



Papakura High School Panui Issue 2 2022

Tenā koutou kātoa, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia orana,
Bula vinaka, Fakalofa lahi atu, Namaste,
Greetings to all.

Well, it has been a disruptive start to 2022 with Covid-19 again playing a part. A big thank you to the community for all of your support in getting through this time and for supporting the rostering home. This has meant that we have, up until now, not been able to hold many of the events and concerts that we would normally have held that help us to build a strong school culture and foster community involvement. We hope to be able to do that now that gathering limits have changed and many of the vaccine requirements lifted. We look forward to welcoming you back into the school!



Our roll has now reached one thousand students! Considering that in six years our numbers have almost doubled is an amazing turnaround for our school. While being a much bigger school does present some challenges, it also presents significant opportunities for growing our curriculum into areas we have not offered for some time. It is an exciting time to be a part of PHS.

It was fantastic that we were able to participate in Polyfest this year despite the Omicron wave. I was so proud of our Kapa Haka Roopu and their tutors for their incredible work in preparing the students for performing. At one stage the students had to run the wānanga as both tutors were sick. This embodies our motto of 'Kia Rangatira' and it was great to hear one of our Kaea say this when being interviewed on Māori Television. We are very sad to be farewelling Whaea Kata at the end of this term to take up a position in Queenstown. However, she has promised to come back in a couple of years and we will definitely take her up on this promise! Thank you, Whaea for all of your hard work with our roopu and for gaining promotion to Division 1 for our school, a great legacy to leave behind at PHS.



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Message from the Principal cont.

We also had two students enter the Samoan speech competitions this year. Both did very well but a special congratulations to Sam Saega, who won his division for his speech. This is a fantastic achievement and we are very proud of Sam.



In Week 2 of next term we will be holding our Whānau Conferences. This is an important event for everyone to find out how well their child is progressing with their learning and to connect with the key teachers at the school. We would encourage everyone to book appointments with their child's teachers. On the day we will be asking for your ideas about the types of knowledge, character traits and skills that you would like your children to have when they leave PHS. This will provide us with important information for changes we need to make to our curriculum and the ways we teach. Please make sure you allow a bit of extra time on that day to leave some feedback for us.

As we approach the winter season, I have been encouraged to see how many students are getting involved in extra-curricular activities this year. It is an important sign of engagement with school when students are involved in outside school activities and our most successful students are the ones who have consistently got involved. If your child is not yet doing an extra-curricular activity then I would suggest encouraging them to sign up. We have something for everyone from sports to culture to e-sports, you name it!

Finally, one of the consequences of the pandemic disruption has been a significant drop off in attendance. We are seeing very few new cases in the school and our school is a safe place to be as we continue to follow all of the appropriate public health guidance. Students with excellent attendance at

school consistently do better in national qualifications than those who are not here every day. If there are barriers preventing students from returning; uniform, technology, reluctance etc., please get in touch with us so we can see if we can help.

Our Kaitiaki will be representing us at the local ANZAC Service if you are able to get down to support them.

Wishing all a Happy Easter and a wonderful break.

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

Staff Changes

Loina Hala (Social Science and Kaiārahi Whānau for Otuuwairoa) is now on maternity leave until next year. Michelle Lloyd has taken over as Kaiārahi Whānau and Lesieli Samiu is now Kaiārahi Tuarua for



Otuuwairoa. Congratulations to both of them, they will do an awesome job of looking after the students in their Whānau. Andrea Rabin is Acting Deputy Principal for Term 1. She has stepped into the role at short notice and is doing a great job of supporting our SLT Team.

We have been joined by a number of staff during the first few weeks of the year, in addition to those who started at the beginning of the term. They are Allison Freemantle (School Nurse), Maxine Gill (Teacher Aide), Shonté To'a (Teacher in the Services Academy), Chanel Young (Receptionist), Kevin Xu (Social Science) and Charlotte Tildesley our new Learning Support Coordinator.

We have said good bye to a number of staff: Dereck Sitiia, our Student Engagement Officer; Angela Readings, our Learning Support Coordinator; Grant Uelese, English Teacher, George Smith, Maths Teacher and Rachelle Wright, our cashier.

Lesieli Samiu, Kaiārahi Tuarua for Otuuwairoa
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New Staff



Chanel Young - Receptionist

Kia Ora Whānau

I am a South African born and raised in a town called Durban in the province of KwaZulu Natal. I have emigrated to New Zealand back in December 2019 with my family. My greatest accomplishment and biggest blessings will always be my kids. I have completed a Bachelor's Degree in Health Sciences and Social Services in Psychological Counselling and a Higher Certificate in Adult Basic and Education Training which innates my passion for Manaakitanga.

I do not believe that the sky is the limit, as there are footprints on the moon and we all have the potential to reach our full self-actualization, we just have to believe and work towards our goals :) I strongly believe in creating a legacy of impact and I do hope that I will create that whilst at Papakura High School.



Kevin Xu - Teacher of Social Studies

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,
Ko Puketāpapa te maunga
Ko Waitematā te moana
Ko Waipapa Taumata Rau te marae
Ko Ngāti Hainamana te iwi
Nō Tāmaki Makaurau ahau.

Nōku te tino whiwhi, kua tae mai nei kia whakaako, kia poipoi anō hoki i ngā tauira i te kura tuarua o Papakura. I'm Mr Xu and I am a New Zealand-born Chinese. I've been raised in New Zealand and have stayed in Mt Roskill my whole life. I've previously taught in another South Auckland High School and it's a privilege to be teaching Social Studies here in Papakura High School. I look forward to meeting all of the Papakura High School whānau. Mā te ngātahi o te waihoe, e whakaihuwaka ai tātou.



Maxine Gill - Teacher Aide

Tena Kotou Katoa

A little about myself. I was born and bred in a small town called Te Kauwhata in the Waikato. I have 4 children and 3 moko. I love rugby and of course I support the Chiefs.

I am really enjoying being part of the PHS whanau and helping our children reach their full potential.



Allison Freemantle - School Nurse

Allison was previously at another local college before joining us at the end of February. She is a very welcome addition to our Wellness Team.

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New Staff cont.



Charlotte Tildesley - Learning Support Coordinator
 Tena koutou katoa
 Ko Pukekiwiriki te maunga
 Ko Wairoa te wai ora
 Ko Ngati Tamaoho te iwi
 Ko Aotearoa te turangawaewae
 E noho ana ahau kei Papakura
 Ko Claire toku whaiaipo
 Ko Isabella Aroha raua
 Ko James Te Koha a maua tamariki
 No te raki o Ingarangi - Manchester a Bolton oku tupuna
 Ko Lynne raua ko David oku matua
 Ko Charlotte toku ingoa
 Tena koutou Tena koutou
 Tena koutou katoa.
 I am honoured to work alongside our akonga and
 whanau here in Papakura and I look forward to meeting
 you all.



Shonté To'a - Services Academy

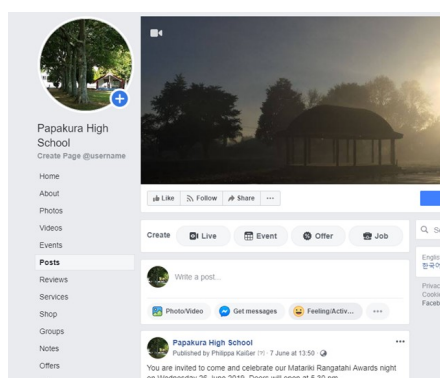
Shonté has joined us as a teacher in the Life Preparation programme (Services Academy). She has had previous experience working with young people as part of the Graham Dingle Foundation programme. She is working together with Staff Shauna, Vijay and other external providers to support our students on their journey through school and on to the wider world.

Communication

We have a number of ways of communicating with Whānau and families, our school website, www.papakurahigh.school.nz; our facebook page, Papakura High School, emails and phone calls and our school app.

Some of these methods rely on accurate records at school so that we are able to contact you in case of an emergency at school, so please keep us updated if any of these details change. Thank you.

The school app is a very useful tool as you can easily access our school calendar, newsletters, daily notices (for information on sports training as well as games and other school activities) as well as contact the absence line or key members of staff such as the Principal, Deputy Principals and Kaiārahi.



Kaitiaki 2022



Photo above, back row, left to right: Tony Solia (Kirikiri), Letizea Paniora-Latu (Te Aparangi), Marara Stevens (Otuuwaitoa), Sela Malupo (Kaitiaki Tuarua – Te Aparangi) and Noah Fepuleai (Kirikiri). Middle row, left to right: Abbie Fraser (Te Aparangi), Amethyst Taiapa (Kaitiaki Tuarua - Kirikiri), Baskal Bawi (Kirikiri) and Inaya Shah (Otuuwaitoa). Front row, left to right: Sylaan Schipplock (Kaitiaki Whānau - Te Aparangi), Hariata Tanetinorau Rangi (Kaitiaki Whānau - Kirikiri) and Tyler Fuapau Haletama (Kaitiaki Whānau - Otuuwaitoa)

Absent: Pounamu Henare-Arona (Otuuwaitoa), Lexus Soolefai (Kirikiri), Lucas Soolefai (Otuuwaitoa) and Sauliloa Moeaki (Te Aparangi)

Te Kaunihera-ā-Ākonga

Te-Kaunihera-ā-Ākonga is our Student Council, made up of students of all year levels. Meetings are held once every three weeks and give students a voice in the school.

Congratulations to the Year 9 students who were recently elected to be a part of our Te-Kaunihera-ā-Ākonga (Student Council).

They will play an important part in ensuring the voices of our youngest students are heard. The students are elected for the duration of their time at our school and there are two representatives of each whānau.

The students are: Hohepa Cope 9OADM; Ja Seng Lama 9KBLH; Gabe Maoate-Minhinnick 9AMTM; Sina Matāfai 9AHPR; Kali Navakubucia 9ASMH; Alyssa O'Neill 9KPAL; Vinny Tau 9KLWR; Sope Taupaki 9OKFN and Theodora Vakalahi 9ODPL

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Student Achievement



On Friday 11 March our Softball Team competed at the Auckland Softball Championship and won!!

Congratulations to the team: Nikolas Barron, Alwyn Boison Lloyd, Tristen Cecil, Brody Gwatkin, Dhyanna-Maria Hura, Chrysta Lockington-Marsters, Richard Murray-Te Rure, Alyssa O'Neill, Timanii Reid, Logan Turei and Tomairangi Waitere-Grace.

Rural Employment Initiative

On Tuesday 19 April a group of eight students will fly to the South Island for a 5-day trip around West Otago to see and sample employment opportunities in the rural sector with a strong focus on the dairy industry.

The South is short of workers, with some paying agencies up to \$2,000 to find workers, and our students might not otherwise get the chance to gain exposure to the opportunities available out of Auckland.

This is a project that aims to benefit both the dairy industry as well as the youth of South Auckland. Amongst other things, our students will get to experience first hand dairy farming, agricultural contracting (silage harvesting, baling, ground work and effluent spreading), haulage (milk, bobby calf collection, stock etc), river fishing, sheep farming (rousing, pressing and yard work) eeling and clay bird shooting. Thanks to Mr Craggs for making this happen for our students.



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Recycle a Device (RAD)

The team from the RAD project (Recycle a device) have provided training to our rangatahi to learn how to refurbish devices. Remojo Tech, the CEO - Hadi Daoud and two of his employed students from Auckland Seventh-Day Adventist High School were amazing and had our students engaged in this kaupapa. We are thankful to the organisers Chris Ofanoa and Bronwyn Scott and to Mr Singh for organizing the two days. The repaired devices will be available to the local community and to Papakura High School students.



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Rosehill School satellite class

On Monday 14 March, students from Rosehill School satellite class, which is based at the front of our school, helped tidy up the school grounds by picking up litter instead of doing PE on that day.



We would like to thank the students for helping keep our school clean and tidy.

No Limits Leadership Training Day

On Thursday 31 March nearly 100 students took part in a Leadership Day organised by the Wellness Team. This means that nearly 10% of our students have one of a number of leadership roles in the school, as Kaitiaki, Kaiāwhina, Kaihautu.

Students took part in various activities during the day helping them develop their skill as leaders; marshmallow tower building, creating team mascots from eggs, planting seeds, a TikTok challenge, a mystery building challenge and a vision board workshop.

Guest speaker was Flo Akauloa (an ex Prefect from Papatoetoe High School) who spoke about the characteristics of leadership and the power of modelling positive student leadership.



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Kapa Haka



Despite the difficulties caused by covid this year, including both tutors being off for a time during the very limited rehearsal time available to the roopu, Papakura High School was one of the schools competing on the Māori stage at the ASB Polyfest again this year.

Congratulations to the roopu, and to Pimiro and Jeremy for their interview with Māori TV after their performance.



2022 ASB Polyfest

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Kapa haka



Year 9 Meet the Teachers BBQ

With the easing on restrictions on numbers able to gather outdoors, we were finally able to hold our Year 9 Meet the Teachers BBQ. It was great to see Whānau take this opportunity to come and talk to their children's teachers, Kaitohutohu and Kaiārahi as well as some of our Kaitiaki and a member of the Board of Trustees.



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Whānau Structure 2022

Simon Craggs
Tumuaki
Principal

Troy England
Tumuaki Tuarua

Paul van Etten
Tumuaki Tuarua

Lisa Mortimer
Tumuaki Tuarua

Michelle Lloyd
Kaiārahi Whānau

Jo-Ella Hura-Tupaea
Kaiārahi whānau

Shauna Thomas
Kaiārahi Whānau

Lesieli Samiu
Kaiārahi Tuarua

Lara Sexton
Kaiārahi Tuarua

Declan Mulcahy
Kaiārahi Tuarua

Kaitiaki Whānau
Tyler Fuapau-
Haletama

Kaitiaki Whānau
Sylaan Schipplock

Kaitiaki Whānau
Hariata Tanetinorau
Rangi

Kaitiaki Tuarua
Jessy Matthews

Kaitiaki Tuarua
Sela Malupo

Kaitiaki Tuarua
Amethyst Taiapa

Kaitiaki Ākonga
Pounamu Henare-
Arona
Tuafono Leuo
Inaya Shah
Lukas Soolefai
Marara Stevens

Kaitiaki Ākonga
Abbie Fraser
Sauliloa Moeaki
Latizea Paniora-Latu

Kaitiaki Ākonga
Baskal Bawi
Noah Fepuleai
Rotita Merikata
Tony Solia
Lexas Soolefai



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Important Information for 2022



KIA RANGATIRA
PAPAKURA
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

Part-time employment opportunity

Deejays
Everyday Food Solutions!

TUCKSHOP AND FOOD IN SCHOOL PROGRAM ROLES AVAILABLE

Are you looking for temporary and flexible work in a fun team environment during school hours?

We have some great opportunities available for parents/caregivers at participating schools. These roles are during school hours and offer flexibility.

Please reach out to us: email: tersia@deejays.co.nz or mobile 027 551 0001



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