



## Papakura High School Panui Week 4 — Term 3 2020

### Student Achievement

#### NCEA High Achievers

With the COVID-19 lockdown and the long period before students have been able to return to school last term, the completion of NCEA credits has been a big challenge for students. We are particularly pleased to see the number of students, despite the setback of the lockdown, who have faced up to this and are not only well on track to complete their NCEA, but actually also have fully completed their qualification. We have students at all three NCEA levels who have completed their certificate, and in this newsletter we wish to congratulate them on this outstanding achievement.

In particular, we wish to congratulate Tyler Fuapau-Haletama, who has not only completed her NCEA Level 1, but has achieved this with Excellence. As Tyler finished her credits for the award in July, this individual achievement is worthy of the warmest congratulation and acknowledgement. Tyler was our school's Junior Dux (Highest Achiever) in 2019 and is currently taking English, Mathematics, Science, PE and Art Design as her Level 1 subjects.



*Photo left:* Tyler Fuapau-Haletama who has achieved Level 1 NCEA with **Excellence endorsement**.

During the course of the year so far, a number of students have gained NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3.

Level 1: Baskal Bawi, Tyler Fuapau Haletama, Glenda Lotulelei, Rotita Merikata, Anahera Oneroa, Sylaan Schipplock, Marara Stevens and Amethyst Taiapa

Level 2: Joanna Aloni, Jhon Miller, Clara Moa, Tyrone Ngawharau, Lloyd Paikea, Treval Roach and Lexi Screen

Level 3: Ana Fakahoamotu, Nehaal Goundar, Wendy Tamoua and Liutama Togatama-Potaha.

*(More photos on pages 3 - 5)*



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# From the Principal

Kia ora koutou katoa  
Warm greetings to you all

Some of our school community have already heard the news that just over the week ago, I informed our Board of Trustees of my resignation as Principal of our school. While this has come as a surprise to some, it has been in my thinking and planning ahead for many months.

I have been very privileged to be the Principal of Papakura High during a period of tremendous expansion and growth. Not just in numbers, but also in our school culture, levels of academic achievement and in the overall perception of our school in the wider community. Along with the rest of our staff, I can honestly say that we have much to be proud of.



The Board of Trustees will be starting the process of recruiting a new principal for our school very shortly. This will be a very exciting time for our school. I have every confidence that there will be a strong field of applicants for the role, and that the successful candidate will work very closely with the school's leadership team, the whole staff and the Board of Trustees to build on the school's progress and move the school forward for the next phase of its development.

After five years (the full time at high school of a "generation" of our students) it is time for me to move on to new challenges, and also to return to my home town of Otautahi- Christchurch, where my whānau is based. My departure is not only the end of my time as educational leader in this school, but it brings to a close over 40 years of working in varying roles in schools around the country. I have been very fortunate to have had a senior role as a Head of Faculty at Hamilton Boys' High School for some years, as well as Assistant Principal at Lytton High School in Gisborne, Deputy Principal at Melville High School in Hamilton and Principal at Aranui High School in Christchurch for ten years before taking up my current role here in Papakura. I have treasured my love of teaching and in the five schools in which I have been professionally active, I have always been looking to learn new things about teaching and learning.

I have been contacted by many individuals since the announcement of my departure from Papakura High, and I have deeply appreciated all the kind messages I have received. It has been very difficult to make the decision to leave the school which I love and the community which I feel very much part of. I will miss my colleagues and students very much. However, there comes a time for all of us when we know we have given our best, and then it is time to move over for a new individual, with fresh energy and vision, to take over the reins. As I still have a number of months before I leave, can I assure you all that the next few months are very focused on the achievement of our NCEA students in particular, and that this message to you is not yet goodbye!

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa

**John Rohs**  
**Tumuaki/Principal**

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## Student Achievement - NCEA Levels 1 - 3



*Above, from left to right, top: Lloyd Paikea, Rotita Merikata and Clara Moa  
Below, from left to right: Amethyst Taiapa, Marara Stevens and Anhera Oneroa*



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*Above, from left to right: Ana Fakahoamotu, Nehaal Goundar and Glenda Lotulelei  
Below, from left to right: Bawi Baskal, Reval Roach and Sylaan Schipplock*



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*Above, from left to right: Jhon Miller, Lexi Screen and Harmony Rua*

## Papakura High School Staff News



At the end of last term we said farewell to Josy Whittaker, one of the two Social Workers here at Papakura High School. Josy had been a highly valued member of the school staff for 8½ years and she will be greatly missed.



We are sorry to say goodbye to one of our school nurses, Mandy Seabrook who is leaving us this month. Mandy has been a valued member of our Hauora Team and we wish her well for the future.



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# Netsafe PHS Code Club



## NETSAFE

As of June 2020, we are officially a 'Netsafe' school.

What does this mean for our students and the community?

We have access to resource kit to nurture a safer online environment for our students.

Areas to focus on to action and influence positive change.

## CODE CLUB LAUNCH

On Wednesday 29 July the Papakura High School Code Club was launched.

### What is Code Club

Code club started in Aotearoa in 2014 and is part of a global drive to empower students to learn how to code. Just like we have different languages around the world, a computer editor can interpret different programming languages used to code games, apps and websites. For example we have a language called Java as one of the most popular programming languages, used for building video games and mobile apps. The Python programming language is pretty much used for coding a multitude of software applications from web apps to data analysis.

The Python coding language is one of the main languages we will be using in our coding club. Python is often regarded as the easiest programming language to learn.



The aim at Papakura High is to provide every student the opportunity to reach their potential by encouraging students to combine their imaginations with an understanding of coding to

come up with authentic projects that may lead to an invention or solve a problem/s through coding. These problem solving skills are highly desirable when students continue on their pathways, whether it is tertiary studies, university or in employment.

The highlight for the code club was how passionate the girls were and felt empowered they were able to address the participants and visitors in a professional manner. Era, Johara, Tahitia and Tara were our girl ambassadors. Women are under-represented and this is a great career for those who want to take up a career in Technology.

Skills shortage - The immigration NZ website states I.T. is on the long term skills shortage list. We simply need skilled I.T. professionals in NZ and there is not too much competition to get into the workforce.

We were fortunate enough to have Micheal Tengrove present who is the founder of the organisation at the Code Club launch. We had teachers and parents as well as teachers from nearby Schools. The Code Club welcomes all students from 13-18 and volunteers from the community.



Satchet Singh (HOD ICT) and Camilla Cameron at the code club launch.

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## Cook Islands Language Week

**KIA ORANA**  
(HELLO)

This week we are celebrating Cook Islands Language Week. We began with the Cook Island flag raising ceremony on Monday morning, attended by a few members of our community. To improve our knowledge of the language as well as the Cook Islands themselves, we have a phrase of the day and a fact about the Cook Islands every day.



*Photos, top: Flag raising ceremony on Monday  
Right: Mama Vaine Wooley with Nane Lockington,  
Cook Island member of our Board of Trustees*

## Being Human Community Trust



On Wednesday 29 July, we were delighted to present a certificate of appreciation to representatives of the Being Human Community Trust in recognition of their generous donation of foodstuffs for our Kura Kai programme, as well as the tremendous support to the Papakura community with their donation of food boxes distributed to families in need. Our special thanks to Ashish Rikhi, Ram Lal and Dalbir Dheer.



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## Code Club Launch (cont.)



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