



# Putaaruru College

## Newsletter

Term 1  
Week 9

### Principal's Message

We are rushing headlong to the end of Term 1. We are not slowing down or easing off but looking to finish the term on a positive note.

There have been several trips out of school by various groups, which will be reflected in the rest of the newsletter. Students are completing assessments as we head towards the completion of Year 9/10 Modules for the term and as students' reports are prepared to go on the school portal. Parents / Caregivers are being encouraged to make bookings on line for April 14 Caregiver / Student interviews with Learning Advisors.

The Board of Trustees is also at an important juncture for the school as they sort through the various applicants for the Principal position, which I will be vacating next term. It is pleasing to see the number of applicants for the position so that the Board has a broad field to choose from.

Next term we begin supplying lunches to all students on a daily basis. A survey will be conducted with all students around dietary requirements so that we can factor these into

the meals to be supplied by our current canteen contractor, Libelle. This survey will be completed during Learning Conferences on Wednesday 14 April.

Lunches will be prepared in our canteen which will also be used for the preparation of the lunches for Putaaruru Primary students. Students' meals will be made available at 10.45am daily (what is now our interval) with light snacks being available from the canteen at the 1.30pm current "lunch" break time.

So keep an eye on the web page, on the Facebook notifications to keep up with what is happening in school over the next couple of weeks. Thursday 1 April, for instance, the assembly to recognise our students' NCEA achievements for 2020, the Learning Conference day April 14 (make your appointment now) and our assembly to acknowledge Term 1 Achievers on Friday 16 April.

I wish you all a happy Easter break, remember no school next Tuesday.

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## Achievers' Assembly

On the last day of Term 1, **Friday 16th April at 1pm** we will be holding an Achievers' Assembly.

During this assembly, we recognize the hard work and achievements of our students during the term.

We will be recognizing students in Years 7, 8, 11, 12, and 13. Year 9 and 10 students will be recognized in a Term 2 assembly due to module assessments in Week 11.

We would love to see parents, caregivers, and whānau at the assembly to support their students.

## Whānau Rōpū

E ngā whānau maha o te kura, tēnā koutou katoa.

The Whānau Rōpū of Putaaruru College had their first hui for 2021 this week and have agreed to meet again at **7pm May 17th** (next term) in **A1**.

All whānau are invited to attend the hui and staff of Putaaruru College are more than welcome to attend also.

If you would like to know more about what and who we are...

Nau mai, whakatau mai rā.

## Calendar

### Thursday 1st April

NCEA 2020 Awards Ceremony—1:30pm

### Friday 2nd—Tuesday 6th April

Easter Break

### Friday 9th April

Amazing Race Day—Module C14

### Monday 12th April

Year 11 –13 NCEA Progress Reports on Portal

### Tuesday 13th April

Attitude: Y9—13

### Wednesday 14th April

School Closed for Instruction

All students with parents/caregivers in for a Learning Conference with Learning Advisors

### Friday 16th April

Last Day of the Term 1

Achievers' Assembly for Years 7,8,11,12,13

Year 9-10 End of Module Reports on Portal

### Monday 3rd May

First day of Term 2

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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 are open on the school portal. 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.

## Year 7 and 8 Cricket Team

Hi, I'm Josh Putt and I coached the Year 7 and 8 cricket team this term. At the start of the term, I didn't know what to expect from my team at the first training. I knew I was going to commit to shaping them into keen cricket enthusiasts. As we got further into the term I saw a definite improvement in each and every one of the Year 7 and 8 players which was really good to see. It is a shame they couldn't go head to head against St Mary's in the grand final but these things happen! We managed to come away with the trophy for being undefeated in round robin play, so congratulations to the team on their achievements. I would like to thank Kirby Van Der Hayden for running cricket every Monday, none of this could have been possible without you!





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## Noho Marae 2021

Mauri tū, mauri kaha, mauri ora kia tātou katoa!

In week 7 Putaaruru College's Rōpū Haka ventured out to Pōhara for our annual noho marae. This live-in is where we learn some of the fundamentals to performing in a rōpū haka but more importantly, to build and strengthen a positive relationship. Our group contains 38 members from year 7 -13 with many different skills and attributes that were on for show throughout the 2 and a half days that we were there.

**Taonga taakaro** - We looked at some traditional games or Taonga taakaro such as Poitoa (without the poi), Manu tī and ofcourse Kī-o-rahi.

**Whakawhanaungatanga** - All the taura (students) were split into groups and were given tasks to complete throughout our noho such as whakarite kai (meal prep), whakarite tēpu (setting tables), whakapai tēpu (cleaning tables), horoi rihi (washing dishes) and whakapai whareiti (cleaning toilets). Groups were also given time to come up with a name and a chant in which they had to perform on our final night. Te hātekehi hoki! (It was craaaack up!)

These whakaahua (images) do no justice to how much this noho meant to our wairua, tīnana, hinengaro and our whānaungatanga. We had tears, laughter, leadership, exhaustion, terror, culture sharing, seniors who realised how hard it was teaching and leading the juniors, and we had each other.

A massive shout to all those who made this a huge success from the organisers, food donators, helpers in the kitchen and to those who took the time out of their busy lives to come out and be a part of it.

**Whaea Steph, you are a legend!!**

"Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi engari he toa takitini!"





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## Kī o rahi Tournament

Tēnā koutou katoa e te hunga pānui.

In week 6 we travelled over to Rāhui Pokeka (Huntly) to participate in the Tainui Regional Kī o rahi tournament at Te Wharekura o Rākaumangamanga.

There were 10 teams in the tournament including two teams from our whanaunga from Te Kaokaoroa o Pātetere.

Although we ended up 7th place overall, the day was enjoyed by all those that attended.

It is safe to say that we will be back and we will be better next time (with a gazebo too).

He mihi nui ki a koe Rebecca Vaughan for making this possible and to Mrs Mathis for helping out with transport! You guys rock!!



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## Visiting the Putaaruru Community Gardens

As part of the Year 9/10 Connected Curriculum Module “Can you dig this?”, we made a trip to our local community gardens. The Grey Street site provides produce for donation to the community and an environment for teaching horticulture skills.

We had been studying plant structure and function, and had also done some planting and hands on learning about worm farming and compost. Many students don’t have their own vegetable garden, so I thought a trip to the community gardens would be a great way to connect with something amazing in Putaaruru.

Lola and some of her team were able to give us a brief history and purpose of the gardens as well as some practical seed planting skills and a chance to learn about composting, planting, harvesting and the distribution of the vegetables that are grown. They also mentioned that they are helping people to set up their own gardens with a raised box and the materials and tuition to start people growing their own. If you would like to do this - please contact the Putaaruru Community Gardens.

They are a great bunch of volunteers and even though it was a short visit we appreciated the calming influence that being outside with nature affords us.

Thank you for having us.

Mrs Kent and Module C16.





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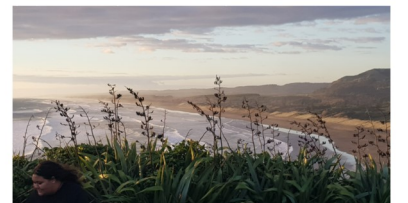
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### **GEO300 and PHO200/300 Trip to Muriwai**

Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Curphey decided to do things differently this year - a combined Year 13 Photography / Geography expedition to the North.... well North West Auckland .... well Muriwai Beach to be accurate. Kindly accompanied by Mr Steven, we ventured up State Highway 1 with 24 students in tow (Thanks to Mrs Thebus for so successfully loading the minivans or we would never have got everything in!!!) . We got to observe the delights that Alice built in the form of the Waterview Tunnel and hit the west coast (you'll be amazed how much traffic is trying to leave Kumeu on a late Sunday afternoon!!!). Highlights include a stunning sunset on Sunday evening with amazing views of Maori Bay, the Gannet Colony and the 50km of Muriwai Beach looking spectacular in the Autumn evening's sunshine. Monday was a busy day of sunrise photography, and Geography data collection and checking out the amazing Pillow lava in Maori Bay. Students measured the velocity of longshore drift and sediment deposition via beach profiles at three points over our landscape - and going by the smell, some sediment samples. Most of us burnt our toes as Mrs Curphey made us walk the 1km along the vehicle access track for the last collection point - with most deciding that the West Coast's iron sand is REALLY HOT!! Our second evening saw Mrs Nicholson on the BBQ at Parakai Hot Springs near Helensville. After a military precision clean up of Houghtons Bush Camp under the watchful eye of custodian John, we piled back into the vans and headed home via a history talk at Rangiriri courtesy of Mr Steven. A wonderful trip and hopefully the starts of an annual mission. Ka Pai Photo200/300 and Geo300!!





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### mBots in 7JDu Digital Technology

I have recently had the pleasure of having 7JDu over for their Digital Rotation. During their time students' were introduced to a range of digital tools to create different media outcomes. They were introduced to Keyboarding Skills, MS Word, Cyber Safety, 3D Printing and Coding mBots. 3D printing was a big hit with students designing and creating their own names and keyrings in TinkerCad which is an online 3D design website. The Digital Department has recently purchased a set of 16 mBots (robots). During their last week students were introduced to Coding and were able to code their own mBot robot. Students first learnt about algorithms and how to write a logical program, they then coded their mBot to move in a square, circle and incorporate sound and LED lights. Their final task was to code their mBot to move through a simple maze and stop before it moved off the plastic (pictured). This sounds simple but as students found out it was not an easy feat. The first student to successfully navigate the maze was Samson Ngapera (pictured). It was great to have you 7JDu!

Mrs Walker, Digital Technology Teacher

### Japanese Virtual Exchange Video

During this term, the Film 100 class along with the Kapa Haka group have been working hard on producing a virtual welcome pōwhiri for our Japanese schools that cannot travel here safely.

The video will include several Waiata and Haka that they would have learned in workshops while they were here. We cannot wait for overseas travel to resume so we can share these experiences together.



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## Sports Wrap

The last couple of weeks have been busy for sports at Putaaruru College. We had 15 students compete at the Regionals for a Ki-o-Rahi Tournament, and 17 students travelled to Tokoroa to compete against other school in the King Country and South West Zones Athletics Championships. We had a large portion of these students place in the top 4 of their events. Awesome job!!!!

We also had a couple of students who competed at the Waikato Bay of Plenty athletics Championships.

The following day we had 7 students travel down to Taumaranui where they swam in the King Country and South West Zones Swimming Championships.

Congratulations to those students who placed their events. Special mention to Fletcher Meads who came 1st in the senior boys 25m freestyle swimming it in under 13 seconds!

Our Girls sevens team successfully competed in the twilight sevens tournament that ran for 4 weeks with games being played in Cambridge. They now have their eyes set on gearing up for 10s rugby and are competing alongside our boys rugby team at the Thames Valley Rugby Union 10s Invitational Tournament on Saturday 17th April.

Trainings for winter sports are also in full swing with netball starting next week and football, basketball and rugby all commencing in the first couple of weeks of Term 2.

I would like to thank all of the parents, teachers, students and whānau that have put their hand up to help manage, coach, transport and train our players, it would not be possible without you! Good luck to all our students playing winter sports over the next term.

Mrs Vaughan





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### **PIT100 / AGR200**

The Primary industries class has been busy in the garden this year preparing the garden for a winter crop. The recent hail storm was a minor setback but there's plenty of new growth coming through so the garden should still yield some delicious winter vegetables in the months to come.



### **Toi Whakairo**

As part of the Fantastic Friday programme this year we have been able to offer the Toi Whakairo class as an option. The students have been busy working on their carving skills and learning about Māori culture through the art of Whakairo.

### **Module B—Wild Metal**

The students have been learning to design and build their own metal sculptures from scratch. They have taken on lots of design challenges and gained some great skills. Here are just some of the results.





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### Rock n Ropes with 11SPR and 11PED

With the weather forecast looking awful and some of our class struggling with the early start we set off to Taupō's Rock n Ropes course on Wednesday 31 March.

Overhead cloud and a spattering of rain were the constant companions all the way down.

Upon arrival we all quickly introduced ourselves to Em the dog and then set about getting into the activities. With the aim of the day to challenge ourselves and push our limits, it soon became clear that some of the students were going to have to dig deep to find out just how far they could push themselves. Some pushed themselves so far that water came out their eyes and lots of funny noises out of their mouths.

The thrill for the students is the completing of a task that on the ground they thought impossible. The thrill for the teachers is seeing students taking the opportunity to test themselves and seeing the outcome first hand....and not getting wet at all!!

Thanks to Mr Berkers for his high fives and fist bumps, the students for making the most of the day, and thanks to Rock n Ropes Taupō for hosting us.



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## School Lunches Job Opportunities

Personnel Resources | Temp Resources is a recruitment consultancy in the Bay of Plenty. We have been contracted by Libelle Group to manage the recruitment of staff for the Lunch in Schools programme across the country and are excited to be working on the roles for Putaaruru College.

We are looking for a Team Leader and a Food Service Assistant, details are below.

Work throughout the school year and have school holidays off!

**Food Service Assistant** – 15 hours per week (3 hours per day, Monday to Friday during term time), preparing and plating up lunches for hungry learners.

**Team Leader** – 25 hours per week (5 hours per day Monday to Friday during term time). You'll lead the day to day operation of lunch orders and manage all aspects of food production.



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CHILDRENS DAY PUTARURU

# FREE MOVIE



**'WONDER PARK MOVIE'**  
**AT THE PLAZA, PUTARURU**

Friday 30 April 2021 | Movie starts at 10.30am | FREE Popcorn, Treats and Drink  
FREE Sausage Sizzle after the movie!







**TCOSS**

**Helping Hands Room**

**Putaruru**



**Wednesdays 9.30am – 2.30pm**

**Thursday 9.30am – 2.30pm**

**Tautoko Hub, Kennedy Drive Putaruru**

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whanau who need support.**

**Outside of these hours please contact:**

**Soli Leau-Bradnock**

**027 944 3953**