

# PANUI NEWSLETTER



## HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

Pōwhiri for Toi Ohomai Future Academy students

Brilliant behaviour and focus in Junior Exams

Year 8 swimming safety workshops

Attendance  
75%



### Year 13 on duty

Our Year 13 students are serving the school community in 2024! They have created a roster to support staff on duty around the school at interval, lunch and after school at the buses. Fantastic support and leadership, thanks team!



### Putāruru Water Festival – Student Volunteers

We are so proud of the students who have volunteered to support and assist at next Saturday's Water Festival! A great community event. See page six for full details.

## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou! 5 FULL DAYS!!!! and what a 5 days it was. Inevitably coming back from holidays brings its challenges and this week we have seen a sharp spike in behaviors that do not belong in school. Please have a chat to your child just to remind them that they are here to learn and fill thier kete with the skills, knowledge and 'tickets' for the life after school...so work hard now for an easier life post school! Anywho, you will see that lots is going on in school and coming up for our students. Toi Ohomai has started with our seniors and other career option tasters will also soon be starting so make sure your child is keeping up with what is going on and grabbing those opportunites when they arise. How good is the sun!? Enjoy it while it is here because those slightly chilly mornings are a hint of the things that we know await us come autumn!! Look forward to seeing lots of whanau at the athletics on Thursday....until then have a great weekend.



# KEY DATES

## Week 4

### All week – Year 7&8 swimming

Monday – Brainwave Y9

Tuesday – Brainwave Y9

Wednesday – Brainwave Y10

Thursday – **ATHLETICS DAY**

Friday – Sci200/300 trip to Maungatautari

## Week 5

### All week – Year 7&8 swimming

Monday – Brainwave Y10

Tuesday – Brainwave Y10

Wednesday – **Meet the Parents @ Putāruru Pools 6pm – 8pm**

Thursday – Y7&8 Swimming Sports Day

Friday – Normal day



## Year 7-8 Swimming Safety Workshops

Our Y7-8 students have been lucky enough to participate in a series of swimming safety workshops run by some of the local instructors at the town pools. Some of the activities included the correct use of lifejackets, entering and exiting a rescue boat, buoyancy and propulsion techniques, and survival and rescuing strategies.

Thanks to Swimming Waikato who made this all possible via a community grant. This enabled us to have qualified instructors facilitate the programme and it also covered the main cost of transportation to and from the pools. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained some much needed life skills that they can use when they're around water.

## Lyn Hall – Pinnacle School Based Health Service Nurse

As a nurse, young people have shared with me that making an appointment and finding transport to their family general practice doctor (GP) can be daunting.

This is especially so for teenagers, who may need to talk about unfamiliar things like the changes happening to their bodies or their sexual health. For some families, financial concerns can also be a barrier to young people getting the care they need.

By having a free student health clinic on-site at the school, we aim to compliment the work their usual GP does and make it easier for all students to get access to the care they need, when they need it, by skilled doctors and nurses passionate about working with young people.

As part of the clinic's prevention focus, all Year 9 students will be invited to participate in a comprehensive health review and assessment throughout the year.

Watch out for an email about this.





## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Juniors: Ashton Webber, nominated by Tanya Maxwell for a fantastic start to Year 7.

Middles: Ali Watkins, nominated by Jade Argent for strong work ethic in science and always completing the mahi!

Seniors: Ricki Fenton, nominated by Tiniwaata Hill for a great start to 2024 in Te Reo Māori (kia kaha rā!)

### Junior Exams: A great effort!

Students across the Junior years (7-10) have undergone tests this week, many in exam conditions in the hall.

Students have conducted themselves admirably with great focus, patience and respect as the testing process is often an unpleasant experience!

Teachers will be working hard over the next two weeks to ensure the tests are moderated, marked and feedback is given to each student to ensure their strengths and needs are being catered for.

### Valentine's Fundraiser

Wednesday was the annual day of love and St Valentine visited the school in the form of the Ball Committee holding their first fundraiser of the year. Students were able to send their favourite a simple card, heart shaped chocolates, a red rose or a heart shaped balloon. Packages ranged in price from 50 cents to send a message in a card to \$6 for the works. Its fair to say that limited disruption in the form of distribution took place during Period 2 and 4 (or at least no one had the heart to tell Mrs Curphey) and there were some delighted smiles amongst recipients. The Ball Committee raised just under \$250 to go towards the Social Event of the Year - the Annual Putāruru College School Ball. The Committee would like to thank both taira/students and kaiako/teachers for their support.

Save the Date for Saturday 21st September for the 2024 Putāruru College Annual Ball and start saving for Easter!!



# POU ĀRAHI TEAM 2024

## YEAR 7 & 8 POU ĀRAHI



My name is Tanya Maxwell and as well as being the Learning Leader for our Year 7&8 Department, I have now also taken on the role (officially) as the Pou Arahi for the Year 7&8s.

My role in this is to ensure all of our students are feeling looked after and are behaving appropriately. I duck in and out of all of their classes regularly to say 'Hi' and also liaise with all of their subject/options teachers. If you ever have any concerns regarding your tamariki, please feel free to contact the school to discuss anything with me. We have an amazing team of teachers and teaching assistants in Year 7&8 and all of us play an integral part in helping promote positive learning experiences and environments where they all feel safe and happy.

**TANYA MAXWELL**

## YEAR 9 & 10 POU ĀRAHI

Kia koutou katoa, nau mai haere mai.

I am grateful to be returning for another year in the Pou Ārahi space. For the last two years I have been working hard for Waimakariri house trying my best to ensure there has been a consistent pastoral presence. This year I am looking forward to a shift in the role to encompass year 9 and year 10 students as a cohort, wish me luck. Whakawhanaungatanga and communication is the cornerstone of this role. With the help of Max, together we will be working towards a functional approach where school, whānau and students are all on the same page.

Please feel free to contact me with any issues, concerns or just to have a korero about your child and their learning and behaviour.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā.

Tena Kotou Katoa. My role as a Pou Ārahi for the mighty Waihou House is a rewarding role as I am able to support our tamariki using a different lens. I enter my second year in this role, and first year supporting the Y9 and Y10 cohort. My teaching pedagogy prioritises relationship-building first over strategies. I firmly believe that creating strong connections with our rangatahi is crucial for their success. I understand the journey from A to B isn't always straightforward, but providing our students with the opportunity to grow and evolve is what defines the importance of my role. I look forward to continue to support, mentor and encourage all our people at Putāruru College.



**LIZ HUNTER**



**MAX MCLAREN**

## YEAR 11 & 12 PASTORAL POU ĀRAHI



**TINIWAATA HILL**

E ngā whānau maha, e ngā whānau hōu o tō tātou nei kura, tēnā koutou katoa. Ko Tiniwaata Winikerei-Hill tōku ingoa. I tipu au i kōnei. He uri tēnei nō Tainui waka.

I am passionate about developing confidence within our ākongā. This year I am teaching te reo Māori from Year 7 – 13.

I am the pastoral Pou Ārahi for Year 11 and 12 which means I am available for student wellbeing, checking on attendance and other issues related to behaviour and learning relationships at our school.

Ngā manaakitanga

## YEAR 11 – 12 ACADEMIC POU ĀRAHI

Kia ora e te whānau. Ko Jade Argent tōku ingoa.

I am one of the Year 11 and 12 Pou Ārahi with a focus on achievement and academics. My main role is to guide students and support them towards achieving NCEA Level 2. I track progress, offer support, and collaborate with whānau, the careers department, and Tiniwaata to ensure a successful learning journey. My goal is to boost the achievement as well as providing guidance for students looking at endorsements. Very excited for the year ahead and the work a strong collaborative team can accomplish together!



**JADE ARGENT**

## YEAR 13 POU ĀRAHI



**WHAEA KATE**

Kia ora!

It is my great privilege to be working along Year 13s as their Pou Ārahi this year. We've already made connections on our Year 13 noho marae, in our online community and we see each other most days in Year 13 Whānau. I am your one-stop-shop for all things learning and pastoral, I am particularly passionate about your future pathways and aspirations and can't wait to work alongside you in your transition from Year 13 into young adulthood!

## WHOLE SCHOOL PASTORAL POU ĀRAHI

As part of the Pou Ārahi team, my role consists of dealing with students' behavioural issues that concern the school environment, whānau, and the community.

I also work closely with SLT and have an overarching role for the whole school.



**DION TAHATIKA**

# **Putaruru Water and Food Festival 2024**

**SATURDAY 24TH  
FEBRUARY 10AM-2PM  
AT GLENSHEA PARK**

**Activities - food trucks  
rides - market stalls**

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### New look library

Our recent refurbishment has given us opportunity to rethink the library space! Our book collections have flipped, with Fiction filling the main auditorium, with the Non-Fiction at the cosy corner.

This has worked well having our novels at arms reach for 'Reading for Pleasure'.

It didn't take long for the akonga to take possession of the library at lunch and interval. Activities include, chess and we will be starting up tournaments in the near future. There are also board games, card games and reading, of course. The library is a haven for akonga who need a break, some time out, or just a catch up with friends.

Most junior classes have had their library orientation and on their second or third class visit for resources and reading. The library is also a place of study through out the day for our seniors and those students learning online.

Watch this space for new and exciting developments throughout the term.

***"The person who reads lives a 1000 lives, the person who doesn't read lives one."***



### Toi Ohomai Pōwhiri

Hundreds of Bay of Plenty and South Waikato high school students have been formally welcomed to Toi Ohomai as participants in the institute's Secondary Tertiary Programme.

Record numbers of high school students have joined the initiative which is supported by Toi Ohomai and the Trades Academy.

The partnership sees students take their first steps into vocational career pathways.

Toi Ohomai STP courses are designed to align with industry requirements in the best possible way by modelling an approach within authentic learning environments for the students.

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