

PANUI NEWSLETTER



**HIGHLIGHT
THIS WEEK**

**IMPRESSIVE EFFORT FROM
YEAR 10 IN CAA LIT/NUM**

AIMS GAMES

Attendance 79%

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE



Well, what a week that was! Kia ora koutou katoa! With only two weeks to go in the term we are now setting our sights on finishing strong. With the CAA exams this week for our year 10 students, the year 11's sitting them next week and a host of other assessments sprinkled in for good measure the term is racing to its end. Students need to be mindful of the advice throughout this panui for how to prepare for their exams, so take the time to read through and even sit down with your student and walk them through the steps they can take to better prepare for their exams. This week also saw 19 students head off to the AIMS games tournament to compete in Basketball, Netball and Squash. Look for next weeks Panui for a more detailed report. It was a great week and Mr Pitcher is keen to expand our entries for 2025 so if you are keen...keep an eye out for a team or a sport to compete in. Have a great weekend.

KEY DATES

Week 9 (16th September – 20th September)

Monday – CAA – Year 11/Numeracy
 Tuesday – CAA – Year 11/ Writing
 Wednesday – CAA – Year 11/Reading
 Thursday – Y12/ 13 School Exams Y12,13 OED
 Mountain Biking
 Friday – Y12/13 School Exams Y11 OED
 Mountain Biking

Week 10 (23rd September – 27th September)

Monday – normal school day
 Tuesday – normal school day
 Wednesday – colour fun run (see. pg. 10)
 Thursday – normal school day
 Friday – normal school day, end of Term 3.

Term 3 2024 CAA and Senior Exam Timetable

Senior Exams	Week 8		Week 9				
			Monday 16th Sept	Tuesday 17th Sept	Wednesday 18th Sept	Thursday 19th Sept	Friday 20th Sept
School times							
Period 1 9 - 10			MAT200 SCI300	ENG200 ENG300 HEA200	CHE200 CHE300 MAT300	HIS200 HIS300 PHY200 PHY300	
Period 2 10 - 11							
Interval 11 - 11.30							
Period 3 11.30 - 12.30							
Period 4 12.30 - 1.30			BIO200 BIO300	CLA200 CLA300			
Lunch 1.30 - 2.00							
Period 5 2.00 - 3.00							
After school 3.00 - 3.30							

CAA's	Week 8		Week 9		
			Monday 16th Sept	Tuesday 17th Sept	Wednesday 18th Sept
School times					
Period 1 9 - 10			Year 11 [^] Numeracy 9am start <i>Line up outside the hall</i>	Year 11 [^] Writing 9am start <i>Line up outside the hall</i>	Year 11 [^] Reading 9.30am start <i>Line up outside the hall</i>
Period 2 10 - 11					
Interval 11 - 11.30					
Period 3 11.30 - 12.30			Extra time as needed	Extra time as needed	Year 11 [^] CAA Catch Up Opportunity
Period 4 12.30 - 1.30					

* and invited Year 8 & 9 students

[^] and invited Year 12 & 13 students



**Can you guess what is coming up in week 9?
 Watch this space.**





STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Junior: Benny Flutey -THI -Great work in Tikanga Maori

Middle: Chryzlin Taylor -BTa -Great attitude and outstanding effort at NZSS League tournament

Senior: Luther Parker -CLa -Eager to learn and trying his very best in Lit100 to succeed in the CAAs next week.



U15 New Zealand Rugby League Secondary Schools Tournament.

Over the weekend of the 6th - 8th September a Putaruru College hosted combined team went down to Auckland to compete in the Nationals. A tough weekend of competition saw them narrowly miss out on the final but back up on the Sunday and win the play off for 3rd! Congratulations to everyone involved in the team!

for a cure

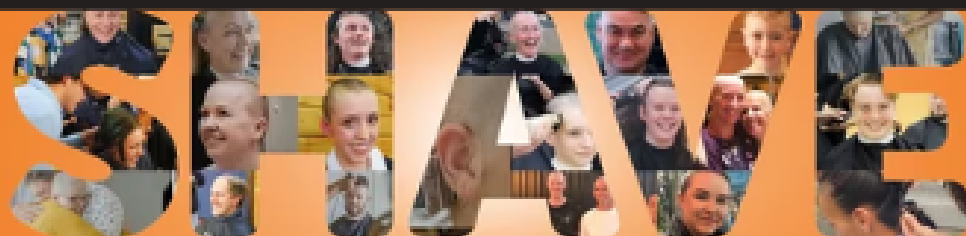
PUTARURU COLLEGE

Shave For a Cure

Week 1, Term 4

Friday 18th October

Shave for a Cure is a fundraising event supporting Leukaemia & Blood Cancer NZ (LBC), the national charity in New Zealand that provides vital support to patients and their families living with blood cancers or serious blood conditions.



Every shave is different. Every shave matters.

Top Tips for the CAA

1. Take a breath!! There is **NO time limit** so don't rush and do take your time.
2. Use the **scribble paper and pen** for your own planning, ideas, notes and reminders.
3. You don't have to complete the CAA in order - **move through as suits you!**
4. **Numeracy**: Read the questions CAREFULLY to understand what you are being asked to do.
5. **Numeracy**: Some questions ask you to **explain (in sentences) and justify** your mathematical reasoning. IDK and IDC are not an option.
6. **Writing**: Use the four-step process of **THINK-PLAN-WRITE-REVISE** for the tasks.
7. **Reading**: **Skim** the whole text, then read the questions CAREFULLY, then **scan** over for the best option as the answer.
8. **Reading**: Use the **elimination method!** Which of the options is definitely wrong? Working with fewer options step by step often helps.

Think....

What is the task asking me to write?

What is the **text type**?

Who is the **audience** for my writing?

What is the **purpose** of my writing?

Plan....

Spend a good 5 minutes thinking about your ideas.

Sometimes the instructions offer some ideas - **USE THEM!**

Write....

Do you have enough to say to hit the minimum word count?

100 - 200 words = approx. 15/ 20 mins of writing

250 - 350 words = approx. 20/ 30 mins of writing

Revise....

Spend at least 5 mins checking your writing for...

Easy to spot and fix errors

the minimum word count has been reached

the task (what you were asked to write) has been written about



What am I being asked to do?!

Instructional Verb	What you have to do
identify	find and know the name and properties of
define	write a clear statement of meaning
describe	write the facts and features of
demonstrate	show what you know about
explain	write reasons for + reasons why
analyse	write about the parts of something and how those parts interact and work together to create a whole – includes compare and contrast, patterns
discuss	write about the different aspects of something + how these aspects interact – may include evaluation and conclusions
comment	write an informed + personal perspective on something based on the knowledge and material presented
evaluate	weigh up – how effective? how significant? how important?
draw conclusions	putting together all the ideas you have developed – usually based on evidence and detail – the 'so what?'
justify	write a reasoned conclusion and say why it is a good one
critically analyse	as for analyse but the writing also includes a weighing up of the material under discussion



THE SCHOOL IS....

Inviting all students who need to pass one or more CAA exams to attend 'Study & Chill' after school on Wednesdays.

Sharing a google class room for access to past papers and study tips.

TEACHERS ARE....

Deliberately working on literacy and numeracy practice in all their lessons.

Discussing what 'good writing' is with their classes.

Offering support and opportunities to ask for help.

HOW ARE YOU PREPARING FOR THE CAA EXAMS?

WHĀNAU CAN...

Read together and discuss it - get the 'stuff' news app and discuss what you read.

Attend Academic Conferencing Day.

Join the google classroom for past papers and YouTube videos for lit/num revision.

STUDENTS SHOULD...

Read every day for at least 10 minutes - and talk about what you read.

Use the supports being offered every day at school!

Try your best and push past the 'hard' learning.

#LITNUM #SUCCESS #ALITERATELIFE #NUM4LIFE

Go to: Google Classroom, then + then join class

Class code:

27lvh4y

CAA Literacy & Numeracy Google Classroom

Join this google classroom to access NZQA exam papers for reading, writing and numeracy.

66 students have joined the classroom so far and we'd like to see that number significantly increase as CAA exam prep starts to ramp up this week!

MAKE A PLAN

Don't leave it to chance. Draw up a timetable and stick to it! Create a schedule of your important commitments out of school and add your study around those (see template for study timetable).

WHAT DON'T YOU KNOW?!

Look through past assessment and past exam papers to see where you struggle most. These are the areas you need to spend the most time. Yes, it's horrible but it's most urgent to build confidence in areas you find toughest.

STUDY IN CHUNKS

Study for 20 minutes and take a 5 minute break. This is especially useful if you hate the struggle of study! On your break move your body, drink water, don't stare at your phone. Set alarms to keep you to those timings.

6 TIPS FOR MANAGING EXAM PREP

FOCUS ON THE GOAL

Four weeks of deliberate study, ahead of exams, is not such a huge sacrifice to your life. Focus on the reason for succeeding in these exams and visualise yourself in your future: happy and successful!

RELAX

Exams are stressful! Make time for breathing exercises, moving your body, spending time with pets and friends. Screen time increases stress and often causes our brain to go into fight/flight/fright states, so avoid social media while studying.

EAT WELL

Eating well in the weeks ahead of exams is important – your food fuels your body so if your fuel is crappy, your brain struggles. Avoid lots of sugar and caffeine on exam days. Hydration (water) is key to a well functioning brain!

SOUTH WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL

2025 Mayoral Scholarships

2 x \$10,000*
scholarships

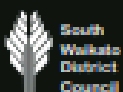
*\$2,500 per year up to four years for each recipient.

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Applications are welcome from Monday 2 September to
Friday 11 October 2024



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Dear Whānau,

We will be holding the *School Fun Run* as a fundraising event this year at Putaruru College on **Wednesday 25th September!**

We're doing it to raise money for a **mara kai/ garden**, behind A block so our juniors can be involved in the gardening journey from seed to table. The aim is to grow kai that can be used in matariki celebrations and give back to the school community.

About the Program

The *School Fun Run* is all about Fun!

Your children will get to come on the day and run with their classmates and friends... sometimes even the teachers get involved!

This will be one of the most exciting afternoons on our school's calendar, with everyone's participation the aim, so please make sure they attend on the day and cheer the other kids on!

How Does My Child Fundraise?

Firstly, go to schoolfunrun.co.nz and create a student profile page. Everything to do with your fundraising revolves around this page.

Every little bit counts but only donate if you can. Students who raise \$10 will be able to choose a prize!

The more they raise, the better their reward – don't forget to check these out in the sponsorship form!

The great thing about online fundraising is that you can share the link to your child's profile with friends and family via email, TXT and Social media.

Online Fundraising

The easiest way to help your child raise money is through online fundraising. It's safer and easier than door knocking and you don't have to worry about handling money!

To start fundraising online, go to your student profile page at schoolfunrun.co.nz and share your online fundraising link.

Getting Involved

Not only can you support the school and students with your sponsorship – but you can join in on the fun!

We would love to welcome parents and family members to attend the *School Fun Run*.

Ordering Prizes – ALL PRIZES MUST BE ORDERED ONLINE

Prizes MUST be ordered between the **25th September** and **15th October**. Simply visit schoolfunrun.co.nz to create / log into your Profile Page between these dates. Then click on the 'CLAIM YOUR PRIZE' button and follow the prompts. If you have any questions, please contact the *School Fun-Run* team on 0800 377 170 and they will gladly assist!

Ngā mihi

Liz & Lauren

16/09/24



Dear Parents / Caregivers

Sport Waikato will soon be circulating an online survey with secondary school students across the region. The following information will explain how and why we are conducting the survey at Putaruru College.

The survey start date is **Monday 14th October 2024**

Why are we surveying Rangatahi (Young People)?

Young people are important to us, and experiences during secondary school years can inspire or discourage a life-long involvement in physical activity. We want to ensure that rangatahi have great sport, physical activity and active recreation experiences at school and the more you know about a population group, the better placed you are to provide opportunities and experiences that meet their needs, ultimately supporting a lifelong love of being active - we need to be making decisions that are informed by the audience who we are looking to cater for.

Why will the survey be in schools?

We want to find out what more can be done to support schools and teachers, and link schools to sport and recreation organisations in their communities. We are targeting secondary schools from across the country, so we have information from a cross-section of rangatahi across New Zealand. We want to survey all secondary school students and school is the best place to reach young people.

Do schools have a say in how and when the survey is administered?

Yes. The survey is circulated to students and is completed online. It is up to the school as to when and where the survey is completed. The survey has been set up, so it is easy for schools and students to take part at a time which is convenient for them.

Data Protection

Students will have their say but the survey is anonymous and therefore students will not be identifiable. Any comments the student make in their response will be included anonymously in reports available to the school, to Sport Waikato and to Sport NZ.

Information may be grouped together to provide findings that may be shared online, to sporting organisations or Councils, as well as Sport New Zealand, to assist in providing the best physical activity experience(s) for those working with young people.

Students will have their say but they will not be identifiable on an individual level. Anonymised results may be uploaded into third party software to carry out further analysis.

If for any reason you do not want your child to participate in the survey you are welcome to opt your child out of taking part. If you who choose to opt your child out please email Liz Hunter - liz.hunter@putarurucollege.school.nz by **FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

Yours sincerely

Liz Hunter

Health, Outdoor Education, PE Lead
Putaruru College





Whānau Evening

WHEN: Wednesday 18th September 2024
5:30pm - 6:30pm

WHERE: Tokoroa High School Field

WHO: Graeme Dingle Programme participants
and their whānau



You're invited to come together as part of our Graeme Dingle Foundation Waikato whānau and celebrate our kaupapa!

WHATS INVOLVED

- ♥ Free Sausage Sizzle
- ♥ Hot Chocolate
- ♥ Face Painting
- ♥ Games
- ♥ Entertainment
- ♥ Mingle with your favourite Graeme Dingle Kaimahi!

RSVP Here



Career Navigator



**GRAEME DINGLE
FOUNDATION**

Empowering kids to overcome life's obstacles
Whakamanawatia ngā tamariki kia eke panuku

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