

PANUI NEWSLETTER



HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- Attendance rate 83%
- Catch up photos

Week 8

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

Week 9

Monday - OED Y11 & 13 camp
Tuesday - OED Y11 & 13 camp
Wednesday - normal school
Thursday - normal school
Friday - GOOD FRIDAY (School is CLOSED)

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou katoa! Week 7 is now a memory fading fast..well in my case anyway....but luckily we have the panui to remind/inform us of what we have been doing! I simply had to put a lil photo in about the softball/Tball games that were played on Monday just because who knows if the rain will allow us another week!!! Great fun and great to see kids being kids and adults supporting them. With 4 weeks til the end of term we need you to keep doing the basics brilliantly...attending school, in uniform (NO, crocs and trackpants are still NOT in our uniform code) and prepared to learn. Wrap up warm and stay dry and have a great weekend.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Juniors: Kadin Coster, nominated by Mrs Maxwell; for being an enthusiastic camper and daring to try new things.

Middles: Vhielle Pagnas; nominated by Ms Hawkes for consistently giving her best effort in all learning areas

Seniors: Corey Gratton, nominated by Ms Nicholson for consistently high effort in learning.



Congratulations to Rebekah Coop who was successful in her application to the Waikato Youth Secondary Tertiary Advisory Group! We wish Rebekah every success as she represents Putāruru College and the South Waikato in her role on this Ministry of Education run advisory group.



Ka Rawe Rebekah, well done, awesome job and best wishes for your first hui on the 22nd of this month.

Science happenings...

This week the level two Biology students have started their genetics topic. After learning about how DNA can mutate students were randomly assigned a less-than-helpful 'mutation' they had to manage while racing to forage for their food source - a handful of pistachios. Mutations included long nails, blindness, lack of peripheral vision, no hands, arms fused to the body, hands behind their back and feet joined together. Some mutations were certainly easier to overcome than others!



UPDATES FROM OUR JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

Kia ora, ko Tanya Maxwell toku ingoa. I am a Year 7 teacher at our wonderful kura. I am also the Learning Leader for the Year 7&8 Department as well as the Pou Arahi. I oversee that all tamariki are well catered for and looked after for both their pastoral and learning needs. I am incredibly privileged to work alongside the other Year 7&8 teachers: Alicia Taylor (Yr8), Hannah Burt (Yr8) and Lauren Matchitt (Yr7). Our team has a broad range of interests and strengths to facilitate engaging lessons.

This term has been an incredibly busy time for us all with beginning of the year testing, a four week swimming programme, athletics day and Year 7 Raglan camp. Our main focus to date has been getting to know, and form positive relationships with our students and settle into new routines and structures. Now the nitty gritty of our structured learning programmes begins. In our department we cover reading, writing, maths and social studies, and the students are also lucky enough go out to specialist classroom teachers for their PE, Science and Options classes which cover Art, Te reo Māori, Food Technology, Digital Technology, Hard Materials and Music.

Please feel free to contact me on 07 883 8323 if you would like to chat about your child or just for a catch up on how things are going.



Kia ora,

My name is Lauren Matchitt. I'm in my second-year teaching Year 7 students here at Putāruru College. I was born and raised just outside Washington D.C. but Pūtāruru is a special place to me as it's where my two kids hail from, so we're happy to call it home.

When I'm not at school or spending time with family, I'm playing or watching sports. I'm lucky enough to continue my Lacrosse career with the Waikato Senior Women's team, and would love to get a team going at Putāruru College. I've had the privilege of working as one of the coaches for the Putāruru Swimming Club for the past two seasons. I also played netball for the first time last year - a sport we don't have in America - and while I can't say I was good at it, I ended up loving it!

Currently my focus in the classroom is helping my students become confident, independent, and resilient. I believe these values and skills will help them in all aspects of their life, including their learning.



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Kia ora koutou

Ko Alicia toku ingoa

No Putāruru ahau

He kaiako ahau ki te Kāreti o Putāruru i te akomanga 8ATa

I was born and raised in Putāruru and it has been a privilege to return to my former high school as a kaiako in the Y7-8 department. I really do believe it takes a village to raise a child and I hope I'm able to play my part to help manaaki and nurture each and every student that I'm lucky enough to have in front of me.

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(Trying to tackle Year 8 one awkward pose at a time! #NotQuiteTheAllBlacks)

I'm Hannah, your dedicated educator navigating the exciting landscape of education at PC. Imagine a classroom buzzing with lively energy and captivating activities. That's what I strive for! Whether we're transforming algebra into an exciting quest for treasure or sparking imagination with immersive storytelling, I'm committed to keeping lessons engaging and enjoyable.

In the realm of learning, where minds take flight,
We dive into worlds of reading, oh what delight!
With books as our vessels, we sail through each page,
Exploring new lands, with wisdom as our wage.

Then onto writing, where words dance and flow,
Ink spills like magic, as our stories grow.
From tales of adventure to poems so fine,
Each word a brushstroke, on the canvas of time.

Mathematics awaits, a puzzle to unravel,
Numbers and patterns, our minds do travel.
With logic and reason, we forge our own way,
Solving equations, come what may, come what may!

So let's embrace the journey, in this learning parade,
For reading, writing, and maths, our passions cascade.
With every lesson learned, and every challenge we meet,
We soar to new heights, with knowledge complete.

YEAR 7 RAGLAN CAMP...

WITH SOME TEACHERS AND SOME YEAR 13S...OH AND CINDY!



Year 7 Raglan Camp

From singing on the bus on the way there, to snoring on the bus on the way home, and every minute in between, we have made many happy memories.

We had laughter, swimming, sand castle building, hole digging, fishing, raft making, paddle boarding, skateboarding, scootering, spot light games, sunshine, wind and drizzle!

Best of all, new friendships were made and relationships cemented. It was the best of times!

Thanks to everyone involved for making this a wonderful experience for our tamariki. I'm sure everyone came home feeling very tired and happy to be sleeping in their own beds... the teachers certainly were!







Here is a snippet of what the kids had to say:-

- Our first impressions of the camp site were - it's right next to the beach! The dorm rooms are big! It has bunks!
- The best activity was - fishing, bridge jumping, the food, stand up paddle boarding
- The worst activity was - none, just that it rained on us a bit
- The food was - delicious, the beans were spicy, the burgers were great, the chips were soggy, where's pudding?
- The funniest thing was - watching people fall off the paddle boards, watching the teachers scootering, kids getting stuck in the sand, belly flops when we were bridge jumping
- Something I learned was - how to challenge myself, team work, I can sleep when people are snoring, don't mess with people when they're tired, how to stand up on a SUP board
- One thing we could do to improve camp is - make it longer, not have the showers turn off after 4 minutes, have pudding, don't let it rain (haha)



NOTICES AT A GLANCE...

2024 SWIMMING AND ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS!



SHOWQUEST; NO AFTERSCHOOL PRACTICE ON TUESDAY 19TH MARCH. SHOWQUEST STUDENTS WILL HAVE A MEETING AT LUNCHTIME ON MONDAY AND THURSDAY INSTEAD

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



Transition from School Roadshow - Putāruru

Funding Options Local Agencies Community Groups

Transition Support Providers Tertiary Education Support

Te Mahau Wed 8 May 2024
9am - 2.30pm - see link below for session times Putāruru College

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