

NEWSLETTER NUMBER 3 WEDNESDAY 5 MAY 2010

Papatoetoe High School

Dear Families

The two week period beginning 10 May is set aside as an assessment period for NCEA internally assessed work. Almost all senior students will be involved in assessments that will count towards their NCEA qualifications during this fortnight, but you also need to be aware that this is not the only time that such assessments occur, with some already being completed in term one in some subjects.

Understanding how NCEA works and how you can assist your sons/daughters with NCEA is important for parents and to that end we will be holding an NCEA information evening on Tuesday 18 May - 7.00-8.00pm in the school hall. All parents are invited to attend and those who have got children doing NCEA for the first time will find the information particularly useful.

Although NCEA has been in our schools since 2002, there is still a lot of misunderstanding about the qualification in the wider community and this is also often portrayed in the media. The NZ Herald, for example, has recently published two articles on NCEA, both of which show the reporters' lack of knowledge and understanding of the system. Using year 11, level 1 NCEA results as a means of comparing how well schools are doing is incredibly flawed and inaccurate. NCEA is a building block type qualification and the most important statistic for schools relates to the level of qualification students have when they leave school. Students at our school do particularly well under that measure and this was reflected in our recent ERO report.

Start of term uniform checks have identified a disappointingly large number of students with incorrect uniform - particularly footwear. Our correct uniform requirements are clearly stated in the prospectus and are also found on the school website (www.papatoetoehigh.school.nz). A statement regarding footwear and socks/pantyhose appears later in this newsletter. We appreciate your cooperation on school uniform matters and request that you contact the school if you have doubts or queries about uniform requirements.

You all would have received voting papers for the triennial board of trustees elections with voting closing on Friday 7 May. We are indeed fortunate to have seven excellent parent candidates who have indicated a willingness to serve on the board and I encourage you to exercise your right to vote in this election. Results will be made public following counting on 13 May.

There was a single nomination for staff representative, that being Mr Renouf, and I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Mr Hunter for his efforts as staff trustee for the past 6 years.


P R Gall
PRINCIPAL

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 7 May	Voting for board of trustees close at noon.
10-21 May	Assessment fortnight for NCEA candidates.
Tues 18 May	NCEA information evening 7.00-8.00pm in the school hall.
Wed 26 May	Junior social
Mon 7 June	Queen's birthday.
Sat 19 June	School ball.
Wed 16 June	Music evening.
Fri 2 July	Reports issued. Last day term two.

A **MUSIC EVENING 1:** Our first music evening for 2010 was held on Thursday 25 March. The senior music students performed a wide variety of repertoire to a large and supportive audience, with many highlights. All performers are to be congratulated!

r **SANDIP BURMAN:** On Friday 5 March senior composition, recording, guitar and drum students were fortunate to attend a performance and workshop by Sandip Burman, tabla artist. He is based in Chicago and we were very lucky to host this concert during his brief visit to New Zealand. The students were given important information about improving their performance technique as well as advice on the skills and values which are necessary to be a professional musician.

t **SCHOOL CD "Deja Riginal" vol 5:** Songs have been written and recording is already well underway for the much anticipated release of our 5th CD of original student music on 15 October 2010. All songs are written by the students, all art work and photography is by students and all recording is done in the school recording studio by our top recording students under the guidance of Mr Marcel Bellve, the recording teacher.

s **ROCKQUEST 2010:** We have three groups entered this year and have had many successful Rockquest bands in the past. Good luck to all the bands, heats start next week!

a **PLAY IT STRANGE 2010:** Play It Strange entries are due by 4 June. Any student with original music they wish to enter should see one of the music teachers urgently to get their song recorded.

n Parents are reminded that shoes must be plain black leather/imitation leather and must be worn with the school's regulation socks or pantyhose. Girls may wear black or flesh coloured pantyhose/tights but are not permitted to wear knee high stockings.

d Beanies are not permitted and students may wear a plain black scarf if cold.

e Should your child have an issue with a uniform item please write them a note explaining the circumstances and duration.

PRINCIPAL'S AND PARENTS' FORUM (PaPF), is a sub-committee of the board. Our purpose is to provide a link between the school and parent community and is open to all parents and caregivers to join. We would welcome any interested parties contacting the school office for further information.

This group takes responsibility for purchasing books for the end of year prize giving. Please consider making a donation to PaPF when paying your school fees as all funds are used for this purpose.

THE SCHOOL'S UNIFORM SHOP opens 9-10am Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Students can purchase new house t-shirts \$10, PE shorts \$32 and jackets \$95. Also for sale are second-hand uniform items (polo tops, boys' shorts, skirts and jerseys).

ANZAC PARADE: Our school was superbly represented by head students Alice Enoka and Sam Zaia at the Papatoetoe ANZAC commemoration service.

FABRIC TECHNOLOGY: T4 will be open every Wednesday afternoon 3.15-4.15pm for students to make something creative or to simply catch up on work.

Join Mrs Lei or Miss Illingworth and create something fun in fabric; make a teddy bear, learn to knit, get help on your current technology projects.



SCHOOL BALL

The school ball is to be held at the Hyatt Hotel on Saturday 19 June from 7.30pm to 12 midnight (tickets \$75). Dress is of a high standard and a buffet will be provided. All students and partners attending must be at the venue by 8.00pm (doors open at 7.30pm). For safety reasons, no student and/or partner will be permitted to leave the ball between 7.30pm and 12 midnight.

All normal school rules regarding behaviour, smoking, alcohol and drugs will apply to all attending. Those unable to respect our rules will be removed and their parents/guardians will be contacted to pick them up at the venue. The school will not take responsibility for students/partners before or after leaving the function. We have had no issues with behaviour in recent years and look forward to what is always a fabulous occasion.

HOMESTAYS NEEDED

Our international student department is seeking families to host students coming from overseas to study for short and long term stays. We are looking for families who are native English language speakers living a short walking distance from school and able to provide a safe, caring and supportive environment. The weekly accommodation fee is \$180; this will be paid out fortnightly into your bank account. A visit and vetting by the homestay co-ordinator will be part of the preliminary process. For further information ring 278 4086 ext 814 or 783, or email visandiego@papatoetoehigh.school.nz. Let us promote New Zealand as a great place to study!

NZQA FEES TIMELINE

Term 2, week 9 (21-25 June) - Invoices sent home. Financial assistance forms available from student reception.

Term 3, week 2 (26-30 July) - Collection of fees.

Note: Please do not send fees before 26 July. An indication of fees and financial assistance was given in the candidate information sheet issued to all students in term 2. Generally, the maximum cost to students is \$75.00 (\$20.00 for those who apply for financial assistance/have a community services card).

SPORTS

Sami Tu'itupou has been named in the NZ U/20 AFL squad - this is a great achievement for the current NZ U/16 AFL captain. We wish him all the best for his upcoming trip in July as a member of the world U/16 AFL squad.

We would also like to congratulate Gabby Vaka who was chosen as captain of the Counties Manukau Athletics team that travelled to Wellington for the North Island Athletic Championships. Gabby received a glowing reference from the team management for her performance as captain of the team. Well done Gabby.

Well done to the 1st XV and 1st XI who have begun their season with two wins from two matches.

Parent & Spectator Behaviour: Please take the time to read through the attached guidelines for spectator behaviour at school sports fixtures.

Practice/game days for sporting codes are as follows:

	TEAM	FEE	TRAINING	GAME DAY
BASKETBALL	U/19 Girls	\$30	Thursday	Tuesday
	U/19 Boys	\$40	Thursday	Tuesday
	U/15 Boys	\$30	Friday	Tuesday
CRICKET HOCKEY	Boys 1 st X1	\$40		Saturday
	1 st X1 Girls	\$40	Tues/Thurs	Friday
	2 nd X1 Girls	\$40	Wednesday	Thursday
	1 st X1 Boys	\$40	Thursday	Wednesday
NETBALL	2 nd X1 Boys	\$40	Tuesday	Thursday
	Girls Premiers	\$35		Wednesday
	Girls Dev	\$30		Wednesday
	Girls Sen A	\$30		Wednesday
	Girls Sen B	\$30		Wednesday
	Girls Sen C	\$30		Wednesday
	Girls Year 10	\$30		Wednesday
RUGBY	1 st XV	\$50	Mon Tues Thur	Saturday
	2 nd XV	\$30		Saturday
	Girls 1 st XV	\$30		Monday
RUGBY LEAGUE	1 st X111	\$35	Monday	Wednesday
	U/15 9 Aside	\$30	Tuesday	Wednesday
SOCCER	Girls 1 st X1	\$35	Mon/Wed #1	Wednesday
	Girls 2 nd X1	\$30	Monday # 2	Wednesday
	Girls Senior			Wednesday
	Girs U/15	\$30	Friday #1	Wednesday
TABLE TENNIS	Boys 1 st X1	\$35		Saturday
	Boys 2 nd X1	\$30	Tuesday #1	Wednesday
	Boys Jun A	\$30	Tuesday	Wednesday
	Boys & Girls	\$20		Friday
	LAWN BOWLS	Boys & Girls		Wednesday
TENNIS	Boys & Girls	\$20	Tues Wed Thur	Saturday
WAKA AMA	Seniors	\$30	Tues, Thurs	Saturday
GOLF	Boys	\$20		Monday
BADMINTON	Group A	\$25		Monday
	Group B	\$25		Thursday
SOFTBALL	Senior Girls	\$30	Monday	Wednesday
MT BIKING	Boys & Girls	\$20		Competitions

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