

PĀNUI NEWSLETTER

HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- **Week 4 Attendance 77%**
- Do you love our new-look pānui? We sure do! Thanks to Baillie Malbon for helping us out and to everyone who contributed feedback last term.



Not a doggy day care!

Ms Last LOVES dogs but, not everyone does! This fella found his way home via Animal Control this week as he was roaming the school. If a dog is found at school we will try to contain it safely and notify Animal Control to collect. It's about keeping everyone safe and happy!

Kia ora koutou katoa!

The end of week four sees the cold seeping into the bones, offset by the warmth of the sun...when it shines; the ever so steady lengthening of the days and the promise of spring just around the corner...enough about the weather....

This week sees us celebrating some fantastic success in school assessments. Excellence grades are hard earned and you will see in this panui that some of our students sure are working hard. We know the whanau of these students

are as proud of their achievements as we are so well done to everyone! Keep an eye out for your chance to contribute to our school by attending one of the meetings coming up, starting with the Whanau Roopu on Monday 14th 5.30 Pm in A1. Nau mai, haere mai. Hope to see you there..

KEY DATES

- Week 5

Wednesday 16th August
Year 7 & 8 Winters Sports

- Week 6

Wednesday 23rd August
Year 7 & 8 Winter Sport *Postponement*
Date

Thursday 24th August
2024 Open Day and Open Evening

- Week 7

All week
Hockey Tournament

Thursday 31st August
2024 Senior Subject Selection
Evening



We are pleased to invite you to an Open Day & Evening to show you all the wonderful things Putāruru College has to offer you.

At 5.15 and again at 6.00 there will be short presentations in the library and you can plan your tour of the school around these times. Staff will be available and happy to answer any questions you may have.

Prospective students from Y6 & Y9 will visit Putāruru College on this same day from 10am – 1pm for a student experience of classes, school culture and time with their 2024 teachers. We are sure they will come home excited and with stories to share.

If you are unable to attend the Open Evening please feel free to contact the school and make an appointment for a visit at another time.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Watch this space! Starting next week, this space will showcase our student of the week. Students are acknowledged for going above and beyond, and for demonstrating our school values hīkina (advocacy), whanaungatanga (connection), kia tutuki (success) and mana mohtuhake (identity).

Success in Year 13 History

Last term our senior History students went on a Hikoi to Matakitaki Pa near Pirongia. Our students are just completing or have just completed their History Internal assessment on the 1822 attack on that Pa.

Maungaatai Keene Thompson, Keirah Winikerei, Bhavini Patel, Jessica McKinnon and Danielle Baker have gained excellence at level 3 for their assessments and Ella Dixon Achieved Excellence for her level 2 history assessment



Winter sun, winter bugs

While some of these frosty days have brought beautiful clear skies, it is also bringing lots of winter illness too.

Please let Student Services know if your child is away sick and only come back to school when they are truly ready!



Drivers License

Congratulations to Aaron Davey for passing his restricted license and also to Alex Bond-Kemp and Willow Bennett for passing their learner's license. As always, a big thank you to Transform Aotearoa for their support.



Learning matters

Scenes from inside classes maths and science...Hoodies on to keep brains warm before the heat pump kicks in Period 1. P3 – Senior science, studios, settled.



FORGING PATHWAYS – THE NEW ZEALAND SCHOOL OF TOURISM



On Tuesday 8th August, Mrs Curphey and 10 wonderful taura / students visited the New Zealand School of Tourism's Hamilton campus. After abandoning the school van in a corner of Pak'nSave carpark (hoping it would still be there upon our return) we walked the short distance up Tristram Ave to be warmly greeted by Pip, our personal guide around the campus. Pip kindly showed us the Culinary School, the Early Childhood classes, the pharmaceutical dispensary instruction area, before showing us the part of the building set aside for flight attending, travel and tourism. Pip then walked us through the various courses on offer, where they could lead – both opportunities home and abroad and what the student experience is like at the NZS of T. With some prospective flight attendants and adventure tour operators in attendance, 8 students have snapped up the opportunity to attend some 1 or 2 day taster sessions later in the term. With applications now open for February 2024 courses, completing NCEA Level 2 and getting enrolled have become a keen focus for some on the trip home... via Cambridge McDonalds (Let's be honest, it's not a Mrs Curphey Putāruru College trip without a visit to the golden arches somewhere).

Mrc C is now looking forward to hearing how those next day outs roll. Well done lovelies on taking a good look around and seizing life's opportunities to try something new when presented. Who knows where this might lead – so proud!

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