



**PUTĀRURU COLLEGE**

**Panui / Newsletter**

**2nd June 2023**

### **Tena koutou katoa,**

Not much of a school week for me personally this week, in fact just one day!! I attended the SPANZ (Secondary Principals Association of New Zealand(note the N Angelina!)) conference in New Plymouth from Sunday to Wednesday. It was a full on few days with some notable takeaways. The main one being the turmoil everyone is in - students, staff, whanau, communities and according to a couple of the keynote speakers education itself. The resumption of the rostering home of students while teachers fight for a better deal highlights this struggle that affects every school community. Massive thanks to the team for covering for me while I was away....yes Keegan....I was away.....

Today was spent with one of our neighbouring schools, Forest View High School in Tokoroa. With the new NCEA level one qualification being launched over the next two years and a curriculum refresh being planned for, staff were learning about and unpacking the implications of these two major pieces of work together with their FVHS colleagues. Whilst hard work will be needed to make these transitions as smooth as possible, the optimism, direction and possibilities of these new mandates should enhance the education experience of our students....unless the election later in the year changes everything!! So exciting....interesting times ahead....

**Uniform** - We thank you for your cooperation with the uniform and need your help to make sure this carries on. There are some students who will be getting a more formal reminder about our uniform expectations and as always if there are any questions you have about our uniform feel free to contact us at the school.

### **Attendance matters....**

Yup, we will keep on keeping on about this all year. With PPTA strike action restarting it is even more important to make sure that your child is at school as many days as they can! Keep up the efforts whānau, remember every day counts.

**Attendance term 2 week 6: 65%; we are going the wrong way team!!**

### **NCEA Practice Exams**

A reminder to our senior students, and their whānau, that many NCEA courses are running practice exams in week 7. These exams are an opportunity to become familiar with examination conditions, how the papers are structured and showcase what you have learned in the first half of the year.

### **Study and Chill**

All students are welcome to Wednesday afternoon - 3.15 to 4.15 - study sessions in the library. Initiated by our Academic Student Leader, Maungaatai Keene-Thompson, we want to create a comfortable space for students to do their mahi and get help with assessments with some snacks and chill music.

All senior students have been specifically invited to these sessions. We want seniors to tell us what assessments/ subjects they want some extra support (especially those aiming for Excellence) so we can gather our greatest minds and troubleshoot together. Email Ms Last at [carli.last@putarurucollege.school.nz](mailto:carli.last@putarurucollege.school.nz) with ideas and suggestions for Study and Chill.

### **Write on Competition winner... Bronwyn Edmeades!**

Last week Bronwyn was part of a group who travelled to Auckland as part of a celebrating writing festival. Bronwyn took up the wero, entered the competition and hey presto...she is a winner! Her winning entry will be published as well....and when I am told where I will let you know!!! Great work Bronwyn!



### **Happenings across the school**



School is all about putting your hand up when opportunities arise, so it is great to see students who give up their time to learn a new skill. If you are keen to learn the art of Crocheting then get yourselves to A3 every Monday and Wednesday lunch times....everything is supplied so come on in and give it a go.

### **Stuff coming up; WEEK 8**

2023 CAA (Common Assessment Activity - The Newest way for students to strive for the 10 credits required for L1 Numeracy and Literacy) will be held **Monday and Tuesday of Week 8.**

This is for all Year 10s and Year 11s who have been identified as yet to complete Numeracy and Literacy at NCEA Lv 1.

## Drivers Licensing....

The latest 3 drivers to pass their driving licence tests.....well done team.....



## 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 7)

**Monday** - Kings Birthday

**Tuesday** - Year 10 rostered home; Practice exams

**Wednesday** - Practice exams

**Thursday** - Year 9 Rostered home; Practice exams

**Friday** - Practice exams catch ups

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PRACTICE EXAM TIMETABLE

JUNE 2023

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Students in Year 11, 12 or 13 will be writing Practice Exams. These are **IMPORTANT** because (1) they provide good practice (2) they provide useful feedback from teachers (to highlight areas you need to improve) and (3) they provide valid evidence if, for some reason, you are unable to write the end-year exam.

Please note - you will either be writing an **EXAM** in the hall, or you will be **IN CLASS** studying/completing internal assessments. If you are writing a practice exam, make sure that you are **ON TIME, IN CORRECT SCHOOL UNIFORM** and that you have all the necessary **EQUIPMENT** (including a spare pen). You might also need a CALCULATOR for some exams. Note: at least **one** external is needed in most courses to fulfil the requirements of **course endorsement**.

**KEY:** 100 = Level 1, 200 = Level 2, 300 = Level 3.

SCHOOL TIMES	EXAM TIMES	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		5 JUNE	6 JUNE	7 JUNE	8 JUNE	9 JUNE
			EXAM	EXAM	EXAM	
<div>PERIOD 1</div> <div>9:00 – 10:15</div> <div>Whaanau</div> <div>10:15 – 10:45</div> <div>INTERVAL</div> <div>10:45 – 11:15</div> <div>PERIOD 2</div> <div>11:15 – 12:30</div>	<div>9:00 to 11:00</div> <div>Wed: 9.30 to 11:30</div>	KING'S BIRTHDAY	<div>ENG 100 (40)</div> <div>PHY200 (4)</div>	<div>PED100 (10+) CL1</div> <div>ODE200 (9) CL1</div> <div>ODE300 (4) CL1</div>	<div>SCI100 (16)</div> <div>BIO200 (10)</div> <div>BIO300 (7)</div>	
<div>PERIOD 3</div> <div>12:30 – 1:30</div> <div>LUNCH</div> <div>1:30 – 2:15</div> <div>PERIOD 4</div> <div>2:15 – 3:15</div>	<div>12:30 to 2:30</div>		<div>ENG200 (16)</div> <div>ENG300 (12)</div> <div>CLA200 (8)</div> <div>CLA300 (6)</div>	<div>MAT300 (4)</div> <div>HIS200 (15)</div> <div>HIS300 (4)</div> <div>HUM100 (15)</div>	<div>GEO200 (18)</div> <div>GEO300 (4)</div>	

**Rostering home; Week 7 Tuesday 6th June - Year 10 Thursday 8th June - Year 9**