

PUTĀRURU COLLEGE

Panui / Newsletter

23rd June 2023

Tena koutou katoa,

Week 9...sheesh. Another busy week in the life of Putaruru College students and staff. We, and I am sure all parents, are happy that the disruptions to schooling are over with rostering home suspended....but just don't ask my teens! These strike actions have been disruptive for all staff, students and whānau and we thank you for working with, not against us. Teaching young people is a privilege but it is getting harder- as factors beyond education influence young people's lives and priorities in society shift. Hopefully a settlement is reached that helps promote and entice the next generation of teachers to train and stay working in our schools. This Panui again shows the opportunities that we offer here and when our learners take up those opportunities that is when the magic happens. With Term 3 so close it's time for our Year 10's to choose their next options. This will be done next week so badger your Year 10 about what they are going to choose! If you want input into their choices feel free to contact us and we can get an option form sent home to you as well!

As we reach the midpoint of the year please note that school reports will be sent home on the last day of term. These reports include attendance data, achievement records and teacher comments on learning and next steps for progress. A teacher parent conference evening will be held on Thursday 20th July from 2.30 - 6.30pm. On this day, school will close at 1.30pm to assist teachers in setting up for conferences. No appointments needed, just come along to the hall to korero with your child's teachers.

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. A disappointing week of attendance that may, in part, be explained by the short notice given by the PPTA to open school to all students on Thursday... Year 10 and 11 students we welcomed into classes (having been scheduled to be home for the day) were none too pleased to see us!

Attendance term 2 week 9: 53%

Study and Chill

It has been pleasing to see the number of students attending the Wednesday afternoon sessions in the library. Remember all welcome 3.15 to 4.15 - study sessions in the library. We will carry them on in term 3 so remember if you have suggestions for what you want help with then email Ms Last at carli.last@putarurucollege.school.nz with ideas and suggestions for Study and Chill.

Happenings across the school

Remember when the sun was out? With the help of Caleb and Carla and their amazing wood splitting machine, we have made a massive dent in the woodpile. We have stored it away behind lock and key to dry. If you are in need of some wood early next term or even to mix with your super dry stuff, give us a call and we can start the fundraising efforts now.



**Teachers vs Yr13
netball game.....**

20-14

Teachers won....
again....nuff said.

Resilience is Tiring - Whānau Project

As part of a resilience project, ORTWa whānau class completed earlier this year, our students' created hand-made cards/posters etc for students in the Hawke's Bay that may have not returned to their own school base yet due to all the flooding. The cards and posters let them know they have not been forgotten and wish them well. Hukarere Girls' College was probably one of the worst affected and students decided to send their cards and messages to them as a small gesture to let them know that they are still in our thoughts.



Level 2 Woodwork

Caleb White relaxing in his Cape Cod chair after a job well done! Caleb is the first student to finish the project which has taken approximately 14 weeks and could be worth up to 14 NCEA Level 2 credits... just waiting on that book work, Caleb! Ka mau to wehi!! Great work!!



History Hikoi to Matakitaki Pa.



Recently, the year 12 and 13 students of History went on a hikoi around sites in the South Waikato. Our final destination was Matakitaki Pa near Pirongia, but first, we explored important Raukawa sites such as the famous Pa Hangahanga at Pukeatua. We then went to the 1864 battle site at Orakau as well as Rangiaowhia.

Our next stop was Lake Ngaroto, site of the biggest land battle that occurred in New Zealand. It was known as Hingakaka. The battle involved traditional Maori fighting weapons and took place around the shores of Lake Ngaroto near Ohaupo.

After lunch, our last stop was Matakītaki Pa. This site is so important to Waikato history and New Zealand history. I would encourage everyone to visit these places and find out more about the wonderful history of our area.

Hamish Steven.



Junior Girls Self Defence

Over the last two days our Year 7 & 8 girls have been learning how to keep themselves safe with Mighty Mel. The girls have been taught that keeping ourselves safe starts way before physical intervention is needed.



Tough guys, Tough girls!

Senior PE took on the challenge of entering the Tough guy, tough girl race today. Looks like it was a fun ordeal. 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.

Hello from the Mobile Dental Team,

The dental team are planning to be at Putāruru College to see Year 7 & 8s. The mobile unit will be moved onsite beginning of Term 3 for approximately 4-6 weeks.

In planning for our upcoming visit and in anticipation of children's absence from school in the winter months we will be approaching our visit slightly differently.

We will not be pre booking appointment times for the children to attend from class unless you would like to attend with your child, in this case please call us on **021 684 334** and we will make an appointment. **Please note, we won't be answering this phone until the beginning of Term 3.**

Otherwise if your child is well and at school, we will go ahead and get them from class for their check-ups according to your consent we hold on our system. The student will then be issued with consent forms/information. Please check for any forms that need to be signed and returned.

Please contact us for an appointment if you have any preschool age children for their dental exam.

We are looking forward to seeing you,

Alieen Homan Jess Warner Sarah Bedford

PPTA - Strike Action Information

With the rostering home strike action called off, it will be great to see everyone back in school next week!

Next week (week 10)

Monday - ERO in school!

Tuesday 26th - Paid union meeting / Half day for students. Period 1 (9-10:15) and period 2 (10:15 - 11:30), break 11:30 - 12pm

Wednesday -


Thursday - Full School Assembly, Barista Course

Friday - Barista Course, Reports sent home... Last day of term 2! Finish at normal time of 3.15pm.

For the wanna be drivers; Check out this website to check your knowledge about the laws of driving...Trafficquiz.com...even you long time drivers might want to test your memory against them younguns!!! No pressure!



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