

# PANUI NEWSLETTER



**HIGHLIGHTS  
THIS WEEK**  
**NCEA exams are over!**  
**Attendance: 58%**



## A LAST WORD FROM DEPUTY PRINCIPAL CARLI LAST

To the staff, students, and community of Putāruru College,

As I prepare to say goodbye, I want to share this simple truth: kindness and courage go a long way. Be brave when life challenges you, be kind to one another, and embrace adventures with open hearts and minds. My mantra has always been: **work hard and be nice to people**. It's a philosophy that has guided me through 16 years of teaching, two continents, and thousands of young lives I've had the privilege to teach.

To the parents and whānau, thank you for trusting me with your greatest treasures—your tamariki. It has been an honour to walk alongside them, helping them grow into the incredible young people they are.

To the staff, many of you are the unsung heroes of education, working tirelessly, often for little recognition, to ensure our students have every opportunity to thrive. I see your dedication and am deeply grateful to have been part of this extraordinary team.

Thank you, Putāruru College, for everything. It's time for me to invest more in my own family and myself, but I will carry these memories always.

Ngā mihi nui, Carli Last

# KEY DATES

## Week 8 (2nd December - 6th December)

Monday - normal school day

Tuesday - normal school day

Wednesday - Year 8 Trip, Year 10 Camp

Thursday - Year 8 Trip, Year 10 Camp

Friday - Year 8 Trip, Year 10 Camp, Junior School reports published

## Week 9 ( 9th December - 13th December)

Monday - normal school day

Tuesday - normal school day, Year 7 & 8 pool fun day!

Wednesday - Year 10 Mountain Bike Trip

Thursday - Junior Prizegiving at 12.30 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

Friday - Teacher Only Day



### Learning Support Reward Trip

On Monday, an awesome group of students and staff headed down to the AC Baths in Taupō to celebrate an impressive year of hard work, friendship and growth in Learning Support/ the AI space!

These students have worked hard on their social skills, resilience and learning this year, and their bravery on the hydrosides and Tarzan swing showed us how confident and capable they are!





## STUDENT OF THE WEEK 7

Juniors: Taylor Fox – TWa; Awesome attitude and effort in Digital Technology

Middles: Eva Colman – TWa; Great work ethic in Digital Technology.

### A warm welcome to our new Deputy Principal, Curriculum – Jane Townsend

We are excited to introduce the Putāruru College community to our new Deputy Principal. Jane Townsend will join the college at the start of 2025, coming to us with several years of experience in the curriculum leadership space.



### Happy Potter!

Students in A1 can now enjoy a bit of messy fun playing with clay. The team have set up a protected corner of A1 to use a pedal driven pottery wheel. Ms Last was thrilled to show the kids some basics and the teamwork you can see in this photo shows what great fun they had! *Elijah Whitehead 'drove' the wheel, while Niary Black threw a perfect little bowl, encouraged all the time by Elijah and Ms Last!*



The end of Term 3 at Putaruru College was marked with a splash of color and a whole lot of fun, as students, staff, and the community came together for the Color Fun Run. The event was not only a celebration of teamwork, fun and school spirit but also a fundraiser for the College's Māra Kai/ garden project.

Thanks to the incredible efforts of all involved, a total of \$1,162 was raised to help bring the Māra Kai project to life. A special shout-out goes to two outstanding students, Ava Hay and Braxton Bowman, who each raised over \$400—your dedication is commendable and a massive contribution to the project.

Congratulations are also in order for Ms. Maxwell's Year 7 class, who topped the charts as the class that raised the most funds. Additionally, a huge well done to Waihou House for being the leading house in fundraising.

This fantastic achievement sets the stage for the exciting work ahead as the Māra Kai project gets underway. Stay tuned for updates as Putaruru College transforms this vision into reality!



Braxton Bowman with his prize. He was the top fundraiser.

### Whanau time Project

Mr Allen's (WMSAL) whanau group have worked on a project as a whanau class.

Our focus Kotahitanga... (working together as a whanau).

Here are their finished efforts!



**Hands up to opportunity;** This page shows even this close to the end of the year students are still making the most of the chances they get offered. Shot team!



Billie - Jean



Fergus



Kaleb

**WOOD TURNING:**  
Pictured are the seven students involved in the 3-day woodturning course at the Timber Museum. Each student put their hands up for the opportunity and will all walk away with some items made with their own hands! Thanks to Mr Abernethy for organising and also to the team instructing our akonga. Pictured is former Putaruru High School science teacher Geoff Addison.



Kiralee



Mattaia



Zurika



Should you have your eyes on the wood Oran?

## Youth INTact Session – Year 9 and 10

This term, Year 9 and 10 students have been learning about the effects of drugs and alcohol. Today, Caitlin, Mark, and Brooke from Youth INTact led a helpful session, sharing information on the impacts of substance use and discussing where to go for support

The students were engaged and represented the school positively. The highlight was the goggles!



**Drivers Licence group;** Isis, Kahlieze, Nicolo, Hunter, Rome and Chase are all now legally able to learn to drive! Well done team and thanks again Lamien and the Transform Aotearoa collective!

