



**PUTĀRURU COLLEGE**

**Panui / Newsletter**

**9th June 2023**

### **Tena koutou katoa,**

Well here we are again smashing out the term! Week 7 done and dusted and week 8, 9 and 10 lining up very very quickly. As I am writing this our teachers are in the process of gathering data to write reports for all of our learners to be given out at the end of term. While this report will be out at the end of term you are always able to access all the information we have by simply asking your child's whanau teacher and they can update you with how your child is doing in school. In other matters, the PPTA has rejected the latest government offer to improve the collective agreement for teachers. This means there will be further disruption to classes and details of year levels being rostered home is shared at the end of this panui and posted on our Facebook page.

**Uniform - Yes**, it is colder now, This does not mean that wearing track pants to school is ok. It's not. Again we will give those who need it 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%**

### **CAA Exams**

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** (12th/13th June)

This is for all Year 10s and Year 11s who have been identified as yet to complete the numeracy and literacy requirement this year. You can help prepare your child/ children for the CAA by:

- Encouraging them to see this as an opportunity to show their skills.
- Encouraging a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast before the exam.
- Allowing them time to talk about language they see around them, the books they are reading and to watch dorky grammar tick toks or youtube videos.
- Allowing them time to practise their writing or journaling.

We have decided to conduct a 'mass test' rather than 'testing when ready' for a few reasons:

- Conducting mass testing aligns with what most schools in New Zealand are doing in 2023.
- It allows us to gain a comprehensive understanding of our students' literacy needs.
- We can test the systems for large-scale digital exams and make necessary improvements.
- It also provides students with the valuable experience of participating in the CAA.

	Monday 12th June	Tuesday 13th June
Per	CAA	CAA
1	NUMERACY	LITERACY (READING)
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2		LITERACY (WRITING)
3		

## 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.

## Happenings across the school

### University of Waikato Open Day

On Friday 26th May, twenty-one of our students joined secondary schools from every corner of Aotearoa to attend the University of Waikato Open Day. While the thick fog took some time to lift, our learners took every opportunity to immerse themselves in student life on campus in Hamilton. From Kapa Haka on the green, coffee at Kahurangi Cafe, competitions and photo opportunities, the University of Waikato provided a 'day in the life' of what study and continuing education looks like in a safe and inclusive environment right here in Waikato Tainui. Seminars ranged from '10 myths about crime', 'Can the Reserve Bank avoid a recession', 'Influencers and Intellectual Property' to the more practical like 'Scholarships 101' and tours of accommodation/ halls of residence. For some it firmed up ideas on course planning, and others the experience was food for thought. Open Days are a great way to explore, ask questions, make decisions or rule ideas out. Look out for the possibility of visiting Victoria University in August.



## Drivers Licensing....

Still battling 1000!!!.....well done Rikihana and Cohen...and the driving team!!



# EasyBus



The school bus service providers have a new online application available. It allows the parents or caregivers to access information about bus routes, timetables and news updates. Click on the link to view.

<https://putaruru.easybus.nz/>

This is the hub for all school transport information for Putāruru School Bus Services. The Group provides school transport assistance for students attending:

- Lichfield School
- Putāruru College
- Putāruru Primary School
- Te Wautu School
- Tirau Primary School

## Trip to the New Zealand School of Tourism Open Day - 8th June

Mrs Curphey (always up for a field trip) and 11 delightful young wāhine ventured northwards to Hamilton for the New Zealand School of Tourism's annual Open Day. It was a great session learning about the various Travel and Tourism, Aviation and Flight Attending tertiary options available - not to mention the exciting potential paid internships either home (Queenstown) or abroad (Walt Disney World, Florida).

The New Zealand School of Tourism is part of a tertiary collective managed by NZMA, so it wasn't just Tourism career opportunities we got to explore. We got to view the Healthcare Academy of New Zealand, and the Culinary Collective programmes available. We got the chance to be hands on and experience some barista training, cupcake decorating, mocktail making and prescription filling... so many exciting possible career options to choose from - Even Mrs Curphey came home pondering a career change.

For more information check out: [www.nzma.ac.nz](http://www.nzma.ac.nz) or <https://www.nzschoooloftourism.co.nz/> and remember to catch up with Whaea Kate or Mr Abernethy for upcoming taster courses.



## Stuff coming up; WEEK 8

### 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.

### PPTA - Strike Action Information

#### ROSTERING HOME:

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
12-16 June	Year 11 & 12	Year 9 & 13	Year 10 & 11	Year 12 & 13
19-23 June	Year 9 & 10	Year 11 & 12	Year 9 & 13	Year 10 & 11
26-30 June	Year 12 & 13	Year 9 & 10	Year 11 & 12	Year 9 & 13

### Next week (week 8)

**Monday** - CAA Numeracy Y10 & some Y11, Health & Safety Course

**Tuesday** - CAA Literacy (Reading/ Writing) Y10 & some Y11, Health & Safety Course, Y7&8 Interschool Cross Country

**Wednesday** - Trip to Field Days (Ag/hort & Geo classes), First Aid Course

**Thursday** - First Aid Course

**Friday** - Staff vs Y13 Netball!!