



Papakura High School Panui Term 1 2021

Ki te whānau o te kura, tenā koutou kātoa
Dear parents, caregivers and friends of Papakura High School

While we had all hoped that it would be a Covid-free year in 2021 this hasn't been the case. However, the brief move into Alert Level 3 was a good reminder that we cannot afford to be complacent and need to keep following the advice of our health authorities. As a school we continue to prepare for the worst eventuality of a longer lockdown but of course we hope that it never has to happen. I would like to reassure everyone that it is safe to be at school and that we will always take the necessary precautions as advised by the Ministry of Education.



Great news with regard to our 2020 NCEA results. While our Level 1 results were just over 1% down from 2019, our Level 2 and 3 results were excellent. 76% of students achieved Level 2 and 78% achieved Level 3. The national average for Level 3 is 72% so our students significantly outperformed the national result. Our UE results and merit and excellence endorsements were also the highest they have been for many years. This shows that our students are setting their sights higher and believing that they can achieve. We are expecting to see these results improve further in 2021. Special thanks should also go to the staff for going above and beyond during a difficult year to ensure our students achieve.

This year we have 917 students on our roll. This is significant growth from last year and we are excited to see our numbers grow so quickly.
Thank you for showing confidence in us to educate your rangatahi.

This year we will be having a big focus on improving attendance. It continues to be a barrier for our students getting the most out of school.

In more positive news, we have signed up to a partnership with Dee Jays to supply our students with free hot meals every day as part of the government's Ka Ora, Ka Ako - Food in Schools programme. We expect to start this in the second half of March. We are very excited by the menu provided and the opportunity for each student to have a nutritious lunch. Dee Jays will be offering employment opportunities to members of our community to assist with the delivery of this programme. We will advise further when these jobs are advertised.

We are pleased to announce that Polyfest will be taking place again this year after having been cancelled for the last two years. It will be on a smaller scale but we will be entering the usual cultural groups. We look forward to our whānau support of these groups as in previous years and I look forward to meeting many of you during our evening rehearsals.

There are so many positive things to report that I can't list them all here but I would like to thank the Papakura High community for the warm welcome that I have received. If I haven't met you yet I look forward to doing so. Please introduce yourself to me if you see me around.

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou,
Simon Craggs
Tumuaki/Principal

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New to Papakura High School

This term we have welcomed a number of new staff members, both teachers and support staff, as well as re-employed some staff who were with us last year.



From left to right: Rhys Shaw, Teacher of Hard Materials Technology; Leana Cvitanovich; Teacher of PE & Health; Gurpreet Chaudhary, Teacher of Science; Tevita Kaufononga, Teacher of Mathematics; Olivia Samiu, Teacher of PE & Health; Kara Matthews, Teacher Aide; Jacqui Swney, Teacher of English; Faith Meikle, Enrolment Officer; Leona Buchan, Receptionist; Fata Komiti, Teacher of Samoan; Albert Leung-Yid, Teacher Aide; Saimealafo Elive, Teacher of Visual Arts.
Absent: Cynthia Flores, School Nurse.

Leona Buchan

Kia ora

I have lived in Papakura for 12 years and have been a receptionist at a local Doctors for the last 10yrs so some of you may recognise me.

I have a 16yr old daughter and a 14yr old son.

I have had a close connection to the school over the last 12 years and I am very grateful and excited to now be part of the Papakura High Whānau.

Faith Meikle

Kia Ora, Talofa Lava, Malo e Lelei, Kia Orana, Sat Sri Akaal, Kamusta and Bula Vinaka. Hello my name is Faith Meikle. I grew up in Papakura and am passionate about positively impacting my community as well as the earth. I love music, nature and my beautiful American Bulldog, Lagertha.

Leana Cvitanovich

Tēnā koutou Katoa
I te taha o tōku pāpā
Ko Parerima tōku maunga
Ko Wainui tōku awa
Ko Tokerau tōku moana
Ko Karepori tōku marae
Ko Matakairiri tōku hapu
Ko Ngati Kahu tōku iwi

I te taha o tōku māmā
Ko Whakarongorua tōku maunga
Ko Utakura tōku awa
Ko Hokianga tōku moana
Ko Mataitaua tōku marae
Ko Ngati toro tōku hapu
Ko Ngapuhi tōku iwi

Ko Leana Cvitanovich tōku ingoa. I have lived in South Auckland since I was a young teen and previous to that I attended Taipa Area School in the far north. I have a desire to see our rangatira reach their potential and be inspired to venture beyond it. I am looking forward to teaching in the PE and Health department at Papakura High School this year.

Mauri ora



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New to Papakura High School

Gurpreet Chaudhary

Kia ora and Sat Shri Akal, My name is Gurpreet Singh Chaudhary. I was born and raised in Punjab, India. I gained my academic (M.Sc (chemistry); M.Ed) and professional (Bachelor of Education (secondary teaching)) qualifications from India. I started my career as a Lecturer of Teaching of Physical Sciences and then worked as a secondary science teacher in India for 10 years. I moved to New Zealand in 2010 and I taught at various schools in Auckland as a relief teacher and as a tutor. After completing my Postgraduate diploma in science with specialisation in food science and food chemistry in 2017, followed by a Teacher Education Refresher course I began my teaching profession in New Zealand.

As a teacher of Science, I am passionate about the subject and enjoy delivering interesting lessons with a blend of innovative teaching - learning processes, so that I can provide unique opportunities for our tamariki. I also love encouraging my students to get involved with hands-on experiences by doing science projects with them. I love seeing our tamariki grow academically and socially to become extraordinary citizens of Aotearoa.

In my spare time, I enjoy travelling around New Zealand, gardening, playing badminton and hiking.

Tevita Kaufononga

Malo e Lelei

Born and raised in Tonga. I emigrated to Aotearoa in 2010 with my wife (Sangata 'Ana) and three kids (Tupou, Lavelua and Sosaia) while my youngest (Joseph) born in New Zealand.

It is a privilege to be joining Anusha and the rest of the team as a Mathematics Kaiako. I believe it is possible for our Rangatahi to achieve their full potential, regardless of their background and upbringing.

I look forward to serving the Papakura Community of learning. In my spare time I love gardening, supporting the Pasifika community in Hamilton and of course the Mighty Chiefs.

Fata Komiti

Talofa lava

My name is Fata Agaimalo Komiti. I am Samoan and I come from the villages of Fusi (Safata), Manono and Afega. I lived my whole life in Samoa where I completed my Bachelor of Arts at the National University of Samoa. In 2015 I moved to New Zealand and married my beautiful wife. We now reside in Papakura with our three children. I have a Masters in Human Rights and a Graduate Diploma in International Studies from the Auckland University of Technology. Some of the many values I grew up with are alofa (love), faaaloalo (respect) and tautua (service). I am honoured to be at Papakura High School to teach the Samoan language and Social Studies. I see this as an important opportunity to contribute to my community.

Faafetai ma ia manuia.

Albert Leung-Yid (Staff Alby)

Staff Alby is a new member of our teaching staff this year, working with the students in the Services Academy. He has an awesome IT background which we will be utilizing later in the term as well as some wicked carpentry skills. Watch this space we have some cool woodwork coming. Staff Alby is also here to support our Services Academy learners in working towards gaining Level 1 & 2 NCEA credits.

Saimealafo Elive

Kia ora, Talofa lava.

My name is Saimealafo Elive nee Tapaleao. I am known as Sa for short. I am Samoan, born and raised in West Auckland now residing in South Auckland. I am the youngest of 3 in my family. I am a first year Visual Arts teacher and I am excited to be here at Papakura High School and looking forward to teaching our whānau and meeting you all.

Faafetai.

Jacqueline Swney

I'm Jacqui. I love reading, gymming and doing crochet in my spare time!
I can't wait to share my love of stories.
Looking forwards to a great year here!

New to Papakura High School



The Papakura High School Wellness team was joined by a second School Nurse at the beginning of this term, Cynthia Flores.

Photo top row left to right: Dereck Siitia (Student Engagement); Troy England (Director of Pastoral Services); Sue Iles (School Nurse); Michelle Haare (Guidance Counsellor).

Bottom row left to right: Phillip Kareroa (Youth Worker); Cynthia Flores (School Nurse); Justine Spring-Rice (Social Worker)

Cynthia Flores

I hail from the Philippines which was under Spanish rule for over 300 years and then American rule for about 50 years. This explains my surname and my weird twang. I migrated in 1994 when most Filipinos had no clue where New Zealand was. I was already married with 2 daughters when I decided a career change to study nursing at MIT where my desire to work with the young population became clear. Hence, I became a Plunket nurse, a Public Health nurse with the School Health Team, an adolescent nurse at Otahuhu College before I came to Papakura High School.

Rhys Shaw

5 things about me:

1. Graduated Bachelors Maori visual arts (whakairo, maori wood carving) with Honors
2. Have 3 grown children 21,20 and 16
3. Interest outside of school include but not limited to basketball, motorsport, extreme sports, art and sculpture
4. Favorite food will be anything with Kumara in it
5. My ethnicities include Maori, Samoan and Scottish

I'm looking forward to teaching at Papkura High School to offer my skill set and expertise to the students.

Olivia Samiu

Malo e lelei

My name is Olivia Samiu. I am excited to be joining the great team of Health and Physical Education teachers here at Papakura High School. My goal in stepping foot into this teaching career is to help encourage our young people to be the best version of themselves. What this means is I aim to work alongside them in guiding, supporting, and nurturing them to be confident in who they are and what they are about.



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Papakura High School Kaitiaki Team



From left to right, back row: Ngaire Edwards, Logan Lepua, Kainganoho Marino, Micah Savea, Elijah Olano, Tazmyn Fuapau-Haletama, Emma Grant
Front row: Regan Cooke-Shorthouse, Jaleah Magele, Ioane Thomas, Tatiana O’Keeffe-Pauu, Jun Angeles and Cori Te Rongomau

Our Kaitiaki are part of four teams in the school, each with a different aim.

Hauora Team - The aim of the Hauora Team is to focus on Health Promotion through events, projects and changing systems to enhance student and school morale. In particular, this portfolio will be focusing on strengthening a sense of belonging and promoting safe spaces with the notion that "It ain't weak to speak". With termly events and programs throughout the year, this portfolio addresses some mental health issues and identifies ways to work with the other portfolio as a collective to problem solve whilst working alongside the Wellness Centre.

The Kaitiaki working on this team are Emma, Cori and Ngaire.

Eventuality Team - The aim of the Eventuality Team is to support and create structure to the ideas around events that stem from our students at Papakura High School. We strive to implement at least two events per term to enhance the whanaungatanga amongst our student body and develop communal relationships. In conjunction with all portfolios, we work together to connect with our BOT, local organisations, and supporting agencies to build relationships, and gain support with the events in our School.

The Kaitiaki working on this team are Elijah, Logan, Tatiana and Ioane.

Promotion Team - The promotion portfolio team works together and with all portfolios to communicate and promote events and school wide expectations/values. Through a range of promotional means such as print media: advertisement/posters/flyers/newsletters and through Social Networking/Social media and across assemblies, whanau time and events.

The Kaitiaki working on this team are Jun, Kainganoho and Jaleah.

Environment Team - The environmental portfolio team aims to increase awareness of key environmental issues within the school and look for different ways of how we can tackle these current and urgent environmental issues. We want the school property to be utilised by students in a respectful manner and at the same time take pride in Papakura School. We want to make our Kura the school of choice for residents in Papakura.

The Kaitiaki working on this team are Micah, Tazmyn and Regan.

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Student Achievement - NCEA Results



In 2020, PHS had the highest NCEA achievement results for many years. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, 58% of our Year 11s, 75% of our Year 12s and 78% of our Year 13s achieved an NCEA certificate for their level. The Year 13 figure is well above the national average for all schools and the other year levels are above average for other similar schools. We also achieved more merit and excellence endorsements than ever.

NZQA defines endorsement as follows: "Certificate endorsement - For an NCEA certificate to be endorsed with Excellence a student must gain 50 credits at Excellence at the level of the certificate or above. So, if a student has 50 Level 1 credits at Excellence they may have their Level 1 certificate endorsed with Excellence. Likewise, if a student gains 50 credits at Merit (or Merit and Excellence) at Level 1 their NCEA Level 1 certificate may be endorsed with Merit. Endorsement awards show on the Record of Achievement."

NCEA Level 1 with Merit Endorsement

Masroor Hussein	Rotita Merikata
Sohill Kapeli Su'a	Anahera Oneroa
Angelina Laing	Samarah Peeni
Fatongia Latu Pauu	Te Ngarangoa Peihopa
Sela Malupo	Amethyst Taiapa
Joshua Martin	Maddison Whyte

NCEA Level 1 with Excellence Endorsement

Baskal Bawi
Abby Fraser
Tyler Fuapau-Haletama
Diego Poutai
Hariata Tanetinorau Rangi

NCEA Level 2 with Merit Endorsement

Ngairé Edwards	Logan Lepua
Emma Grant	Mykkaisis Manukau Kingi
Cornelis Kamermans	

NCEA Level 2 with Excellence Endorsement

Jun Angeles
Tazmyn Fuapau-Haletama
Tatiana O'Keefe-Pauu

Well done to all these students!



Rotary Science and Technology Forum



During the summer holiday, once again, one of our current Year 13 students, Emma Grant, participated in the Science and Technology Forum held at the University of Auckland. The Forum is a programme aimed at high achieving, well-rounded Science, Maths and Technology students at New Zealand Secondary Schools who will be returning to Year 13 and are planning to study science or technology subjects at tertiary level in New Zealand.

The photo shows Emma, second from the left in the back row, with the other students in group yellow.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Rotary Club of Papakura for making it possible for our students to attend this forum.



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Year 9 Powhiri

On Tuesday 2 February we welcomed over 150 new Year 9 students and their whānau to our school formally with a Powhiri.



Many whānau and families took the opportunity to join staff afterwards for a cup of tea and a biscuit in the staffroom.

New Principal's Powhiri

On Friday 5 February we formally welcomed our new Principal, Simon Craggs, to the school. The Powhiri was attended by the whole school as well as staff and students from his previous school, Onewhero Area School, members of the local community and Simon's whānau.



March Lockdown Distribution

On Monday 1 March Auckland once again went into Covid Alert Level 3 which meant the majority of our students were unable to attend school physically for a minimum of one week and online teaching and learning was rolled out. As most staff had already had experience of this last year, teachers were able to react very quickly to the news that students were to be learning from home.

In order to enable as many of our students as possible to learn from home, we offered chromebooks and hard packs to whānau so that students had both options available to them.

On 1 March we handed out just over 100 chromebooks and on 2 March over 60, along with over 70 packs of written work.

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, we were also able to hand out food parcels.



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Services Academy



This year our Services Academy is back, bigger and better than ever, with two Platoons. Platoon 1 is for students in Year 11 and Platoon 2 is for those in Year 12, a total of 43 students. The students in Platoon 1 were understandably quite nervous in their first week as they didn't really know what to expect. However, the students in Platoon 2 helped them out as they knew what to expect and soon had the newbies settling in and learning how to drill. All students in the Academy have the same values based on the Army 3CI values: Commitment, Comradeship, Courage and Integrity. As well as drills and PT (physical training) students work on gaining their NCEA Level 1 and 2 credits. The Services Academy camp that was supposed to have been at the start of March had to be postponed due to the Covid-19 Level 3 lockdown, but has now been rescheduled for the end of March. Students and staff are greatly looking to this so fingers crossed it can go ahead.

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Chromebook Scholarships



On Friday 19 February those students who won chromebook scholarships received their Devices. We would like to thank the Kootitui ki Papakura Trust for their ongoing support for our students with their chromebooks.
Photos below: Simon Craggs, Principal, visited the winning students in their classrooms to Give them their chromebooks.



Madisyn Danielsen 9KPRS

Paea Nau 9KSMU



Kaedyn Kapara-Williams 9ORHN



Lawerence William 9ABCE



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PHS Debating Club 2021



PHS DEBATING CLUB 2021

On the 27th of March from 12 pm-5 pm, 9 members of our debating team attended a Saturday debate training at De La Salle College. Also present at this training were De La Salle College, Mangere College, and Aorere College's debating students. It was a sight to behold! To see our debating students all coming together, sharing space, teaching, and learning from each other in this 'Sport' of debate, was truly inspirational. This debate training is a collaboration between Papakura High School, De La Salle College, Mangere College, and Aorere College. It will happen fortnightly, on a Saturday from 12-5 pm at De La Salle College. Our PHS Debating Club training is on every Wednesday after school from 3.30 - 5 pm. We are genuinely proud of our tamaiki and with your continuous support, we are looking forward to the journey ahead! #KIARANGATIRA #KURAHARD #DEBATE2021



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Our Kaiārahi Team

Otuuairoa



Te Aparangi



Kirikiri



This is our Kaiārahi team who are here to help resolve any issues your child may be having at school. In many schools they are called 'Deans'. They play an important role in supporting our students.



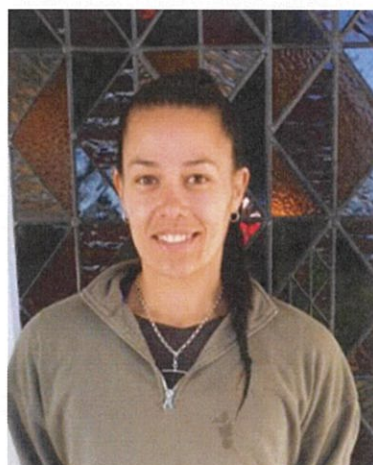
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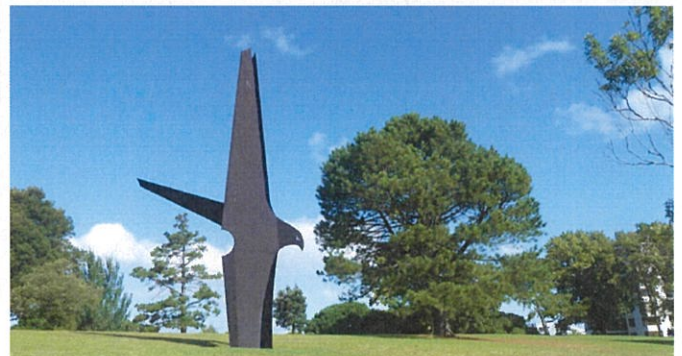
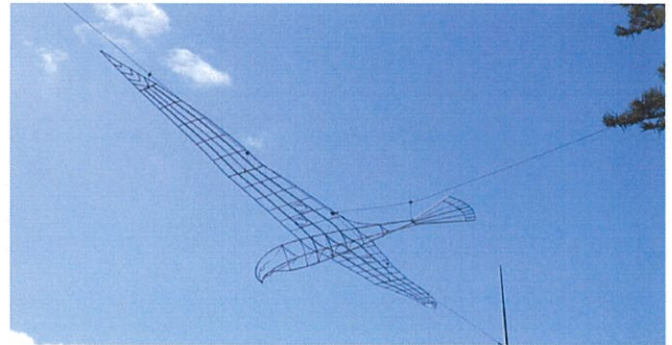
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Fred Graham ONZM



On Tuesday 23 February we were honoured to receive a visit from the iconic New Zealand artist, Fred Graham, Ngati Koroki Kahukura, ONZM. Fred was a teacher at Papakura High School from 1969 - 1980 but is probably better known for his work as a world-renowned carver and sculptor. He has had an illustrious career as a sculptor with works exhibited around the world. In 2018 he was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for his services to Māori Art and he received the Arts Foundation Icon Award. Fred has also held the position on the Māori Advisory Group at the Auckland Art Gallery since 1996. *Photo left:* Fred Graham with the current HOD Visual Arts, Kate Lobb, in front of one of Fred's sculptures that hangs in the school admin block. *Photos below, some of Fred's sculptures that are in and around Auckland, clockwise from left:* Manu Torino (which some of you may recognise as it is at the front entrance to the Botanic Gardens in Hill Road), Kaitiaki (on display at Auckland Domain) and Manurewa (on display on Tamaki Drive, Mission Bay, Auckland).



Our Kaitiaki Whānau



At Papakura High School we are very proud of our student leaders. They are outstanding ambassadors for our school

Photo from left to right:
Elijah Olano - Te Aparangi
Tatiana O'Keefe-Pauu - Otuuwairoa
Logan Lepua - Kirikiri



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Papakura High School Charitable Trust



The Papakura High School Charitable Trust (PHSCT) exists to further the education and welfare of students in our school. This covers a wide variety of possibilities - financial assistance, clothing, books, equipment, use of facilities, scholarships, outdoor education and other appropriate assistance. The Trust was set up in response to the great interest in and support for the school subsequent to the NZ Herald film story in 2017, "Under the Bridge".

In its short existence PHSCT has already been able to support the school with the purchase of travel tracksuits for sports teams and support individual students with financial support towards activities such as the Science and Technology Forum. As a trust we are also a vehicle to apply for funding from other charitable organisations for specific programmes and projects within the school.

However, we need others to support us, in order that we can support our students. All donations, no matter how small, are appreciated and will contribute to the educational betterment of students. If you own a business and would like to support our goals, we would love to hear from you. We would like to be able to produce further tracksuits for the school – maybe this is something that you would be interested in sponsoring. Your business logo would go on the back of the tracksuits – a great form of advertising when our students are out and about with their sports teams.

PHSCT would like to acknowledge past principal John Rohs for his support and enthusiasm in the Trust's development and plans and we wish him well for the future. We also welcome and look forward to working with new principal Simon Craggs to further our goals together.

Current Trust members are Claire Fogarty, Michael Talbot, Nicola Newey (all ex-students) and Rosalie Freeman (current BOT member). We would like to thank founding trustee Jo Clegg, who resigned last year, for all her work for PHSCT, especially her wide knowledge and experience with trusts which was integral into getting us underway.

Please contact the PHSCT by email: trustboard@phsalumni.school.nz

PHSCT bank account details: **ASB 12-3658-0000991-00**

Further information about the Trust can be found on the school website www.papakurahigh.school.nz/charitable-trust.

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 Satay Noodle House, Papakura; 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 us and our students.



Papakura High School Charitable Trust



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Important Information for 2021



KIA RANGATIRA

PAPAKURA
HIGH SCHOOL

Term Dates 2021

Term 1 2021 - Tuesday 2 February to Friday 16 April

Term 2 2021 - Monday 3 May to Friday 9 July

Term 3 2021 - Monday 26 July to Friday 1 October

Term 4 2021 - Monday 18 October to Wednesday 15 December

Friday 2 April

Monday 5 April

Tuesday 6 April

Monday 26 April

Monday 7 June

Monday 25 October

Good Friday

Easter Monday

Easter Tuesday

Anzac Day (observed)

Queen's Birthday

Labour Day

Lesson Times from 15 March 2021

Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Kaitohutohu 8:50 9:10	Kia Rangatira 8:50 9:10			Kaitohutohu 8:50 9:10
P1	9:10 10:10	9:10 10:10	8:50 9:50	8:50 9:50	9:10 10:10
P2	10:10 11:10	10:10 11:10	9:50 10:50	9:50 10:50	10:10 11:10
Break 1	11:10 11:45	11:10 11:45	10:50 11:25	10:50 11:25	11:10 11:45
P3	11:45 12:45	11:45 12:45	11:25 12:20	11:25 12:20	11:45 12:45
P4	12:45 1:45	12:45 1:45	Snr 12:20 12:50	12:20 1:15	12:45 1:45
			Assembly 12:20-12:50 Snr 1:15-1:45 Jnr	Whanau Time 1:15 1:45	
P4			Jnr 1:15 1:45		
Break 2	1:45 2:20	1:45 2:20	1:45 2:20	1:45 2:20	1:45 2:20
P5	2:20 3:10	2:20 3:10	2:20 3:10	2:20 3:10	2:20 3:10



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Anahila Kanongata'a-Suisuiki, Labour MP



On Friday 12 March, we were honoured to welcome Anahila Kanongata'a-Suisuiki who visited us.

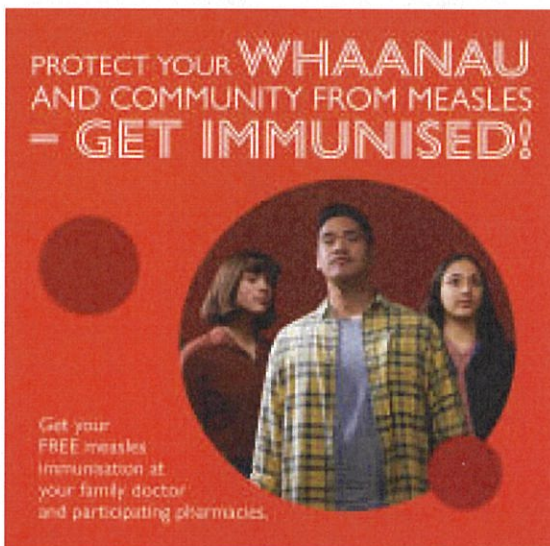
This was Anahila's facebook post after her visit here:

"Kia Ora - Great to catch up with Principal Simon Craggs, the new leader Tumuaki at Papakura High School. Loved how he is honouring the Leadership of the last school principal John Rohs and at the same time continuing the momentum of caring for students, teachers, parents and the community.

Had an opportunity to also chat with the Service Academy [#KiaRangatira](#) [#Papakura](#)

I'm looking forward to Principal Simon Cragg's leadership in the Papakura High School successful journey!"

Free Measles vaccinations



FREE measles clinics now running In the community! Get immunized!

Are you aged 15-30? Do you have whānau who are within this age range? We've got a FREE measles clinic for whānau in South Auckland at the Whānau Ora Community Clinic.

Whānau Ora Community Clinic: 25 Druces Road, Manukau
Mon to Fri: 8:30am–4:30pm, Sat: 8:30am–2:30pm, Sun: CLOSED

More clinics are coming soon! Keep an eye out on the CM Health website: <https://www.countiesmanukau.health.nz/for-patients-and-visitors/measles/>

These clinics are being set up because a large number of people aged 15-30 missed out on getting fully immunised when they were children. This means they are at risk of catching and spreading measles. People can just turn up to the clinics, there is no need to book an appointment or to bring anything. For people who are not sure if they've been immunised, staff at the community clinics can check their immunisation status. If their immunisation status is uncertain, the vaccine can be given again. It's safe, quick, free and very effective. Young people in our rohe can also get immunised against measles at their family doctor or at a participating pharmacy for FREE. A list of those pharmacies can be found on the Counties website: <https://www.countiesmanukau.health.nz/for-patients-and-visitors/measles/pharmacies-that-provide-free-measles-immunisation/>

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