

E-Bulletin Term 3 Week 7 9/9/22

Kia ora e te whānau

Thank you for your understanding and support with rostering year levels home for the last two weeks. We are super happy to report that it is **school as normal for next week!** We look forward to seeing all students here on Monday, and we have an assembly to kick off Te Wiki o te reo Māori during whānau time.

From our Board of Trustees

To our staff, parents/caregivers and community members, tēnā koutou katoa.

As you are aware, the Board has started the recruitment process for appointing a new Principal/Tumuaki to Putāruru College. We are inviting staff, students, parents/caregivers and community members to give us feedback about the qualities, knowledge and skills you would like our new Principal/Tumuaki to have to help the Board make its final decision.

We would appreciate your responses by Monday 19th September. The information will be collated by the Board and Rachel Allan, the consultant we have contracted to work with us for this recruitment process. Your feedback is confidential. Link to survey here: <https://tinyurl.com/2acbww4e>

If you would like to meet with us kanohi ki te kanohi, we will be having a consultation evening on **Tuesday 13th of September at 5.30pm** in the school library. There will be nibbles provided and will we work through similar questions to the survey. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you for contributing your thoughts to the Board. You are welcome to contact Debbie Meads (Board member) if you have any questions. Her contact details are chairperson.putaruru@gmail.com

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

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Ngā mihi, nā
Appointments Committee, Putāruru College Board

**PLEASE
VOTE!**

Creative Writing

On Monday Putāruru College was fortunate enough to be included in Anna Mackenzie's tour of North Island Schools. Anna is a New Zealand author, novelist and short story writer. Forty of our year 7-13 students were selected to take part in an intensive creative writing workshop. The workshop focused on the elements of the beginning, middle and end of a story, verb usage, dialogue, setting, character, scene and tone. Students were encouraged to explore and share their writing with the group and as a collective, explore how they have created meaning through the use of language. It was a great opportunity for students and everyone's writing developed over the course of the workshop. They took several tips and tricks to improve their writing. Including a little exam tip that might help all of us. "Hold your pen loosely, to avoid writer's cramp in exams." Putāruru College Library has several of Anna's novels which students may like to read. We hope this will inspire our up and coming writers to enter more writing competitions such as the 'Re-draft Annual National Writing Competition for Teenagers'. See Whaea Kim or Mrs Miller for more details.
By Mrs Miller



Parent/teacher/student conferences

A reminder: these are coming up soon!
Tuesday 20th Sept 3.15pm-7pm
Wednesday 21st Sept 3.15pm-5pm

To book: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/7vxb>
Or call students services for help

Te Wiki o te Reo - next 2 weeks of whānau class

E te tini, e te mano, ka tīmata te wiki o te reo Māori. We are looking at developing the use of Te Reo Māori within our school through our whānau programme.



South Waikato Volleyball Champs

We had 2 senior mixed and 1 junior mixed volleyball teams compete at the South waikato Volleyball championships in tokoroa. Although the competition was fierce and results didn't quite go our way, we still had an awesome day! Thanks to all who helped it be a successful event. *By Mrs Vaughan*



Aims Games 2022

2022 saw the return of Aims Games, after being unable to hold the tournament for the past two years because of covid. The tournament attracts over 11,000 participants from over 220 schools throughout NZ and is the biggest sporting event for Y7-8 students in the Southern Hemisphere! This year we entered a quick rip team which was coached by Bonnie & Y9 student coach Hunter Brown. Our students had so much fun participating at Aims Games and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. *By Miss Taylor*



Anonymous year 11 creator

"But don't we all feel like this at times. If we do, please tell someone. Don't sit alone"



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 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

Tukuna te reo kia rere - let the language fly! We are heading into Te Wiki o te Reo Māori next week, watch this space!

Ngā mihi, Sharon Moller, Principal



TOKOROA INTERMEDIATE
PRESENTS A:

CYBER SAFETY EVENING

Learn practical solutions to keep your children safe from online predators, gamers and pornography.

THURSDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2022
6.30PM - 8.30PM
TOKOROA INTERMEDIATE
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Gold Coin Entry





Tokoroa Intermediate presents:

A Cyber Safety Evening

With Rob Cope - Author, Parent & Filmmaker
of
the 2020 documentary: 'Our Kids Online'

- Understand the harms our kids are facing online in relation to predators, pornography, gaming, fake news, social media access, and the 24/7 switched on effect on the developing brain.
- Learn practical solutions to keep your children safer online.
- Get advice on healthy ways to approach these tricky topics.
- Learn what to do when your child has been exposed to something harmful.
- This talk also includes an online safety plan tailored to suit your family's needs.

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To find out more about Rob's work
visit www.ourkidsonline.info