



Message from the Principal

Welcome – once again

A warm welcome to those of you new to our place, in our first general newsletter of the year. We had hoped for things to be a little smoother than they have been, but as we have learned frequently over the last few years, things can change quickly, indeed. Thanks to everyone for the supportive feedback as we navigated recent weather events, and a big thank you to those of you that were able to attend our recent welcome interviews (when they went online).

Connections and communication with you are vital to being able to create a meaning experience for students here at school so, please make sure you keep you contacts details up to date (call the office or use the parent portal if you need to make changes) and also follow FaceBook/Instagram pages as we also use these a great deal for our more regular communication.

Punctuality to school

Being punctual and arriving on time to school in the morning is critical for a variety of reasons. For starters, it instils valuable life skills such as responsibility and the discipline of a routine. Additionally, it ensures that students don't miss any crucial announcements or content in their lessons, which can have a significant impact on academic success. Furthermore, arriving on time sets a positive tone for the rest of the day, allowing students to start their day off on the right foot and remain focused and productive. Ultimately, being on time to school in the morning is an essential part of developing good habits and achieving academic success. Students are asked to be at school no later than 8.40am (ready for classes to start at 8.45am) Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri and by 9.40am on a Wednesday. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Dropping students to school / picking students up after school

When dropping off students at school, it's important to pay close attention to parking signs in Nicholson Ave and Carlie St. Signs indicating drop-off zones, no parking areas, and restricted hours are posted to ensure the safety of students, road users and residents. These signs are designed to keep traffic moving and prevent congestion, so it's essential to follow them carefully. By adhering to the parking signs and procedures, you can help ensure a safe and efficient drop-off experience for everyone involved. We would recommend not using Nicholson Ave or Carlie St between 8.30-8.45am and 3.10-3.30pm as there is significant foot traffic at these times and collecting/dropping off your child would be a lot safer and faster if you use surrounding streets.

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(Wednesday 9:40)

Dates:

3 March: Lampada Game
8-11 March: Polyfest

Collecting students from school for appointments:

Students who are being collected early are reminded to bring a note from home to Student Reception to collect their pass. They should come before school or at interval. This ensures that students are released in a timely manner and causes minimum disruption to classes.

We do understand that emergencies can happen but please be reminded that only parents and caregivers are permitted to collect students from school. We need contact from parents prior to students being released under



Lampada Games 2023

This week (Friday) sees the return of our annual Lampada Games. This is a day designed to foster engagement, create a supportive and collaborative school culture, as well as provide opportunity for students to shine. Engaging in co-curricular activities at our school is a valuable experience for students. These activities can help them discover their passions, develop important skills, and build relationships with peers who share common interests. Extracurricular involvement can also provide opportunities for students to take on leadership roles, which can enhance future opportunities. Participating in activities outside of the classroom can also promote a healthy balance of academics and leisure, as well as encourage students to become well-rounded members of the wider community. Not to mention that it is all designed to be a bit of fun too!

Welcome emails

You will have received (or will soon) welcome emails from your child's subject teachers. In these emails teachers will introduce themselves, provide information about the upcoming school year, and outline expectations for their course. Please keep an eye out for these emails and take the time to read through them carefully. They will be an important source of information as your child starts school works and through the school year.

New Website launch date

Exciting news! Our new school website will be launching on 6 March! Get ready to experience a fresh look and enhanced features to better serve our school community.

All the best for 2023!

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PHS EVENTS

PolyFest 2023

ASB Polyfest/International Week 2023

Warm pacific greetings! After two years of significant disruption, ASB Polyfest is back in full swing bringing secondary schools back together to celebrate cultural diversity. Papatoetoe High school has 7 groups performing in ASB Polyfest this year, and another 5 cultural groups to perform in our own PHS International Week Performance Day! We are very excited to have our groups perform on the big stage as they have been working hard these last few weeks. If you would like to support your loved ones on the ASB Polyfest stage, a list of performance days and times are listed on the right.

Fijian Culture Group for Polyfest 2023

Our rangatahi worked very hard to create a beautiful Fijian meke for Polyfest and will perform on March 9th on the Diversity Stage. We'd like to thank AENA Aluminium & Renovations (Papatoetoe), Sweet & Me (Onehunga), Nick's Fabrics (Otara), Hell's Pizza (Manukau) and Earthical Skincare (Manukau) for supporting to our cultural group. And Vinaka vakalevu to the parents for all your love and support!

Niue Culture Group for Polyfest 2023

Polyfest is in 2 weeks time. It is not too late to encourage your child to join the Niue Culture group. Niue stage is offering at least 15 NCEA Performing Arts credits. We also need a guitarist and tutor. Support our tamariki to embrace or learn a new culture. Oue tulou – Fakaau lahi.

Dress Rehearsal/Fiafia Night for the Tahitian / Cook Island Group

Our dress rehearsal/Fiafia will be held in the School Hall on Tuesday 7 March from 6pm till 7:30pm. Students will showcase all items they have been practicing for Polyfest and there will be an opportunity for parent/family donations during the performance. Gold coin entry.

Polyfest performance days and times

Thursday 9th March

Fijian Group (Diversity Stage) – 2:10pm
Punjabi Group (Diversity Stage) – 2:35pm
Tahitian/Cook Island Group (Diversity Stage) – 2:55pm
Indian Group (Diversity Stage) – 3:25pm

Friday 10th March

Samoa Group (Samoa Stage):
Friday 10th March – 12:20pm

Saturday 11th March

Niuean Group (Niue Stage):
Saturday 11th March – 9:30am

Monday 3rd April – Wednesday 5th April

Kapa Haka (Maori Stage) – TBC



Careers: Preparing students for the future

Our program provides careers education, information, advice and guidance for all senior students.

Other services:

- Scholarship assistance
- CV preparation
- Gain a Learners or Restricted licenses (depending on funding)
- KATTI Leadership Program - Māori students Y10-13
- PILOT Leadership Program - Pacifica students Y10-13
- Tertiary visits to school
- and many other program related to pathways.

For more information contact: MaParshotam@papatoetoehigh.school.nz M: 021 277 0738

Gateway Program: Gain work experience plus credits

Gateway is available to Year 11, 12 & 13 students.

Some of the placements we can offer are in the following areas:

- Retail
- Hospitality
- Travel /Tourism
- Hairdressing/Barbering/Make up
- Warehousing & Logistics
- Aircraft Engineering (Y13)
- IT
- Health

Applications available in G5. For more information please contact:

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PHSNEWS

Arts

Over the summer holidays Vicky Vay was selected to participate in AI Gallery's stART Program. Working alongside established artists and art students from a variety of secondary schools. Vicky proved herself to be a very capable and passionate student, intriguing everybody with her alternative and mature artistic subjects.

Commerce

On Monday the 20th of February a group of students studying level 3 business took time out from their regular schedule to head to, the 2023 Young Enterprise Scheme (Y.E.S.) kickstart, event, held at the Auckland University of Technology south campus. Y.E.S. is a nationwide competition that has been running for over 20 years and is programme that encourages innovation and provides foundation business skills for the next generation of business leaders. The students will create their own unique product or service, form a Y.E.S. business at the start of the school year, and take it to market. Throughout the year, they attend events that mirror the process start-up businesses go through – including developing business and marketing plans, receiving guidance and mentoring from business professionals, and presenting their ideas to a live audience at the Dragon's Den events. All while gaining level 3 NCEA supported by their in-school learning. This is the students first time back being involved in Y.E.S, after the disruptions of the past years and we can't wait to see how they go.



Picture: from left, Eramiha Pewhairangi, Akram Khan and Shaamiya Ali present a speed pitch at the event.

English

Caitlin Jenkins (Year 13), winner of IMML National Schools Poetry Award

Firstly, Caitlin made the finals of the Individual Spoken Word Slam. She then went on to win the IIML National Schools Poetry Award with prizes including (but not limited to) \$500 and an all-expenses paid trip to Wellington for a private workshop with poet Taiy Tibble. Next, she won the Poetry New Zealand Yearbook Student Poetry Competition and has been published in the Poetry New Zealand Yearbook 2022.

During the August/September lockdown, Caitlin performed on The Breakfast Show to much praise and awe. Caitlin has been supported by English teacher, Mrs Carol Rowse, with Spoken Word throughout her high school career.

Word

The English Department offers the opportunity, through our spoken word workshops, to participate in **Word: The Front Line** (Spoken Word Competition). In 2021 we had 2 teams competing. One team went through to the finals. Another group of students attended the Action Education Word Summit and the six students performed incredibly well.

Congratulations!

Taylor Gilbert Year 11 ~ Winner of the Harold Merriman Creative Writing Award

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Year 13 students watched a shocking part of their assessment film.





PHS SPORTS

Summer Sport underway!

We have just kicked off our Summer Sports season with many of our summer codes now underway. Our Senior Volleyball programme has continued its success from last year with both our Girls & Boys teams coming away with two straight set wins each on their opening night. Orienteering kicked off on Monday with approximately 40 PHS students travelling out to Wesley College to take part in this sport which continues to grow in popularity. Our Senior Mixed Touch team had a fantastic start to the season with victories over Papakura High 9-1 and a nail-biting win over Wesley College 7-6. Our Waka Ama girls have started their training at the Auckland Rowing Club ready for their Regatta which is coming up fast in March – we hope to have three teams entered into this competition. Archery also starts this week with our four teams now selected and taking part in a grading round at the Auckland Archery Club. We have the school Athletics Day coming up in a couple of weeks' time at Massey Park in Papakura – we are looking to have as many of our students take part as possible in this event.

We need Winter Coaches!

Papatoetoe High School Sport is looking for volunteer coaches to support our many winter sporting codes in 2023. To continue our growth and success in sport this year we are seeking enthusiastic and knowledgeable coaches to teach our students the skills of the game. We welcome experienced coaches but above all else we are looking for commitment and enthusiasm! This is an exciting opportunity to be part of growing and developing our sporting programmes for the future.

Winter Sporting Codes we require coaches and managers for:

- Basketball
- Football
- Hockey
- Netball
- Rugby League
- Rugby Union

Key Responsibilities:

- Facilitate a weekly sports training
- Attend ALL regular season games which may include driving one of the school vans.

If this sounds like you please send expressions of interest to either of our school Sports Co-Ordinators.

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Great thanks go to **NZSC and Caltex** for sponsoring school's sports travel!



PHS CARES

Tips to help parents engage in their student learning

1. Attend welcome interviews: This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and get an understanding of your child's academic progress and any concerns the teachers may have.
2. Communicate with teachers: Regularly communicate with your child's teachers via email, phone calls, or in-person meetings. This will help you stay updated on your child's progress and address any concerns.
3. Volunteer: Get involved in school activities and events, such as volunteering in student activities or chaperoning field trips. This will not only show your child that you care about their education, but it will also help you build relationships with other parents, teachers, and staff.
4. Stay informed: Stay informed about school policies, programs, and activities. Read school newsletters and follow the school's social media pages.
5. Help with homework: Set aside time each day to help your child with homework or review their assignments. This will not only help them with their studies but also strengthen your bond with them.
6. Encourage learning at home: Create a home environment that promotes learning. Encourage your child to read, write, and practice math skills. Provide educational games, books, and other materials to help your child learn.
7. Celebrate successes: Celebrate your child's successes, both big and small. This will boost their confidence and motivate them to continue working hard

Suchi, Jason and Julien are the counsellors at Papatoetoe High School. All three are registered members of the New Zealand Association of Counsellors (NZAC). NZAC membership ensures a high standard of care, and respect of confidentiality for the student. This is a **free and confidential** service that is available to all students.

To make an enquiry, or an appointment we are able to be contacted by:

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HOMESTAYS WANTED!

Do you have an active, positive environment in your home and room for an extra family member?

Are you interested in embracing other cultures and sharing the Kiwi lifestyle with overseas students?

We are looking for amazing long-term caregivers who are willing to provide a caring and supportive home for international students.

Our homestay superstars need to be able to offer:

An English-speaking household.

An active lifestyle, with a willingness to engage the student in family and social activities.

Clean Police vetting for all household members aged 18 and over.

A spare room, with bed and linen, desk/chair, adequate storage, lighting, and heating.

Three healthy meals per day and snacks.

Care, support and guidance as proxy parent/s.

If you think you are awesome enough, please contact our accommodation coordinator, Vivian San Diego visandiego@papatoetoehigh.school.nz for full details of the requirements and the application process.

Contact Us

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