

# PANUI NEWSLETTER



## HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

BEING BACK AT SCHOOL!!

**Attendance 78%**

### PRINCIPALS MESSAGE



Kia ora koutou katoa, Nau mai hoki mai ki te kura! If you blinked, you missed it! Holidays gone, week 1 gone, cold weather not gone....yet...but the days are getting longer!! This week at assembly I talked to the school about not giving in when the necessary struggle of learning kicks in. This is the time of the year when our seniors need to set a focus and knuckle down into the grind that NCEA needs. With only about 13 weeks left in the academic year for our seniors time and opportunities become even more important. Our staff are here to help, so put your hand up when you need to and put your head down when that is needed as well...head down learning that is...not sleeping at your desk!! That message is equally important for our junior school. Learning requires effort and the sooner students learn to embrace the effort aspect; achievement, confidence and resilience follow along. The teachers role is NOT to remove the struggle of learning, it's to support students in that struggle. Good luck to the sports teams playing this weekend (Football at school at 10am Saturday) and a massive shout out to the Putaruru Rugby Football clubs A's and B's teams who play their finals tomorrow as well! Have a great weekend.

# KEY DATES

## Week 2 (29th July – 2nd August)

Year 7&8 sports camp all week!

Monday – Seniors H&S Course

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Wednesday – normal school day

Thursday – normal school day

Friday – normal school day

## Week 3 (5th August – 9th August)

Monday – normal school day

Tuesday – Level 3 Bio trip to Auckland Zoo

Wednesday – Careers Expo

Thursday – normal school day

Friday – normal school day

Advance notice:

School Ball

Saturday 21st

September

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The latest NCEA CAA reading exam results are now available. Students can check their results on the KAMAR portal or speak with their whānau teacher for more information. See the next page for school wide results.

Mark your calendars for August 5th, when the remaining results are expected to be released for NCEA CAA Writing and CAA Numeracy.

### **Support and Strategies for Improvement**

For those who didn't pass, don't be disheartened. Here are some strategies to help you succeed which you can practise throughout your classes and at home:

– Read widely and frequently.

– Discuss the meanings of words and the main points of the texts you read.

### **Academic Conference Day**

Join us on Wednesday 21st August (11am – 7pm) for our academic conferencing day and a chance to learn more about CAA preparation. CAA Information and Resources will be held on the hour, every hour.

Don't miss this chance to get valuable guidance and support!



We are incredibly proud to announce that Jamie Ruck has been successful in her application for the 2024 AFS Global STEM Changemakers: Australia – New Zealand Edition!

This is an award-winning online intercultural exchange programme for teens (15-17). Throughout the programme, Jamie will develop the skills needed to advance a sustainable future, while broadening her understanding of STEM, solving sustainability challenges and enhancing her global awareness – all to create positive social impact.

Congratulations Jamie!



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Juniors: Aaliyah Waha-Rai -nominated by Ms Maxwell- For working hard in her report writing.

Middles: Mia Tedbury- nominated by Ms Hawkes - Settling into new option class well and consistently giving her best effort.

Seniors: Jake O'Brien -nominated by Ms Nicholson - Participating and excelling in a new topic.

## NCEA CAA Reading Results (May 2024)

# 45% students Achieved

21 of 30 who achieved are in Year 10

9 of 30 who achieved are in Year 11+

*Students need to achieve Literacy (Reading AND Writing) and Numeracy at NCEA Level 1 to gain any NCEA qualification.*

## Senior students of Putāruru College.... Your NCEA achievement is in your hands.

In your kete are heaps of credit opportunities, teachers and other staff to support, tools to make life a little easier, friends and whānau who want you to be successful ... use all these systems and supports!

**Hands up for Term 3, not hands out team!**

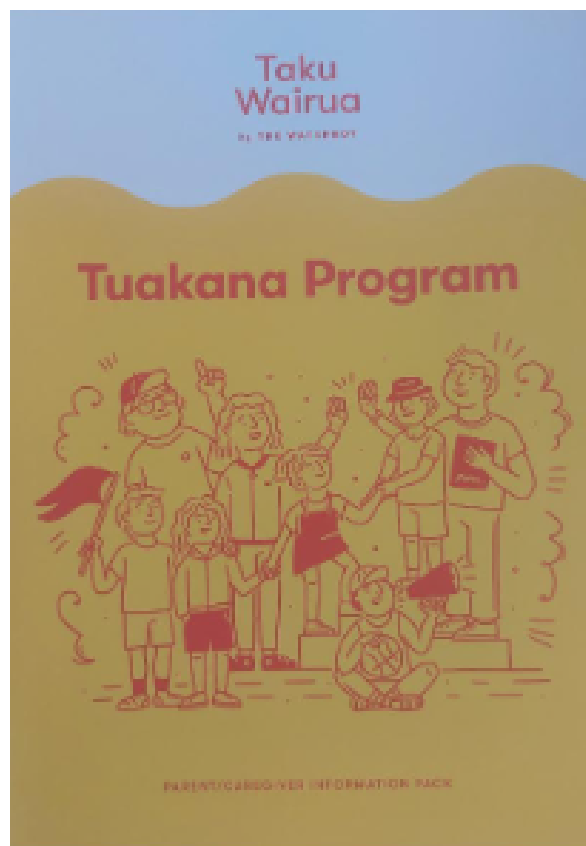
# How to achieve each level of NCEA in 2024

<b>NCEA Level 1 (Yr 11)</b>	<b>NCEA Level 2 (Yr 12)</b>	<b>NCEA Level 3 (Yr 13)</b>	<b>University Entrance (UE)</b>
<b>60</b> credits at Level 1	<b>60</b> credits at Level 2	<b>60</b> credits at Level 3	<b>14</b> credits in each of 3 approved subjects
<b>Literacy Co-Requisite</b>			<b>NCEA Level 3</b>
<b>Numeracy Co-Requisite</b>			<b>10</b> Level 2 Literacy credits - 5 reading - 5 writing
<i>Or 10 Literacy and 10 Numeracy credits from specific L1 standards.</i>			<b>10</b> Level 1 Numeracy credits

We are excited to announce that all Year 10s will be participating in Taku Wairua for one period each Wednesday of Term 3.

Taku Wairua is a personal development programme designed to help young people be the best version of themselves. We will have guest speakers along and finish the term with an excursion!

All Year 10 students have now received a form to participate. You need only return the form for two reasons: you do not wish your child to participate or you do not give permission for photos or videos to be taken of your child's participation in the programme. If you have not received a Parent/Caregiver Information Pack, pictured here, there are copies available at Student Services.



### Piwakawaka Wow!

Check out this stunning original artwork gifted to the school by Mr Harley Moore. We are blown away by Harley's artistic talents and his generosity to share it with the school. The artwork will hang in the corridor outside the senior leadership offices so be sure to come by and admire the skill and beauty (of the art!).

### Aurora Lights Putāruru College School Ball

Saturday 21st September

Tickets \$30 (on sale early Term 3)

80% attendance required\*

\*have a conversation with a Deputy Principal if this is a problem!

In Biology 300, we have been learning about Human Evolution. This week in particular we focused on Tool Culture and how our hominin ancestors have developed their tools. To make sure we understood just how difficult it is to make a sharp rock out of a pebble we were given a spoon and a potato. Some made light work of it, crafting sophisticated Mousterian hammers and spear heads. Others stuck to the simpler Oldowan tools, only needing a couple hacks at the potato. I definitely won't be using those to ward off predators any time soon!

We also discussed how our ancestors made fire... we sat in a circle toasting (and burning) marshmallows while Miss Schick explained why fire was so important and how it helped us develop our big brains and weaker jaw muscles. From being able to work in the dark to making food softer, fire was and still is used for many things. Including toasting yummy marshmallows!

-Rebekah Coop, Academic Student Leader



Top left: Oldowan tools, made with very few strikes. Bottom left: Acheulean hand axes. Right: Mousterian tools may include notched edges or the mixing of materials to make tools such as spears. Far right: Upper Paleolithic tool culture includes more intricate tools such as fish hooks.

PC Hockey proudly displaying their sponsors logo  
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