



# Putaruru College

## Newsletter

Term 2  
Week 9

*Learning for life*

### Principal's Message

What an energetic time we have had in school over the past week. Students at all levels have been engaged with a range of activities. The Year 13 History class enjoyed a trip to Rotorua, the Year 9 / 10 Module completing their Adventure Race (kayaking, running cycling along the Waikato River trail); and the absolutely fantastic display put on by the Houses in Wednesday's "Haka Off", culminating in an awesome and heart thumping whole school Haka (watch out for the links on Facebook and Youtube so you can experience it too).

Congratulations to Oraka for taking out this competition, a magnificent performance.

To kick it all off, winter sports are under underway again.

And we have more to look forward to next week as we learn about and celebrate Matariki Week. There will be two sessions per day focussed on Matariki learning and celebration for Seniors and Juniors. The timetable will be rejigged for the week, parents, caregivers, whānau are welcome to come into school to see what's happening and to share the experience.

Wednesday we are holding our Achievers' Assembly, in which we acknowledge student achievement over the year to date. Again parent, caregiver, whānau are welcome to join us at 1.30pm on Wednesday.

And then, two weeks break. After lockdown, distance learning, catch-ups and all the stresses and strains we have endured over the last few weeks it's time to take a break, but keeping in mind that we are still under threat from Covid-19.

A reminder to students who received laptops or chrome books from the Ministry these are due to be returned to school as they actually belong to the College.

And finally, He waka eke noa – we are all in this together.

Manaaki te katoa – be kind to each other.

### Haka Off

Tēnā koutou katoa e ngā whanau, e ngā kaitiaki o ngā taiohi o te kura nei.

This term we have taken on a new challenge. Two years ago, former kaiako, Mr James Amopiu had a vision of our school coming together as one whanau to perform a haka. This haka could and will be used in many future events such as end of year assemblies to acknowledge the success of our top students no matter their ethnicity.

Over the past two years, Mr Amopiu and Matua Tiniwaata worked tirelessly to come up with and teach a haka to our students, taking them on one year group at a time.

This year, most of our staff jumped onboard and helped pitch in wherever they could.

This week on Wednesday 24th of June 2020 we saw the fruits of our labour.

Well done, Putāruru College. You have made our kura and your whanau proud. Kōia kei a koutou!

Photos and videos to come on Facebook and the school website next week.

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## Mufti Day Can Collection

On Friday 5th June, Putaruru College held an orange themed mufti day. This mufti day allowed the students to participate in helping their community by giving a can instead of a coin. All of the cans collected went towards the local community food bank, which was fitting, following the testing times of quarantine. We managed to donate an amazing 302 cans and other goods to the food bank on Friday afternoon. This was a great effort from the school. Students were also dressed in orange to support World Vision and the 40 hour famine which would take place over the following weekend. Overall the mufti day was a great success and will make waves of difference in our community as well.

If you want to donate to the 40 hour famine Putaruru College group just use this link <https://my.worldvision.org.nz/dashboard/fundraising/manage-teams>

Written by the Year 13 Leaders.



## Calendar

**Monday 29th June—Friday 3rd July**

Matariki Week

**Tuesday 30th June**

Y7—8 Option Reports Published on the Portal

**Wednesday 1st July**

Achiever's Assembly 1:30pm—3pm

**Friday 3rd July**

Y7—8 Core Class Reports Published on the Portal

Y9—10 Module Reports Published on the Portal

Last Day of Term 2

**Monday 20th July**

Start of Term 3

**Monday 3rd—Friday 7th August**

Focus Week for Y11—13 students

## NCEA Changes After Covid-19 Disruption

We know some of our students - and their whānau - are worried that they might not be able to attain NCEA or UE this year, because of the disruption caused by COVID-19. To help address this and support students, the following changes have been made by NZQA to NCEA and University Entrance (UE) requirements for this year:

- Students working towards an NCEA can gain additional credits, based on the number of credits they achieve during the 2020 school year. These additional credits will be known as Learning Recognition credits. For every 5 credits a student achieves towards their NCEA either through internal or external assessment, they are entitled to an additional 1 credit. Students at NCEA Level 1 are eligible for up to a maximum of 10 additional credits while those at Levels 2 and 3 are eligible for up to a maximum of 8 additional credits.
- Students will be awarded a certificate endorsement if they achieve 46 credits at Merit or Excellence level, rather than the usual 50. Students achieving 12 credits at Merit or Excellence level in a course (rather than 14) will be awarded a course endorsement.
- Current UE requirements have been reduced from 14 to 12 credits in three UE- approved subjects. Students still need to attain NCEA Level 3 and meet literacy and numeracy requirements to be awarded University Entrance.
- External NCEA examinations and NZ Scholarship examinations will now take place from 16 November 2020 to 9 December 2020. This will provide extra time for teaching, learning and assessment in Term 4.
- The submission date for subjects which require students to submit a portfolio (for example, Design and Visual Communications) has been extended to 12 November 2020, to give students more time to complete their portfolios.

These changes have been designed to encourage students to continue working towards their NCEA and to ensure that the NCEA attained by our rangatahi this school year is just as valid as those earned in previous years.

If you have any queries about the changes, please contact Student Services.



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MANA TOHU MĀTAURANGA O AOTEAROA

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## The Crash

It was snowing the day his crew was sent out. Lieutenant Ryan was gripping tightly onto the rail and looking out over a bomb shelled New York, as the chopper flew out to scout the stadium for supplies and food. "Aliens have attacked. We will beat them" Private Ryan murmured to himself. Then the missile hit the helicopter!

"Ben!" screamed Ryan. The helicopter had smashed into the stadium bringing half of the frail cracked bleachers down with it. "I'm here, under the rotor" croaked Ben. Ryan's brother had been thrown under the chopper when it impacted and he had badly fractured his leg. "Is it bad?" groaned Ben. "You'll live" grinned Ryan as gunshots hit all around them.

Ryan frantically dragged Ben away from the chopper and into an old unused changing room. "There's a bench over there" murmured Ben, as Ryan started barricading the door and firing back at the aliens hunting them. "This is Lt Ryan, we need backup at the stadium now, we're under heavy fire!" yelled Ryan into his radio, but all he got in response was static. He prayed that headquarters had heard his cry for help.

Ryan was on his last ammo clip but there were too many aliens rushing them. He got on his knees and started praying, waiting for the aliens to come through the flimsy barricade and capture him. Then he heard the glorious sound. "Backup has arrived" breathed Ben.

After the gunfire had stopped, Ryan held his breath and waited for his life to either be saved, or to be ended. As Ryan heard the voices of other humans, he breathed a sigh of relief and allowed himself to pass out.

"It's okay" he whispered, "It's okay."

By Daniel Higgins  
8ATa

## Slam Poetry in 8ATa

8ATa have been looking at some Slam Poetry during Literacy with Ms Duthie and the students have produced some amazing pieces of writing about Bullying. This piece was written by Raven.

### Bullying

Punches thrown.

Bruises swelling.

A poor boy stumbling.

Kids watching.

The boy limping home for another beating.

The bully feeling swell.

The bullied boy's rights taken away like slaves  
1880.

It's not the 1950's. It's the 2020's.

The bullies surrounded the kid like piranhas.

The kid saw a hill. He climbed the hill. He took a leap.

He ended it all.

A person walked by. He took a glimpse.

He saw the boy lifeless.

With a soul, the person took the boy to his home.



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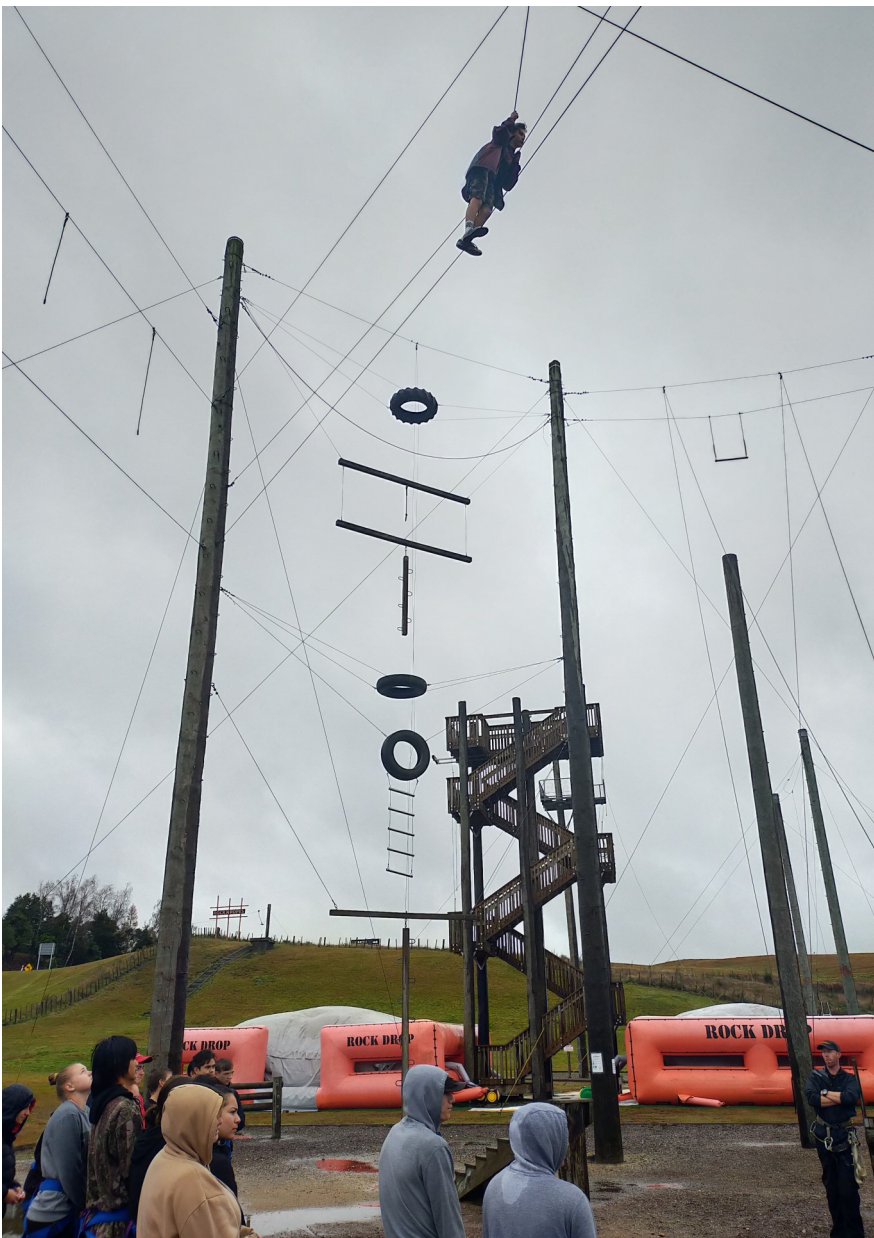
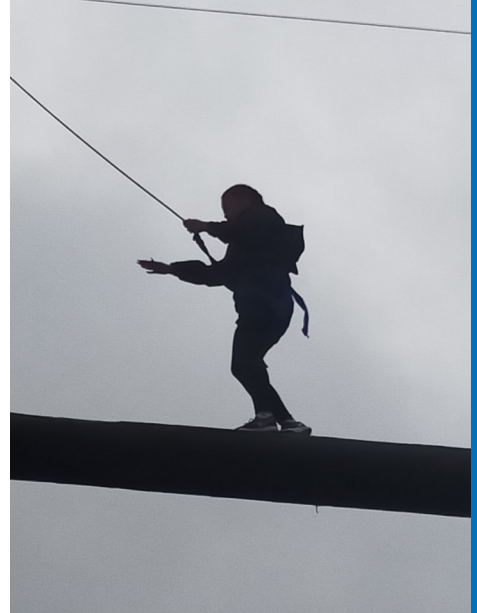
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## Rock n Ropes

On Friday of week 8, the Year 11 Sport and PE classes headed down to Rock and Ropes in Taupo to participate in some high ropes and low ropes activities. The classes had a lot of fun and learned a lot about themselves, each other and safety. The weather was not great, but the kids still had a good time, even if they were a little cold and wet.



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## Winter Sport is HERE!!!

Sport has had a quiet start to the year with COVID stopping all sports right in their tracks. We are excited that sport is finally able to start and we are able to play a season that hasn't been too greatly affected by the numbers of games being played. Instead of these sports largely being played during Term 2, we have seen a shift to the majority of winter sports now happening in Term 3.

Term 3 will also see us hosting Te Aroha College in our yearly sports exchange, and watch this space... we may see the introduction of e-Sports!

### Mixed Hockey:

On Monday 22nd June, our mixed Hockey team had their first game of the season. Unfortunately they didn't come away with a win, but the standout player of the match was Jorja Littin who had an amazing game!

In Term 3, Rugby, Netball, Football and Basketball will all be starting. It would be awesome if we can come and support our players at home games.

Draws and Results will be posted on the Sports Notice Board by the Sportfit office and our Facebook Page.

I want to thank all our coaches and managers and Teachers in Charge of sport who have volunteered their time and expertise in order for our students to be able to compete in their chosen sports.

I wish all the students and teams all the best for the winter sport season.

"Never settle for less than your best!"

## Class Time is Valuable

There are already a number of students who are turning up late to school or leaving early. Please encourage your student to make the most of the school day by arriving at school promptly and not leaving during the day.

We also ask that parents and caregivers do not ring their student's cellphone during the day as it can interrupt valuable learning time for them and for others.

If there is an urgent matter, please contact the school directly and speak to our lovely Student Services team on 07 883 8323.