

Putāruru College Newsletter

Term 2
Week 10

Learning for life

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora, talofa lava, namaste, kia orana

Wow, I can't believe we are at the end of Term 3 already! What an incredible term it has been. A few highlights over recent weeks include:

- Exciting kōrero at Whānau rōpu with families and students
- Brave students and a teacher taking on the "Shave for a Cure" challenge
- Yr 11 students excelling in tree planting on a Friday
- A group of our students presenting to our teachers about a skatepark proposal
- Talking with local constable, Daniel Peat, and students about the challenges and dangers of a bystander culture
- Students building and installing a puna wai (water tank) at the urupa near Tapapa Marae
- Our High Achievers Celebration happening on the last day of term
- Year 10 students successfully gaining NCEA Level 1 credits
- Students sitting practice exams to find out what they need to spend more time on in class

The list goes on!!!

Next term we'll be moving to a later start on Wednesdays - school will begin at 9.30am. Please see my recent text, email, and Facebook post with further details.

I would like to start talking more with you about achievement and attendance data. For the past 5 years, Putāruru College has achieved below the decile 3 national averages. I am sharing this with you because I want you to understand some of the rationale for changing our strategic direction in 2022. We can and we will do better. For the remainder of this year, we will be focused on improving results for 2021, but also on reviewing our curriculum (finding out what is working well and what we need to improve) ahead of refinements for 2022.

Coming up in Term 3, we will be organising opportunities to hear more from our community about the future strategic direction of Putāruru College. These opportunities will include:

Partnership with the Whānau rōpu. An Online survey.

Drop in for coffee and cake with Sharon (me), starting August 5th, Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm for 4 weeks in the staffroom.

Community event - to gather your voice and work together on a new strategic direction.
Date to be established at our next board meeting.

There is a clear link between attendance and achievement. When I was at Huntly College, we sent out the following pānui (see next page) to families and they found it useful to understand the impact of students missing days, or even being late to school. The tables on the next page could help you with the conversations you are having with our students to support their attendance. You can also log into the parent portal and check attendance and achievement information yourself. If you have any challenges with logging in - please contact student services.

Happy holidays! I hope you all have a wonderful break. I am heading down to the Marlborough Sounds to do a 28km trail run event...seemed like a good idea at the time but my training has not gone so well... ! I am also looking forward to the PPTA staffing summit conference in Wellington in the 1st week of the holidays. Stay safe and see you next term.

Kia pai te rā

Sharon Moller

Principal

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Student attendance has the greatest influence on student engagement and achievement. Parents and Boards of Trustees are legally responsible to ensure students regularly attend school. The Ministry of Education defines regular attendance as **students attending school for more than 90%**.

Students with high absenteeism are less likely to succeed in their learning. If a student misses five school days each term, or one day a fortnight, they will miss the equivalent of one year of school over 10 years.

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but			
If you miss	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day?			
You are only missing just	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of schooling that's ...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes a week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
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Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require any further information.

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Manawanui Determination	Kawenga Achievement	Pono Respect	Hiranga Excellence
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SHAVE FOR A CURE—MUFTI DAY

On Wednesday the 30th of June Putaruru College held a mufti day to raise funds for 4 of our students that were taking part in Shave for a cure. Shave for a Cure is a community of people who care and who, with the opportunity to Shave, spread the word and stand in solidarity with all New Zealanders who are living with a blood cancer or blood condition. Every day, seven Kiwis receive the life-changing news that they have blood cancer. At the time of writing this article, Ethan Fulford, Fletcher Meads, Ansaar Thebus and Mia Haddock, have raised \$1,020 for Leukemia and Blood Cancer NZ. In addition to this, another \$550 was raised by the mufti day.

Jordyn Douthett



A nervous Mr Rogers allows Mr Berkers to shave his head.

(More photos on the next page —>)

CALENDAR

For this week (week 10)

Monday 05 July

NCEA reports published on portal

Tuesday 06 July

12:30pm: Shine Girls

Thursday 08 July

9:00—10:00am WILSS Youth Volunteering Programme

12:30pm— Strength Boys

Friday 9th July

9/10 End of Module Reports published on the portal

1:30pm— High Achievers' Assembly

Parents/Caregivers welcome!

Monday 12 to Friday 23 July

Term Break

Have a safe and happy holiday!

Term 3

Monday 26th July

Term 3 starts

Monday 9th —Friday 13th August

Matariki Week

THE “BEFORE AND AFTER” PICS!



The brave candidates willing to sacrifice their hair for a worthy cause:

From bottom left and going clockwise— Ethan Fulford, Ansaar Thebus, Mia Haddock, Mr Rogers, Fletcher Meads. A huge **THANK YOU** for these kind volunteers who helped raise money for SHAVE for a CURE.

Well done guys (and girl)!



Hair today and gone tomorrow!
 Mr Rogers filming Mr Berkers removing his hair.

Ed: We're not quite sure why Mr Rogers filmed his hair cut ... maybe he didn't quite trust the barber—or maybe he just wanted to film the rare occasion to show his family!



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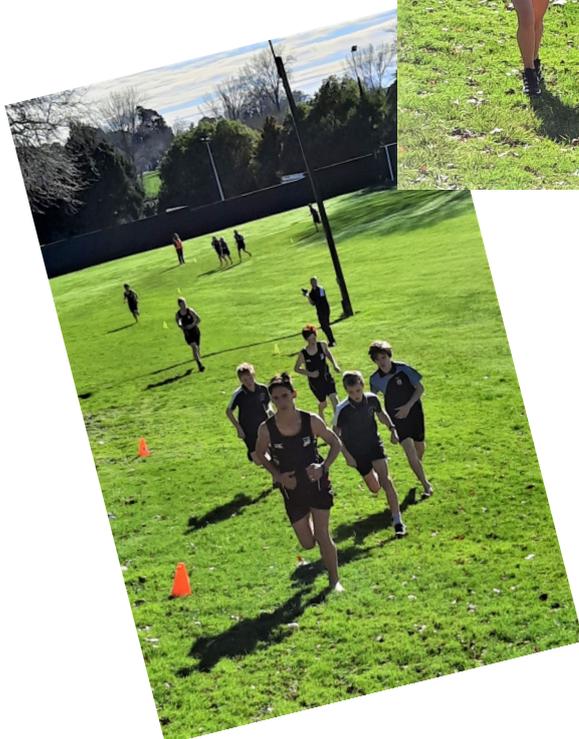
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Determination	Achievement	Respect	Excellence

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

A group of Yr 7-8 students represented PC at the local interschool cross country event which was held on Tuesday 22 June at Glenshea Park. This was the first time in many years that the event was held at Glenshea, much to the delight of the students, as this meant they didn't have to run the dreaded hills at Te Waotu school! Congratulations to all of our students who were selected to represent our school. You all showed determination and gave it 100% out there. Ka mau te wehi!

Results from the day:

Angus Colebrook - 1st Year 7 Boys
Ty Haines - 2nd Year 7 Boys
Jessica Botha - 1st Year 7 Girls
Bella Brown - 3rd Year 7 Girls
Stephan Botha - 2nd Year 8 Boys
Katelyn Taylor - 3rd Year 8 Girls



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YEAR 7 & 8 FOOTBALL

Congratulations to PC Phoenix who won their final 3-2 against Te Waotu on Saturday 4 July. They went into the game as underdogs having previously lost against them, but they worked well as a team and came back from being down 2-nil at halftime to take the win on the final whistle. Congratulations also to the following students who were awarded trophies for their respective teams:

Chase Liddell - Best & Fairest player for PC Phoenix
Thomas Stratton - Best & Fairest player for PC Strikers
Lincoln Kincaid - MVP for PC Phoenix
Rylan Urbahn - MVP for PC Strikers



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YEAR 11 WELDING COURSE

Last week, our Year 11 Metalwork Class enjoyed a welding course at Toi Ohomai's Braeside Campus in Tokoroa. We thoroughly enjoyed the course and took a lot away from it. Most of us were really nervous at the start as this was our first time welding. But after being shown how to do it, and getting to practice, we started to make some good welds. And we learnt how to operate both a mig welder and a gas welder. We thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on learning and the whole experience was worth it. We would easily recommend this course to anyone who wants to give it a go. Thanks, Mr Grace, for organizing this for us.

Kaya Allison and Charlee Steiner



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TREE PLANTING

What's more enjoyable than planting a tree?

"I can assure you that there is no greater satisfaction than planting a tree and knowing that you have done something to make a difference." - Leya Harvey. On Friday 2nd of July, Year 11 students from Putaruru College were fortunate enough to attend a day trip to help improve the Waikato river environment and farming areas surrounding Hora Hora Road. Our goal was to plant 1,200 native plants along the river side, (which we accomplished in less time than intended, thanks to the staff from Waikato river trails pre-digging the holes. We think this is what **assisted** the teachers in the idea to shout everyone maccas.) Our average per student of how many trees we needed to plant to receive our 5 credits was only three, which when we got there was really easy considering a majority of us thought we were planting 6 trees. All this trip required us to do was place the native plants into the pre-dug holes and gently pat them in. We were lucky enough to have experienced this on a sunny day and half the work was already done. After a few hours of work we finished with a group picture taken in front of the river and were exclusively told "No hand signs" by the coordinators. Overall this was a well spent and enjoyable day away.



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Brianna Vosper and Leya Harvey.

WOOD TURNING

Cameron Hauser and William Periam have turned some impressive items on lathes at the Timber Museum this term. If you are keen to have a go, see Mr Fifield. Course is on Wednesdays during periods 2 & 3.



bowl



Paper towel holder



Rolling pin & candle holder

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CONSTRUCTION OF PUNA WAI (WATER TANK) FOR URUPA

Over the past 2 weeks, a group of senior students from the College have been working with Bill the builder in making a puna wai to enable visitors to the urupa to wash their hands.

The structure involves a timber frame with an aluminum roof. Rain is collected from the roof and funnels down a drainpipe into a drum that has been fitted with a tap that visitors can use.

We built it on the Marae grounds at Tokoroa High School. I was helped by Dirk Mostert, Brandon Porter, Jack Stewart and Levi Chapman. We learned heaps of skills – from learning how to use a chisel properly, how to make accurate measurements with a tape measure, to timber construction. We also learned to be aware of Health and Safety regulations, such as wearing PPE when working (to protect our hearing and sight).

Last Friday (25 June), we installed the Puna Wai on the Urupa near Tapapa Marae. It felt good to see our hard work being used to help our community.

Tyson
Henderson-Roberts



FANTASTIC FRIDAY - WHAKAIRO CLASS

On Fridays, a group of students in years 10 to 12 are developing their skills in Whakairo (Māori carving) with Mr Moore.

The students have been working hard to master the craft and complete their individual projects this term to gain NCEA credits. As a result, there has been some fantastic work produced. Mauri mahi, Mauri ora!



Taj Winika and Brandon Porter honing their skills.



Some of their amazing handiwork.

B-MODULE: ART IN ACTION

As part of their module, students have been getting creative and learning about mural artists, enlargement and designing stencils. They have developed their own projects based on a design brief, here is just some images of what they have achieved in a short time.



EXCITING THINGS HAPPENING WITH TRANSFORM AOTEAROA

Transform Aotearoa 32 Tirau Street Putaruru - Above The Cow Café Term 3 Programme 2021

Program	Description	Contact	Start Date
Driving Lessons	Practical driving lessons for a pathway to obtaining a learner, restricted or full driver's license. \$35 / hour for Putaruru clients.	Lamen Hohaia 021 563695	Any time by appointment
Whakahonohono Mai (Women Only)	10-week personal development for women on strength, identity, worth, value and goal setting.	Belena Hohaia 0210 2227299	Wednesday July 28 th 10am – 12pm
Te Ana Raiona (Men only)	9-week stage 2 builds on tools learnt in stage 1 and strengthens a deeper understanding of client's leadership potential.	Lamen Hohaia 021 563695	Wednesday August 4th 6pm – 8pm
Logistics and Rooding Basics (ITS)	A 3-day industry training program to understand this industry. Criteria applies.	Kim Jepsen 022 3765544	Tuesday – Thursday August 10 th – 12 th 9 am – 4 pm
(TYP) Teenage Youth Program	An 8 week after school program for teen girls to be equipped & empowered in making positive & healthy life choices.	Amber Hohaia 021 410596	Tuesday August 3 rd 3.30pm – 5.30pm
CAP Addictions Program	8-week program with mentors offering tools to break life controlling addictions & dependencies.	Lamen Hohaia 021 563695 Kent Crawford 020 40677978	Contact Lamen for more details
Te Reo Maori	A language course for students - level 3 & above.	Lamen Hohaia 021 563695	Every Thursday 6pm - 8pm

Programme	Description	Contact	Start Date
Te Reo Maori for Beginners	A language course for beginner students.	Lamen Hohaia 021 563695	Every Monday 6 pm - 8 pm
WOW Ladies	A social gathering of ladies meeting to do craft, cooking, sewing & coffee.	Belena Hohaia 0210 2227299	Each Friday morning 9 am -12 pm
Building Awesome Whanau	6-week course assisting to inspire and empower parents and caregivers to aim for great outcomes.	Belena Hohaia 0210 2227299	Thursday August 5 th 10 am – 12 pm
HT Class 2	5-day theory & practical test to accomplish a HT licence.	Kim Jepsen 022 3765544	Monday – Friday October 4 th – 8 th 8am – 4pm
Barista Training	A practical 2-day intensive course providing training in Barista coffee making.	Kim Jepsen 022 3765544	To be confirmed awaiting funding approval. Register interest.