



## Papakura High School Panui Issue 1 2022

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou,

Warm greetings, talofa lava, malo e lelei, kia orana,  
fakalofa lahi atu, bula vinaka, namaste,

While the start of the year wasn't quite what we had hoped for by moving to the red traffic light setting, we were still able to enjoy a summer break that allowed people to leave Auckland and visit family and friends around the motu. The weather certainly smiled on us all.



The staff at PHS are looking forward to the opportunities that 2022 will bring. It was great welcoming back our senior students last week and there is lots of positive energy in the school. At the end of last year we sadly farewelled a number of staff but this year has brought in new staff with a wide range of skills and experience to contribute to our community. We welcome the following staff, Sheethal Deeplal as teacher of Hard Materials, George Smith who will be teaching in Maths and Business Studies, Ji Hyan Park is joining the Art Department, Julian Abel in English, Melanie Harpur in Maths/Science, Grace Tofa in Social Sciences, Valentino Adam in Physical Education and Health and Campbell Bolton-Hampton as a Music teacher. We also welcome a new librarian, Louise Dreadon and Phoenix Ruatara as Careers Assistant and Arts Coordinator. We are excited to see the contribution they will make to our learners in the coming years.

Inevitably, our NCEA results were affected by the extended lockdown period last year. Level 1 results were down by about 10% and Level 2 by 20%. This is a reflection of the number of students who disengaged from school during and after the lockdown. We know that there were a number of reasons for this, including students working. For those who didn't achieve I would encourage them to return to school in 2022. NCEA allows students to achieve two levels in one year and our team are prepared to support them to catch up on what was missed.

On a positive note, our students achieved significantly higher numbers of merit and excellence endorsements last year. At Level 2, 11% more students achieved an endorsement than in 2020. Overall, the school reached all endorsement targets, which were above the national averages for Decile 1 schools for Levels 1 and 2. Our University Entrance results were 5% higher than in 2021 and since 2017, our percentage achieving UE has tripled. I am so proud of our students and staff for all of the hard work that has gone into these results. At Papakura High we are raising the bar for our students and the high expectations are paying off.

Our major foci for this year are on growing our new programmes and developing others. The Reo Rūmaki, 'Te Mita o Te Reo', is expanding with more subjects taught in Te Reo this year and we have employed extra staff members to help grow this Kaupapa. The Services Academy is currently looking for a new Director and we are looking at new programmes in Early Childhood Education, Building and Construction and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics). These will provide clearer pathways into the careers in these areas.

We will also be looking to develop a learner profile for our students and will be consulting with the community on the types of knowledge, skills and competencies that are valued for our students.

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## Message from the Principal cont.

This will lead into the development of our new strategic direction over the next 3-5 years and everyone will have an opportunity to contribute to this process.

Finally, we will be looking at our timetable and day structure to see what changes can be made to support learning in our school. We are hoping to roll these changes out in 2023.

In other great news, we have secured funding from the Lotteries Community Facilities Fund, Ministry of Education and NZCT to complete our project to cover our courts in astro-turf and to build a floodlit shade structure. This is a big project for our school and community and when finished will be a real asset to the school. Work should begin on this later on this month.

If you would like to get in touch with me to discuss any issues I would encourage you to email me at [principal@papakurahigh.school.nz](mailto:principal@papakurahigh.school.nz). I love to hear from the community.

Hei manaaki,  
**Simon Craggs**  
Tumuaki/Principal

## Staff Changes

We have said farewell to a number of our staff members: Juliet Lyes (Librarian), Michelle Anderton (Music); Caz Nortje (Mathematics); Tapsell Enoke (English); Robbi D'Angelo (Admin. Assistant); Kelly Teariki (DP); Eparaima Paratena (Services Academy); Albert Leung-Yid (Services Academy); Raniera Lee (Whakairo/Carving) and Saimealafo Elive (Art Design & Visual Art). We wish them all the very best in their future endeavours.



*Photo above, from left to right* (Staff induction day): Grace Tofa (Social Science); Tino Adam (PE & Health); Phoenix Ruatara (Careers Assist/Arts Co-ordinator); Julian Abel (English); Mel Harpur (Mathematics & Science); Jinny Park (Art Design, Visual Art & Photography); Sally Jones (Science); Louise Dreadon (Librarian) and Campbell Bolton-Hampton (Music). *Absent:* Sheethal Deeplal (Hard Materials Technology) and George Smith (Mathematics)



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# New to Papakura High School

Julian Abel, Teacher of English

Kia Ora, Talofa Lava, Malo e Lelei, Kia Orana, Bula Vinaka, and Hello.

I am a family man who was born and raised in Port Elizabeth South Africa and moved to Aotearoa New Zealand with my wife in 1995. We have been blessed with decades together and have two adult daughters.

Originally educated in commerce, I had the privilege of 25 years in leadership and managerial roles located in Wellington and Tamaki Makaurau. My heart for teaching and community service grew through the opportunity to teach Marketing to tertiary students in 1994 and 1995. Coupled with this, I had six years as a volunteer counsellor for Lifeline Aotearoa.

In 2020 I returned to university and completed a Graduate Diploma of Arts in English. I am passionate about English as I love the way that literature captures philosophy, language, theology, and sociology, and I look forward to sharing this passion with our rangatahi.

I feel honoured to be with Papakura High School and look forward to serving our community.

Sheethal Deeplal

Kia Ora!

I am extremely excited for the opportunity to become a part of the Papakura whānau.

I grew up in Durban, South Africa, where I was born and have moved with my family to Auckland.

I am a technology teacher and love hands on

activities and being practical. I enjoy engaging with students to help them achieve their best possible potential.

I enjoy quality family time and I am looking forward to travelling around New Zealand and enjoying nature, as coming from the African Continent I have a deep love of animals and nature. I enjoy reading, creative projects and hiking.



Tino Adam, Teacher of PE & Health

Malo ni, Talofa lava, Kia Ora

I am a teacher in the field of Health and Physical Education. I was born and raised in South Auckland and completed my studies at the University of Auckland. My journey finds me here at Papakura High school and I am looking forward to the year ahead.

Mel Harpur

Warm and hearty greetings, my name is Mel Harpur and I am the new kid on the Math Team at Papakura High. Prior to moving to Papakura High I spent two years as Whānau Leader at Papakura Intermediate and 9 years around the corner at Kelvin Road School, so I expect to see many familiar faces this year. I am super excited to be beginning a new journey with you and yours.

I am a Manawatu lass by birth, with Māori (Ngai Tahu) and Irish blood coursing through my veins. I moved to Auckland in the 1990s to begin my career in the Police, a career that saw me Policing Papakura, Horowhenua and Manurewa for 12 years. Communities that I will always hold dear to my heart, communities that I have learnt so much from, and I have no doubt that I will continue to do so in my role here at Papakura High School.

I live in rural Waikato with my partner George and four children, Jacob, Thomas, Christian and Alexandra, although Thomas now lives back in Auckland. We live on a small acreage with a menagerie of animals and nothing but hills and cows for neighbours, bliss! My family is incredibly important to me and when I can get the attention of the teens I love to spend time in their company, unpacking the wonders of the world. I love to read, care for the animals, and garden (although this incredibly balmy weather is playing havoc with my beloved plants!). I am also quite partial to a spot of Netflix viewing and you can be sure to find me lounging lazily in front of the TV when I have a bit of spare time on my hands!

I'm super excited about the year ahead, the opportunity to challenge each and every student in my class, including myself, and the chance to celebrate the differences that we all collectively bring to the team. 2022 has to be our year!

Campbell Bolton-Hampton

Tēnā koutou katoa. Ko Campbell Bolton-Hampton tōku ingoa.

I hail from Waikato and I am a first year teacher. My subject area is music.

I grew up in the small Waikato town of Matamata where I first picked up the bass guitar whilst at Intermediate at age 11.

I graduated from The University of Otago with a Bachelor of Music with Honours. Whilst in Otago I started taking vocal lessons and I played in numerous bands and ensembles and immersed myself in the local music scene. I then moved back to Waikato and completed a Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching in 2020. I spent 2021 teaching primary aged students as a music tutor which was a fun experience that took me all across the Waikato region to different schools.



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Campbell Bolton-Hampton (cont.)

Which now brings me here to Papakura High School. I'm super excited to get started and meet all the students and whānau and work closely with you all. I emphasise relationship based learning which means I get to know the students and help understand their individual needs and learning styles, so I look forward to getting to know you all. Outside of music/school I enjoy playing video games, watching rugby and collecting rugby jerseys/memorabilia (mainly Chiefs stuff as I'm a diehard Chiefs fan) and thrifting/op shopping. Ngā mihi nui

Jinny Park

Kia ora and Annyeonghaseyo!

My name is Ji Hyun Park or Jinny, I am a Korean Photography/Visual Arts teacher, joining the fabulous Art Department here at PHS!

I grew up in West Auckland, and now reside in Papakura.

I have a passion for creativity, art and I am very much looking forward to meeting our tamariki and their whānau.

Cheoeum Boepgesseumnida!

Phoenix Ruatara

Kia ora, my name is Phoenix Ruatara.

I'm originally from Kaitaia in the Far North of Aotearoa. I moved to Melbourne, Australia when I was 13 years old and spent a little time living and going to school there before moving and living here in our small community of Papakura with my mum and one of my older sisters.

I've been working in retail for the past 3 years and am now eager to start and work alongside the Careers and Art departments here at Papakura High School.

Ngā mihi.

Grace Tofa

Talofa lava,

My name is Grace Tofa. I hail from the villages of Saipipi, Savai'i and Sataoa, Upolu.

I am a proud product of South Auckland. I lived in Papatoetoe but grew up and went to schools in Otahuhu.

I look forward to working with our rangatahi as well as getting to know our community better.

Soifua, ma la Manuia.

Sally Jones

Kia ora, my name is Sally.

I was born in South Korea, I grew up in the South Island, and attended university in beautiful Tāmaki Makaurau.

I completed my teacher training through Ako Mātātupu Teach First NZ and have been teaching Physics at Mount Roskill Grammar School for the last 3 years.

I am excited to be joining the Papakura High School community and am looking forward to getting our learners excited about Physics!

I live in Central Auckland with my partner and friends, and I love to cook, bake, and read.

Louise Dreadon

I am excited to be joining PHS as the new Librarian. I love reading and am looking forward to learning which books students here enjoy, and being able to provide books to support student learning across the curriculum.

In my spare time I like gardening and spending time with my family. I've lived in Manurewa most of my life so I'm sure I'm going to feel right at home here.

George Smith

Kia ora

My name is George Smith and I was the Deputy Principal at a secondary school in South Africa.

I will be teaching Mathematics and Business Studies and can't wait to get started!!

My wife and I have been married for 12 years and we have 3 boys.

I enjoy coaching all sport but specialise in Rugby. I was the First XV coach at my previous school since 2011 and produced a few Provincial and National players.

I strive to motivate students to achieve their best and nothing else.

KIA RANGATIRA will be my new motto, today, tomorrow, forever!!



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## Staff Pōwhiri



Staff were formally welcomed to the school with a Pōwhiri held on Wednesday 26 January.

*Photo, from left to right, back row:* John Luzak (Hard Materials Technology/Construction); Tino Adam; Phoenix Ruatara; Louise Dreadon; Mel Harpur; Campbell Bolton-Hampton  
*Front row:* Julian Abel; Jinny Park; Sally Jones; Matua Allen; Simon Craggs and Grace Tofa.

## Student Achievement



*Photo left:* Monu Maea with Lisa Mortimer, DP

On Thursday 3 February an ex-student came to visit the school.

Monu graduated from Papakura High School in 2020 having successfully completed the Police Academy course.

Monu is now an Authorised Officer with the NZ Police, a non-sworn officer and is hoping to commence training to become a sworn officer once he has gained his full drivers licence.

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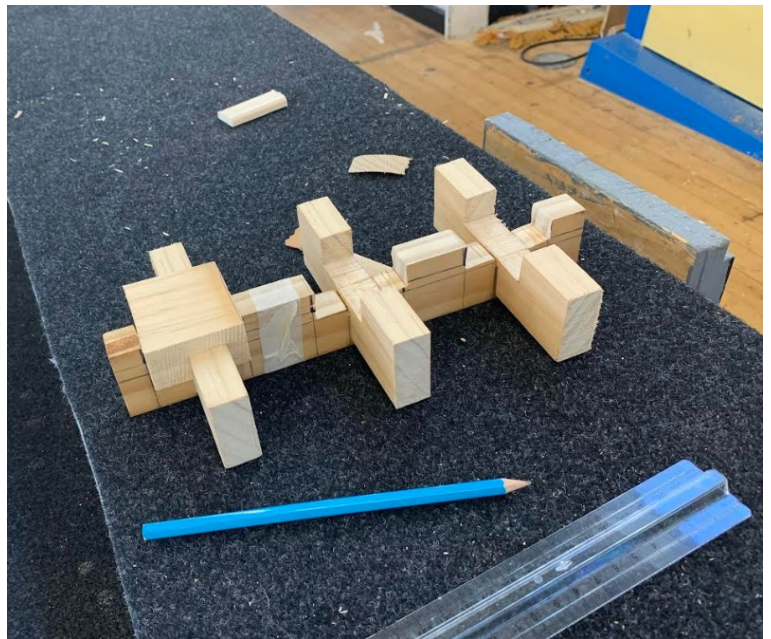
# Hard Materials Technology

Over the last weeks of the summer break, the staff of the Hard Materials Technology department have done a lot of work preparing the area for the start of the year.

Wood was ordered and has now arrived in time for students to start work on their various projects.

Our thanks to Mr J Luzak and Mr Singh, Head of Department, for all their hard mahi!

We are excited about the arrival of the new Technology teacher, Mrs Deeplal, who will be starting next week.



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## Year 9 Pōwhiri

On Tuesday 8 February we welcomed our new Year 9 students to our school formally with a Pōwhiri. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 Red alert levels, whānau were not able to attend this year. One new member of staff who was unable to attend the new staff Pōwhiri last week was also formally welcomed to the school, Sheethal Deepal, our new Hard Materials Technology teacher.



*Photo above left:* Hamiora Tangiora from Kelvin Road School, speaking on behalf of the Year 9 students at the Pōwhiri.



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# Important Information for 2022



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HIGH SCHOOL

## Term Dates 2022

Term 1 2022 - Tuesday 1 February to Thursday 14 April

Term 2 2022 - Monday 2 May to Friday 8 July

Term 3 2022 - Monday 25 July to Friday 30 September

Term 4 2022 - Monday 17 October to Friday 9 December

Friday 15 April

Monday 18 April

Monday 25 April

Monday 6 June

Friday 24 June

Monday 25 October

Good Friday

Easter Monday

Anzac Day

Queen's Birthday

Matariki

Labour Day

**Lesson Times (under Covid Red Level there will be no assemblies and no whānau time—school will finish at 2:40pm on Weds and Thurs. )**

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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