

PANUI NEWSLETTER



HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- TASKMASTER TRIP (SEE PG 5)
- JUNIOR CONTRIBUTION TO POUTAMA MURAL (SEE PG 6)

Attendance 80%

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou katoa! The blessing that a freezing morning frost has is that the days are stunning! This is I know, a very small consolation for the Cactus students who have to get out and do stuff in the cold, wet and dark but I hope the rest of you are enjoying the sun during the day. Winter sports are in full swing so I wish all the players, coaches and supporters a lovely weekend; remember good sideline etiquette is just as important as following the rules and listening to the refs on the field...even if they are wrong!!! There are some exciting things happening so read on and enjoy the weekend.

On another tack, we are currently reviewing our strategic plan for the college so keep an eye out for your chance to contribute to this. If you look closely the graduate profile is pictured above!

Graduate Profile

<p>Mana Motuhake Identity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🟢 Ko wai au? 🟢 We are proud and confident 🟢 We pursue personal and collective excellence 🟢 We believe our cultures count <p><i>Kia whakātāmuri te haere whakomue</i> - I walk backwards into my future with my eyes fixed on my past.</p>	<p>Hikina Advocate for myself and others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🟢 We have strong hauora - whare tapa whā 🟢 We embrace diversity and difference 🟢 We are able to advocate for ourselves and others 🟢 We know when and how to ask for help/ seek support <p><i>Āhoro taku tao i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini</i> - My strength is in unity</p>
<p>Whanaungatanga Connections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🟢 We are respectful 🟢 We encourage and support others to learn 🟢 We work together to improve our communities 🟢 We walk confidently in multiple worlds 🟢 We have the right to equity and self determination <p><i>Mō ēē rauaru, mā taku rauaru ka ora ai te iwi</i> - With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive</p>	<p>Kia tutuki Success</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🟢 We are literate and numerate with NCEA L2/UE 🟢 We strive to reach our highest potential for achievement 🟢 We are curious, brave, flexible, and take risks 🟢 We explore different possibilities and opportunities 🟢 We are equipped and prepared for our future <p><i>Ma te huruhuru ka rere te manu</i> - Adorn the bird with feathers so it can fly.</p>

KEY DATES

Week 7 (10th - 14th June)

Monday - normal school day

Tuesday - normal school day

Wednesday - normal school day

Thursday - normal school day

Friday - mid-year reports published (whole school)

Week 8 (17th - 21st June)

Monday - senior school exams

Tuesday - senior school exams

Wednesday - senior school exams

Thursday - normal school day

Friday - Tough Guy/ Tough Gal OPE Senior trip

Bit by bit, students helping students...

We are so proud of the manaakitanga (care and kindness) our students are showing to each other in our Putāruru College Learning Support community.

Here you see senior student Ashlee Syben working with a Year 7 student to provide some extra reading support and awahi (care). A group of wonderful senior students have volunteered to help Ms Duthie in the Learning Support space to work with juniors to improve their reading skills and confidence. This is what makes Putāruru College special! We love it when students put their hands up to work with us!



Spotlight on Staff

Dion Tahatika - Recipient of Excellence Award Paetahi Tumu Kōrero Bachelor of Counselling

Putāruru College is incredibly lucky, and grateful, to have Dion in our pastoral care team. He was recently awarded the Excellence Award at WINTEC for his dedication to counselling. He is pictured here with Maria Ranga, Senior Academic tutor who spoke of his journey to excellence at the awards ceremony.

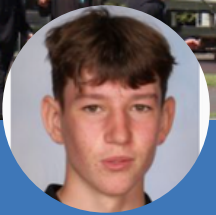
Dion's ability to connect authentically with his peers, placement staff, tangata whaiora (people seeking wellness), and whānau (families) has been a cornerstone of his success, fostering meaningful relationships that support the pursuit of wellbeing.

Drawing from his accumulated insights, Dion continues to elevate his practice and uphold exceptionally high standards. He navigates challenges with adeptness, readily seeking assistance when necessary, and skillfully employs his counseling abilities to positively influence tangata whaiora, their families, and our school community.

Dion's commitment and professional growth have been an inspiration to many. His strength, courage, and perseverance embody the spirit of our community. We extend our heartfelt acknowledgment and gratitude to Dion for his outstanding contributions and unwavering aroha (love).

No reira, tēnā koe, Dion. Your journey of professional development is a testament to your hard work and dedication, and we look forward to witnessing your continued success.





STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Juniors: Carlos Sullivan, nominated by Ms Maxwell, for his cheerful, friendly smile and helpful nature!

Middle: Reuben Richards, nominated by Mrs Lal-Phillips, for being helpful in the whanau; thank you!

Seniors: Vinnie Farac, nominated by Matua Hill, for most Valuable Player in Tuesday night's basketball game.

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



TAKING THE PLUNGE

Reuben Richards was our sole Putāruru College Representative at the Waikato Secondary Schools Regional Swimming Championships held on Thursday 30 May at Waterworld Aquatic Centre, Hamilton.

All nervous energy was channeled into extreme focus, resulting in outstanding performances gaining personal bests in all 3 of his races, whilst also qualifying for the final for 50m Butterfly, 50m Freestyle, and placing 3rd for Junior boys in the 100m timed final.

A massive congratulations to Reuben for your exceptional results in your first swimming meet at this level. Let this be the launching pad for you for bigger and greater things and may you reach your future swimming goals.

Junior Enrichment Programme

This term Mr Rogers and Ms Last launched a Junior Enrichment Programme at Putāruru College. The kaupapa is to provide a weekly opportunity for juniors (identified by parents and teachers) to extend, challenge and learn a bit differently. The group work together for a two hours block in the library each week and students present back their learning at the end of each session.

It is definitely a work in progress programme but Mr Rogers and Ms Last are enjoying the time spent with wonderful young people; keen to develop their critical thinking, teamwork, communication and interpretation skills.

Here the group were tasked to learn NEW things using actual books... with index and content pages... and heaps of words! It was a stark contrast to the following week where we introduced the ethical use of AI for information gathering, with a focus on interpreting differing perspectives and purposes.



Taskmaster Trip

Ms Last, Mr Rogers and Mrs Spencer led a team of lucky students from Lit100 to see a recording of Taskmaster NZ at South Pacific Studios on Thursday afternoon.

The class have been using Taskmaster for 'fun Thursdays' to build confidence and comprehension in reading instructions carefully (and having a bit of fun with literacy)! This was an amazing chance to see how a TV show is made and watch a bunch of Aotearoa's finest comedians throwing some banter about! The audience has to earn their worth in a studio with endless rounds of applause and whooping to keep the energy up, so naturally we had to end the trip with a hearty feed at McDonalds!



Our soccer (football for the purists) begins this weekend with an away game in Hamilton against a St Johns College team.

Hamish Stevens is this year's soccer coach. The transition to coaching this team has been so easy because of the leadership and organisational skills of our two wonderful co-captains Ashlee Syben and Jennah Douthett.



Our team is a mixed boys and girls/ senior and junior team. We have finished our grading games and for the next 10 weeks the Waikato competition begins.

We have five home games and would love your support. Our team is enthusiastic and really good. The ability and skill of members in our team is something to behold!



Meitaki and thank you for your support.



Yesterday the entire Year 7 & 8 Junior school contributed to the Poutama mural project. It was all about having some creative fun, freedom and being a part of something together, Kiri and Shanaka helped run the art "happening" and they were awesome! Thanks to the teachers that took time out to lend me their classes.

Here's some photos



Life as a Year 8 student at PC!

Tom



What's your favourite subject & why?
Art because I'm really good at it and I've been doing it for a long time.



Maddi



What do you want to be when you grow up?
A PE teacher because I love sport!



Jorja

What are you looking forward to when you're a Y9?
Different challenges and new subjects.

Who is your favourite teacher & why?
Mrs Brown because she does fun art activities.

Cody



What are you looking forward to when you're a Y9?
More challenging work and learning new things.

What's it like to not be the youngest student in the school now? It's better being a Y8 because we're bigger and not the youngest in the school anymore.

Who is your favourite teacher & why?
Mrs Maxwell because she was nice as my teacher last year.

Jacob



Who is your favourite teacher & why?
Mrs Miller because she's into dirt biking and riding.



What do you like to do in your free time?
Ride my dirtbike and play GTA on the playstation.



Life as a Year 8 student at PC!

Zion



What do you like to do in your free time?
Play basketball with my friends.



What do you want to be when you grow up?
I want to be an NBA player but if that doesn't work out I want to make online content and be an influencer.

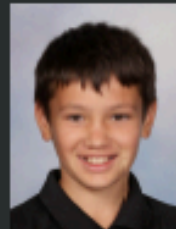
Zoe



Who is your favourite teacher & why?
Mrs Burt because she is kind and funny.



Kade



What's your favourite subject & why?
Metal work because it's fun and I enjoy helping out the teacher and other students.

What's it like not being the youngest in the school?
When I look at the Y7's I think that used to be us but now I feel a lot older and more respected.

What do you like to do in your free time?
Play basketball & play games

Nina



What do you like about PC?
I like the people here and the teachers are nice.



What are you looking forward to when you're a Y9?
I'm looking forward to having different classes and different teachers. I'm also looking forward to being able to choose the subjects I take.

Guile



What are you looking forward to when you're a Y9?
Probably that the classes aren't in one place (core class) because it gives more diversity and isn't the same thing every day/every period.

What do you like about PC?
Mostly everyone here is friendly and the teachers are kind.





Kura Kai Update

The sea of colour from the students' aprons that came over to AI, bringing over the Kura Kai that they'd finished cooking, was an awesome sight, knowing they were bringing kai for our freezer, for our community.

We were fortunate enough to be donated six large pumpkins which was the motive for the next lot of meals that were cooked for Kura Kai; pumpkin soup and lasagne. With support from Lynn Hawkes and the student chefs, we're able to continually fill our freezer and deliver the meals, to support people in the community that have been through some tough times.

Any donations for our Kura Kai, is much appreciated, as the meals we've delivered already in the community have been gratefully received.

PC BASKETBALL RESULTS

SENIOR BOYS	63
C. HORNETS	35
MVP - Vinnie Farac	
NEXT UP: CAMBRIDGE SENIOR DEVELOPMENT @ 8:30PM @ CHS - CRT 2	
JUNIOR BOYS	32
MATAMATA	46
MVP - Deano	
NEXT UP: CAMBRIDGE HAWKS @ 7:40PM IN CHS - CRT 2	

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