

PANUI NEWSLETTER



HIGHLIGHTS THIS TERM

- Y7 Raglan camp
- Ball committee's fundraiser
- School photos
- Y7&8 swimming
- Athletics Day
- Y13 leadership camp Ruapeka
- Meet the parents at the pools

Attendance rate
89.8%



Introducing Whaea Georgia!

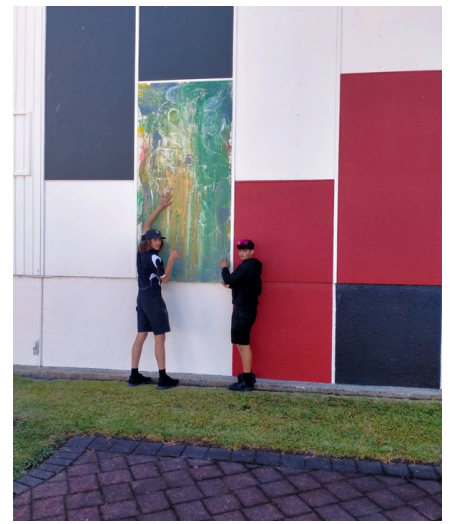
Born & raised in Putāruru, Georgia attend Putāruru College and is very excited to be back here. Georgia is in her second year of teaching, completing her first year at Huntly College. Georgia loves sports, games, chocolate and most of all being a Māmā.

Georgia is a PE and Health Kaiako and is also a Y7-9 Pokaiwhenua whānau kaiako.

Welcome back Georgia!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou katoa! What a week! Week 2 saw another full on 4 day week, I can only imagine what a full week will feel like for our students next week...but I am sure my children will tell me all about it. Our second teacher only day saw staff learning about the new numeracy approach and also working on literacy strategies to create better outcomes for our akonga. You will find a link to a numeracy resource we looked at today that you can use at home with your child at the end of this panui. Also this week saw our yr 13 cohort head out to Ruapeka marae for their start of year noho. We are always impressed with just how great our year 13's are and this years group is right up there. This year they paddled, sang, breathed and bathed and you can read all about it a little further on. I am really looking forward to working alongside Whaea Kate with this group this year. Big thank you to Whaea Kate and Mr Pitcher and their team for their efforts in making this happen. You will also read about some truly exciting developments thanks to the We Care community trust; more tech equipment for the school and a Pub Charity Grant; that has allowed us to push forward to the tennis court turf project. More details to follow!! Have a great weekend and go the Chiefs!!



Poutama mural

Matua Tiniwata took the students out to the pou to tell the story/ purakau of how Putāruru got it's name. While some of the Ngā Toi class were working on the Poutama mural with Mr Moore.

Shoes at Putāruru College



Not Allowed

Jandals
Slides / Scuffs
Crocs
Birkenstocks
Gumboots
Slippers / Ugg Boots



Correct Shoes at PC must be:

- Black
- Some white such as white soles and logos are allowed
- Have a strap across the back of the heel



A REMINDER

Reminder about what shoes are acceptable at school. Please ensure your child is arriving to school in correct uniform.

Any questions, please see Student Services!



Thank you Pub Charity and We Care Community Trust!

We have been incredibly fortunate to receive two grants recently from We Care Community Trust and Pub Charity!

The Pub Charity grant will be helping us pay for our new court installation, where the tennis courts are currently.

The We Care Community Trust grant will help us to purchase a 3D printer and new Chromebooks.

THANK YOU!

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KEY DATES

Athletics Day
Meet the parents at the pools
School photos

27th February
26th February
13th March



Making it easy for whānau to get support

'Here to help u' enables people to access a wide range of free support by simply submitting a help request online.

From budgeting advice, mental health or addiction support, help putting kai on the table, and many other supports – Here to help U, connects whānau with community organisations in their area. They are a community-led solution that has helped over 200,000 whānau to access a range of free services since launching in 2020.

Have questions?

Email: info@heretohelpu.nz
Call: 0800 568 273

JOB OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for a sporting superstar, someone who can manage many different responsibilities from organising sporting opportunities to distributing sports equipment.

The role is part time with 17.5 hours per week and during term time only. This role would suit someone needing work during school hours as it is 10.45am - 2.15pm, Monday-Friday.

Key responsibilities

- Manage the school program of sports and games
- Organisation of sporting opportunities, inter-school events and sports camps
- Distribute sports equipment to coaches
- Communicate with external stakeholders
- Promote sports participation and improve performance levels
- Managing sports uniforms and liaising with coaches

To learn more about the role or to apply, head to our website
www.putarurucollege.school.nz/about/vacancies





Leadership Camp at Ruapeka Marae

From Wednesday, 12th February, 25 of our Year 13 students embarked on a two-night leadership and kotahitanga camp at Ruapeka Marae.

The first day featured an inclusive workshop with Halberg, focusing on ways to ensure everyone can participate in all aspects of life. That evening, students reflected on their goals and aspirations for the future.

Day two was an action-packed experience at Lake Ōkāreka, where students participated in waka ama and engaged in an inspiring workshop on leadership through a Māori lens. That night, they prepared dinner for the Putāruru staff, sharing laughter and great conversation. Later, a breathwork session allowed everyone to discover something new about themselves.

On the final morning, we started the day early with a visit to the Waihou, where students learned about the local area before taking a refreshing dip in the icy water. A huge thank you to all the staff and students who contributed to making this camp an unforgettable experience!



COMMUNITY NOTICES

PUTARURU SCOUT GROUP

Putaruru Scout Hall
- Park Ave, Putaruru.

Keas: 5-8 Years, Wednesdays 6.30pm-8pm
Cubs: 8-11 Years, Wednesdays 6.30pm-8pm
Scouts: 11-14 Years, Tuesdays 6.30pm-8.30pm
Venturers: 14-18 Years, Tuesdays 6.30pm-8.30pm

Come along and join in the adventure...

For More Information, Contact:
Shona Cassels (Group Leader) 027 287 6746



PUTARURU SCOUT GROUP



Open Day

For Keas, Cubs
Scouts and Venturers
(Aged 5-18 years)

**Saturday 22nd February
10am-12pm
Scout Hall (Park Ave, Putaruru)**

***Come along and see what
Scouting is all about...***

There will be lots of fun activities for everyone...

Contact the Group Leader if you have any queries
Shona Cassels - 027 287 6746

Putāruru Scouts

Putāruru Scouts would really appreciate it if you would be able to help promote our amazing organisation in your newsletter or on your online platforms.

We are a fabulous organisation that helps support the youth in our community to experience adventure, learn new skills and develop into fantastic young people in our community.

Are you interested in tennis?

The Tirau Tennis Club have opened up an Intermediate and Senior students coaching session this term.

Coach, Andrew Irving is a professional coach and will run sessions every Tuesday. From 4.45pm-5.30pm, the cost is \$70 per participant with a limit of 10 people per class.

Get in touch with Janet on 027 272 9835 to book.



Looking for ways help your child learn maths at home?

Meaningful Maths is a teaching tool with resources for parents to assist their children in learning from home. On the website you can find many ideas and inspiration on how to engage your children through everyday items around your home. This is a **FREE RESOURCE** and can be accessed on: <https://meaningfulmaths.nt.edu.au/>




WAIKATO YOUNG CARERS

If you provide care to a loved one with a disability, illness, mental illness or addiction or support your grandparents or help raise your siblings then enrol in our **Te Ara Mārama programme**. With us you will build your confidence to reach your goals and discover your true path.

Free Camp
11-13 April 2025

Ages
13-24 yrs old

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 www.unseenheroes.org.nz
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Unseen Heroes is a charitable trust that supports **Young Carers**. Young Carers are people who: care for a parent, sibling, or whānau member with a disability, health condition, illness, mental illness or addiction. They could also be people that care/raise their younger siblings for the reasons above or due to socioeconomic circumstances, or significantly care for their kuia and kaumatua. This also includes young people who have been removed from their parent with the addiction and are now living with other whānau or are in care.

Currently Unseen Heroes have 25 spaces available in their Te Ara Mārama programme, designed for ages 13-24 from the Waikato region who are at risk of NEET (Not in Education, Employment, or Training). Many young carers face mental health challenges, struggle to keep up at school, and often have low attendance rates due to caregiving responsibilities. They often feel lost and uncertain about their future. Through Unseen Heroes, they will connect with a community of peers who understand, develop their self-worth to dream, and build the confidence to reach their goals and discover their true path.

To find more details and for a referral: www.unseenheroes.org.nz

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