may be interested in assisting us.

If you would like to know more about the Trust, or feel that you can assist us in any way please check out our page on the school website, www.papakurahigh.school.nz/charitable-trust, or email us at trustboard@phsalumni.school.nz. Please pass on these contact details to others. If you would like a copy of our Trust brochure it is available from the school office, or a digital copy is available by emailing us at the above email address.

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