



Putaruru College

Newsletter

Term 3
Week 3

Principal's Message

Week 3 and Term 3 is well under way. Winter sports are in full swing, with a few modifications to programmes, it's great to see the draws and the results being regularly published on our Facebook page, thanks to the Sports Coordinator. Year 9/10 students are underway with their new modules, and Focus Week for selected Year 11 – 13 students is in full swing with a group of students on special projects so that they can get back on track with progress towards their NCEA.

The Blue Light Cactus programme began this week with a motivated group of students and supporters working on personal fitness goals, with 6.00am starts in the gym three days a week and a whole lot of Police support.

The next round of inter-house competition has got underway, with the training and practice now for the Waiaatata competition later in the term. It will take a lot to get to the level of the Haka "off" of last term.

Some of you may have noticed the new plantings in the area outside of student services that appeared at the end of last term. This is a representation of the Pleiades, the constellation of Matariki which we celebrated in the last week of term. However, it is also commemoration of the memory of John Birks, our long serving Property Manager who passed away earlier this year. It acknowledges his knowledge and love of many plantings around the school.

We are about to begin our review of the year and programmes with a survey for Year 9, 10 and 11 students as well as the parents/caregivers of Year 9/10 students. We are reviewing some of the

aspects we have tried to incorporate into school over this and last year; the connected curriculum, the STAR programme, Life Skills and the structure of Learning Advisories. The results of these surveys will guide us in our planning and thinking for 2021.

A Link to the survey has been put on the Facebook page and a link sent directly to those for whom we have email addresses. Your response would be appreciated and it is a way of being heard.

On the property front, we are still awaiting the installation of our new heat pump system. Hopefully the fine weather will stick around, not too many chilly mornings. We are about to seek expressions of interest in the installation of Solar Panels along the North facing roofline of A Block. This is a result of the decommissioning of our old coal fired boiler. The plan is at the end of the process, we will be a warmer, drier and more ecologically friendly school.

This is an important term especially for our NCEA students. The pressure is on to get assessments done, qualifications completed, applications for courses and accommodation, and, a whole lot more as seniors begin preparation for a life outside of school. The priority has to be preparation for your future in what can only get to be an increasingly competitive world, especially in the employment market. So, Senior students need to be preparing themselves well to get a foot into the real world.

Kia kaha.

Hang in there and believe in yourselves.

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Determination	Achievement	Respect	Excellence

Duke of Edinburgh Award

CONGRATULATIONS to Michaela Ward who has gained her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award through the Bluelight Police Youth Volunteers. This has taken Michaela two years of hard work to achieve. She was also one of 6 selected from the group to spend a week in Scotland last year. Well done, Michaela.



Board of Trustees Student Representative Voting

Nominations are currently open for the Board of Trustees Students' Representative. It is a one year term and is open for students Year 9—13. If your student is interested, please see Mrs. Eyre in the Front Office for a nomination form by **Thursday 29th August. Voting will be held on Thursday 12th September.**

Calendar

Monday 10th—Friday 14th August

Maths Week

Tuesday 11th—Wednesday 12th August

Gateway First Aid Course

Wednesday 12th August

Year 7—10 Checkpoint Reports available on the School Portal

Monday 17th—Friday 21st August

Arts Week

Tuesday 18th August

Board of Trustees Student Representative Nominations Open for Year 9—13

Thursday 20th August

Year 7—8 School Cross Country—Period 4

Monday 24th—Tuesday 25th August

Safety Matters Course—Days 4 and 5

Tuesday 25th August

Year 7—8 Option Rotation Reports available on School Portal

Tuesday 1st September

Te Aroha Sports Exchange

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Ugly Shakespeare

Laughter, TikToks and jealousy erupted onstage at Putaruru College this morning as we hosted the famous Ugly Shakespeare Theatre Company. This year, for their 25th anniversary tour, they have been bringing to stages in schools across New Zealand a production of Shakespeare's *Othello*. *The play follows the evil Iago's scheming against the Venetian general Othello, who passed him over for promotion.*

Ugly's style is modern and comical, focusing on the story of the play and bringing the themes alive through modern references. The three actors changed roles regularly, with props and costume such as Othello's beard, Cassio's red hat and cape, and Desdemona's blue dress and flower headpiece being key in signifying their characters. Playwright "Wiremu Shakespeare" appeared between scenes in a talk-show interview with "Eden DeGeneres" to explain the plot!

The production highlighted the thrill and energy in live theatre, and after the performance, students had the opportunity to engage in their own theatrical exploration through workshops. Around 30 students from all year levels were guided by the cast to develop their use of voice and movement to create characters. They then devised their own short scenes and presented these to their workshop group.

What did the students think of the performance and workshops?

"I enjoyed the workshop because of all the games that we did." - Cody

"I liked doing a little play that I came up with myself." - Karmeleia

"The script game brought me back to drama class." - Jia

"The performance was pretty funny and it was educational as well." - Kajun

"It was cool to see actors doing properly the techniques you learn in drama class." - Arielle

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Winter Sport Results

LUNCHTIME NETBALL STAFF V. Y13 STUDENTS...



Week 3 Hockey Results for our mixed Year 9 –13 team who play mixed with Taumarunui High School.



YEAR 7/8 RESULTS WEEK 2

NETBALL:

Player of the day Epe Matangi
PC MIXED A 6 vs
ST MARY'S SILVER 12
PC MIXED A 21 vs
ST MARY'S GOLD 0

Player of the day Katelyn Taylor
PC MAGIC WON vs
ST MARY'S GOLD
PC MAGIC LOST vs
TE WAOTU

FOOTBALL:

Player of the Day
Aidan Lawrence
PC PHOENIX 1 vs
TE WAOTU TUIS 0

BASKETBALL:

PC BREAKERS 39 vs
PC LAKERS 02

HOCKEY:

PUTARURU COLLEGE 1 vs
HILLTOP 5

RUGBY:

Player of the Day
Waylon Paki
12th GRADE RUGBY 52 vs
CAMBRIDGE 32

Player of the Day
Amber Mundell
13th GRADE RUGBY 12 vs
CAMBRIDGE 54

PUTARURU COLLEGE RUGBY DRAW ROUND 2

PLAYER OF THE DAY JAHKNEILE STRANGE

PC GIRLS OPEN 10'S PLUS **43** **05** TE AWAMUTU GIRLS 1ST XV

PLAYER OF THE DAY ELIZE EREHI

HILLCREST HIGH U14 **0** **100** PC U14

PLAYER OF THE DAY JEREMY MARK

TOKOROA HIGH 1ST XV **28** **10** PC 1ST XV

PUTARURU
COLLEGE SNR

66

VS

52

ST JOHNS
BLUE

PLAYER OF THE DAY JACK "ATTACK" MCKINNON

PUTARURU
COLLEGE JNR

111

VS

23

ST PETERS

PLAYER OF THE DAY RILEY PETLEY

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Winter Sport Notices and Photos

ARE YOU READY?
YEAR 7/8 SPORTS DRAW WEEK 3

NETBALL: FRIDAY 7 AUGUST
4:40pm court 3 PC MIXED A v. PUKEATUA TUI
5:30pm court 2 PC MAGIC v. WAENGA KEA
5:30pm court 5 PC MIXED A v. ST MARY'S DIAMOND
5:55pm court 4 PC MAGIC v. WAENGA TUI

FOOTBALL: SATURDAY 8 AUGUST field 5
10:00am PC PHOENIX v. ST MARY'S MARLINS

BASKETBALL: TUESDAY 11 AUGUST
4:00pm PC BREAKERS v. ST MARYS HAWKES
5:00pm PC LAKERS v. ST MARYS ROCKETS



PUTARURU COLLEGE RUGBY DRAW ROUND 4

12 AUGUST PUTARURU COLLEGE KICK OFF 4PM
PC GIRLS OPEN 10'S PLUS MATAMATA COLLEGE GIRLS

15 AUGUST BYE
PC U14

15 AUGUST FOREST VIEW TOKOROA KICK OFF 11AM
FOREST VIEW HIGH 1ST XV PC 1ST XV

