



Papakura High School Panui Term 4 2021

Kia ora koutou katoa, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia orana,
Bula vinaka, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Namaste, Warm greetings,

As we approach the end of 2021 we reflect on a year disrupted by lockdowns but also, as a school, we have a lot to be satisfied with. The end of the year has been tough for many and we acknowledge that many students have struggled to engage with learning online but for the last few weeks we are glad to be able to welcome back our students onto the campus and to bring back the energy that was missing.



We know that some families have been hesitant to send their children back to school due to the risk of Covid-19. Our experience, though, has been that students are following the rules designed to keep us all safe and that those at school have enjoyed reconnecting with their peers and staff. As we move as a nation to living with the virus, it is important that our students are able to return to as much of a normal life as possible. It is also important to note that while there have been a number of active cases in Auckland schools, none of these have significantly spread the virus to other students. Schools have proven to be safe environments. We hope to see all of our students back at the beginning of next year.

I would like to acknowledge our Year 13 leavers. They have endured a year of cancelled milestones but have held their heads high and carried on showing rangatiratanga in everything that they do. Our Kaitiaki Whānau, Logan Lepua, Tatiana O'Keeffe-Pauu and Elijah Olano, deserve special mention as they leave us to explore new horizons. We know that they will go on to do great things but hope that they remain connected to their Papakura High roots. All the best team and don't be strangers.

You will have heard that this year, Papakura High has achieved two significant milestones. In August we received news that seven years of limited statutory management had come to an end and before that another five years of other interventions. We have also recently had a full Education Review Office report that ends a period of five years as part of the Turnaround Schools programme, an intensive programme aimed at improving schools with low achievement rates and significant issues. I am pleased to announce that we have received a positive review that shows "significant progress" from the previous report in 2020. The Board, management and staff of PHS, past and present, are proud of these achievements and are looking forward to continuing to improve over the next few years as a community school. Thank you for all of your support and for showing faith in PHS as a good place to educate your young people.

As proof that we are raising the bar, we are able to report that there has been a significant increase in 2021 in the number of students receiving merit and excellence endorsements for NCEA at this early stage of the year. We are also seeing significant increases of Year 12 & 13 students taking subjects that lead on to university studies beyond school. We are doing our best to provide for students to take any pathway that they want to take. PHS students can do anything they set their minds to!

Beginning in the holidays we are undertaking a significant property project to build a floodlit shade cover and astro turf over our existing courts. When completed, this will be a fantastic asset for the school and the wider community and will be available for booking outside of school hours. It will also give us the opportunity to hold whole-school events in an undercover venue. Once finished we will hold an opening for the facility with the opportunity for whānau to attend. Also, over the holidays we will be having a refurbishment of W Block and heat pumps/air conditioning installed in all of our classrooms. Other projects following that will be a Music Block and Rūmaki Reo redevelopment. There is a lot happening to improve our learning environments for our students.

Message from the Principal

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We have had many student successes this year in the sporting, cultural and academic fields. One of the most significant achievements has been Tuafono Leuo's selection to represent New Zealand (Black Stars) at the World Championships of Performing Arts in Los Angeles next year. We are so proud of her and are doing all we can to support her to get to the event. Other recent highlights have been Ms Rabin's selection as a finalist for NZ Music Teacher of the Year and Jun Angeles receiving the runner up in the national ukelele songwriting competition. Well done to everyone who has had success this year and we're looking forward to even more success in 2022!

We will be starting the year differently this year in response to the covid disruption. From 1- 4 February for Year 11-13 students, we will be holding special workshops and courses, both on-site and off-site, many with a cultural focus, that are aimed at students re-engaging with school and learning and earning some credits at the same time towards their NCEA qualifications. This will be a good kickstart for them for the year. It does mean that our Year 9 Pōwhiri will be delayed until Tuesday 8 February and the whole school will be back on Wednesday 9 February. The school and Board believe that it is necessary to do something different to support our students doing NCEA and we are looking forward to this event.

What a wonderful celebration our graduation and Year 13 prizegiving was last Friday. Despite the Covid restrictions, we were able to hold a special event to celebrate our students' achievements. A special congratulations to our Dux – Jun Angeles and Proxime Accessit – Logan Lepua. Well done on your success this year.

Finally, the PHS team wish everyone a safe and happy summer break, a joyful Christmas and we're excited to see all our students back in the new year. Stay safe everyone!

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou
Simon Craggs
Tumuaki/Principal

Year 13 Prizegiving

This year, due to the Covid restrictions, whānau, families, friends and supporters were unable to attend our annual prizegiving, which was reduced to a celebration of just our Year 13 students' successes. However, in order to allow those outside the school to be a part of the ceremony, the event was livestreamed for the first time.

The link to the video of the event is: <https://tinyurl.com/399ysnk8>

The following Year 13 students were rewarded for their mahi (work) and manawanui (commitment):

Subject Awards:

1st in Drama	Vienna Emau
1st in Mathematics	Tazmyn Fuapau-Haletama
1st in English - Academic Pathway	Emma Grant
1st in Whakairo (Carving)	Whitu Hikatangata
1st in English for Speakers of Other Languages	Jhon Miller
1st in Hospitality	Matthew Mycroft
1st in History	Tatiana O'Keeffe-Pau
1st in Visual Art	Chad Panapa
1st in Travel & Tourism	Shaneiya Richards
1st in Biology and Te Reo Māori	Cornelis Kamermans
1st in Dance and Employment Skills	Jarisa Tiaua
1st in PE, Hotaka Piri Kura, Science and Social Studies	Logan Lepua
1st in Art Design, Digital Technology, Music, Sports Leadership and Photography	Jun Angeles



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Year 13 Prizegiving

Prestigious Awards

Service to Kirikiri Whānau - Logan Lepua
Service to Te Aparangi Whānau - Elijah Olano
Service to Otuuwairoa Whānau - Tatiana O'Keeffe-Pauu
Service to Te Kaunihera a Ākonga - Micah Savea
Cook Island Cultural Group Top Leader - TeRangi Baniani Matthews
Indian Cultural Group Top Leader - Muskan Kaur
Samoan Cultural Group Top Leader - Logan Lepua
Tongan Cultural Group Top Leader - Tazmyn Fuapau-Haletama
Overall Leadership of Pasifika Cultural Groups - Tazmyn Fuapau-Haletama
Ipu O le Sili - Best All Round Pacific Island Student - Logan Lepua
Kaitātaki Wahine Te mana o Hine-rehia Award - Regan Cooke-Shorthouse
Kaitātaki Tane - Te haka o Tanerore Award - Whitu Hikatangata
Arawhaanui Trophy for Excellence in Whaikorero (Speechmaking) - Kerry Danielsen
1979 Prefects Award for Service to the School - Jun Angeles
Best All Round Sportsperson of the Year - Logan Lepua
Sportsperson of the Year - Mykkaisis Manukau-Kingi
Judith Collins Leadership Cup - Tatiana O'Keeffe-Pauu
Te Rangatira Trophy for Outstanding Commitment to the School Values - Jun Angeles
The John Rohs Vaka o le Moana Award for the Top Academic Pasifika Student - Logan Lepua
The Te Matauranga Toa Award for the Top Academic Māori Student - Tatiana O'Keeffe-Pauu
The Neville Thornton Award for Best All Round Student - Logan Lepua
Proxime Accessit - Logan Lepua
Dux - Jun Angeles



Photo above (from left to right): Logan Lepua (Kaitiaki Whānau Kirikiri, 2021), Jessy Matthews (Kaitiaki Tuarua Otuuwairoa, 2022), Hariata Tanetinorau Rangi (Kaitiaki Whānau Kirikiri, 2022), Simon Craggs (Principal), Tyler Fuapau Haletama (Kaitiaki Whānau Otuuwairoa, 2022), Tatiana O'Keeffe-Pauu (Kaitiaki Whānau Otuuwairoa, 2021), Sylaan Schipplock (Kaitiaki Whānau Te Aparangi, 2022), Sela Malupo (Kaitiaki Tuarua Te Aparangi, 2022) and Elijah Olano (Kaitiaki Whānau Te Aparangi, 2021).



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Blue Light and Rapid Relief Team



Blue Light and Rapid Relief Team (RRT) gave a fantastic boost to youth in Counties Manukau South by providing a vehicle to our local secondary schools so that our youth can get their Drivers Licence.

RRT partners with Blue Light to supply driver training for young kiwis providing a valuable tool for those striving to get ahead in life. Employers regard a drivers licence as one of the top three candidate requirements.

The new car will be located at Papakura Police Station in support of Blue Light's driver licencing programme, a programme that assists young people to overcome the multiple challenges that they face to becoming a legally qualified driver.

Fifty students from Papakura High School will be the first to benefit from lessons in the new car. The ability to gain a Drivers Licence is one that many New Zealanders often take for granted but for many the cost (fees and lessons), a registered and warranted car to drive and distance from testing centres act as significant barriers.



While many jobs don't involve driving, more than 70% of positions advertised require a driving licence.

For more information on Blue Light's work with young people in the community go to www.bluelight.co.nz

Photo left (left to right): Brendon Crompton, COO, Blue Light; Lisa Mortimer, DP at Papakura High School; Bev Adair (in car) Papakura Franklin Blue Light committee member; Lee West, Rapid Relief Team; Inspector Tony Wakelin, Police Area Commander, Joseph Bishop, Rapid Relief Team.

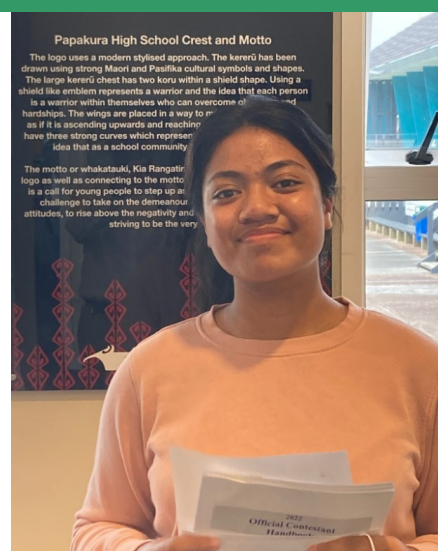
Student Success



Amazing news! Tuafono Leuo has been chosen to represent NZ (Black Stars) at the World Championship of Performing Arts which will be held in Los Angeles next year.

What an outstanding achievement and we are so proud of her!

More information can be found at <https://wcopa.com/>



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Junior electives

To end the year on a high for our Junior students, we arranged electives for the Year 9 and 10 students on the last two days of school.

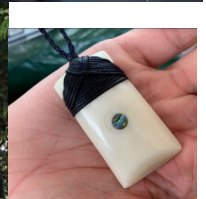
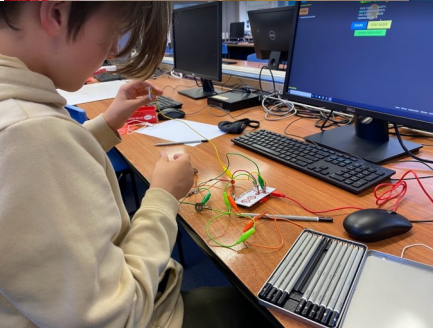
Students could select from a range of activities over the two days, including golf, otai making, board games, a rugby refereeing course, basketball, bone carving, making Christmas tree decorations, bone carving workshops, resin casting, musical theatre and forensic investigations amongst others.



Junior electives



Photo above: Forensics, extracting DNA



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Student Achievement - NCEA Results



A substantial number of our students managed to achieve their NCEA Level certificates, despite the difficulties and challenges they faced, before the final results which will include external examinations.

A total of 39 students achieved Level 1 NCEA, including 8 with a Merit endorsement and 4 with Excellence endorsement.

25 students have already gained Level 2 NCEA, with 9 with Merit and 2 with Excellence endorsements.

At Level 3, a total number of 35 students have achieved with 4 at Merit and 2 with Excellence endorsements before the results of the external exams are known.

Level 3

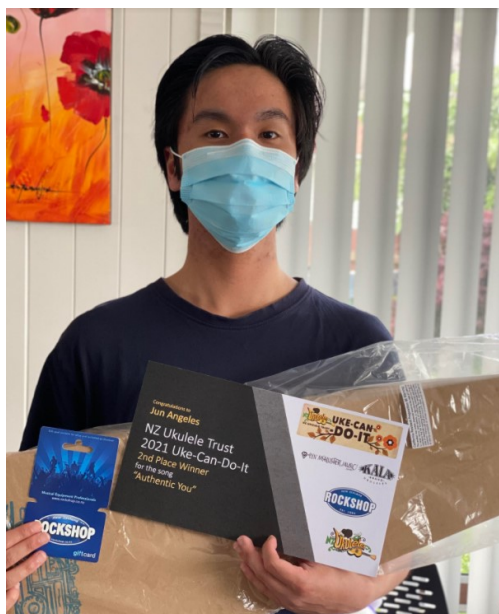
Cade Barett
Francis Cabello
Regan Cooke-Shorthouse
Sheraldine Edwards
Moala Hafoka
Faa Kula
Teuila Laufale
Jaleah Magele
Mykkaisis Manukau-Kingi
Kainganoho Marino
Nicole Mehau

Summer-Lee Meihana
Viola Nicholls
Benjamin Nipu
Chad Panapa
James Peti
Harmony Rua
Micah Savea
Neisha Takimoana
Patrick Tautuu
Cori Te Rongomau
Aliisolia Thomas

Mayanna Williams
Emma Grant (with Merit)
Tazmyn Fuapau-Haletama
(with Merit)
Cornelis Kamerman (with Merit)
Logan Lepua (with Excellence)
Tatiana O'Keefee-Pauu
(with Excellence)

This is a true reflection of these students commitment to their learning.

Student Achievement



Jun Angeles, who won 2nd prize in the NZ Ukelele Trust's song writing competition with a song he wrote during lockdown called 'No Clue'



Anika Analyn (*left*) and Muskan Kaur (*right*) showing off the trophies that they won competing in the online Hindi Language & Culture Trust of New Zealand Hindi language competition. Anika took first prize and Muskan was 2nd runner up.



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Start dates for 2022

Start of Year 2022

From Monday 24 January
School Office open for enrolments



Tuesday 1 February – Friday 4 February

Senior students Wānanga week
All senior students meet in the hall on Tuesday at 8:50am

Tuesday 8 February

Year 9 students Pōwhiri at 9:30am

Wednesday 9 February

Year 10 students meet in the Hall at 8:50am

All other students Kaitohutohu at 8:50am

Thursday 10 February

All students timetabled classes from 8:50am

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Term dates for 2022

Term 1	Start date see above - Thursday 14 April
Term 2	Monday 2 May - Friday 8 July
Term 3	Monday 25 July - Friday 30 September
Term 4	Monday 17 October - Friday 9 December

Other Holidays

Easter Friday	Friday 15 April
Anzac Day	Monday 25 April (in the school holiday)
Queens Birthday	Monday 6 June
Matariki	Friday 24 June
Labour Day	Monday 24 October

