

PANUI NEWSLETTER



HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- Attendance rate 80%
- Outdoor ed camp at Jim Barnett reserve



Sneak peak....

Another busy week, albeit a short week. These photos are a sneak peak of a learning project around turonga (shadow puppets) in the Social Science department...stayed tuned for more!

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Another power packed week of learning is over! Kia ora koutou katoa, and so it is we end the week one day earlier than normal, and now we get an old school mid term break sort of thing!! Who remembers those?? With the cooling of the weather we are seeing a change not only in the trees and skies above us but also in the students 'uniform'. We have a very flexible uniform currently and it is more than enough to keep students warm. We are working to a new process where tolerance levels to non-uniform items has been decreased so if your child is out of uniform expect more contact from school and in some cases removal from classes! The winter sports season is fast approaching and as I type the soccer team is out running around, and rugby, netball and hockey are all starting up. Encourage your child to get out and get involved, sport is a great way to burn through cold winter days. How ever you are celebrating Easter this weekend have a wonderful break, travel safe and we will see you back here Wednesday - with only 8 days to keep making learning gains in term 1!!

KEY DATES

Week 10

Monday – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday – Normal day
Thursday – Normal day
Friday – Normal day

Week 11

Monday – Normal day
Tuesday – Normal day
Wednesday – High Achiever's Assembly (9.30), school closes at 1.30 and Parent Interviews 2 – 7.30pm ALL WELCOME!
Thursday – Pajama Party Y7&8 6 – 7.30
Friday – LAST DAY of TERM 1



High Achiever's Assembly

Join us to celebrate the achievements of our senior students and their **2023 NCEA results** as well as awards aligned with our Graduate Profile for Putāruru College:

Mana Motuhake – Identity

Hīkina – Advocacy for self and others

Kia Tutuki – Success!

Whanaungatanga – Connections

The assembly will be at 9.30am in the hall.



Save the Date! – Year 7 and 8 Pajama Party

The 2024 Ball Fund Raising Committee cordially invites the Year 7 and 8 students of Putaruru College to an end of term Pajama Party.

Date: Thursday 11th April

Time: 6pm to 7.30pm

Location: Putaruru College School Hall

Cost: \$5 for a ticket (this includes entry and a sausage in bread)

Drinks, sweets, baked goods and glow sticks will also be available for purchase on the night
Tickets will go on sale in Week 11



Parent Interviews – Wednesday 10th April

How is your child(ren) going at school this year? What do they need some support with? What are they excelling at?

Come and find out anytime between **2pm and 7.30pm where all teachers will be available, no booking necessary.** Join us in the hall to discuss learning and supports for your child(ren)!

School will close at 1.30pm on Wednesday 10th April.

UPDATES FROM OUR MATHS DEPARTMENT



Robyn Clark

Curriculum Leader of Mathematics (Yr 10 ,11, 12, 13)

I spent my growing up years in Dunedin where I was born. After attending Otago University and Dunedin Teachers College, I began my teaching career at Logan Park High School, and then St Hilda's Collegiate, an all girls school, before moving to Tauranga where I had my family.

As a family, we spent 3 years living on a ship, working as a teacher, for a non-profit, global organisation, mostly in the Caribbean. We visited countries like Guatemala, El Salvador, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Belize, to name a few. We then moved to Texas where I taught at a Junior High and also a High School. This included teaching first year maths papers for a University, within the High School. This was for students who had moved ahead with the curriculum.

I returned to New Zealand at the end of 2017 and began teaching at Putaruru College in 2019, after a year of relief teaching.

Chantel Oosthuizen
Year 9 Maths

Chantel Oosthuizen is the name, and math is my game. For me, math isn't just about numbers and equations; it's a language that unlocks the mysteries of the universe. As an educator, I believe in fostering a supportive and engaging learning environment where students can thrive and develop a genuine love for mathematics. My goal is not only to teach formulas and concepts but to instill a genuine understanding and appreciation for the beauty of mathematics. This year we will explore the fascinating world of numbers, patterns, and problem-solving, empowering students to excel and find joy in mathematical discovery.



Lynn Hawkes
Year 9 Maths

My name is Lynn Hawkes, and I am thrilled to join the Mathematics Department this year. My goal is not only to share mathematical knowledge but also to cultivate a love for the subject and build the confidence of every student as they tackle mathematical challenges. I am looking forward to working alongside the students and members of the department this year





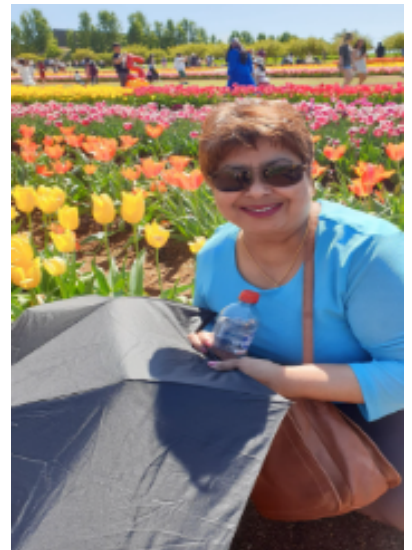
Nas Ukrainec
Year 9, 10, 11 and Numeracy

Kia Ora my name is Nas Ukrainec, I am of Ukrainian and English descent. I grew up in New Zealand living in Patea through my primary years and Taupo through my secondary years. Taupo is still a home for me where my mum lives. I am fortunate to be able to work and live in Putarurut. I spent a few years living and working in Tokoroa at Forest View High and in the recent past I have relieved at Putaruru College around 2013–2015. I recently spent 6 years living and working in the Cook Islands as a teacher at Tereora College returning to NZ at the end of 2022. It was quite an experience living in a tropical climate and it was a lot like living in NZ, because of its close association with NZ and the fact that Tokoroa has a large population of Cook Islanders living there. The scenes of Ei’s and Ei kato were familiar along with the ukulele and beautiful hymns and large kai kai feasts. When I returned to NZ, I lived in Northland which had some challenges to endure but fortunately I found work at Putaruru in September in 2023. I am delighted to be here, and I hope I can help our akonga appreciate mathematics as much as I do.

Rose Lal Phillips
Year 9 & 10 Maths

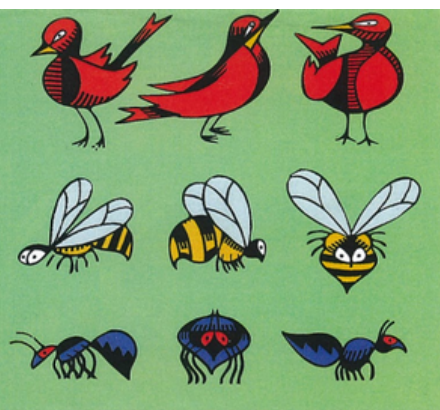
Ni Sa Bula and Namaste.

I was born in beautiful sunny Fiji. My teenage years were spent growing up in Fiji and later in Melbourne, Australia. So, Melbourne is my home town. My background is British European/Indian. I am married to Brendon and we have four handsome grown-up boys. I completed my degree at the University of Waikato and Cambridge University. I never wanted to be a teacher but my father talked me into it. However, once I had a taste of teaching I started to enjoy it. I have dedicated more than half of my life to teaching and I would not exchange it for anything else. I have formed a passion for seeing young people become successful in their lives. Most of my teaching career has involved teaching Mathematics, Accounting, and Science. I love animals, gardening, and enjoy cooking. My favourite sport is soccer. Putaruru College is a great place to be in. Love you all. Ni sa Moce.



Maths Puzzle from Mrs Clark,
Ms Hawkes and Mrs Oosthuizen

Draw lines connecting each animal to all the animals different in colour without connecting any animals that are the same colour. How many interconnecting lines can you draw without allowing any of the lines to cross?



Showquest Update

We have now finalised our story and while the senior students create their choreographic masterpiece, our performers need to get ready to audition.

Students need to learn a 70 second long dance to Usher's Yeah and perform it to Mrs Curphey and Mrs Nicholson during period 5 on Friday 5th April.

Below are the links for students to use to learn the dance:

Introduction to the dance (includes mirrored version you can practice too)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYzBeGm9XfQ>

Step by Step learn the dance video: **<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M5Y-waK3s8o>**

We are also hosting Audition Dance Practises. These are:

- Tuesday 2nd April, 1pm to 3pm Putaruru College Hall - Bring some snacks and a drink (email Mrs Curphey suzanne.curphey@putarurucollege.school.nz if your student needs a lift)
- Wednesday 3rd April @ lunchtime in N3 (Mrs Curphey's Classroom)
- Thursday 4th April @ lunchtime in N3
- Friday 5th April @ lunchtime in the Putaruru College Hall

If your student can't attend auditions on Friday, please contact Mrs Curphey so an alternative time can be arranged.



Warning...Opportunity Ahead!!...



Life Skills Camps

WHENUAPAI, TRENTHAM, TAUPO
AND BURNHAM

1-week live in residential experiential-learning camp in partnership with the NZ Defence Force focussing on practical skills, self-confidence, teamwork and leadership tasks.

14-17 year olds
Earn up to 9 Level Two and 4 Level One NCEA credits.

For details download an application form from our website or email programmes@bluelight.co.nz

www.bluelight.co.nz

100 person leadership camp

WHENUAPAI AIRFORCE BASE
25TH - 30TH NOVEMBER 2024

Year 10 & 11
Earn up to 14 Level One NCEA credits.

1-week live in residential experiential-learning camp in partnership with the NZ Defence Force focussing on Leadership skills and styles and communication.

For details download an application form from our website or email programmes@bluelight.co.nz

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Are you keen to explore the space outside of your comfort zone? The bluelight Life Skills Camps are run in collaboration with the New Zealand Defence Force at locations around the country. We have spaces available on our Taupo, Trentham (Wellington) and Burnham (Christchurch) camps. These camps cater for young people, aged 14 to 17 years, who might benefit from the structure and guidance provided on this 5-day residential camp, as well as young people interested in any of the NZ Defence Forces. The 100-person Camp is held at the Whenuapai Airforce Base in Auckland and is for young people, currently in year 10 or 11, who have demonstrated positive leadership skills at school or in their community and who want to fine-tune those skills. There are also NCEA Unit Standard Credits offered on the Life Skills Camps (13 credits, Level 1 and 2) and the 100-person Leadership Camp (14 credits, Level 1). If this sounds like you, contact Whaea Kate at school. You can even talk to the 2022 attendees (pictured) and hear what it was like first hand!

Out and about locally with PC Outdoor ed!



On Monday 25th, Year 11 and Year 12 Outdoor Education students went on a hiking trip at Jim Barnett Reserve, organised by the Year 12s. The students walked every track and built bivouacs together. In the afternoon, the Year 13 students took over to manage an overnight camp, involving tent setup, cooking dinner, and attempting to sleep! This was a good introduction for our Year 11 students, with a lot more to come this year. Follow our adventures on Instagram @outdoor.ed.883 for more updates!



Te Manu Arataki leadership forum...



Five of our ākonga had the opportunity to attend Te Manu Arataki, a leadership forum, on Wednesday morning. The kaupapa of the day was to unpack the qualities of effective leaders, discuss how leadership is developed and look to the future to determine what leadership should look like (students' ideas pictured). When asked who comes to mind when thinking of leaders, the first name our students gave was 'Mr Rogers, he listens to ideas so he can make change'. Ashlee Syben, Bridie Meads, Thomas Stratton, Jamie Ruck and Kiralee Crawford contributed valuable ideas to the group and represented our kura wonderfully.



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