

PĀNUI NEWSLETTER



HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- Week 8 Attendance
- 75%
- AIMS Games
- Exams!!



In this weeks Panui you will see that we are still cracking along with a seemingly endless stream of opportunities for our learners. Even in a week full of exams students have been given chances to go out and chase their dreams; subject choices have been made for 2024 and our aims games team returned from the tournament tired, happy and lil bit closer together. The end of the term brings with it the ball next Saturday, and we trust that all attendees will behave in the expected manner leading up to the ball, at the ball and then on their way home! Just remember it is a school event. Lastly this week is a reminder that we are currently working on a plan to ban phones from the classroom in term 4 and we will have something for you to critique and contribute to before the term ends. Until then get out and enjoy the spring sun!

KEY DATES

- **Week 9**

Te wiki o te reo Māori

Whanau Roopu hui (Monday)

MCAT Exam (Tuesday)

Transition Roadshow (Friday)

- **Week 10 – Last week of term 3**

House waiata competition (Monday)

Achiever's Assembly (Friday, starts at 1.30pm)

Mental Health Awareness Week



AIMS Games 2023



The Putaruru College Aims Games Quick Rip team had an awesome action-packed week at this year's tournament. With passion, teamwork, and dedication, our young students showcased their skills, resulting in some great wins and an unforgettable experience for all.

The hard work and determination of our Quick Rip team paid off with some memorable victories during the tournament. Their impressive performance and sportsmanship were on full display, earning the respect and admiration of fellow competitors and spectators alike.

Overall, it was a fantastic week for the quick rip team. The effort put in by our students not only led to victories on the field but also forged friendships and unforgettable memories off the field. We couldn't be prouder of our team's achievements and the way they represented our school.

As we celebrate the teams accomplishments, let's also acknowledge the coaches, Hunter Brown and Fontaye Rata. A massive thank you to Miss Taylor for all her organisation and hard work to get the team to Aims Games. And lastly, a big mihi to the parents, and supporters who came out in all weather to cheer the team on.





STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Juniors: Zoe Galbraith, nominated by Ms Maxwell for displaying resilience and perseverance.

Middles: Mia Tedbury, nominated by Mrs Lal-Phillips for showing diligence in Maths.

Seniors: Dakota Gatland, nominated by Ms Last for completing his NCEA Level 1 Literacy project and grabbing opportunities!

Why support our local emergency services?

We love being able to support our local heroes because they are also our students and whānau! These practice opportunities are a chance to ensure interagency coordination for the quickest response and thorough preparedness when it really matters!

We also think students benefit from seeing the hazards and risks they take when they gain their driving license. Seeing your mates pretend to need rescuing from a smashed vehicle might be the reminder you need to slow down and take care on our roads.



Learning matters!

Kia ora e te whānau,
Kura in the Putāruru area including Putāruru College, Lichfield, Putāruru and Te Waotu Primary Schools are working together to grow successful learners and strengthen our learning community. Please look out for a survey link that invites you to complete a brief 5 question survey. Your response will inform our teachers on how to best engage and educate your child/ren.

It's not what it looks like!... again!

Last week we hosted another opportunity for our local emergency services to practice their response to a car crash incident. No drink driving occurred, no students were harmed and the practice was a success!





Journeying out of education

To support students with disabilities, those with higher needs or those anxious about life beyond school, we are hosting a Ministry of Education Transition Roadshow on Friday 15th September.

The hall will play host to a number of stands with representatives from agencies and services designed to support young adults out of school and into employment, further study or supported living.

Come and hear from: Ministry of Social Development (MSD), Enabling Good Lives (EGL), Disability Support Link (DSL) and.... Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, Career Moves Charitable Trust, To be Frank advocacy services, IDEA services, Interactionz, Better Lives Legal, NZMA, Kiwistaff and more!

Whānau, caregivers and senior students are welcome to pop in through the day, with presentations at 9.30am and 12.30pm.

HPV Second Dose

The Public Health Nurse will be at school on 31st October 2023 at 9am to provide a second dose of the HPV immunisation for the Y8 students whose parents/ caregivers consented earlier in the year. If your child is absent there will be a catch up planned within three weeks.

If parents have any queries or changes please contact Te Rina Ormond PHN.

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Leading by example!

Here at Putaruru we love celebrating success for all of our learners....including our staff who are living the motto of "together we learn and grow". Pictured are two of our staff who are growing their abilities in their areas of passion. Dion Tahatika (Left) was selected out of 5000 students as one of 12 outstanding candidates for a recent major award and whilst he did not win, just to be nominated was a fantastic achievement so well done from all of us here Dion. We also need to acknowledge Whaea Kate who has also just recently been selected for a Maori centred leadership initiative (Tētēkura Pitomata kaupapa for 2024 and 2025) and we look forward to learning how we can be better in what we do through their learnings! Congrats team from all of us here!

School Ball

The ball is fast approaching (Saturday 16th September)! We have received a number of beautiful ball dresses ranging from size 8 - 12. They are at Students Services if you'd like to have a look and try any on.

Also, Breiana Rhodes and Dakota France have kindly offered their time on the day of the ball to do hair and makeup.

If you are interested please contact Ms Last to book in an appointment between 1-3pm.

Excellences!!!

Te Haukore Keene Thompson - Science

Keirah Winikerei - History

Excellent!!



Safety first!



We are concerned about the number of students riding bikes and scooters to school without helmets. Please ensure your child wears adequate safety gear as they travel some busy roads on the way to and from school.

Slow pitch softball.

Remember back in the day we used to have a slow pitch softball comp that the Rata Taylor Circus used to train for? Well, we are looking at doing it again!! Tuesdays Term 4, starting about week 2 and running for about 6 weeks. Get your team ready to rock!!



The 5th Annual Cambridge Schools Cross.

It's a trail ride race. Follow the arrows round and round the 10km track for as many laps as you can do before the chequered flag comes out at 1.5 hours.

This event caters to all - beginners and experts - farm kids to trail riders to motocross kids!

Individual placings and points will be collated to give your School an overall placing as well.

2023 CAMBRIDGE SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY
FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2023
PATERSON'S PROPERTY: 103 FERGUSON GULLY ROAD, KARAPIRO

CLASSES
-JUNIOR WOMEN 10-13 YEARS
-JUNIOR 10-13 YEARS 2 STROKE
-JUNIOR 10-13 YEARS 4 STROKE TRAIL
-JUNIOR 14-16 YEARS 2 STROKE
-JUNIOR 14-16 YEARS 4 STROKE
-SENIOR WOMEN 14-18 YEARS
-SENIOR 17-18 YEARS

NO UNDER 14'S ON 250CC
NO 2 STROKES ABOVE 199CC OR 4 STROKES ABOVE 250CC

ENTER ON THE DAY
SIGN-IN FROM 8AM-9AM
RIDER'S BRIEFING 9.15AM
PRACTICE LAP 9.30AM
RACE START 10.30AM

RACE LENGTH 1.5 HOURS
TRACK LENGTH APPROX 10KM
TIMING PROVIDED BY JOHN RUSHWORTH (SILVERBULLET)
*You are required to complete as many laps as possible in 1.5 hours.
Body armour, helmet, boots, gloves and long sleeve shirt and pants are compulsory.
Prizegiving following the race.
Coffee & Food Truck & Mr Whippy in attendance

Entry Fee: \$60
incl Day Licence if required

MOTORCYCLE CLUB
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Vaping in classrooms

We know it is happening. It's not cool. It's not allowed. It's actually illegal. If you know or suspect your child vapes... here are some common Qs (by teens) given As (by doctors):

Q: Are vapes safe?

A: No. There is a serious lack of regulation for vaping. So, you may never be sure if vape parts are safely made, or what ingredients are included in the vape juice.

Q: Is vaping better for you than marijuana or cigarettes?

A: There is not enough research about vaping's long-term health effects yet to know for sure. In NZ, cigarette smoking causes more than 5000 deaths. People don't typically die from smoking marijuana, but it does negatively affect the brain chemistry and lifestyles of teens. Vaping may not be as harmful as smoking cigarettes or marijuana, but it still does carry risks – and scientists will be studying how much harm it really does cause for years to come.

Q: Is there a healthy vape?

A: No. Vape manufacturers are putting all kinds of different vitamins and ingredients in vapes to try to call them healthy. The truth is that lungs were never meant to deliver anything besides air to our bodies. With vapes, the lungs must adapt to the chemicals that people are putting into them, which can cause short term, or even permanent, lung damage.

Q: Is taking one puff of a vape OK and healthy for you?

A: It's natural to be curious, but again, it's important to consider the health and safety concerns of vaping and its addictive potential.

Q: Can your lungs heal from vaping?

A: Yes and no. Unfortunately, once someone begins to develop a vaping related lung injury, their lungs won't heal right away and may never fully recover. It's all about prevention – to keep your lungs healthy, you should avoid inhaling chemicals that are found in vapes.

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