



PUTĀRURU COLLEGE

Panui / Newsletter

19th May 2023

Tena koutou katoa,

Where did that week go? Nek minute I am again contemplating what to write about and what to leave out of the Panui....It seems that the weeks are flashing past us and soon it will be half way through the year! I hope all of our senior students are noticing how quickly the year is disappearing and making a concerted effort to ensure that they working enough to have a successful year of learning...A little stocktake of where they are at vs where they need to be, might be a good use of their time....oh and they will not find that information on Tik Tok, or insta....

Whānau teachers are a great first port of call for all our students, especially our senior ones.

In other news.....Find enclosed some great photos from the OE trips last week, 12/13 Careers expo, the writers workshop, the Wact youth sports day out, some art and important dates to note...but first;

Attendance matters....

Yup, we will keep on keeping on about this all year. Rostering home specific year levels creates some disruption in the school week, but overall students have coped well with the interruption and have participated positively at school. Keep up the good work whānau, remember every day counts.

Attendance term 2 week 4: 68% eek again!!

Uniform

Cold frosty mornings have suddenly descended upon us resulting in more fires in homes at night, beautiful sunny days and an assortment of jerseys, jackets and other non uniform items. Please help us by ensuring when your child leaves home in the morning they are wearing our uniform....and despite what they tell you crocs, puffer jackets and gumboots are not a part of our uniform!

Strike action -

We are again expecting disruptions to the term with the PPTA still attempting to negotiate a better deal for teachers with multiple actions planned throughout the term. These include:

1. Continuation of 'relief ban' which protects PPTA staff and their non-contact time for planning, marking and other non-teaching duties.
2. Rostering home for specific year levels (**week 5 - Thursday Year 11**)

These dates are listed in the important dates below. If your child is in the year identified there will be no teaching of that year at school for the day. Please feel free to contact us to seek clarification if needed.

Auckland Writers Festival

On Wednesday Mrs Curphey, Mrs Spencer and Mrs Miller took 18 students to The Auckland Writers Festival. It is one of Aotearoa leading literary events and a highlight of the Australiasian literary calendar.

Our pre dawn to dusk outing started before the sparrows on an appropriately cold and foggy Waikato morning. Students clambered into two vans with sleepy enthusiasm. From there, it was smooth sailing through to Takanini Train Station. At Takanini students were given a brief lesson on train etiquette before embarking on what, for many, was their first commuter train experience. We arrived at the Aotea Centre and were ushered to our seats. The auditorium was filled with schools from across the North Island. Here students had the opportunity to be influenced and inspired by a collection of renowned writers.

Jason Reynolds, a multi award winning author and US Ambassador for Young People's Literature was our first speaker he enthralled the audience and had Mrs Curphey in stitches with 80's cultural references. Students left impassioned and fired up by the great Raro vs Kool Aid debate.

Chloe Gong, a young Auckland woman and international selling author, helped inspire students to explore the world of literature and take risks with their writing.

Chris Tse, New Zealand's Poet Laureate, spoke alongside Claudia Jardine & Amber Esau. They encouraged students to ponder significant themes and meanings. Chris taught students about etiquette in the poetry world and how to appreciate art. He exposed students to contemporary poetry and poetry that's 1000s of years old.

Finally, Gina Cole advocated for indigenous writers to share their world view in mainstream literature. She spoke assuredly on the need for writers to explore their own history and culture and use both as a starting point for transformational change in literature.



Year 9 Art

Here is just a sample of the Year 9 Art students handiwork. They have been learning about optical, abstract and geometrical art as well as various patterning techniques.



News in Brief:

Wishing Stephan Botha and Katelyn Taylor, who were nominated to attend Rotary's Rypen Camp, a wonderful weekend this weekend!

Students conducted themselves beautifully at the Year 12/13 Careers Expo in Rotorua on Wednesday. Their eyes were opened to opportunities, pathways and careers.

Out n about with OED!

The Yr11 Outdoor Education class trip to Raglan was a resounding success!

Led by Mrs. Hunter and Mr. Pitcher, the group of 13 Yr11 students spent two days exploring the stunning natural environment of Raglan. Outside provider Raglan Rock, helped the students to take part in caving and rock climbing. Experiencing the darkness and squeeze of the natural underground world first hand was a challenging experience for many but one that students will remember for life.

Not only did the students have an amazing time, but they also grew closer as a unit, learning to work together, communicate effectively, and support one another. The trip provided a valuable opportunity for the students to develop their outdoor skills, gain confidence, and build meaningful relationships with their peers. Among Us real life was the game of choice for evening activities and it provided another opportunity to bond and have some fun. Overall, it was an unforgettable experience that will be remembered for years to come!

Outdoor Education Trip: Thrilling Adventure with Raglan Rock!

Our Year 12 and 13 students along with Mr. Pitcher, Mrs. Hunter & Mr. McLaren embarked on an unforgettable Outdoor Education Trip with Raglan Rock. They dove into the thrill of canyoning, embraced the challenge of bush survival, and reached new heights through rock climbing and abseiling. The students displayed exceptional enthusiasm, teamwork, and a deep respect for nature. Guided by experienced instructors, they navigated narrow gorges, cascading waterfalls, and natural water slides. With Raglan Rock, they scaled sheer cliffs, defying gravity, and pushed their limits. This trip fostered camaraderie, resilience, and unforgettable memories. We extend our gratitude to Raglan Rock and applaud our incredible students for their unwavering spirit and remarkable achievements.

Outdoor Education is a subject that involves a lot of managed risk. The safety of our students is paramount and if at any point, before or during an excursion, there is any undue risk we can and will cancel or stop the activity immediately.



Wednesday



Thursday



A lil surprise thank you cake from the students on the OE camp to the teachers....Made their day. Shot students!!

Friday!



Everyone had a blast over the week, if you want to see what we got up to, got follow our ODE page on instagram @outdoor.ed.883

WACT Event; Two teams of students went down to participate in a youth sports event organised by WACT. It was a fun way to interact with other students from the South Waikato, and our students were wonderful ambassadors for our school. For the record, Mr Rogers team, PC2 won the overall prize. Thanks to Ms Taylor for helping getting the kids there and back!



Waihou Whānau Fun!

Waihou have been making the most of some team building activities in whānau time this week. A photo challenge of 'tallest tower' from Pou Ārahi, Max McLaren, and Mrs Lal-Phillips' whānau enjoyed some cooking time today in honour of Pink Shirt Day!



Winter Sports

Rugby - U18 will be training up at the Nola block Tuesday and Thursday at 6pm.

Basketball - Training for senior boys basketball is on Thursday lunch times.

Junior boys and girls basketball are looking for managers and coaches.

Soccer/Football - Friday 3.30 at school.

Hockey - Wednesday afterschool in the gym.

Next week (week 5)

Monday - Full School Assembly

Tuesday - Y7&8 Interhouse indoor bowls

Wednesday -

Thursday - School cross country, Y11 Rostered home

Friday - Waikato University Open Day, Senior Careers Assembly

PPTA Strike action - rostering year levels home:

Week 5	Thursday 25th May - Year 11
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Week 6 Tuesday 30th May - Year 13

Thursday 1st June - Year 12

Week 7 Tuesday 6th June - Year 10

Thursday 8th June - Year 9