

PANUI NEWSLETTER



HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

Attendance
77%



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

3 day weeks....got to love them and after such a stunning Easter break it was great to be back at school!

Kia koutou katoa! With only one more week left in this term we are still on full throttle forward. So much still going on with the last week no exception. Wanna really find out what your child is doing in class? Come on down and meet with us on Wednesday and ask those questions that YOU want answered. Don't take the occasional grunt (especially if you have boys) as gospel that your child is working well and doing their best....come and ask their teachers!!! I am confident that in most cases you will be re-affirmed that all is well, and even when some tweaks, shifts and changes need to be made, at least you are hearing it from the horses mouth...so to speak...and can move into term 2 ready to rock n roll.

In other areas our showquest group is humming..well dancing to their tunes, sport is getting under way and we are prepping for the first CAA assessment in MAY!!! Keep an eye out for your chance to learn more about the CAA's early term 2. Enjoy the last weekend of daylight saving and get ready to have your kids back for 2 weeks!

Be well.

KEY DATES

Week 11

Monday - Normal day

Tuesday - Normal day

Wednesday - High Achiever's Assembly (9.30), school closes at 1.30 and Parent Interviews 2 - 7pm

Thursday - Pajama Party Y7&8 6 - 7.30

Friday - LAST DAY of TERM 1

Alumni student K'Lee Begbie giving back...

On Wednesday, this week we were blessed with a visit to our Year 9 Social Studies class by K'Lee Begbie. K'Lee provided a concise and wonderful history on Whaita, Ngatokowaru and the early history of how Raukawa overcame Kahupungapunga and settled the area we now reside in. She talked about Mahinarangi and Turongo, the parents of Raukawa and how she and members of her whanau retraced their hiko from the East coast through to a Paa near modern day Otorohanga. It was an amazing and inspiring presentation.

Hamish Steven.



On Thursday the senior biology class was fortunate to have a Massey University Lecturer come and speak to them about his work. Dr Nick Sneddon has ties to our community, and offered to share his knowledge on genetics. Students found Nick to be an interesting lecturer with a dash of good humour.

They learnt genetics on breeding of dogs, cattle and sheep, and even a little bit of human genetics. He explained the importance of twins in human genetics which was quite comical as the resident twins Jahrell and Jahray sat quietly till he noticed them!

If you are interested in attending Massey University to study science keep your ears out for Scholarships that are on offer!



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



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Juniors: Dominic Tucker-Strachan, nominated by Ms Taylor for effort and diligence in Maths.

Middles: Anna McKinnon, nominated by Mrs Argent for always working hard and to a high standard.

Seniors: Floydd White, nominated by Mrs Argent for being proactive and resilient around his learning and pathway.

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.



Ball fundraising update

The Ball Committee were back into it this week - this time making sure the staff carpark looked nice and shiny. Sixteen supportive and trusting staff allowed the Committee to wash their cars on Wednesday morning for \$10. With Ellie entrusted with being in charge of cleaning the windows, the rest of the committee jumped in.

Current funds stand at approx. \$900

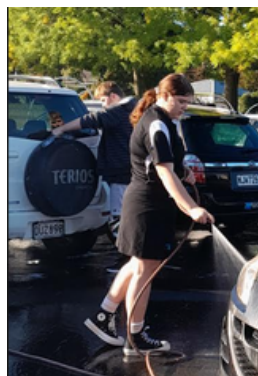
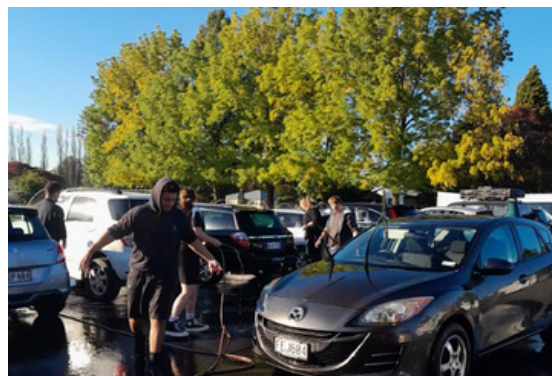
Next week, the Committee is hosting a Year 7 and 8 PJ party disco on Thursday night. A newsletter about this has been given out, but spares are available from Student Services

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 7pm 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.





Chantel Oosthuizen
Junior Food

Harley Moore
Whakairo and Art

Alan Grace
Metal Technology

Lynn Hawkes
TIC Food

Linda Nicholson
Visual Art Photography

Teresa Walker
Digital Technology

Sean Allen
Wood Technology

Anthony Berkers
CPA Music



Breaking News

SPOTLIGHT ON..

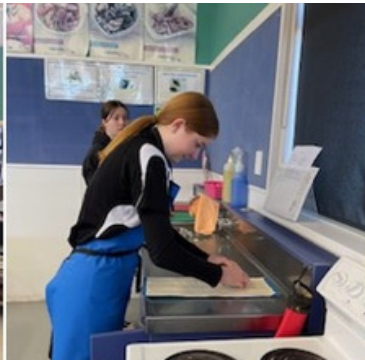
Food and Nutrition

Hello there! I'm delighted to have the opportunity to introduce myself to you all. My name is Lynn Hawkes, and I've been teaching Food and Nutrition/ Hospitality here at Putāruru College since 2010. What's even more special is that not only have I had the pleasure of teaching generations of students from this wonderful community, but my own children and grandchildren have also attended.

Living in this community for over 25 years has allowed me to truly become a part of it, and I can't express how much joy it brings me to teach something I'm truly passionate about. Food isn't just a subject to me; it's a way of life. Working with the incredible students here at our school is an absolute privilege, and I'm thrilled to be a part of this vibrant learning community.

Junior classes, from year 7-10, undertake foundation courses which instil basic cookery skills and nutrition knowledge. These foundation courses give students the knowledge they require to further embed skills at a higher level if they continue into senior level.

Senior classes are doing a range of Hospitality Standards at level one and two. This year we are also working with Mrs Duthie, and Kura Kai, to assist with providing food to our community.



Digital Technology

Dia duit, is é mo ainm Teresa Walker. I am the Teacher in Charge of Digital Technology at Putaruru College. I have been teaching Digital Technology in this wonderful place since 2020 and Digital Technology in general for a very long time. I have lived in the South Waikato since I was a teenager and now, I am married with two wonderful children. Digital Technology is an exciting area to learn and teach in as it amazing how quickly new technology comes out faster and smaller. There is always something new and exciting happening or being developed.

In the Digital Technology subjects at Putaruru College students learn a range of different skills. The Year 8 rotation has just finished up with a mBot Maze Challenge competition where they needed to program their mBots, which are little car robots, to run a maze with lights, sound and a display without touching the lines or going off the maze. Congratulations to Jett Thompson and Zion Temarama who won the competition. Special shout-out goes to Tom Shaw for the Best Music and Zoe Galbraith for Best Dance. Year 9's are learning basic formatting and skills in MS Word before they move onto graphics in our 3D design and printing topic. In Year 11, the first of the new curriculum standards is well under way, students are learning to create a computer program using Python. Year 12 has just started on their MS Excel standard and Year 13's are learning design concepts behind creating eBooks. There is always plenty going on and I would love to have a chat to you regarding your students' progress.



Year 8 Student Reflection

In Digital Technology this term we have done a range of different activities. Our focus this week has been on coding our mBots to do a range of different things. For example, we have coded our mBots to play a happy birthday song, using different notes and beats. We have also coded our mBots to go around a maze without touching the black lines while they have sound, matrix, and lights. In DTC we have experimented with 3D printing our nametags, bookmarks, and emoji keyrings. We have also learnt how to type with speed as well as our fingers being on the home keys. Digital Technology has been great this term and I have really enjoyed it.

By Zoe Gallbraith

Next time Breaking News from Whakairo and Music.....keep watching

Transform Aotearoa
32 Tirau Street Putaruru - Above The Cow Café
Term 2 Programs 2024
(Programs commence at the start of each school term)

Program	Description	Contact	Start Date
Driving Lessons	Practical driving lessons for a pathway to obtaining a learner, restricted or full driver's license. \$50 /hour for Putaruru clients.	Lamen Hohaia 021 563695 Amber Hohaia 021 410596	Any time by appointment
Te Reo Maori for Beginners	A language course for beginner students.	Lamen Hohaia 021 563695	Every Thursday 6 pm - 8 pm
Te Reo Maori Advanced	A language course for students' level 3 & above.	Lamen Hohaia 021 563695	Every Monday 6pm - 8pm
Te Moana Kura (Women Only)	10-week stage 2 course that builds upon tools learnt in stage 1. A personal move from insecurity to promise and freedom.	Belena Hohaia 0210 2227299	Wednesday 1 st May 10am – 12pm
Te Ana Raiona (Men only)	10-week stage 2 builds on tools learnt in stage 1 and strengthens a deeper understanding of client's leadership potential.	Lamen Hohaia 021 563695	Wednesday 1 st May 6pm – 8pm
Men's Life Group	Building routine and a supportive network with positive male role models.	Danny Scott 022 3527358	Weekdays 9.30am – 11.30am
Toolbox Teenage Years Parenting	A 6-week program for parents wanting tips and tricks on how to parent modern day teens in a positive family environment.	Belena Hohaia 0210 2227299	Wednesday 8 th May 12.30pm – 2.30pm
Defensive Driving Program		Amber Hohaia 021 410596	To Be Confirmed
'We Care' Adult Learner Licence Program	A 2-day fully funded learner license theory program and test for adults.	Amber Hohaia 021 410596	To Be Confirmed
CAP Addictions Program	8-week program with mentors offering tools to break life controlling addictions & dependencies.	Danny Scott 022 3527358 Kent Crawford 020 40677978	Contact Danny or Kent for more details

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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