# Putaruru College Newsletter

Learning for life

#### Principal's Message

Welcome to the penultimate week of Term 3, it seems to have been a very long time coming. It is ironic that now the weather is starting to warm up, our new heating system is being installed. There will now be heat pumps though out the school for heating and cooling. We are also in the process of negotiating the refurbishment of our workshops for the start of 2021. And, we are also seeking interest for the installation of solar panels to the roof area of the A block. So lots happening in the construction area and all hopefully to provide better learning environments and facilities for our students.

Senior students have been busy with practice exams this week and these have assumed particular importance, especially with there still being some uncertainty around NCEA Exams at the end of the year.

Year 10, 11, 12 students are also in the throes of making subject selections for 2021. Curriculum Leaders have been busy with planning for 2021 and changes made to how things might operate in terms of timetables and the like in the future. The changes which will be more widely circulated next term, have been made in response to the recent surveys completed by parents, students and teachers. All hopefully, will improve the quality of service that we offer to students and their families, and, will complement the Healthy Lunches in Schools programme and the Period Supplies programme so that students and their well-being are better taken care of.

Reminder to parents / caregivers to make your appointments for the Learning Conversations /

Parent interviews on Tuesday (10.40am – 7.00pm) and Wednesday (2.20pm – 7.00pm). You will be contacted by your student's Learning Advisor, if you have not yet made your appointment. These conversations are important to determine where your student is placed in their learning right now and how to make further progress. It is also important in that students are now making option selections for the 2021 and this is the opportunity to discuss your student's proposed career pathway and whether or not their subject selection is appropriate for their chosen path.

Monday is a teacher only day, when staff from the ministry will be in to conduct some professional training for our staff in how to deal with some of the more challenging situations we are being faced with in and outside of our classrooms.

However, most importantly students and staff need to take some time out for themselves over the upcoming vacation and hit the ground running for the final push towards the end of the year.

Whakairi ki reira kia kaha.

Hang in there and keep strong.

Mike Ronke

**Principal** 

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Term 3 Week 9

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#### **Learning Conferences**

Tuesday 22nd September 10:40am—7pm
Wednesday 23rd September 2:20pm—7pm

See Map on last page.

#### **Module B: Incognito**

These students have been learning all about clowns. They have explored the history of clowning, the different types of clowns and the performing aspects of being a clown.

This week they performed for a live audience. It was an exciting experience. Some of these students really had to push themselves out of their comfort zone to perform in front of their peers but they did it and did it well. They were really proud of what they achieved and enjoyed the experience of performing.

Back Row: K'dym Follows, Ms McManus and

Shanalia Shaw.

Front Row: Guest performer Cheyenne Herbert,



#### **Calendar**

#### **Monday 21st September**

Teacher Only Day

#### **Tuesday 22nd September**

Parent—Student—Teacher Learning Conferences
School closed

#### Wednesday 23rd September

Parent—Student—Teacher Learning Conferences
School is open for instruction from 9am—1:30pm

#### Friday 25th September

Last day of Term 3

PB4L House Tee Day

Y9-10 End of Module Reports Published on Portal

#### **Thursday 15th October**

Open Day for Year 6 / 8 9:45am—2:25pm

Open Evening 5pm—7pm

#### **Tuesday 20th October**

**Sports Photos** 

#### Wednesday 21st October

Level 1 Visual Art Boards Due

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#### **PC Films in Action**

On Thursday last week myself Pippa, Matthew and Anthony went to Te Waotu School to film their school production. Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions limited seating was in place and many parents missed out on seeing the production. It was great for myself and Anthony to go back to our old school and see our old teachers and to see and film their junior production. We are looking forward to editing everything together so family, friends and whānau who missed out can see the production as well. It was good to give back to our ex school.

#### By Cassidy Greene





#### U20's Reps

Celebrating Sporting Success: Congratulations to Daley Nicholls and Kalais Kaponga who have been selected to represent the U20's Country team. Good luck for your game this weekend! Kei runga noa atu kōrua!



#### **Social Science Poster Competition**

Mrs Curphey and Mr Steven would like to announce a Social Science Poster competition. The winning poster will be used to promote Social Science around the school with the winner receiving a \$30 Warehouse voucher. Social Science is the faculty of History, Geography, Citizenship, Religious Studies, Economics, Accounting, Tourism and Business Studies.

Posters should be A4 size and can be completed by hand or digitally. (Digital entries will only count if all artwork is the entrant's own work and not 'borrowed' from Google). The competition is open to ALL students at the college and the closing date for the competition is Friday 16th October (Friday of Term 4, Week 1) by 4pm, Please submit entries to either Mrs Curphey directly or to Mrs Curphey via Student Services.

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# **Cactus Longest Day Photos**











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#### North America New Zealand Cultural Tour 2020

Who would've thought we'd be facing a worldwide pandemic right at the very time we were due to fly to Canada & the USA. Fingers crossed Covid behaves itself and come Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September, we'll be allowed to board our flight to travel down South.





The group, which consists of 23 students & 7 adults, has spent almost two years fundraising and working towards saving for the proposed trip. The new plan sees the group touring the South Island instead of travelling overseas because of Covid regulations. Although it isn't the intended destination, our students will still get to see & experience some amazing attractions & sites in our very own backyard.

There's been numerous fundraisers held from our auction evening, gala, winter ball, and netball tournament, to the many raffles that we ran. The community support has been so overwhelming! We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us on our journey, without your support we would not have reached our goal of taking our students on such an amazing trip. Thanks again Putaruru!









coming Term 4!



PCFilms Presents: Putaruru College

Inter-House ESPORTS Tournament 2020

**Supported By:** 





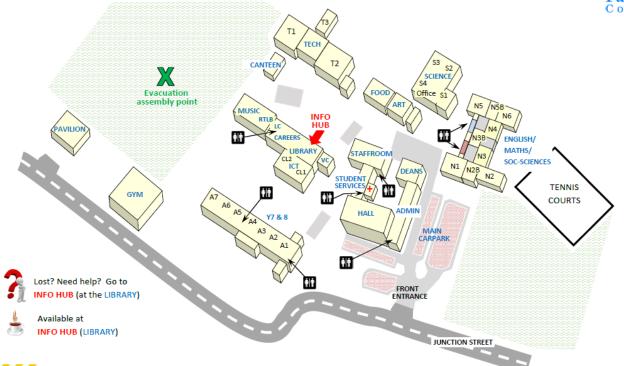




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# **Putaruru College Campus**







Under Alert Level 2, please forgive us if we do not shake your hand - but we will give you a warm smile! Please practise social distancing where possible (1 metre apart in-doors). Hand sanitizer is available at each venue.

# **YEAR 7 & 8 LEARNING ADVISORS**



**7TMa** 

**A4** 

MS DUTHIE **7JDu** 

**A3** 





MS A TAYLOR

8ATa

**A7** 

**MS B TAYLOR** 

8BTa

**A2** 

MRS SCHERES

8ESc

**A6** 

# **YEAR 9 & 10 LEARNING ADVISORS**



MRS KENT

9CKe

\$1



MRS LAL-PHILLIPS

9RLa

N2



10AGr
GRA
MS HOLLINGS
10JHo
N6

MR GRACE



MR HILL

9THi

A1



MRS WALKER

10TWa

CL2

# YEAR 11, 12 & 13 LEARNING ADVISORS



MR STEVEN

11HSt

N1



MISS SCHICK

11KSc

S3



MS CLARK
11RCI
S2



Art
MR BEESLEY
12JBe
N4

MR MOORE

12HMo



MRS HUNTER

13LHu

A5

### **CURRICULUM LEADERS**



MRS MAXWELL

**YEAR 7 & 8** 

Α4

MS NICHOLSON

ARTS (PAINTING/PHOTOGRAPHY/DRAMA)

Library

MR CRANDELL-TANNER

**ENGLISH** (MEDIA STUDIES)

**N3B** 

MRS DRAFFIN

MATHEMATICS

**N5** 

MR ROGERS

PHYS. ED/HEALTH

LC (Learning Centre)

MRS CARR

**SCIENCE** 

Science Office (near S1)

MRS CURPHEY

SOCIAL SCIENCES

**N3** 

MRS HAWKES

TECHNOLOGY (MATERIALS/FOOD/DIGITAL)

**FOOD** 

MR HILL

TE REO MĀORI

**A1** 











