

Dear Families

# Papatoetoe High School

**NEWSLETTER NUMBER 5  
MONDAY 30 AUGUST 2010**

Our senior students (years 11, 12 and 13) have school based exams from Wednesday 8 September through to Friday 17 September. During this exam period seniors are only required to attend for their examinations and they have study leave at other times. The normal timetable will operate for years 9 and 10 classes, although there may be some room changes for them. The senior exams may include final assessment opportunities for internally assessed standards in some subjects and exam results may be used as a reference should students not be able to sit their final NCEA exams for any reason. Students therefore need to prepare well for the exams and their attendance at them is compulsory. A full exam timetable is below and is also on our website.

All students returning next year have been going through the very important process of choosing their 2011 subjects. Hopefully you have been involved in discussions with your son/daughter on this matter and have had the opportunity to read through our very comprehensive curriculum guides. To ensure that students have made sound, logical choices they will be individually interviewed by senior members of staff during a re-arranged programme on Wednesday 1 September. On that day normal classes for years 9 and 13 students will not operate and they are therefore not required to be at school. Should they wish to attend then supervision will be provided.

The winter sports season is coming to an end and I thank parents for the positive support and assistance provided over the season. Several of our teams performed with distinction, including:

- Girls senior basketball won Counties-Manukau U19 title (undefeated).
- Boys 1<sup>st</sup> XV lost 1B final 15-16 to Onehunga High School.
- Boys 1<sup>st</sup> XI football finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the A2 league).
- Boys junior football team won Counties-Manukau 14<sup>th</sup> grade title (undefeated).

Takeshi Faamasino is nearing the end of his tenure as student representative on the board of trustees and I acknowledge here the excellent contribution that Takeshi has made - his successor will be announced on 16 September.

  
**P.R. GALL**  
PRINCIPAL



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wed 1 Sept**  
Music evening  
Out-of-zone applications close

**Mon 6 Sept**  
Out of zone ballot

**8-17 Sept**  
Senior exams.

**Fri 15 Oct**  
CD launch

**Fri 24 Sept**  
Last day of term 3.

**Wed 20 Oct**  
Bollywood dance evening

**27-28 Oct**  
Music competition evenings.

**Tues 2 Nov**  
Sports awards evening.

**Wed 3 Nov**  
Arts awards evening.

**Tues 9 Nov**  
Senior prizegivings

## EXAM TIMETABLE

		Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Tues	7 Sept	am		
		pm	Information Management 1	
Wed	8 Sept	am	English (11ENG + 11ENX)	ICT - Programming (12PRO) Transition
		pm	Graphics Food and Tech. Practical 1 History	English (13ENU) Mathematics (13MAS)
Thurs	9 Sept	am	Mathematics (11MAU)	Accounting Fast Track (12ACF) Sports Leadership ICT - Web Design (12WEB)
		pm	Information Management 2 Food and Tech. Practical 2 Japanese	Biology Art - Design Sports Leadership Geography
Fri	10 Sept	am	Geography Music Food and Tech. Practical 3	Japanese Mathematics (12MAS+12MAU)
		pm	Science (11SCI+11SCX)	Chemistry Electronics Law Niuean History Computer Solutions (13SOL) Programming
Mon	13 Sept	am	French Social Studies Technology - Workshop	Physics Sports Leadership Travel and Tourism
		pm	Economics Niuean	Human Development 1 Mechanical Engineering Media Studies Classical Studies
Tues	14 Sept	am	English (11ENS) Food and Tech. Practical 4	Business English (12ENU) Graphics Photography
		pm	Art Visual Food and Tech. Practical 5	English (13ENS) Furniture Social Studies
Wed	15 Sept	am	Mathematics (11MAT)	ICT- Applications (12CAP) History
		pm	Senior Social Sciences Technology - Fabrics	Accounting Hospitality Physical Education Photography
Thurs	16 Sept	am	Accounting Human Biology Maori Te Reo	Mathematics (12MAT) Biology Technology - Materials Business Computer Applications Physics
		pm	Science (11SCU) Food and Tech. Practical 6	Art- Digital Design (12ARD) Economics (12ECO+12EC1) Furniture Music English (13ENG+13ENX) Web Design
Fri	17 Sept	am	English (11ENU)	Geography Human Development 2 Maori Te Reo Physical Education (12PED) Technology - Apparel Classical Studies English (12ENS) Hospitality Intro. to Computing (12INT)
		pm	Technology - Food Theory Physical Ed Academic Sports Leadership Technology- Materials	Automotive Engineering Media Studies Science (13SCI) Art (12ART) ICT- Solutions (12SOL) Chemistry Fashion Design

**11Food and Technology 1-6:** Subject teacher will inform which students will be doing their 11FOD-Practical on which day and at what time.

**12Human Development:** Exam block is divided into two sessions. Subject teacher will inform which students will be doing their 12HUD practical on which day and which session that day.

**MUSIC EVENING 3:** Our third music evening for 2010 will be on Wednesday 1 September at 7pm in the hall. Senior music students, along with our school's Stage Band, will be performing a wide variety of repertoire. All supportive audience members are welcome with a gold coin donation.

**PEACE SONG COMPETITION:** This was the third year for this annual competition hosted by Play It Strange and Waitakere City Council. Our boys, Zac Frank and Dean Harrison, along with past pupil Hamish Kingi, were placed in the top 5 with their track titled "Peace Song". This entitled them to record their song professionally on Thursday 19 August at Woodcut Studios with Tyree and Juse as their producers. Ashleigh Reeves also features as a vocalist on the track. It was chosen as one of the winning entries because of its strong message and appealing melodic hooks.

**PLAY IT STRANGE:** Several of our students entered this nationwide songwriting competition and two of our songs were placed in the Top 37 - 50 out of a total of 421 entries. These songs were "A Minute Study of Us" by Noise (Sophia Ale, Sam Tulemoe - both year 13, Krystal Arona, Vivien Lane, Isini Kaitu'u, Eddie Iva, Ezra Togiama, James Faiva and Esther McCarthy - all year 11.) The other song to be placed was "Defying The Odds" by Zac Frank and Dean Harrison, along with past pupil Hamish Kingi.

**BAND OF STRANGERS:** Papatoetoe High School students performed alongside Nesian Mystik at this year's annual Band of Strangers concert in the TelstraClear Pacific Events Centre on Saturday 28 August. Sam Tulemoe, Howard Ainoa, Sophia Ale, Krystal Arona, Vivien Lane, Isini Kaitu'u, Jacob George, Ngametua George, Emily Maguire, Eddie Iva and Esther McCarthy performed "It's On", "Mr Mista" and "Nesian 101." It was a fantastic night and a memorable experience for all those involved.

**STAND UP, STAND OUT!** Well done to the students who represented the school at this year's Manukau Secondary Schools Performing Arts Awards over the past four weeks.

**PACIFICA BEATS:** Congratulations to Noise who made it through to this year's Pacifica Beats regional finals at the TelstraClear Events Centre on 2 July. They performed superbly on the night and won the Smokefree Mana Wahine Award for their outstanding stage performance.

**YEAR 10 MUSIC TRIP:** On 21 July 40 of our year 10 music students attended the APO Concert at the Auckland Town Hall. For many this was the first time they had seen or heard a live orchestra and it was a most enjoyable and educational outing. The highlight was Mozart's Symphony No. 40 in G minor, a spine-tingling finale to a fantastic concert.

**MAINZ CONCERT:** Last Friday MAINZ held a free lunch time concert in the hall. Students enjoyed the music and the chance to see what MAINZ offers as a tertiary study option.

**SCHOOL CD - Deja Riginal vol.5:** Recording is now complete and the master engineers are working their magic, mixing and mastering the final tracks for the much anticipated Deja Riginal vol. 5. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> CD of original Papatoetoe High School student music, written, recorded and produced in our school's recording studio by students and the studio technicians. The launch will be on Friday 15 October 2010 at lunch time in the hall. Pre-order your copy from the bursar now. CDs are \$20 each.

**ILLNESS:** If your child is unwell, please keep him/her at home to minimize the spread of infection. It is important that the school is informed of change of caregiver contact details.

Congratulations to Barney Koneferenisi 11P08, who is a member of the Auckland A wheelchair rugby team which won the national competitions on 14th August.

Robert Meleisea is a member of the CM regional Tae Kwon Do team. He won two gold medals and a silver in competition in Wellington during the holidays. Good luck to Robert in his trials for inclusion in the NZ team to compete at next year's world champs.

**PUKEKOHE SPORTS EXCHANGE:** This year's hosts, Pukekohe, were overall winners of this annual event held on 17 August with the following results:

Rugby	1 <sup>st</sup> XV	Pap
Netball	Premiers	Puke
	Year 9	Puke
	Year 10	Puke
Soccer	1 <sup>st</sup> XI boys	Pap
	Junior boys	Pap
Soccer	1 <sup>st</sup> XI girls	Puke
Basketball	U/19 boys	Puke
Hockey	1 <sup>st</sup> XI girls	Puke
	1 <sup>st</sup> XI boys	Puke
	Junior boys	Puke
Badminton	Team A	Pap
	Team B	Pap
	Team C	Puke
Debating	Junior 1	Puke
	Senior	Pap

**GATEWAY** is a structured workplace learning programme for senior students with unit standards being assessed both in the workplace and in school, while gaining experience in a chosen career such as aviation engineering, optometry, retail, mechanical, security, hospitality, printing and design, building, tourism, early childhood and warehousing. Gateway is now taking applications for next year. Collect an application form from Mrs Kelsall or Mrs Penney at the Gateway office in R13.

**LION'S YOUNG SPEECHMAKER COMPETITION:** Well done to Sharon McCoskrie for her outstanding speaking in this annual competition on Sunday 20 June. She is to be commended for both her inspiring prepared speech and quick thinking impromptu speech.

**NZQA FEE PAYMENTS:** Any outstanding NZQA fees must be paid to the school immediately to avoid incurring a \$50 late fee penalty. To receive financial assistance (reducing the fee from \$75 to \$20) students need to show the family community services card.

**ASB SCHOLARS:** Congratulations to this year's scholars: Anirvan Bhaduri, Stehanie Cullen, Lauren Muldrew, Rohan Saini, Tania Tian and David Yan.

**THE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP** is thrilled with the acquisition of a 3000-litre water installed at the southern end of the gymnasium which has gone a long way in driving home its "sustainability" theme. The environmental area now boasts a greenhouse, seedling propagation unit, garden sheds, a veggie patch area, established native bush along the stream bank planted by students over the past 5 years. Thanks to Nestle for sponsoring the cost of the tank, WaiCare for obtaining funding for the various ventures that the group has undertaken since 2008. Special thanks to WaiCare's Andrew Jenks and Julia Tu'ineau for their support and Mrs McKinnell, Mr Weldschidt and other Science staff for driving the projects.