

PANUI NEWSLETTER



HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- Year 7 Raglan camp
- School photos

**Attendance
84%**



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou katoa! Mental note....next time I am asked by Ms Last to pose for a photo, decline! Anywho, massive thanks to Ms Matchitt's class for the letters on the wall! Week 6 over. I spent a bit of time this week with our Year 7s in class and out at Raglan on their camp. Thanks to the team who took time away from their own families to spend time with our akonga at one of my favourite places in all the world. This year they fished, swam, paddled, built, ate, nagged, ran, played, scootered, skated and jumped all over Raglan with everyone coming home with a story to tell. Hopefully by the time you are reading this they have found all their clothes, put them in the wash, had a wash themselves and are nearly already in bed asleep... or talking to you all about how it was. A huge thank you also to the team who stayed behind at school and kept it running. Team work makes the dream work!!! Have a great weekend.

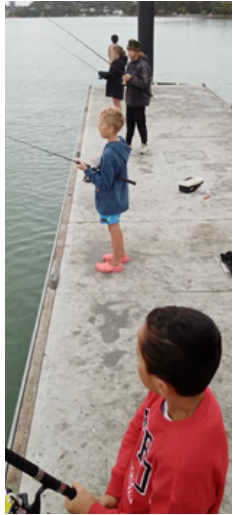
KEY DATES

Week 7

Monday - Normal day
Tuesday - Interschool Swimming
Wednesday - Normal day
Thursday - Normal day
Friday - Normal day

Week 8

Monday - Y7&8 Immunisations
Tuesday - Senior Humanities and Photography trip
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Thursday - First Aid course for select seniors
Friday - First Aid course for select seniors

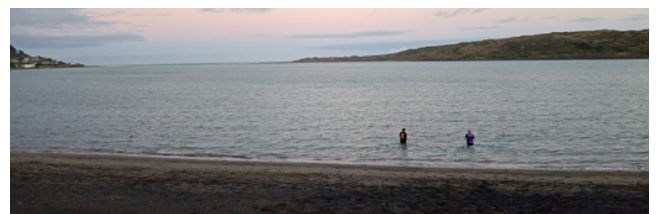


A lil bit of grey but a lot of fun!

Here is just a peek at the fun Year 7 had on camp in Raglan this week. Some grey skies do nothing to dampen the spirit of camp and the students and staff had a great time on the water, building rafts, SUP boarding and fishing.

Year 13 student leaders supported and connected with our youngest students so they are friendly faces for the year ahead.

More to follow next week! For now, home to bed... and out the washing machine on!!!



7am - Kiri and Ellie Year 13 leaders having their morning swim!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Juniors: Sean Green, nominated by Mr Moore for excellence in Art.

Middles: Thomas Flutey, nominated by Matua Tini for great effort with his reading in te reo and his mihimihi.

Seniors: Naeyah Tera, nominated by Matua Tini for her great effort in translating her mahi.



Bloomin' Marvelous!

The gardens in our school are beautiful to behold... but need a lot of care and attention.

We are so lucky that under the guidance of Mr Abernethy, the Ag Hort seniors are taking great care of the gardens outside the hall and the vegetable gardens.

There are tomatoes, berries and lots of freshly weeded space for new crops.



Nau mai, haere mai

Putāruru College English Department

Pictured L to R:
Mr Beesley, Mrs
Miller, Ms Last,
Mr Abernethy
and Mrs Reeve



Kia ora,

It is my privilege to introduce you to the educators who play pivotal roles in shaping the academic journey of our students.

Melissa Miller - Learning Leader

Mrs. Miller serves as our Learning Leader, setting the tone for an enriching and engaging term.

Jonathan Beesley - Senior Teacher, Robyn Reeves - Junior Specialist Teacher

The dynamic team of Mr. Beesley and Mrs. Reeves bring extensive experience to their roles, ensuring a comprehensive and supportive learning environment.

Rose Lal-Phillips - ESL

Essential English for Speakers of Other Languages (Essol), Mrs. Lal-Phillips is in charge of enhancing literacy skills, laying a robust foundation for our students.

Carli Last and Kate Robins - Literacy

Specialising in the practical application of literacy skills Ms. Last and Whaea Kate are supporting students in work readiness skills.

Steve Abernethy- Trades Literacy

Specialising in supporting the needs of our senior students with the greatest needs Mr. Abernethy prioritizes work readiness and functional literacy skills.



Our Term One programmes in English:

Year 9s: Mythology Exploration

This term, our Year 9s embark on a captivating journey into Greek, African, and Maori mythologies. A Year 9 Literacy class intertwines mythology and visual language, guiding a study on essential literacy fundamentals.

Year 10s: Speculative Fiction Exploration

In Year 10 classes this term, students delve into speculative fiction, refining various writing styles in preparation for the upcoming CAAs in Term 2.

Level 1: In-depth Exploration

At Level 1, two classes dive into the critical topics of racism, social issues, and global politics through essay writing. Simultaneously, the third class prepares students for workplace literacy, equipping them for future success.

ESL Class: English as a Second Language

Our ESL class is expanding to provide vital support to new arrivals to Aotearoa New Zealand, fostering a welcoming atmosphere within our school community.

Level 2 and Yr 13s

Level 2s are exploring texts significant to the understanding of social and political issues while working on critical analysis, film study and novel study while Yr 13s are taking a well earned break to use their skills to support camp this week and will pick up their books next week.

We wish everyone a term filled with exploration, creativity, and academic growth.

Remember it is an expectation of our courses that all students complete daily home reading and are completing all unfinished classwork at home before attending their next lesson.

The Year 10 English students have been practicing communication, listening, speaking, emailing and transcribing skills. As part of this, they have been working in small groups to organise interviews, create questions and conduct brief interviews.

See the next page for snippets from these interviews.





Good afternoon **Mrs Curphey**. My name is Rex, this is Ben, and this is Ethan. We are hoping to improve the school by talking to you about this.

Ben: "What are you trying to achieve?"

Mrs. Curphey: "I enjoy working here because when I went to school... we were told that the world was our oyster and we could do whatever we wanted to do. However, when I returned to NZ in 2014 and listened to some of the things that were happening, I didn't feel that students got the same message. I felt that was wrong. So, by getting a job here and doing what I do, I'm hoping that I'm making a bit of a difference."

Matua Tini, our next questions is: Do you enjoy working here and if you don't why don't you?

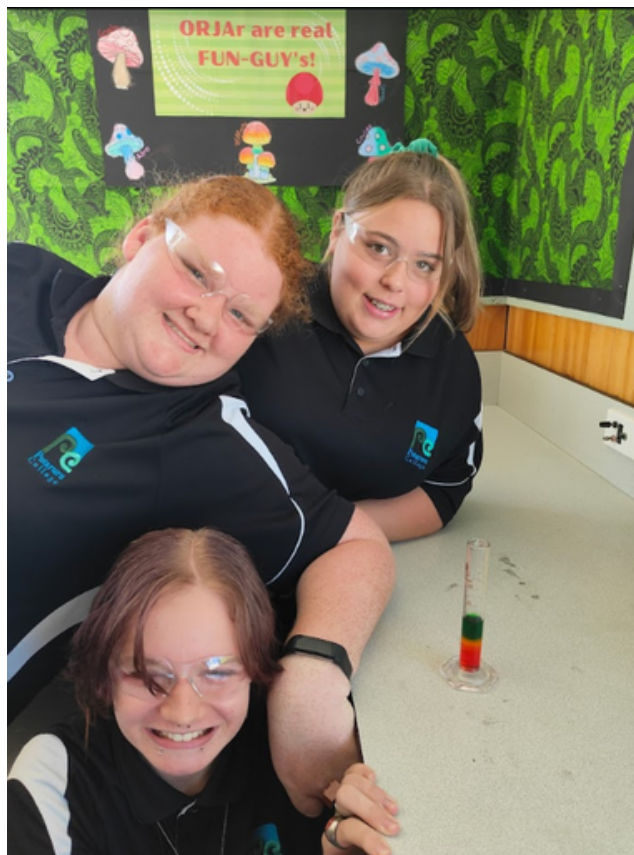
"I really do like working at Putāruru College. The students are great people to know and it's a privilege to get to work with them. I've got a great relationship with the community, students and staff. I want our students to grow up proud to come from here, that's the gist of it."



"I think that the whole school needs an upgrade. We need to be using what we have in the school to make it a bit more interesting and exciting. The tennis court needs to be upgraded because we can't use it at the moment. We need more murals around the school, but I do know that Mr Moore is working on it."

Ms Hawkes: What changes or improvements would you like to see in the future to improve the school's environment?





Practical magic

Juniors are getting into doing more practical experiments in Year 9 & 10 Science as we head into our Chemistry topics.

Look how proud these girls are of winning the density stacking competition! They showed great precision in measuring and following instructions - important skills in all science areas.

Showquest practices kick off at **3.15pm - 4.30pm** afterschool on Tuesday 12th March in the college hall.

Those whanau who have indicated via the permission slip that their student needs a lift home - Mrs Curphey will be in touch to confirm this on Monday.

We are still happy to include more performers, so information and permission slips are available from Student Services.



Save the Date.... Wednesday 8th May

Putāruru College is excited to be hosting the **Ministry of Education Transition Roadshow** on May 8th from 9am - 2.30pm in our school library.

Morning session: 9am - 11.30am
Afternoon session: 12pm - 2.30pm

The kaupapa of the roadshow is to make agencies and support services available to students and whānau with special or high needs. This may be students with ORS funding, high health needs or other additional needs and/ or vulnerabilities.

Transitioning young people through school changes and beyond school is a delicate process for many, so this roadshow aims to provide access to the wonderful help out there in our local community!

The roadshow is a one-stop-shop for the community to connect with support services, funding streams for life after school, training providers with accessibility agents and community groups.

Should you have any inquiries or suggestions, please feel free to reach out directly to **Carli Last** at carli.last@putarurucollege.school.nz or 07 8838323 ext. 713



The poster features an illustration of a person in a wheelchair at the top. Below it, the title "Transition from School Roadshow - Putāruru" is prominently displayed. Five orange buttons list categories: Funding Options, Local Agencies, Community Groups, Transition Support Providers, and Tertiary Education Support. Event details include the date (Wed 8 May 2024), time (9am - 2.30pm), and location (Putāruru College). Logos for Te Mahau and the Ministry of Education are also present.



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