



# Putaruru College

## Newsletter

*Learning for life*

Term 1  
Week 7

### Principal's Message

Welcome week 7 of Term 1 2021. Only four short weeks to go to the vacation. Lots of things happening before then however, assessments, field trips, Marae Noho, reports, some catch-up sports events, so you need to keep an eye on the website and the Facebook page to see what's happening.

With the school holidays approaching we should see our solar panels finally installed on the roof of A block and on the hall as we move towards being a more environmentally friendly school. Plans are also in the works for the refurbish of the Hard Materials Workshop areas (Metal work and Wood work area) as well as work on the Food Technology area. So lots of exciting projects to look forward to on the coming weeks and months.

February saw an intense focus on a small group of students who were only fractionally short of their NCEA Level 1 or Level 2. The programme of support provided saw a number of these students just get over the line for the award of their National Certificates. All of our NCEA student will be acknowledged in a special assembly later in the term.

Pastoral and teaching staff are also working very intensively with a small group of students who are finding it difficult to settle into their classes and to comply with simple, basic expectations around behaviour. A number of staff have taken on mentoring roles with these students in order to support them in what seems to enable them to survive and to achieve in our school. However, whatever the reasons there are no excuses for out and out refusal to allow another students to get on with their learning.

Recently, I have had the privilege of showing a number of people around our school. They have visited our classrooms and had a tour of the school. It is pleasing to received feedback about our school environment, our students and the behaviour in classrooms and about the school, all of which has been positive.

I know there are lots of challenges facing our community, our school and our students, but we need to stayed focussed on what school can offer and how school and success at school can offer a way to overcome some of these challenges.

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## Encouraging Reading at Home

Strengthen your teenager's reading skills by reading together at home. This can be as simple as getting together and reading the texts you have around the house.

Here are some ideas:

- ⇒ Ask your teenager to read out a recipe to you while you cook it.
- ⇒ Find an interesting news article online and read it aloud together.
- ⇒ Choose a chapter book and read one chapter each evening - share the reading around.
- ⇒ Ask your teenager to read out a song or rap they are listening to at the moment. Discuss the messages in the lyrics with them.

Parents and caregivers are powerful reading role models. At school, students read for 20 minutes each day, Tuesday to Thursday, during STAR reading time. Regular reading at home supports good literacy development, which in turn leads to success in life.

Contact Mr Crandell-Tanner if you would like further information about supporting your student's reading development at home.

## Student ID Cards

Students can order an ID card from Student Services for \$7.50. We will only be taking orders until March 31st so get in now if you want one.

## Calendar

### Sunday 21st—Tuesday 23rd March

GEO300 and PHO200/300 Muriwai Camp

### Monday 22nd March

North Island Secondary Schools Sevens

### Wednesday 24th March

Waikato / Bay of Plenty Athletics

Year 7-8 TRUMP Reports published on the school portal

Year 9-10 Module Reports with comments published on the school portal

### Friday 26th March

Safety Matters Course

### Monday 29th March

New Year 7/8 Options Rotation

### Tuesday 30th March

Year 7/8 Options Report published on the school portal

### Thursday 1st April

NCEA 2020 Awards Ceremony—1:30pm

### Friday 2nd—Tuesday 6th April

Easter Break

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## Whole School Learning Conferences

On Wednesday 14th April, Putāruru College will be holding Learning Conferences with parents, caregivers, whānau, and students. The purpose of the Learning Conferences is to discuss your student's learning so far this year, how we can further support their learning, as well as how they are managing themselves in the classroom.

Regular classes will not run on this day. However, all students are expected to attend school with their caregiver/s for their Learning Conference (approximately 20 minutes) at the time they have booked in.

The Learning Conferences take place with Learning Advisors in their regular classrooms. If you would like to speak with a specific subject teacher as well, please also book a time slot with them.

Bookings will open on Monday 22nd March. Parents and caregivers can log in to the school portal to make their bookings. Alternatively, please phone or email Student Services who can book a time for you.

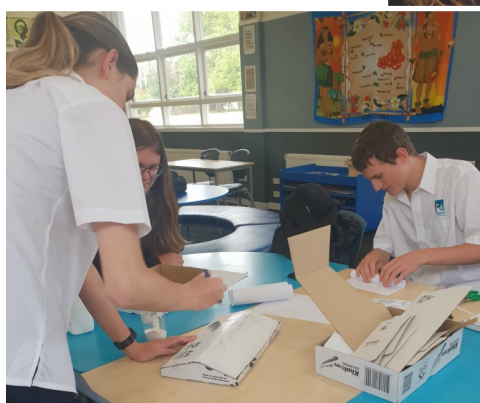
We look forward to seeing all of the parents and caregivers with their students at the Learning Conferences.

## When Maths Met Classical Studies

Well you cannot get anymore diametrically opposed subjects than Maths and Classical Studies. Currently, our seniors are busy making models of the Parthenon, the most famous building from classical times. When Iktinos and Kallikrates designed the building they used Maths everywhere. There was not one aspect of the marble building's construction that did not have a maths equation applied to it.

Our wonderful Maths students Ethan Fulford, Anthony Cole and Jordyn Douthett are using advanced trigonometry techniques to recreate the Parthenon.

This is a wonderful learning technique to understand not only the building, but also the names of the various pieces of the building that defined architectural excellence in its age. They are also learning those same names and how they apply to design and architecture in our modern day world.



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### Year 11 Trip to Mount Maunganui

On Friday 12th March, the Year 11 cohort (under the guidance of the Year 12 and 13 Outdoor Education class) along with Mrs Nicholson's Senior Painters ventured across to the sunny Bay of Plenty for a morning of exploring the Mount. Sadly Mr Berker's team did not make us climb the beautiful maunga but we did have a fun filled scavenger hunt in the morning with the winning team finding all treasures in the fastest time. Well done to Harri, Pippa, Cassidy, Jake and Tama!

The Painters enjoyed the view from the rocks and a range of artistic genres were explored.

After an invasion of Copenhagen Cones, we all hit Pilot Bay for a picnic lunch and a swim. Mr Moore proved to be quite the professional in high performance manus off Salisbury Pier and Melody being quite the deep sea swimmer.

A good day out in good company with good weather - sometimes you just need to take a moment and have a good time!



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## Ruru Media Compete in 48Hours Film Competition



From 5th - 11th March, 11 senior students from Media Studies and PCFilms joined forces to form Ruru Media and entered their first ever 48Hours Film Competition. Together with Miss Last and Mr Joe, the team lived and breathed film production for the entire weekend.

The competition began at 7pm on Friday, whereupon the team received their 'surprise' film brief: to conceive, design and produce a short horror film with a few other compulsory elements.

Basecamp was set up in A1 and A2 and the team worked late into the night - not letting a power cut, visit from the police or no internet connection hold them back from devising something wild and original. Filming took place over Saturday and into Sunday morning with members of the team dividing duties ranging from sound design to SFX makeup, cinematography to acting.



The final film was completed with three hours to spare till the 7pm Sunday deadline and has now entered the judging stage of the competition. It was an exhausting weekend but with the help of caffeine, good humour and great teamwork Ruru Media had a brilliant time and look forward to competing again next year!

The first round of the competition sees Ruru Media compete against 17 other entries from the Waikato region alone. You can watch the heats on Youtube, just search for Vista Foundation 48Hours, on Friday 19th March at 8:15pm.



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## Raglan Camp 2021—By Bronwyn Edmeades

Tuesday dawned bright and clear, as I sat in the car watching cars speeding past I ran through everything I had packed. Every few seconds I would think with a jolt that I had forgotten something. Only to remember that it was safely stowed in my pile of luggage that was currently weighing down my feet and lap. While sitting on the hot, stuffy bus I was beginning to think we would never arrive. But then I saw it.... the long finger of sparkling blue water. We were here!

Everyone was tired and the next things that happened went past in a blur: being sorted into groups and dorms, a camp tour, unpacking enormous amounts of junk. All too soon we were lying on our comfy beds scoffing lollies and drifting off to sleep.

Wednesday arrived and a whirlwind of activities came with it. From Mini Golf to sand sculptures to sports and biscuiting. I think my favourite part of the day was when we were allowed to jump on the jumping pillow at the campsite. There were so many people on it at one time that our legs sometimes jarred on the ground causing groundshock. Then came trying to organise unwilling boys into a makeshift skit. In my opinion this was a complete and utter failure, but that's just my opinion.

Thursday came with a day of getting soaked to the skin promised. We started off the soggy day with a quick swim in the freezing water. Then we started sculpting sand into hard balls and dropping them off the bridge to create a massive splash. I don't know why we got enjoyment out of this but there you go. Next on the list was kayaking across the choppy ocean to go look at the pancake rocks. There were people tipping out left right and centre into the water below. We played rugby and let me tell you it is a very different experience than it is on the ground.

Night came with a promise of spotlight around the darkened campsite. The shrill shriek of the whistle and we were off leaping over steps and ducking into shadows like a spider in a bathroom.

It was the final day and spirits were low. We were allowed a time to jump off the bridge. I stood there frozen in terror, the swirling water waiting for me. I took a step and I was falling, falling into the green water below.



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## Putāruru College Served—Ace in Your Face!

**After the round-robin elimination round held in the past four weeks, Putāruru College's Maroons made it to the finals of the 2021 Waikato Senior High Schools Volleyball Competition.**

"Laban!" meaning: fight or to fight, is the Tagalog word introduced by the Filipino team captain Ken Llubit to use in their huddle. It was indeed a good *laban* that the team had displayed throughout the season. They slowly climbed their way to the top by making it to the quarter-finals and semi-finals the week before. All of these games were held at The Peak, Rototuna and each Saturday the boys had to travel for an hour to get to their games.

On the 13th of March, the Fighting Maroons, as they call themselves were prepared to bump, set, and spike that volleyball. They were pumped up for their first game against Hamilton Boys High School 11A as this is a deciding game whether they will enter the finals or not. It was a straight-set win possibly because of the momentum that had never shift to the opponent's side throughout the game. The boys made sure to maintain the same energy that they exhibited in the first set to win the second one. The final game was between Putāruru College and Fairfield College. A camaraderie was made between these two teams, they won and lost a game against each other in both of their meetings that makes this final game a whole lot more interesting. It was a rough start of a set for the boys yet they managed to bounce back but it wasn't enough. Fairfield College snatched the first set. In the second set, the defense of the team was scrambling. The last point was a service ace and Fairfield College had won the championship. It was a bittersweet feeling for the boys but proudly shook the opponent's hands and still cheered for their rivals, a sign of good sportsmanship.

"I've prayed a lot for us to make sure everyone plays their best and that no injuries in the final game. But at the end of the day, winning is just a bonus of what we have worked hard for, it's the improvements that my team had developed and of course playing alongside each other making great memories to forever cherish that makes us all winners already. The championship would have been so cool too but I guess He has different plans for us. Being able to represent the school makes us all a champion, not to mention how far we made it to the tournament, we made it to the finals. We owe this victory to our coach, Joe Stone that helped us all the way. If it wasn't for her, the team wouldn't be where we are. I will miss the training drills but not the muscle pain though. I also thank our manager Maricel Tagle, our sports coordinator Mrs Rebecca Vaughan, and the parents of my teammates for their undying support" -Ken Llubit, captain.





# Raising happy, confident and resilient children

with Sheridan Eketone

Confident, resilient children deflect trouble, resist pressure, handle stress and recover from setbacks. All children can be helped to tackle life and grow up to have a 'can-do' attitude.

**Tuesday 23 March 2021**

**Putaruru Gospel Chapel, 86 Kensington Street, Putaruru**

**6.30pm: Doors open**

**7-8.30pm: Presentation**

**Cost: Free community event**

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