



PUTĀRURU COLLEGE

Panui / Newsletter

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Kia Orana, E ra Manea Teia!

Greetings, it is a beautiful day today....and as we say aere ra (goodbye) to Cook Island language week we also say goodbye to another week in term 3. A week filled with a reminder that winter is the cold season. The silver linings are the stunning days that follow the frosty mornings...cept when Taupo leaves the door open and the southerly blows straight through you! Anywho, another full on week of simply school. With the government accepting the new pay offer we are hopeful that the strikes will cease and the rest of the year will be settled at least on that front. This week saw a shift in focus to behaviours that are affecting the learning environment of our classrooms. Students were reminded that school is where everyone comes together to learn. Behaviours that affect the learning environment are now being targeted and will be a focus for the remainder of the year. Goes without saying that your reinforcement of this message at home will help us here.

At the recent board meeting we talked about the range of services that we have here at the school to help our ākonga (learners) and we thought we would share these with you so that you know who to turn to for support with 'stuff' that may affect your child. In the learning support space we have a great team of teacher aides working out of A1 and all around the school in classrooms supporting learners.

Also on staff we have Rob MacDonald our counsellor. Lyn Hall is our resident Nurse; our pastoral support includes Dion Tahatika and Soli Leau-Bradnock.

Youth intact offer drug and alcohol counselling, Ease up has a mental health/Hauora focus and Tautoko mai are also working here in the counselling space.

The Dingle foundation runs Stars Teina for our year 7&8's while Career navigator is offered to senior students. Other outside agencies also include Ko Taku Reo supporting our deaf and hearing impaired students, New Zealand Sign Language tutors, Resource Teachers Learning and Behavior support, 24/7 youth mentors, focused literacy and numeracy support (jeeppers...hope I have not missed anyone out) and hopefully by the end of the year we will have sorted out a way to highlight more specifically who they are and what they do! I have just realised I have written too much...soz...lets go brief;

Attendance matters...Attendance term 3 week 3: 77%

Uniform - Please contact us if you have any issues with meeting the uniform requirements.

Driver's License Success

Congratulations Connor Bennetto - chuffed at having passed his Learner's License this week. If you need to get a licence sorted or want to do the defensive driving course - please see Mr Abernethy.



Matthew Rogers and Isaac Farrell proudly displaying the rolling pins they turned on a lathe during their weekly woodturning course at the Timber Museum.



8ATa Science - The Solar System

Over the past couple of weeks students in 8ATa have been learning about the solar system. We've had fun learning about the expanding universe, planets and galaxies, and we even made scale models to show relative size and distance between the planets and the sun. An eye opener for the students was comparing the size difference of Jupiter to some of the smaller planets such as Mercury and Mars!





Kōtuiti Ako

VIRTUAL LEARNING NETWORK AOTEAROA

Kotui Ako: VC or video conference e-learning for students. (by Zoom)

Kia orana

As a small rural secondary school, sometimes we are not able to offer subjects that our students wish to learn or study. A great example of this is languages such as Japanese, Korean, Chinese, French, Spanish or German. Social Science subjects such as Legal studies, Accounting and Economics are also available to learn. Classes are 1 hour every week.

E- learning for students takes place in our dedicated e-learning suite or VC room as it is commonly called. Students join a class where your VC teacher is at another school somewhere in New Zealand. Now this form of learning is not for all students, you do need to be able to self-manage, be an independent learner and be able to keep up with set class work.

At our college, I offer Level 3 Classical Studies to students from around our country. Our e-dean is Mrs Spencer and a great point of contact.

If you have a student that wants to learn a subject we don't offer at school, please don't hesitate to ask, or enquire. Learning through this medium usually begins at year 10.

Hamish Steven. (e-teacher)

Cook Islands achieves self-Government August 4th, 1965.

On this day in 1965, the Cook Islands declared self-government. Known as Constitution day out on the island the Cook Islands celebrate their independence from New Zealand. Technically, they are not fully independent as New Zealand currency and passports are still used, as well legal protocols have not been removed, so the words “free association with New Zealand” describe our current relationship. This is why we celebrate Cook Islands Language w



Hamish Steven

Pastoral introductions:

Here are some of our pastoral people that you may not know but now you will know at least what they look like! From left to right - Rob MacDonald; Counsellor: Dion Tahatika; Pastoral Administrator/support; Soli Leau-Bradnock, Pastoral student welfare.



Your child can book to see any of these wonderful people anytime they are available!

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.

Term 3, Week 4

Monday - come to school

Tuesday - NZ School of Tourism Hamilton Campus Tour #2

Wednesday - come to school

Thursday - come to school

Friday - Come to school

Heads Up

Add Wednesday 16th August in your diary for Y7&8 Winter Sports!

Thursday 24th August will be our **Putāruru College Open Day** for prospective students in Y6&8 from our contributing school. Students will experience taster sessions with our teachers and student leaders between 10am and 1pm and an open evening (5 - 6.30pm) for whānau to visit our kura, hear from important people and share some kai.

4th - 8th September (Week 8) Practice exams loom ever closer with every passing week...study hard people!