

# PANUI NEWSLETTER



## HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- TOD – LITERACY
- END OF CAA EXAMS!
- H&S COURSE

**Attendance 78%**



### PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Talofa lava! Well another week has whizzed by with heaps happening in and around the school. This weeks panui starts a lil feature all about the students in the school. This week highlights the journey of our year 7's through a day in their school life. It was conference week for me, so only 2 days in school but thanks to the team of amazing staff, no one even knew I was gone!! Going to a konafesi (conference) always gives one a chance to sit and listen , think and reflect on what it is we are trying to do here. I am always proud of the fact that I represent you all when I attend these hui. We share a lot of the issues facing schools all over the fanua (land) and I think we do well looking after the tamaiti aoga (students) who come through our gates most days (just looking at the attendance). We are half way through the term and I think it might be timely to remind our whanau that we are a uniform wearing school; puffer jackets, blankets and crocs are still NOT part of our school uniform!! Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated. With a long weekend beckoning I hope that you all get a chance to sit back, rest and get ready for the next 5 weeks of the term! Be safe, warm and well.

# KEY DATES

## Week 6 (3rd - 7th June)

**Monday - King's Birthday SCHOOL IS CLOSED**

**Tuesday - normal school day**

**Wednesday - normal school day**

**Thursday - normal school day**

**Friday - normal school day**

Talofa lava,  
Manuia le vaiaso ole Gagana Samoa!!

We hope you have had a chance to use some Samoan this week. It has been fun looking up words we use everyday and seeing what the translation is.

Your Board of Trustees continues to meet every month to assist in the governance of running our kura. We are conscious of the future and how best to assist our kaiako to make our kura the best it can be.

We have recently had a resignation from the board of one of our trustees. Isaac, we thank you for your service and commitment to our team. We have had some interest in the position, however we remind ourselves that our school board elections are approaching next year, so if you have an interest in becoming a board member, please let us know. You may email Debbie, our Presiding Member at [chairperson.putaruru@gmail.com](mailto:chairperson.putaruru@gmail.com) with any questions, otherwise pop along to our next board meeting on the 24th of June at 5:15pm in our board room.

All welcome!

Tofa  
Putaruru College School Board





## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Juniors: Raphael Bendana – nominated by Ms Maxwell – Fantastic contribution to the last panui

Middles: Skye Emperado – nominated by Mrs Lal-Phillips – Amazing work in mathematics and supporting his peers

Seniors: Rebekah Coop – nominated by Mrs Argent – For consistently working hard and producing well structured assessments.

**STUDY**

**& CHILL**

**COME ALONG!**  
SNACKS AVAILABLE

**LIBRARY - WEDNESDAYS**  
3.15-4.15PM  
AFTERSCHOOL

PUTARURU COLLEGE

*Matariki*



COME ALONG WITH YOUR WHĀNAU TO CELEBRATE MATARIKI AT PUTARURU COLLEGE KAI PROVIDED. QUIZ & A PERFORMANCE FROM TE RŌPŪ WHAKANGAHAU.

WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE FROM 5:30PM  
KAI TAHI 6PM

Yr11 OPE students are full steam ahead in their Flag Football assessment. Today they had the opportunity to participate in a coaching clinic run by two New Zealand Flag Football reps, Jorja Mouat & Sarah Monteith. Quarterbacks were treated to a master class of throwing techniques and drills while running backs were drilled on catching, running skills and plays. As usual all students involved behaved brilliantly and will have taken away a wealth of knowledge to apply into their assessment.

A massive thank you to Jorja & Sarah for giving up their time to come in and share their knowledge and skills with our students.



## History hikoi to Rotorua

The senior History class recently went on a field trip to the headquarters of Te Arawa, in Hinemoa Street Rotorua.

The purpose was to meet my friend Paora Te Hurihanganui and listen to his korero on the History of Ohomairangi, known these days as Te Arawa. Our focus was Hongi Hika and the Ngapuhi invasion of Mokoia Island in 1823 during a period of time known as The Musket Wars. All the information is used for the students NCEA History internal and external assessments.

Later on, Paora took us to the new whare housing the Arawa waka down by the Rotorua lakefront. He revealed he is the captain of this waka. It was an amazing trip.

Written by Hamish Steven



# A DAY IN THE LIFE



## of a Year 7 at Putāruru College

"When we do maths in A5 we start with a math grid most of the time. After, we do a numeracy do now to help prepare for CAA's in yr 10. This term WALA Statistics - Graphs and data. There are many different types of graphs we are learning about this term, such as dot plot graphs, time series graphs, column graphs, pictograms, Stem and leaf graphs and we use tally charts to record the data from the graphs."

-Raphael

"Art at Putāruru College is amazing! In Art we got to draw an imaginary character. It is so much fun to paint because you get to be yourself and paint whatever you want. When you do your graffiti name, you have to write your name but then you can draw anything you like on it. For the end part of Art, we have to do a landscape. For the landscape we have to draw a couple of mountains, water, grasslands and the sun. Then we paint, detail and draw some items like a vehicle, picnic table and a trailer etc."

- Lucian

"During the Māori options class my friends and I learnt so many new words! Most of the words were really odd like uaua. A lot of our learning was on the chromebooks. Matua Tini taught us a fun game called Maui-Matau. We had to use sticks so if Matua said Maui, we had to switch sticks to the person to your left. I learnt so much and had so much fun during the Māori options class with my friends. I hope I can go back!"

-Alex

"In Social Studies my friends and I are learning a lot about Careers and Financial Literacy. We have Career booklets that we do with our Social Studies teachers where we look at our interests and strengths. During Social Studies time on Friday's we do a quiz. We are also working through a lot of learning modules on our "Moneytime" programme that we do on the chromebooks. We are covering the areas of earning, saving, interest and tax. This will help us when we grow up and get jobs."

- Mackenzie



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"During Reading we work in groups. My group is doing a book study on the Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane. It is about the journey of a rabbit doll made of fragile china. We read one chapter each reading lesson. Each person has a job to do. One of the jobs is the link maker. Their job is to link the book to a real life memory. Another job is the clarifier. The clarifier defines words our group asks the meaning of. My favourite is the passage master, who finds the most interesting part of the chapter. I speculate the book is about the Titanic."

-Alyssa

"In Stars Teina we have a topic every term. Our topic this term is Whakaute: Respect. Respect for ourselves, others and the environment. Last week Daley and Santana decided to throw a colour run for the Year 7&8s with sausage sizzles, ice blocks and lollies. They also provided us with white shirts. Lots of bright powdered colors got sprayed at us left and right as we ran around the big obstacle course, with bright colored dust filling the air. By the end of our course our white shirts were filled with vibrant, exciting colors splashed everywhere over our bodies including our hair! The Stars teachers' always puts in a lot of effort for us and we always have a great time."

-Autumn

"Welcome to the music room for year 7s. When we walk in we listen to a song and write three questions about what the artist was feeling, why they wrote it, and what we think it means. After all of that is done we learn a few chords to practice and after that we have some free time to practice different instruments we are interested in. Thanks for tuning in!"

-Sean

"P.E. is a super fun class. P.E. always has heaps of fun sports and we also do Health. Health, if you didn't know, is taking care of your body and keeping it stable. In Health we are learning about our Hauora. Hauora has four dimensions - physical, mental, social and spiritual. I really love P.E. and Health."

-Maia

"In writing we are doing explanation writing about something that interests us. What is great is identifying new ways to do writing like the hamburger planning sheet. Once we finish the planning sheet we move onto our books and write everything into PEEL paragraphs. The PEEL method is connected to the hamburger plan and stands for point, example, explain and link. The planning makes describing hard topics really easy. In conclusion, writing is a very important subject and we love it!"

- Griff & Lily

