



Putāruru College Newsletter

Term 2
Week 5

Learning for life

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou

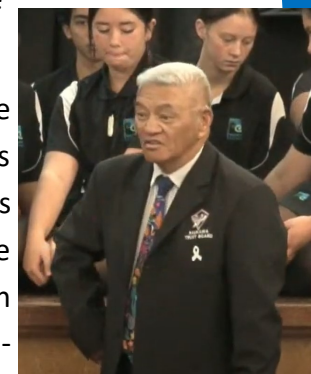
Thank you for the very warm welcome into your kura. The pōwhiri on Wednesday the 2nd of June was heartfelt and I have never experienced anything like it. It was fantastic seeing the bonds forming quickly between the



students of Huntly College and Putāruru College. The pop up concert, beautiful kai, and haka farewells were very special. A huge thank you to Te Hapuku Munro, Poihaere Barrett, Bo Makene, Tiniwaata Hill, and Marina Hireme for leading this extraordinary occasion.



I feel very excited, honoured and blessed to be the new principal of Putāruru College. This school has a proud history, an exciting curriculum, and Mr Ronke has told me about the incredible students, staff and community. I can't wait to meet you, to learn more about you, and to work alongside you as we continue the important mahi here.



I strongly believe in aki aki te tī o te tangata - this means to nurture the describable light within a person. Every student, every teacher, every human, has a light, has a gift, and is bright in some unique way. It's not if you are bright - it's how you are bright. I see already some of you are bright on the sports field, the rugby team beating Taumarunui 41-17 recently. I see Alex Bond-Kemp has been acknowledged for asking thoughtful inquiry questions. I see Harata Okeroa-Stowers volunteers at the YMCA during her holidays to help run youth programmes. I see Isabella Bentley and her team created a Mars Explorational Rover called 'Bob'. It's not if you are bright - it's how you are bright. I look forward to talking with you more about this.

Thank you for the warm welcome, it is wonderful to be here.

Ngā mihi

Sharon Moller



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Loves Me Not



'Loves-Me-Not' will be happening on June 23. This is a one day workshop that all Year 12 and 13 students will attend.

'Loves-Me-Not' was developed by the New Zealand Police in partnership with the Sophie Elliott Foundation and the Ministry of Social Development. It encourages a 'whole-school approach' to prevent abusive behaviour in relationships. It is based on a student inquiry learning process, where students take action (personal action, effective bystander action and community action) to prevent harm from relationship abuse.

For more information, please contact our school counsellor - Joelle Todd.



Calendar

Friday 4th June

Cross Country

Tuesday 8th June

Year 7/8 Options Rotation 3 begins

Year 7/8 Options Rotation 2 Reports available on the portal

Safety Matters Course—Day 1

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 21st, 22nd, 24th, 25th June

Senior Assessment Week

Tuesday 22nd June

Interschool Cross Country

Wednesday 23rd June

Year 7/8 Reading, Writing, Maths and PE Reports available on the portal

Year 9/10 Module Reports with student and teacher comment available on the portal

Monday 28th June—Friday 2nd July

Matariki Week

Thursday 1st—Friday 2nd July

Safety Matters Course—Day 2 and 3

Slam Poetry from 8ATA

The Bullied

The tears that stain my pillow. The tears that burn like acid on my skin. The tears that I cried for hours, because of those words that scarred me.

Those words. Those words that shot into me like a bullet. Those words that stay planted in my brain. Those words that made me think I was the one who needed to change.

I walked into my room and the tears that I held back finally poured from my eyes. Are you happy? Were you happy? Was I some puppet getting controlled by a thread? A thread that later broke when I realized I didn't need to live up to those opinions.

By E.L

The Bully

I stood there laughing as I pulled out my phone in amusement. At that point in time, I didn't realise the consequence of pressing the record button. I thought I was so cool. It didn't end well. It never ends well. I ended up in the dean's office. Parents called. I regret my action towards him. It was wrong. My parents couldn't believe it.

By L.P

Bystander

Quivering, shivering, not knowing what to do. This girl is helpless. What do I do? Stand there and watch as her eyes swell up? No wonder she wants to take her life one day. Watching, staring. How badly you treat her. I should go help her but I am frozen, feet stapled to the ground. The pain in her eyes. Too scared to speak up, snitch or tell. Maybe I should be glad I'm not getting bullied. Filming, laughing, I find this amusing. Maybe I shouldn't. I should feel horrible but I can't show fear or I will get bullied. I think I'll get bullied. I cannot tell.

By H.S

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iSPORT Foundation Leadership Day

A group of our senior students were lucky enough to attend a leadership development day held in Rotorua on Friday 28 May. The kaupapa for the day was to teach key character behaviours to kids using sport as the vehicle. iSPORT Foundation's goal is to teach young people essential skills of self-awareness, self-respect, responsibility, self-discipline and self-confidence. The skills taught in this programme are essential for rangatahi to feel connected and inspired to positively contribute to the future of New Zealand. Key speakers included Les Elder, Willie Apiata, Dan Carter, Richie McCaw & Putaruru's very own super star Honey Hireme-Smiler. We look forward to seeing how our students can apply these skills in our kura and local community.



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Year 7 and 8 Inter-school Indoor Bowls

Inter-school bowls was held on Wednesday 2 June at the Putaruru Sports Stadium. 13 of our Yr 7-8 students represented our school at this event and were able to come away with a couple of placings.

Congratulations to all students involved but in particular to Joubert Lombard, who came runner up in the singles event, and Andre Rankin, Samson Ngapera, Jayden Duske-Miles, Ty Haines, Rome Petley, Harlow Smith and Jackson Windley, who came 1st in the team event.

Ka mau te wehi!



Media Trip

Last Thursday, Media Studies students attended a one-day event from The Classification Office, hosted by Reading Cinema in Rotorua. The students were introduced to the Classification Act 1993, and showed how it applies to everyday classification decisions.

Teacher of Media Studies, Carli Last, said the day made students think more about the types of harm they are potentially exposed to and reiterated the value of critically understanding media manipulation of audiences. "Media literacy is so important to young people, especially when they

have access to all types of content on their phones, easily hidden from view. So, a chance to better understand how and why classifications work for our benefit is a great lesson" she said.

Students also had the opportunity to watch a pre-released film and critically discuss the categories of potential harm, ultimately reaching a classification decision.



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Girls 10's—Thames Valley 10's Invitational Tournament

On Saturday the 17th of April, our girls team travelled to Te Aroha to compete in a 10 aside rugby tournament. As a pre-season tournament, we ended the day winning both our pool games against Mercury Bay and Te Aroha, then carried on to play the final against Mercury Bay, where we won and brought home the girl's champion cup. It was a mean day, and so cool for both our boys and girls teams to end the day undefeated.



A massive thank you to our coaches, managers, parents who travelled over with us to support, and make the day possible.

With our 10's competition on Wednesday nights starting a couple weeks ago, we've unfortunately come back with a few losses against Tokoroa combined schools and Sacred Heart, but still a mean season ahead for our girls. Special mention to our coaches Annie and Lisa for constantly and consistently supporting and helping our team, and our game grow. We're lucky to have such experienced and talented coaches, and excited for the rest of the season.

Daley Nicholls

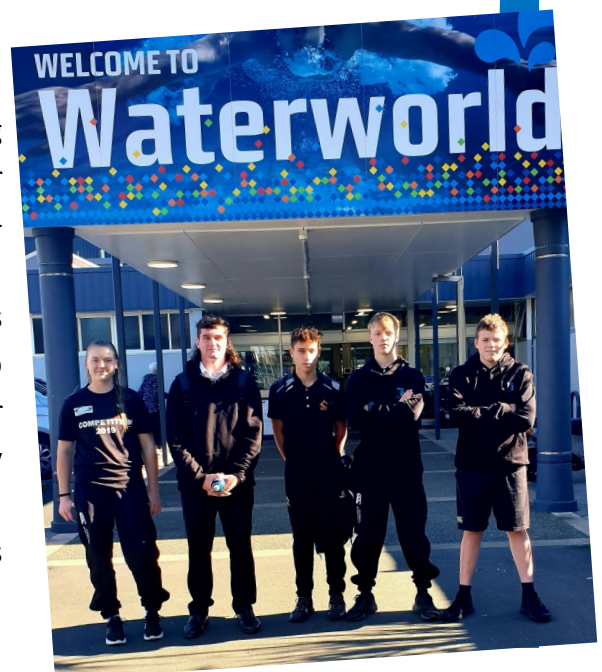
Waikato Secondary Schools Swimming Championships

Last Thursday, five students went to the Waikato Swimming Champs in Hamilton; Michaela Ward, Jake Mathis, Fletcher Meads, Aaron Davey, and Aaron Rogers. We had a great time although the competition was tough!

Some of us had been to similar competitions before so it was scary knowing we would be up against top notch swimmers who swim up to 20 hours per week! In most of our races, we beat our old times and some of us got into the finals. We were all very happy with the results!

Thanks to Mrs. Vaughan for organising the day! A fun day was had by all!

Michaela Ward



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Boys 1st XV

We started our training in mid February as a 10's team. We were training for the 10's competition held on the 17th of April in Te Aroha. At the competition we did really well winning all 3 of our round robin games. Unfortunately we didn't get to play the final due to the opposition team having too many injuries but we finished the day bringing home the trophy for the U16's 10's competition.



We continued training and getting ready for our 1st XV competition starting on the 15th of May. We were put into a grade for 14-18 year olds because we didn't have the numbers for a 1st XV of the right age group. We opened our season playing against Te Wharekura o Te Kaokaoroa o Pātetere at the Putaruru Rugby Club. We went on to win 58-19. We played our second game in Hamilton against Fraser high school. We won 37-0. In our third game we made the long trip down to Taumarunui and curtain raised for the Taumarunui Eels A's and B's teams. We won 41-17.

We currently sit first in the competition standings with 3 games to go before we head into semi's and finals.

Fletcher Meads



South Waikato's Got Talent!

ROTARY PUTARURU

Saturday 26th June

The Plaza, Putaruru

7:00pm

Doors open 6:30pm—Supper Included

Tickets: \$10.00 Teen
\$20.00 Adult
\$30.00 Couple
\$40.00 Family

Available from: The Plaza, Van Dykes, Pride in Putaruru, Rotary Putaruru

Rotary Putaruru - Raising money to add a Barbeque table and shelter to the Barnett Street playground in Putaruru

South Waikato's Got Talent!

Registration Form

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The Plaza, Putaruru

7:00pm

Participant or Group name:

Participant(s) name(s)

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