



Putāruru College Newsletter

Term 2
Week 7

Principal's Message

Kia ora, talofa lava, namaste, kia orana.

On writing this, I am now entering my 10th day of being the Principal at Putāruru College. I have certainly experienced a mixture of emotions over the recent weeks, but the feeling of being fortunate and blessed to be in this role is certainly the overwhelming feeling.

Meeting the students has been an absolute highlight. I have told the students to come up and say hi - and they sure have! I have thoroughly enjoyed popping into classes, seeing learning in action, as well as talking with students at break times. What a neat 400 strong group of students we have here at Putāruru College. McKenzie Purdy delivered me the most beautiful Mac and Cheese to sample last week, it was incredible. There is a group of boys, led by Caleb White, canvassing me for an area of the school to scooter and they are wanting a skatepark built - I love their enthusiasm and we will talk more! It was great getting out to see the Girls Rugby team play last week - it reminded me of my own rugby playing days. I didn't know many people on the sideline, so I am hoping some of you will come over and introduce yourselves next time you see me sifting on the fringes of a sports game, or nipping into grab a coffee in town.

Over the past week or so I have been meeting 1 on 1 with staff to find out more about their roles, how they come to be at Putāruru College, what is working well here and what changes they would like to see. There is a real sense of warmth and respect across the staff. Russell Bishop in his book, *Teaching to the North-East*, describes this as "creating an extended family-like context for learning". Our next steps are to focus on interacting with students in ways that promote student learning, and to monitor progress more closely. We have started to look at the last 5 years of NCEA data, and will be reflecting on where we can make improvements.

Our Board of Trustees meeting is coming up on Monday 21st June 5.45pm, my first meeting - I am looking forward to working closely with our BOT. The following week, on Monday 28th June at 7pm, we have the whānau rōpū meeting and I am hoping to connect with whānau to talk more about how we can better support Māori learners.

Next week a number of our senior students will be doing practice exams. I strongly encourage students to take this opportunity seriously as it will provide such good information to students and teachers about what students need help with and where to focus their mahi. We are halfway through the academic year for seniors, so it's crucial they are tracking their credits and are on track to achieve NCEA. As a guideline, students should have 30-40 credits at this stage of the year. We will be talking to students more about this at school.

Kia pai te rā. Have a good day.

Sharon Moller

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Our School Values:

Manawanui Determination	Kawenga Achievement	Pono Respect	Hiranga Excellence
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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

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

Senior Assessment Week

Tuesday 22nd June

Interschool Cross Country

Wednesday 23rd June

Loves Me Not

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

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

Thursday 1st—Friday 2nd July

Safety Matters Course—Day 2 and 3

Monday 5th July

NCEA Progress Report published on the portal

Friday 9th July

End of Module Reports published on the portal

Monday 26th July

First day of Term 3

Monday 2nd August—Friday 6th August

Matariki Week

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Module B23—Art in Action

With a focus on getting some color around the school of students in action the Art in Action Module has started to get some art up and around the place.

With the inside of the exercise room, a concrete wall and also the Library being the current targets of our students, there is also a dream project that is in development. It certainly is a case of 'watch this space' as we work out how we can create a wall mural that will embody all it is to be a student in Putāruru College.



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Senior Assessment Week

Next week is the first senior assessment week for 2021. Year 11—13 students will sit practice examinations in the school hall throughout the week.

These practice examinations provide valuable practice for external NCEA examinations that are held later in the year.

Students are strongly encouraged to study over the weekend in order to prepare themselves for the examinations which give constructive feedback on their knowledge, understanding, and skills in their subjects.

If students are not sitting exams or if they finish early, they will be in their normal timetabled class.

Term 2 Examination Timetable

SCHOOL TIMES	EXAM TIMES	MONDAY DAY 2	TUESDAY DAY 3	WEDNESDAY DAY 4	THURSDAY DAY 5	FRIDAY DAY F
		21 JUNE	22 JUNE	23 JUNE	24 JUNE	25 JUNE
		EXAM	EXAM		EXAM	EXAM
PERIOD 1 9:00 – 10:15	9:00 to 12:00	HISTORY 100	MĀORI 100	NORMAL SCHOOL DAY <i>("Love me not" programme for seniors)</i>	SCIENCE 100 INT (S2)	MĀORI 200
STAR & LA 10:15 – 10:45		ENGLISH 200	BIOLOGY 200		HISTORY 200	PHYSICS 300
INTERVAL 10:45 – 11:15		HISTORY 300	ENGLISH 300		MĀORI 300	
PERIOD 2 11:15 – 12:30	12:00 - 12:30	BREAK	BREAK		BREAK	BREAK
PERIOD 3 12:30 – 1:30	12:30 to 3:30	ENGLISH 100 JBE ENGLISH 100 ICR (N3B)	SCIENCE 100		GEOGRAPHY 200	CLASSICAL STUDIES 200
LUNCH 1:30 – 2:15		GEOGRAPHY 300	CHEMISTRY 200		PHYSICS 200	CLASSICAL STUDIES 300
PERIOD 4 2:15 – 3:15			CHEMISTRY 300		BIOLOGY 300	

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

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Registration Form

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The Plaza, Putaruru

7:00pm

Participant or Group name:

Participant(s) name(s)

Youth Participant (Under 18 years) ☐ Age: _____

Adult Participant ☐

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Email: _____

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