

PANUI NEWSLETTER



HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- Attendance rate 71%
- Parent interviews
- Holidays...Yusss!!



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

"Nau mai ki te whakamutunga o te pānui mō te wā! Kei te haere tonu tātou i te haerenga i roto i te tau kei mua, engari i tēnei wā, e tūmanako ana mātou kia whiwhi koe i te wā ki te ngahau i te hararei!"

11 weeks done and dusted! What a great start to the year! Well done!! A 1/4 of the way!! With the end of the term comes a lil bit of time to sit and reflect. It could be easy to focus on the negative...we are a school, we have teenagers...issues are going to happen and sometime lots of them; but we also need to not lose sight of the amazing work most of our akonga are doing in and about the school and community - case in point the year 7&8 PJ disco just last night - kids having fun, organised by other kids (our Ball committee) supervised by Mrs Curphey, whaea Kate and a parent. It was a joy to be there; our Wednesday prizegiving assembly celebrating the NCEA success of our 2023 learners. Hearing about the success of our senior students highlights all the great things happening here in classrooms.

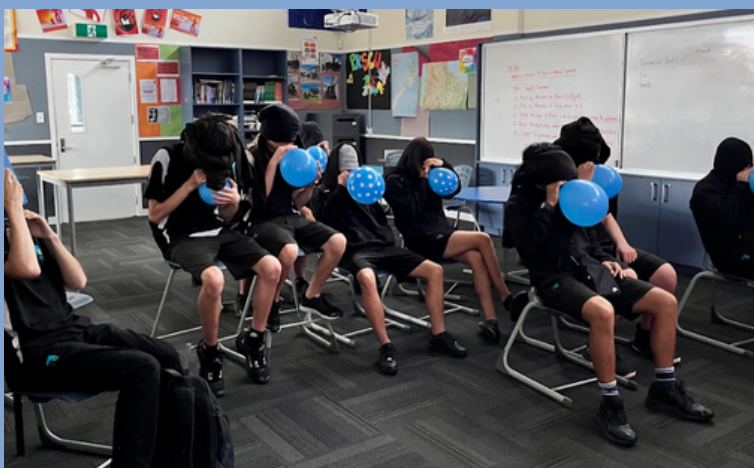
With the arrival of the holidays, we start to look forward to term 2 and winter. We have a flexible winter uniform that does not include puffer jackets, gum boots or other assorted items. Please help us in this regard by ensuring that your child is dressed in our uniform when they get to school! Boring I know, but if we can all do the boring bits brilliantly, then everyone's load becomes less. Have a restful break from school and we look forward to seeing you back here in 2 weeks!!

KEY DATES FOR TERM TWO

- Week 1: Monday 29th April - First day back of term 2
- Wednesday 1st May - CAA info evening (drop in from 4 - 6.30pm for all parents of students undertaking CAA exams)
- Week 2: Wednesday 8th May - Transition Roadshow (see last page)
- Week 3: Friday 17th May - Pink Shirt Day
- Week 4: Monday 20th - Wednesday 22nd May - CAA Literacy and Numeracy Exams
- Week 5: Monday 27th May - CAA Literacy and Numeracy Exams
- Wednesday 29th May - Teacher Only Day

Taskmaster Thursdays in Lit100

With the support of Ms Last and Whaea Kate, the Lit100 class are applying functional literacy to Taskmaster Thursdays! This term the class have had a blast trying out bizarre 'tasks' - based on the TV show - with carefully worded instructions; all vying for points and prizes. We ended the term with 'blowing the biggest balloon blindfolded' in 60 seconds and 'make the most astonishing glasses' in 5 minutes. It's been a great way to contextualise important reading skills with a bit of **fun**.... something literacy is not often known for!



Humanities 100 trip to Waimangu Volcanic Valley

The Year 11 Humanities class has been studying volcanism and for their assessment in Term 2, they need to analyse an environment using data. Hence, Mrs Curphey heard the sweet sounds of 'trip'. With Matua Tini and Mr Steven in tow, 25 Humanitarians braved the drizzle and ventured over the Mamaku Range to Waimangu. Students got to see the weaknesses in the Earth's crust up close and personal as we walked around the geothermal park and down to Lake Rotomahana. Mt Tarawera attempted to hide behind a cloud. We then cruised back into Rotorua to show our French Exchange student more New Zealand weirdness in the form of steaming pools of water at Kuirau Park before a lunch stop. As always, good questions and curiosity as well as some good laughs and memory making. Thanks Year 11 - it was fun to go on the hikoi with you!





STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Juniors: Isabella DeVorms, nominated by Mrs Walker for her great work ethic and achievement in Digital technology.

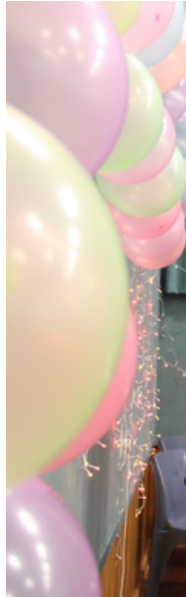
Middles: Kieran Tunnell, nominated by Bossy Rata for always showing respect to other and making awesome progress in Numicon.

Seniors: Saffron Petero-Anderson, nominated by Ms Hawkes for displaying great teamwork and a positive attitude to new learning.

Junior Pajama Party!

Year 7 & 8 students had a great time at the pajama party disco to raise funds for our Senior School Ball. We definitely want to host more of these events because the students loved it, were so well behaved and got to just be kids!

A huge thank you to Mrs Curphey for facilitating this event and the senior ball committee for their hard mahi! It paid off with more than \$300 added to their ball fund!



UPDATES FROM OUR SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Kei ngā whānau maha. Kei ngā kaiako me ngā kaihāpai. Oti rā, kei ngā tauria o te kura, arā, ngā rangatira mō āpōpō.

Tēnā koutou katoa.

Kua tae mai nei te mutunga o te wāhanga! The end of the term has arrived and it sure has felt like it has been an 11 week term full of challenges and growth. I am reminded of the resilience that has been shown by many of the ākonga day in and day out which can often go unnoticed and just so you all know, I see you and applaud the efforts that you continue to show within and around our school.

There have been overwhelming and rather dark times however, there have been many staff that are willing to help and support each other and to just be the light in a dark tunnel.

One of the most valuable lessons that I have learned (definitely ongoing) is the importance of taking care of yourself. We often get caught up in the rat race of life, we do not stop to take a breath or just to take time out for our well-being.

I appreciate all the support and guidance that I have received from everyone this term and look forward to some much needed whānau and rest time this hararei!

To all our staff, our students here at Putāruru College and to our colleague, Hannah, the Burt whānau, and to all who have lost loved ones this year Kia tau te rangimarie ki runga i a koutou katoa.

Ngā manaakitanga

Tiniwaata Winikerei-Hill (Cultural Leader and Pou Ārahi of Year 11 and 12s)

As educators, we enter this campus every morning with a singular mission: to empower young minds and equip them with the tools for a successful future. These 11 weeks have been action packed and filled with opportunities for new learning. However, it saddens me to acknowledge the time spent addressing resistance to learning or reluctance to engage with the business of learning. Nonetheless, we persevere, holding high expectations for our students, nurturing their potential to succeed.

This term has given me opportunities to keep learning too.... Learning never ends! With changes to NCEA Level One and the CAA literacy and numeracy requirements as well as school leadership initiatives focusing on data, assessment, and junior achievement in literacy and numeracy, I've learned so much and can empathise with how fatiguing the process of learning can be! Even amidst exhaustion or distraction, my commitment to our mission remains unwavering... I just need a bit of peace and quiet to recharge for the next three terms!

Among the myriad experiences this term has offered, the camaraderie amongst our staff stands out as a highlight. Witnessing colleagues come together, placing students at the forefront of their endeavours, brainstorming solutions to shared challenges, fills me with gratitude. Indeed, the path of education is not without its hurdles, yet it is marked by moments of joy and fulfillment, making the journey all the more rewarding.

Together, we continue to strive for excellence, nurturing a community where curiosity thrives, and every individual is empowered to reach their fullest potential.

Carli Last - Deputy Principal, Curriculum

That was possibly one of the fastest, most busiest terms I've had in my time in schools! But what a term! The saying, team work makes the dream work couldn't be more true! I am so proud to be part of the Putāruru College team and be witness to all the learning opportunities and growth our ākonga make on a daily basis. And opportunities there were!

Everything from the Year 13 noho marae, attending the Toi Ohomai pōwhiri in Rotorua with our Futures Academy students, going with Mrs Argent and her senior science students to Maungatautari, attending an excellent leadership conference with the Student Leaders, taking a group of awesome wāhine to the NZ School of Tourism Open Day, seeing three of our Student Leaders represent our College at a Regional SADD Workshop at Karāpiro, being part of International Women's Day with Whaea Bossy and 21 young women at Tokoroa Events Centre, having a group of engaged and enthusiastic seniors attend our University of Waikato and Lincoln University visits and seeing a group come together for the Graeme Dingle Foundation's Career Navigator programme.

These alongside our successful school wide events including Athletics Day, the Whānau pool evening and Learning Conversations have been epic. A special thank you to our Student Leaders, you are *all* amazing and I can't wait to see what Term 2 holds for us.

Kate Robins - Deputy Principal, Pathways & Partnerships

This term has been both challenging and rewarding. In upholding our schools values and identity, uniform standards play a crucial role. We have taken steps to reinforce these standards, recognising that a sense of pride in appearance reflects a broader sense of pride in our school community. Together, let's ensure that our students understand the importance of fostering a respectful and cohesive learning environment.

Our commitment to pastoral care remains at the forefront of our mission. I am proud of the empathetic support our staff has provided to students, ensuring their emotional well-being is nurtured alongside their academic development.

At the heart of our school's success lies the dedication and passion of our teaching staff. This term, I have witnessed inspiring lessons, innovative approaches to learning, and commitment to student progress. Each teacher's dedication to their craft contributes to the academic excellence we strive for.

As we look ahead to the coming term, let us carry forward the lessons learned and the successes celebrated. Together, let us continue to prioritise the well-being of our students, maintain the standards that define us, and pursue excellence in teaching and learning.

Wishing you all a restful break and looking forward to the opportunities and challenges the next term will bring.

Chantel Oosthuizen - Deputy Principal, Pastoral

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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