



Putaruru College

Newsletter

Term 3
Week 5

Principal's Message

We are now officially halfway through Term 3. Lots of things are happening between now and the end of term in order to prepare and plan for 2021. I still need feedback from parents, caregivers, whanau on the Connected Curriculum programme operating at Years 9 / 10. Thank you to those who have responded, but the more people who respond then the better we can respond to your thoughts and wishes.

We had to take a very hard decision during the week and that was to withdraw our sports teams from all competitions whilst we remain at Level 2. We did not wish to place our students at risk while there is Covid-19 in the Community and we were unable to insure that all the conditions to continue with sports fixtures could be met. Hence the decision, like a number of other schools, to withdraw our teams. This includes the postponement for the time being of our sports exchange with Te Aroha College, so long as we remain at Level 2. If we move to Level 1, the exchange can still take place.

While most of us are familiar with requirements at Alert Level 2, we will continue to emphasise the importance of:

Good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette.

Staying away if sick.

Keeping the appropriate physical distance from others.

Cleaning and disinfecting our high touch surfaces daily.

Keeping a visitor register for anyone who cannot use the app and for other essential visitors.

Displaying QR code posters at our entrances and encouraging all of our community to download the NZ COVID Tracer App and use it if they come on-site.

We know all these things will help to keep our community as safe as possible. Because of these measures being in place, your child does not need to wear a face covering while at school.

Can I remind students who were issued with Laptops during Level 4 Lockdown that unless you inform me that you still need them and are using them, they are due to be handed back into school (with your name on). They will then be able to be made available in classrooms for all students to access.

Thank you for your continued support for all we are doing to keep our community safe.

He waka eke noa.

Learning Conferences

Tuesday 22nd September 10:40am—7pm

Wednesday 23rd September 2:20pm—7pm

In Week 10 of this term, we will be holding Learning Conferences with students and parents / caregivers.

Parents / Caregivers will be discussing their student's learning with Learning Advisors and be able to book appointments online through the school portal or by contacting the school office. The school portal booking system will be open from Monday 7th September.

Curriculum Leaders will also be available to discuss learning.

There will be no classes on Tuesday 22nd September and school will finish at 1:30pm on Wednesday 23rd September.

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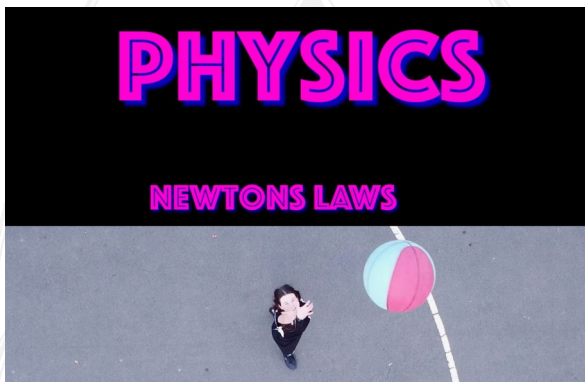
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Kinetic Kiwi Competition

Ashlee Syben was just announced as the Junior (Yr 5 - 8) Science Category Winner for this year's Kinetic Kiwi Competition. Her entry 'Physics - Newton's Laws' wins \$150 minimum in cash and prizes. Ashlee and her Science Class with Mr Moore have been learning about Physics and Newton's Laws of motion, this proved inspirational in producing her entry. Bridget Campbell was great as the camera operator.



Slam Poetry on Bullying from 8ATA

Anxiety, confusion and anger. These are the feelings felt by the ones who were victimised. The embarrassment and stress flows throughout his body as he turns up to school. Why, he thinks to himself, wanting to end it all. The sick names were thrown towards him. He goes home every day, embarrassed to tell his parents.

What's going on? How could you do that? How could you abuse someone that much to make them depressed? Do you do it for a laugh? Do you enjoy it, he thought to himself. He sunk into his bed crying, thinking he's useless. As if he isn't worthy to fit in.

Calendar

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

BOT Student Representative Nominations Close

Wednesday 9th September

NCEA Report is available on the school portal

Y9—10 Checkpoint Report with Student Comment is available on the school portal

Friday 11th September

Cactus Longest Day

Monday 14th September

Year 11—13 Study Day

Tuesday 15th September

Board of Trustees Student Representative Election

Tuesday 15th—Friday 18th September

Senior Practice Exams

Monday 21st September

Teacher Only Day

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Cactus

Students are now halfway through the CACTUS program. They are training three mornings a week and are run through a variety of drills and workouts to prepare them for the longest day on September the 11th.

They are not only building their fitness levels but also their ability to work as a team, communication skills, and resilience. They and all of the volunteers that help run the program should be commended for the commitment and dedication they have shown to date.



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Torpedo7 Get2Go Challenge

On Tuesday 11th August we had a group of 8 boys compete in the Torpedo7 Get2Go challenge. It was wet, cold and windy but the boys gave 100% and had a blast. They competed in 3 activities; Mountain biking, Orienteering and Stand up paddle boarding. Our boys got 1st equal in the mountain bike section clocking up 32 laps in 60 minutes and came 8th overall out of 20 teams.

Highlights: We liked the Mountain biking course because it was a short track and doing it in a relay was a good idea. Orienteering, because a lot of us were new to it so it was good to learn new skills. We also enjoyed travelling to the different challenge spots.

Dislikes: We didn't enjoy the paddle boarding because it was so windy and choppy.

