

# PANUI NEWSLETTER



## HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

Year 7 & 8 swimming

Amazing students, keen and eager for their mahi and learning!

Attendance  
**86%**



### Working together

Kaiako (teachers) and students are starting the year strong by building a positive classroom culture together. This looks different in each learning area but we are so proud of the positive focus on learning we are seeing already!



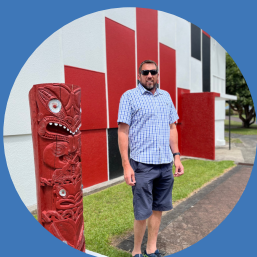
### Science in action

Embracing the new NCEA Level One curriculum, our Year 11 Scientists visited the Oraka Stream today to produce field sketches. Throughout the term they will be investigating the Oraka to decide if it is swimmable and looking at the microorganisms that live in it.

## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Ahh the joy of a short week!! Tena Koutou katoa! Our second week has come and gone and now we look forward to our first full week of teaching and learning! Students are settling in to their 2024 timetables and are negotiating the stressors of being young, back at school and the heat! There are some dates to keep an eye on mentioned in this panui with Junior testing, Field trips, Athletics, meet the parents (or teachers depending on who you are!) and some swimming and camping all happening this term. We look forward to the settled start continuing and being able share our 2023 data with you all...which at this stage are still improving.

Lets hope the weather stays for another weekend and you all get a chance to get out and enjoy it. Until next week....be well.



# KEY DATES

## Week 3

### All week – Year 7&8 swimming

Monday – Junior testing (Year 8, 9, 10)  
Tuesday – Junior testing (Year 8, 9, 10)  
Wednesday – Junior testing (Year 8, 9 & 10)  
Thursday – Junior testing (Year 8, 9 & 10)  
Friday – Normal day

## 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



### Amnesty on Calculators

Our Maths and Numeracy department have been doing the maths.... and something just doesn't add up!

We are missing lots of calculators and some of them are very expensive to replace.

Please have a look around at home for any calculators with Putāruru College marked on them and hand them into Student Services, the front office or Maths teacher without any hassle and no questions asked!



### Junior Testing

From Monday we will be conducting some baseline testing for reading, writing, numeracy and science in the junior school. This will be done in the hall using exam conditions for Year 8 – 10, Year 7s will do testing in their classrooms. These tests are to support all staff in understanding where our akonga are 'at' currently and how to best plan for their abilities and needs.



### Welcome to our new Kaiako, Sean Allen

Sean Allen joins our kura in the Hard Material Technology department. Previously teaching over on the East Coast, Sean has been welcomed into the Putāruru College community. We are excited to have his enthusiasm and years of trades experience to support our students.



# SPECIAL FEATURE: YEAR 13 TRIP TO KAWHIA

The Year 13 noho to Maketu Marae in Kawhia was an incredible experience that we will all look back on as a great time and learning opportunity. We really got to know each other by bonding and socialising, with lots of laughter. It was a great start to the school year and a good chance to get out of the house after an 8 week holiday!

“We learnt many lessons, like how to catch a dog-fish, how NOT to use a shovel, to stay away from Whaea Kate when she has a paddle in her hand, some... interesting koala facts, and to not steal your friends undies because there is a small (but likely) chance that they may actually belong to a random person.” -Ella

Thanks to POET who helped fund our camp, we got to try stand-up paddle boarding, fishing, and raft-building. Paddle boarding was definitely a favourite, Pete from POET was abandoned on the six-man board and we all got a chance to rescue each other! Our rafts and fishing weren't that successful but we tried our best and had fun giving them a go.

“I really enjoyed our year thirteen camp. It was cool seeing that we all became close, we built strong bonds with each other from doing our activities throughout the day. It was a cool experience and the stand up paddle boarding was something I never experienced before but overall I really enjoyed it.” -Acaysha

It was a great camp, we all enjoyed getting to know each other better (especially with the game Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza). We are looking forward to growing as a group, watching each other make steps towards our future. Many of us are excited to start jobs and further education. This year will hopefully be full of laughs and adventures!

Thank you to Maketu Marae for letting us stay and a very big thank you to Keegan Pitcher, Whaea Kate, Linda Nicholson, Harley Moore, and Pete from POET for making sure we didn't do anything too stupid and for having fun with all of us!





Want to gift something to a loved one or friend this Valentines day?

The 2024 ball committee is running its first fundraising event, and is now offering a selection of gifts to choose from!

Available from: Thursday, this week till Tuesday next week, during lunchtime at the courtyard outside the hall

| PURCHASE:                                 | PRICE: |
|---|--------|
| Card                                      | •50c   |
| Card and rose                             | \$2    |
| Card and balloon                          | \$2    |
| Card and x5 chocolates                    | \$4    |
| Card, x5 chocolates and a balloon OR rose | \$5    |
| Card, x5 chocolates, a balloon AND rose   | \$6    |

### PUTARURU SCHOOL OF MUSIC ENROLMENT FORM 2024

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's School: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Age \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Caregiver Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I am happy for my child to appear in publicity & photos \_\_\_\_\_

*Please sign*

#### Instrument Choice:

Flute  \$70 Saxophone  \$70

Keyboard Beginner  \$70 Guitar  \$70

Keyboard  \$70 Guitar Intermediate  \$70

Recorder (min # required)  \$70 Guitar Advanced  \$70

Number of Years previous tuition (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Please state other instrument you would like taught \_\_\_\_\_

*Fees are per year and must be paid in Term One (Instalments can be arranged). Adult students, please add \$30 to fee. Bank Account 12 3268 0079366 00 (Putaruru College) reference SOM and Student Name  
Email enrolment forms to Nancy at r.n.flavall@xtra.co.nz*

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