



Putaruru College

Newsletter

Term 1
Week 7

Learning for life

Principal's Letter

Kia ora Parents / Caregivers

You may have seen that the World Health Organisation has now declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic. As noted by the Minister of Health, this doesn't change what New Zealand is doing to respond to coronavirus.

The Ministry of Health has been working through its pandemic plan since January. You will also know the Government has already implemented a range of measures to minimise the impacts to New Zealand. This includes border restrictions, a requirement to self-isolate on arrival in New Zealand from China, Iran, Italy and the Republic of Korea and immediate and detailed contact tracing of any confirmed cases. It is important to note those four countries account for more than 90% of cases globally and China and the Republic of Korea have significantly declining numbers of new cases.

We have 5 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand and it is pleasing to know they are all doing well and are at home. Their children, four students at Auckland schools, continue to be well and show no symptoms. While we expect that more cases will arise, the Ministry of Health says that with continued vigilance the chance of widespread community outbreak is expected to remain low in New Zealand. We all have a role to play in this.

For our school, our pandemic plan is also ready to be implemented if needed. In the mean time we will continue to focus on good hygiene practices. Hand washing and good cough etiquette are very important tools in preventing the spread of illness including colds, flu and COVID-19.

With that, there is a good video clip from Nanogirl that will help your children to better understand the virus - [YouTube clip - Nanogirl](#)

You may have also seen the Prime Minister sat down with Dr Michelle Dickinson (aka Nanogirl) and the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor, Juliet Gerrard, to talk about coronavirus:

[Watch on the PM's Facebook page](#)

[Read and watch on the Newshub website](#)

One other action we can all take is to be vigilant about our own health and the health of our children. I will be encouraging my staff to stay away from school if they are showing signs of illness such as coughs and colds. I ask that you please do the same with your children. Colds and flus are common in schools and by staying away, seeking medical attention and practicing good hygiene, we can all keep any spread of illness to a minimum.

Ngā mihi, Mike Ronke

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School Reports

On Wednesday 18th March, all students will be issued a digital report on the school portal.

Please contact Student Services for your log on information.

Year 7—8 students receive a Checkpoint report that follows a TRUMP format as noted in the Term 1 Week 3 Newsletter.

Year 9—10 students receive a Checkpoint Report with a self-written comment about their own learning.

Year 11—13 students receive a Checkpoint Report following a new format Ready, Willing and Able as well as current assessment information.

Parent Interviews

On Thursday 26th March, we will be having Parent Interviews in the school hall from 4:30pm to 7pm.

Please come along with your student, meet their teachers and discuss their learning so far this year.

Level 2 Geography Camp

Reminder that students travelling to Auckland with the GEO200 class need to be at school and ready to leave at 8:30am on Monday. Meet outside the front office.

Calendar

Monday 16th—Tuesday 17th March

Level 2 Geography Camp in Auckland

Wednesday 18th March

Y7—8 Checkpoint Reports

Y9—10 Checkpoint Reports with Student Comment

Y11—13 Checkpoint Reports with Teacher Comment

ALL REPORTS ARE ACCESSIBLE ON THE SCHOOL PORTAL

Monday 23rd March

Y7—8 Option Rotation Change

Tuesday 24th March

Y7—8 Option Reports on the School Portal

Thursday 26th March

Parent Interviews for all year levels

4:30pm—7pm in the school hall

Friday 27th March

Donate a Can Mufti Day

Monday 30th March

Y9—10 Module D Rotation Change

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C12 Tech Fest Trip in Hamilton

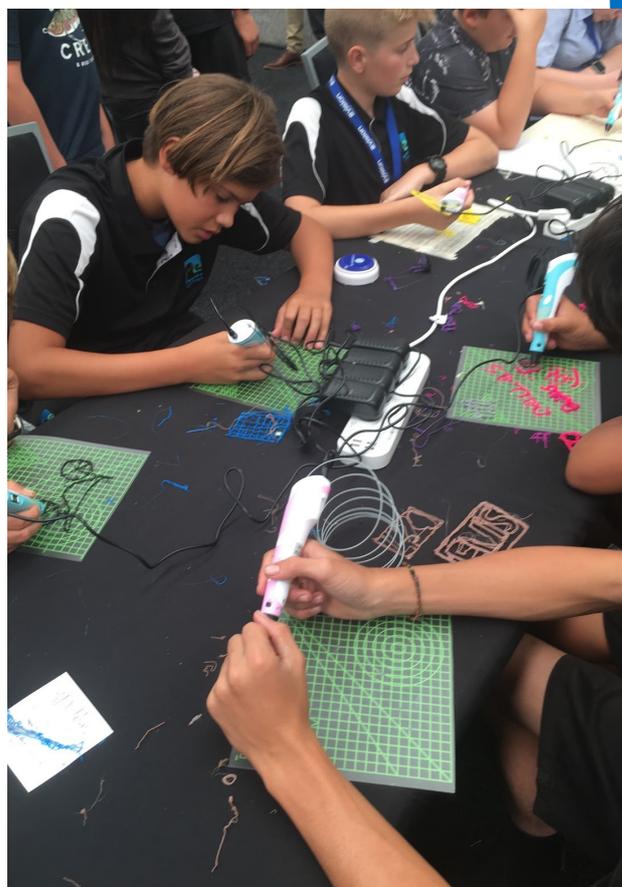
Virtual reality, robots, coding and science experiments. These are just some of the hands-on experiences had by the students and staff of Module C12 Marvellous Metals, at TechFest 2020. Students battled robots, made designs using 3D pens, and fought off giant VR spiders.

In addition to the area for students to learn about tech and science in interactive ways, there was also a space designated for companies involved in the tech industry. Here students could talk with professionals about the careers that are available in the tech and science spaces.

Robotics and automation was a common theme. It was really cool watching some robots in action. This was also the place to scout out as many free lollies, pens and other gadgets as possible!

What the students enjoyed most:

- Making things with the 3D pens
- Virtual reality experiences
- Playing with robots
- Learning about what tech businesses do
- Collecting free stuff!



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Year 7—8 Swimming Sports

The Year 7 & 8 Swimming Sports was held on the 27th February at the Putaruru Memorial Pools.

The highlight of the day for a lot of the kids were the relays, especially against the teachers and senior students, and the manu competition! Katelyn Henderson-Roberts was soooooo good at doing manus, she beat a lot of the boys!

We would like to say thank you to all of the teachers and caregivers for supporting us, we had a really amazing time.

Year 7-8 Swimming Champions 2020

Year 7 Girls: Roxy Raukawa

Year 7 Boys: Hunter Brown

Year 8 Girls: Ashlee Syben

Year 8 Boys: Aaron Rogers

Written by Ashlee Syben & Aaron Rogers



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Year 7 and 13 Raglan Camp

Waiarapa



ON CAMP Language Activities

CAMP REPORT - MY OPINIONS

Please fill in this report honestly.

First impressions of the camp site were:
It looked amazing There was a skate park and there was a beach, I also loved the dormitories.



The best activity was...Jumping off the bridge..... because:
it was really high and I love jumping off high things and I love challenging myself.

The worst activity was...Mini-golf..... because:
Was really hot and I kept hitting the ball too hard.



The food was:
All good because we got to have seconds and the pudding was yum! Breakfast was delicious we had spaghetti.

The best day on camp was Day 2..... because:
We were doing so many activities like kayaking, paddle boarding, going to the dairy and jumping off the bridge.

The funniest happening was:
When Mr Rodges let us hide for longer when we were playing Turkey.

I learned How to kayak with 2 people and how to find crabs.

We could improve camp by:
Making the night game a bit earlier so we play longer.



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King Country Athletics

On Tuesday 11th March, Putaruru College sent a team of 14 athletes to compete in the King Country athletics held in Te Awamutu. Our students had a fantastic day, with a number of students placing in the top 3 of their events. The students represented our school well and did us all proud. A small selection of these athletes have qualified to go on to the next round of the competition.



Putaruru College North America 2020 Tour

THE HOLLYWOOD BALL

Get Ready For The Red Carpet Treatment

**Dress Your Best
March 28th 2020
Doors Open 7PM
Bar Flows 7PM**

\$35.00 Per Ticket

SUPPER PROVIDED

**DJ KRAZED
ENTERTAINMENT**

**Cocktails Available
Koha Van Available
Photographer**

**Tickets available from PIP Info Centre or Putaruru College
student services**

Contact Teri-Anne for further information 02108512221