

### E-Bulletin Term 3 Week 6 2/9/22

Kia ora e te whānau

#### **Rostering home again next week**

Unfortunately due to staff illnesses we are unable to offer our full timetable next week. On Thursday this week we had 18 teachers out of 32 teachers (56%) absent for various reasons. We have made the hard decision to roster home again next week, please see the days below and note there are some changes to the days (they are not the same as last week).

For the week starting 5th September

- Monday 5th September - Yr 11 learning at home
- Tuesday 6th Aug - Year 8 learning at home
- Wednesday 7th Aug - Year 7 learning at home
- Thursday 8th Sept - Year 10 learning at home
- Friday 9th Sept - Year 9 learning at home

Students who are unable to be at home will be supervised at school doing online learning, but their classes won't be running like normal. Teachers will have material online for students to work through on their google classrooms.

Thank you for your understanding.

#### **Year 7 Camp!!!**

Hot off the press, and plenty of more photos to share - our Yr7s arrived back from their 3 day camp at Lake Okataina yesterday.









*From Mrs Maxwell:*

What an outstanding camp we have had! The weather could not have been better, nor the location!

The students experienced the best of times with paddle boarding, bush excursions, team-building activities and games. Many pushed themselves beyond their comfort zones achieving far more than they expected they would. Friendships were built and strengthened and so much fun was had. The photos speak for themselves.

None of this could have been achieved if it weren't for the wonderful teachers and senior helpers. We were all well fed, well entertained and well exhausted by the end of each day. I have to say (without a word of a lie) that never before on any camps I have been part of, have the students all been fast asleep within 15 minutes of lights out!

A huge shout out to Keegan Pitcher for the excellent organisation and planning for camp, as well as the other dedicated staff members who ensured the camp was a positive and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.....and also to Jodi Hollings for her culinary delights and filling our bellies!

Our Senior students made us proud and were shining examples for the younger students to aspire to. Awesome effort team!!

### **Yr 10 Investigating Biology Class**

The year 10 "Investigating in Biology" class spent this week studying the invertebrates in our local Oraka Stream. We found a range of different species which shows that there is likely to be good stream health. Troy Sinclair was our star identifier! So glad we have had some sunny weather to get out and explore biology up close! *By Mrs Argent*



### **Can you help?**

Our Year 9's are starting a new topic in a few weeks looking at Kaitiakitanga and Ecology. If anyone in the community has a passion or knowledge about our local awa, conservation projects, native species or kaitiakitanga we would love your help! Or if you have any conservation or whenua protection / enhancement projects that the year 9s could be part of, that would be great as well. Please get in touch with Jade Argent directly ([jade.argent@putarurucollege.school.nz](mailto:jade.argent@putarurucollege.school.nz)) or the school.

## Drama Trip

On Thursday, seven of our senior Drama students travelled to Auckland to watch 'The Dawn Raids' by Oscar Kightley, in a sold out production.

The two hour production explored a particularly bleak part of Aotearoa's history and the pain felt by the Pacific Island community. The performance started off with live music before diving into a gripping and heartbreaking storyline.

We sat alongside students from all across Auckland including Diosicen School for Girls and Mt Roskill Grammar School. All the students were engrossed in the performance, cheering, laughing, shouting and hiding tears. The bilingual delivery of the film added more authenticity and another dimension to the narrative.

Our students left the production with a new understanding of just how political and difficult the 70s were for Pacific Island People. They developed a new understanding of how families and lives were destroyed for generations by an unjust immigration policy.

Students also paid attention to lighting, props, transitions, sound affects, delivery, body positioning and other drama conventions.

Following the productions, we caught some air while wandering along the viaduct. Here we saw the America's Cup boat, walked over a draw-bridge and admired the mechanics of it, saw historic landmarks and pondered the cost of living in the CBD. We took a scenic drive through the central suburbs admiring the architecture and infrastructure of different periods before heading home.

All in all, it was a fabulous day out. Our students made our school proud with their dutiful behaviour. Thank you to Ms McManus, Mrs Graham and Mr Abernethy for contributing to the smooth running of this trip. *By Mrs Miller*



## School Photos

Parents should have been emailed their child's unique Key Code to go online to view and purchase 2022 School Photos. \*\*\*FREE DELIVERY EXPIRES Midnight Sunday 11 SEPTEMBER \*\*\*

If you have not received yours please check your spam/junk folder and if it is not in there email the student services as we have a master list and can send you your code.



## Huge congratulations

You will read more about Taj in the upcoming Prattler - but we are just so proud of this young man we want to shout it from the rooftops! Taj Winika has just gained a place at Te Wānanga Whakairo Rākau o Aotearoa, The National Wood Carving School at Te Puia in Rotorua. He is the youngest ever student to gain a place and was one of 3 nationwide accepted. Often people who have gained places come through Kōhanga Reo and Wharekura educational pathways - so to gain entry was even more special as the competition is tough! Taj submitted a portfolio of work and a lengthy application, and travelled to Te Puia for an interview. This is a fully paid scholarship and is pretty life changing for this young man. He is pictured here with a pou he is nearly finished (course starts 16th September!) which represents the history of Raukawa and Putāruru. We couldn't be more proud of you Taj.



## Board of Trustees

Voting papers have been sent home. Voting closes at 4pm Wednesday 21st September.

## Name change

Currently our school's legal name is Putaruru College.

The origin of the word Putaruru refers to the story of Korokore who died under suspicious circumstances. Ruru, Korokores' servant, went into hiding after avenging her death. Puta means "out of", in this case "out of the hiding place of Ruru" - the full correct name being Puta-a-Ruru.

We are proposing to change the name of our school to be Putāruru College. We think it's important that our school name is spelt in a way that is closer to what the word and its meaning represents. A macron (tohutō) is the line above the vowel. It indicates a longer vowel sound. Eg Whānau (family), Pō mārie (goodnight). These words are spelt differently in the Tainui rohe, as the double vowel is equivalent to the macron E.g. Whānau is whaanau, and Pō mārie is poo maarie.

If you have any feedback on this proposed name change, please send it through to: [Office@putarurucollege.school.nz](mailto:Office@putarurucollege.school.nz) and we will include it at our next board meeting.

## Key dates

Monday 5th September - Friday 9th September: Year 7 and 8 AIMS games  
Friday 16th September: Mid Semester B report home  
Monday 19th September - Thursday 22nd September: NCEA practice exams  
Tuesday 20th September: Parent teacher student conferences 3-7pm  
Wednesday 21st September: Parent teacher student conferences 3-5pm

## Term 4

Monday 7th November: NCEA exams start  
Friday 25th November: Senior Prizegiving 12-3pm  
Friday 9th December: Last day for juniors and seniors, Junior prize giving 10am  
Monday 12th - Wednesday 14th December: Teacher Only Days

All the best to our Yr 7 and 8s heading to AIMS games next week at Mt Maunganui!

Ngā mihi, Sharon Moller, Principal