

PANUI NEWSLETTER



HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

Athletics Day!!

**Brainwave Trust working
with Year 9 & 10**

**Attendance
82%**

Meet the Parents – next Wednesday!

Come on over to the Putāruru Pools on Wednesday 28th from 6pm – 8pm for a chance to meet with all our college staff. Free swims, free kai and raffles to fundraise for our school ball.... see you all there!



Brainwave: building better brains

If you have a child in Year 9 or 10, ask them about their Brainwave learning. Amazing to have expertise and time to teach teenagers about how their brains work, the stresses we put on our brains and how to rewire our thinking. We are so lucky to welcome Brainwave back to our kura!

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou katoa!! Hello everyone and welcome to the end of week 4. Another 5 day week and lots happening everywhere. This week Athletics sports was on the mind of everyone...especially the PE dept...but we still had to get through a couple of days of 'normal' school. So after some testing for our Year 9s, our first full school assembly and some Brainwave for Y9&10; Thursday saw lots of our students (sadly not all) getting out and running, jumping and throwing in the sun. It was great to share the day with parents, grandparents and friends of the school who were able to attend. There were records broken, sublime running and some relays that could ultimately decide the overall winner!! Great stuff....

Now for some less positive stuff.....Just recently we have seen a spike in some unacceptable behaviors in and around school. We urge everyone to speak up and speak out when these situations occur so we can be proactive in dealing with them. The old adage 'all evil needs to prevail is for good people to do nothing' rings true in these situations..

Remember do the boring things well - turn up on time, in uniform prepared and willing to learn and you shall succeed...that time worn, oft repeated advice that also rings true.....enough from me....have a great weekend!

KEY DATES

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

Week 6

Monday – Normal day

Tuesday – Normal day

Wednesday – Y7 Camp in Raglan

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Year 7 Water Safety

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.

Athletics Day 2024!!

Massive mihi to all our Akonga who participated and competed in Athletics Day. Some great results with final points still being tallied, watch this space to find out which house and which students will rein supreme as this years athletics champions.

Another big thank you to the Putaruru Athletics Club who generously let us borrow some equipment to help run a successful event. If you are keen to participate and learn more about the events and skills involved in athletics then head along to the Putaruru Athletics Club on Wednesday evening from 5:30pm. Everyone is welcome.





STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Juniors: Cyrus Ballentyne, nominated by Ms Matchitt for always having a positive attitude and caring about others.

Middles: Sienna Macneil, nominated by Mrs Argent for working super hard in Science and to a high standard.

Seniors: Cody Groot, nominated by Mr Abernethy for making huge positive changes and being focused and engaged in AgHort.

Putting their hands up...

In partnership with Rotary, Putāruru College is a corporate member, we have put our hands up to help tend to the Rotary planter boxes in our town. This week, along with Kathy Jacob and Anthony, students visited each of the boxes and gave them some TLC. We look forward to 'growing' this contribution to our town and community.



Student Librarians, putting their hands up too!

Standing L to R: Thomas, Alexa, Jaime, Alana, Corey, Isabella, Benjamin, Jamie, Gurmman.
Front row: Elanshia, Ms Spencer, Charlotte.

It is with great pleasure that we introduce our group of new Student Librarians for 2024. Student librarians play a big part in keeping the library running smoothly. They contribute to the culture of our school by giving up their time and willingness to help others. There is a good mix of Juniors and Seniors within the cohort and each person contributes in their own individual way.

Duties include putting books and resources away, assisting library users, contributing to the student voice on ways to help make the library a vibrant and well used place within our school. They help with displays, ensure the library is tidy and safe for patrons, plus a whole plethora of little but important duties behind the scenes within the library.

All in all they are a very important part of our thriving Putāruru College Library.

MEET OUR SCIENCE DEPARTMENT!

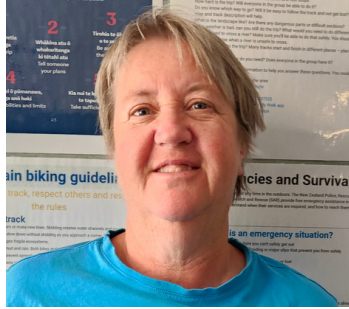
MISS SCHICK LEARNING LEADER

“I’m a fiction fan and enjoy adding books to my DIYed bookshelf”



MRS CARR LAB MANAGER

“Supporting Waihou on Athletics Day 2024!”



MRS ARGENT

“I’m a mum to 2 young girls and they light up my world”



MS BROWN

“Is a wahine of many talents and interests”



What’s your favourite game?

Catan

Age of Empire

Wingspan

God of War

What’s your favourite movie?

Revenge of the Sith
(Star Wars)

Fast and Furious

Lion King

The Day After
Tomorrow

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Baking

Making crafts and
sewing quilts

Playing board games
or Dungeons &
Dragons

Sewing

What’s your favourite area of Science?

Physiology

Anything Physics or
Chemistry

Entomology (Insects)
and Ecology

Forensics

How long have you been teaching?

5 years

35 years

8 years

23 years

What our students are up to in Science:

Years 7&8 will have one lesson a week of science in the lab starting from week 7.

Years 9&10 students are looking at what it means to be a scientist and how scientists work.

Year 11 Science is investigating the Oraka Stream, its microorganisms and swimmability.

Year 12 & 13 Science are learning about the sustainability of te ngahere and biodiversity.

Year 12 Biology are learning about biochemical reactions and fair testing.

Year 13 Biology students are unpacking processes involved in thermoregulation

Year 12 & 13 Chemistry students are learning about atomic structure, ions, compounds, formulae and equations.

Year 12 & 13 Physics are upskilling on science conventions in preparation for conducting investigations.

Senior Science Maungatautari Trip

The year 12 & 13 Science class (and some special extras) headed out to Maungatautari Sanctuary on Friday. They heard about how the trust are working to sustain New Zealand Aotearoa unique biodiversity in te ngahere (the forest).



Students also had a go at collecting data. Including 5-min bird counts, seedling identification and changing environmental factors up the tower.

All the students were wonderful and thanks to Whaea Kate for supporting this science trip!



Progress Update

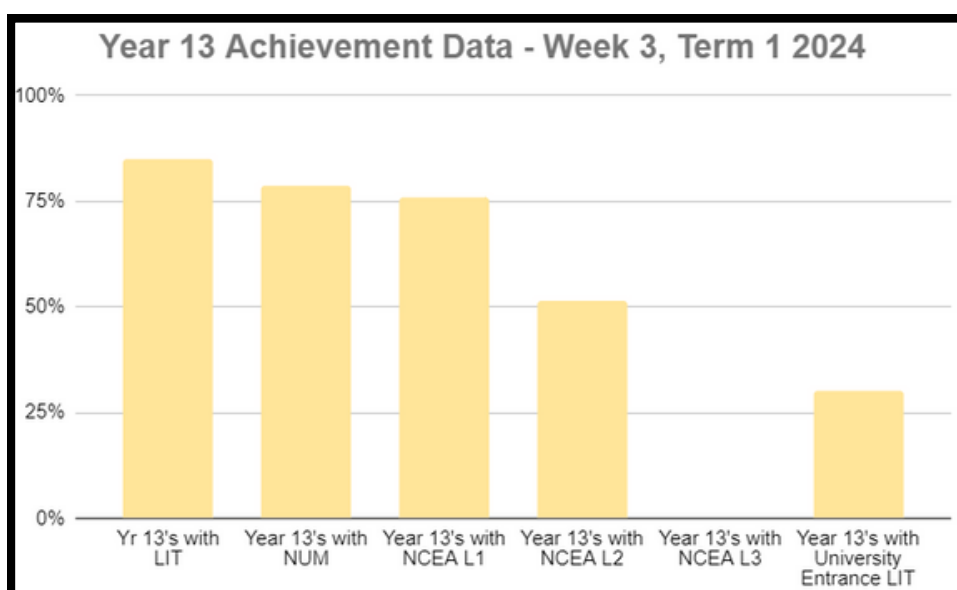
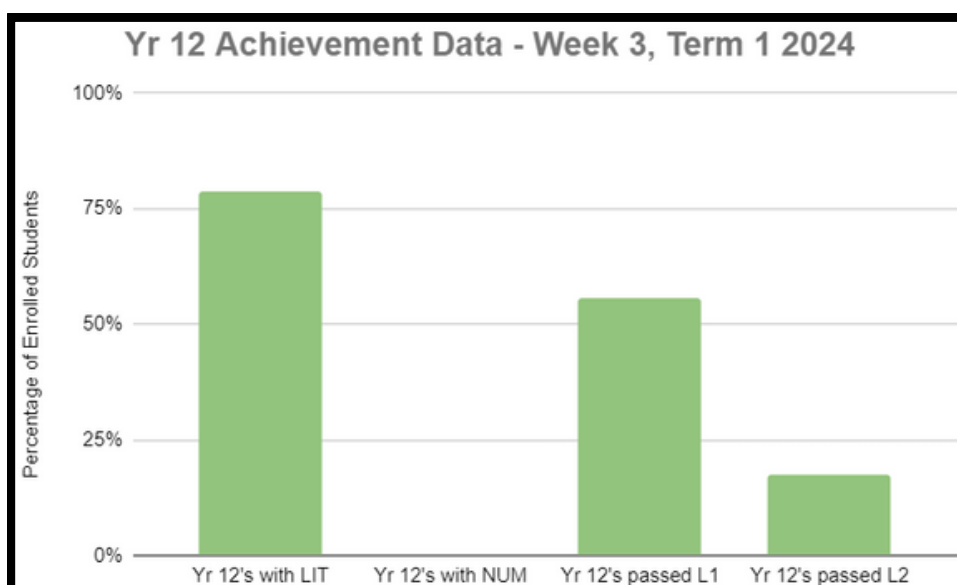
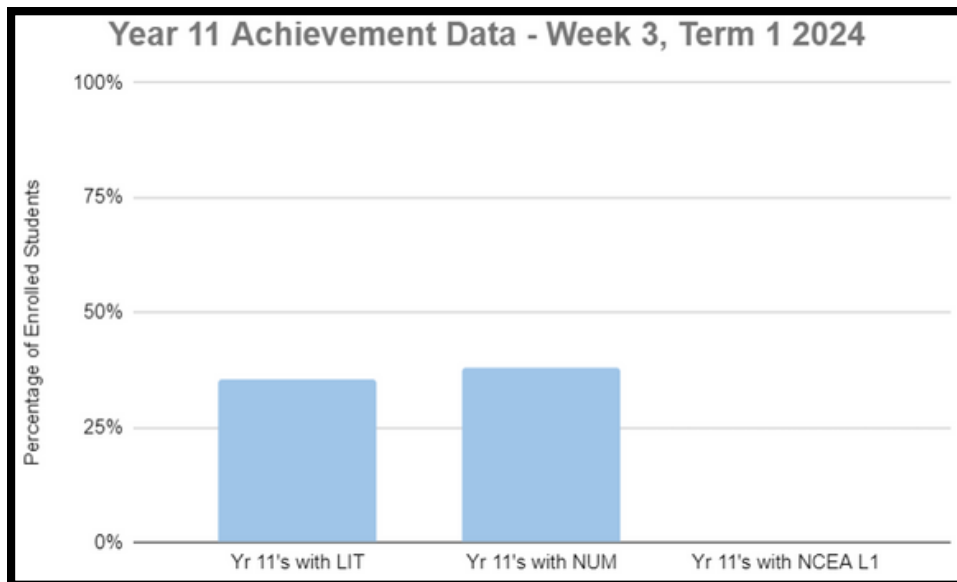
Senior NCEA Academic Achievement

Tracking data is an important part of ensuring students are successfully working towards their career pathways. Mrs Argent has stepped into this new role this year and we are aiming to share regular achievement data.

These graphs show the percentage (%) of students in each year level who have achieved Literacy, Numeracy and Achievement of Level 1/2/3.

Important to remember that you can not earn any NCEA qualification without meeting the Literacy and Numeracy Requirements.

This is a school wide focus for us to ensure students have the necessary literacy and numeracy skills in life.



CAKE WALK

\$1
TO PLAY

Participate for a chance to win a sweet treat.
There will be cakes, loaves, muffins,
and cupcakes up for grabs!



Event will be held during the Putaruru
College 'Meet the Teacher' BBQ,
Wednesday 28th Feb, 6pm to 8pm
Location: Putaruru Public Pools

It's more than just meet the parents!!

Just a reminder about this upcoming opportunity to come and meet your child's teachers! We would love to see you all there. Our ball committee are fundraising (as pictured) and from 6.45pm we are able to have a swim too! So come on down, bring a towel, some change, enjoy a free sausage sizzle and meet us!

Firewood raffle

Purchase your tickets now

**\$ 2 FOR 1 TICKET
OR \$5 FOR 3 TICKETS**

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MEET THE TEACHERS AT THE POOL
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Activities

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Sand trailer treasure hunt
Eves - Bouncy Pirate Ship (under 12's)
Clamshell water play activities
Mini Bouncy Castle (under 5's)
Stilt Walkers
Whiz Bang Science Bubbles
BMX Display
Stage Entertainment
Scouts Waterslide

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

A few of our activities for the day!



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Booked from:

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DRIVER LICENSING



The Driver Licensing Programme starts this week with practical driving lessons on Tuesdays and theory lessons on Thursdays. This will soon swap over to accommodate students on courses. No-one will miss out. And it's FREE!

If you are a few weeks away from turning 16, or you are now eligible to get your restricted (or full) license, **you** should be in the programme. Check your school Gmail for details or see Mr Abernethy.

LEARNER:

You must be 16 years of age in order to apply for your learner licence. When you apply, you will need your original birth certificate OR a valid passport.

RESTRICTED:

You must be at least 16 ½ years old before you can apply for your restricted licence. You also must have held your learner licence for at least six months.

FULL:

You must be at least 18 years old before you can apply for your full licence, UNLESS you do a course. If you've completed an approved advanced driving course, you can get your full licence once you turn 17½. If you hold a restricted license and you are keen to do a Defensive Driving Course, email me (steve.abernethy@putarurucollege.school.nz).

For more information, go to <https://drive.govt.nz/>

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PRESENTS

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CHILDREN'S DAY 2024

PUTARURU POOLS
FRIDAY 1 MARCH | 3pm - 7 pm

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