

**E-Bulletin Term 3 Week 5 26/8/22**

Kia ora e te whānau

**Rostering home**

We have managed to avoid this so far in 2022, but unfortunately our luck is over. Due to staff absences next week through Covid isolation, illness, sick kids, planned professional development courses, and camps/trips to support EOTC - we will need to roster home year levels next week. We are sorry for the disruption this causes and want to give you as much notice as possible.

For next week:

- Monday 29th Aug - everyone at school
- Tuesday 30th Aug - Year 12 and 13 learning at home
- Wednesday 31st Aug - Year 8 learning at home
- Thursday 1st Sept - Year 9 learning at home
- Friday 2nd Sept - Year 10 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.

**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.

**Congratulations to our U13 Dragons :)**

BOP U13 league champions !

**Bus update**

From the 31st of October the Urban Connector will have "bus it" cards. This means students using this service from Tokoroa will need a card, and remember swipe on and off the bus. We are in talks with the council at the moment on how to best transition to this method. At the start of term 4 we will support our students to get a card, and load it up with the credit needed for the rest of Term 4. Students will be able to use the card outside of school times/weekends as well for example if they are taking the bus to Hamilton.



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### **Tokoroa Employer/Student 'Speed Meet' 24/8/22**

On Thursday 25th a group of 18 eager young job seekers went to Tokoroa to meet, greet and talk to potential employers from the South Waikato. With only 3 mins to introduce themselves, ask questions and listen it was an intense 70 mins but enjoyed by everyone who went. Keep an eye out for the next one and seize any opportunities that come your way. Massive thank you to the team that put the day on, the employers and Mrs Kersey for sorting it out.



### **10 Social Studies Students tackle NCEA Accounting**

In Year 10 Social Studies, we have been doing Financial Literacy. We have begun our 4 credit NCEA assessment about managing money within a household. The students have a week and a half to complete this and it is pleasing to see how keen they are to achieve this. Here is a snapshot of the classroom environment today (a wet miserable Friday)  
Ka Pai Year 10 - You're awesome!





## Year 13 Biology Trip!

In Year 13 Biology we have been learning about the trends in Human Evolution. To help us understand this topic, we recently went to Auckland Zoo to help us visualise what we had learnt. This involved a seminar in the morning where we got to look at different Hominin skulls and skeletal features and were able to compare these with modern human and chimpanzee skulls. After this seminar, we were then given time to explore the zoo and see all the animals. We also got to go to a talk about Spider monkeys, which was a favourite for some of the students! This helped us to solidify the ideas that we had been learning about, and gave us a stress-free educational day to enjoy the zoo! Throughout the Human Evolution topic, we have also had the opportunity to learn more about how fire affected human evolution. For this, we got to roast marshmallows over a fire, and discuss what modern humans used fire for compared with the early hominin species. We also learnt about tool cultures and we were given potatoes to try and make our own version of ancient stone tools. Miss Schick is assisting our learning with fun practical activities that keep us engaged and is sure to cement the knowledge. - Emily, Kaiya, Hannelie, Jannie, Jahvorn, Faula.



## Job opportunities

A family has contacted us looking for a farm worker or au pair (preferably over 20yo with drivers license). Please contact me at school if you want more information [principal@putarurucollege.school.nz](mailto:principal@putarurucollege.school.nz)

## Open Day

This week we hosted 50 yr 6 and 8 students from Putāruru Primary, Lichfield School, Tirau Primary and St Marys for our Open Day - it was a fun filled 3 hours and we will be dropping off enrolment packs and prospectuses next week. A big thanks to our 20 or so student helpers who ran the tour groups, looked after students, sorted the BBQ and were MCs - you were all outstanding and we are so proud of how you represent our school.



Here is the [link](#) to our new prospectus - we are so pleased with it. Thanks Claire from Bella Creative for doing this for us!

## Board of Trustees

Voting papers will be sent home soon! We have 10 nominations for our Board of Trustees - this is very exciting. 4pm Wednesday 21st September - voting closes

## Counselling

Just a reminder we have wonderful counsellors at school to support our students. Students can book appointments at student services

- Rob MacDonald 3 or 4 days a week
- Vashni - Thursdays
- Katelyn, Drug and Alcohol - Fridays

## Golden Gloves

Big congratulations to our Golden Glove students Shakarna Thompson, Devin Winterson and Shanalae Thompson on winning Silver and Jahrell Strange winning Gold.



## Name change

Currently our school's legal name is Putaruru College.

The origin of the name 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.

Here is a neat article about a Primary school in Ōmokoroa who are pushing to change local signage

[https://www.nzherald.co.nz/bay-of-plenty-times/news/students-push-for-macrons-to-be-added-to-omokoroa-signage/575SWYOJDV5O4VLB3XFGIOU4WE/?utm\\_medium=Social&utm\\_source=Facebook#Echobox=1661378257](https://www.nzherald.co.nz/bay-of-plenty-times/news/students-push-for-macrons-to-be-added-to-omokoroa-signage/575SWYOJDV5O4VLB3XFGIOU4WE/?utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook#Echobox=1661378257)



## **Thank you**

It's been a tricky couple of days sharing my news with the board, staff, students and the community. I have really appreciated your warmth and understanding. Please know that I will do everything I can to ensure a smooth transition for the next lucky principal at Putāruru College.

## **Key dates**

Friday 26th August: Teacher Only Day

Tuesday 30th August - Friday 2nd September: Year 7 Camp

Monday 5th September - Friday 9th September: Year 7 and 8 AIMS games

Friday 16th September: Mid Semester B report home

Tuesday 20th September - Friday 23rd 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

Ngā mihi, Sharon Moller, Principal