

# PANUI NEWSLETTER



## HIGHLIGHTS THIS TERM

- **Year 7 camp** 5th-7th Mar
- **International Women's Day Event** 7th Mar
- **School photos** 13th Mar
- **Year 11 OED trips** 19th-21st Mar
- **South Waikato and King Country swimming champs** 21st Mar

**Attendance rate 86.3%**

## Ka pai to our athletes!

A massive well done and fantastic work to all students who participated or assisted with staff at Athletics Day yesterday!

We saw some fantastic house spirit on display and lots of colour. There was a wonderful Putaruru College moment when a group from Oraka chose to support their team mate and ran with Roman to the finish line of the 200m....shot team!

The final points tally is still to come....

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou katoa. We are fully into the swing of things now with the end of week 4 (and summer as well)...and what a week it was. There will be some tired students and staff after a week of start of year testing, the meet the parents night at the pools and then the athletics day yesterday! There is no let up either, next week sees a camp, some more swimming for our juniors and SCHOOL for everyone else. So keep putting your hands up and putting the effort in and you will not only enjoy some success, you might find time flies by while you are getting stuff done!

A HUGE thank you to our staff for their efforts this week. Our staff are committed to seeing your child succeed and are willing to go the extra mile but they need you (students!) to put the effort into your learning. Finally congratulations to all the winners at the athletics sports; but also a 'pat yourself on your back' to everyone who got stuck in and ran, jumped and threw...like Matua Tini said at the start- if you dont all compete we dont have a great day; and I think it was a great day! Have a great weekend and just like last week...go the Chiefs!



# First students of 2025 to gain their Learner's Licence!

Well done Denver Fulford, Tieia Mesarich and Stephan Delport!



## Year 11 students learning traditional wood work

Vann Magill and Jayde Fox are learning how to turn wood on a lathe.

They are part of a 6-week course where they spend Wednesdays (10:00 am to 2:00 pm) at the Timber Museum. If you are in year 9, 10 or 11 and you're keen to give it a go - see Mr Abernethy. Next course starts 2 March.



International Women's Day Event  
School photos  
Year 7 & 8 Swimming Sports  
School Ball

7th March  
13th March  
21st March  
13th September

## KEY DATES



# Athletics Day 2025

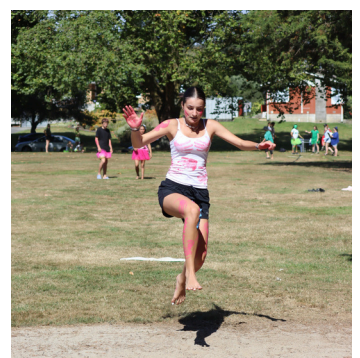
Athletics Day was held on what may have been the hottest day this year. Students had the opportunity to compete in a variety of events while representing their houses with enthusiasm. House spirit was evident through colourful attire and chants, creating a supportive and competitive atmosphere.

Watching Oraka get behind Roman and take to the track to run with him to the finish was one of the highlights of the day. The relay races are always an anticipated event and they did not fail to entertain, some of the best running for the day was witnessed here.

While many students aimed for victory, all who participated contributed to the success of their house and the overall event. The final points tally will be released once the long-distance and Year 7 races are completed.

**Thank you to all the teachers, students and whānau for making the day a success!**

If you want to get involved in the Putāruru Athletics Club, sessions are on Wednesdays at 5.30pm at Glenshea Park (ages 2 to 18). To learn more, head to their Facebook page.



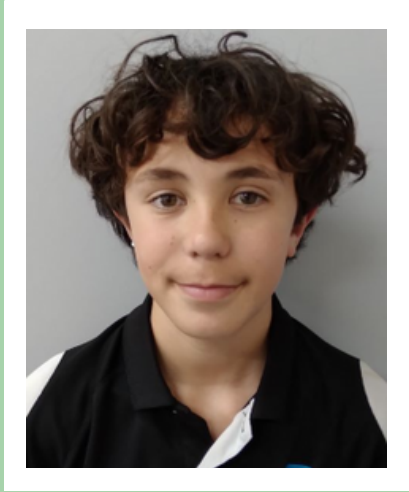
A BIG THANK YOU TO

*Putaruru Athletics Club*

For lending us all the equipment we needed for Athletics Day!



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



**Korey McKinnon Smith** – Producing great work throughout all the subjects this week.

**Fabian Bougher** – For always being prepared to help others.

**Poppi Gordon** – For being Mrs Curphey's right hand woman for the BBQ at Athletics –  
THANK YOU!

### Update for students catching the bus



With the current roadworks happening on SH1 from Putāruru to Tokoroa, there will be effects on the bus routes that use SH1.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Uzabus on 0800 892 287.

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

- Sports Coordinator role
- Part time – 17.5 hours per week

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

To learn more about the role or to apply, head to our website  
[www.putarurucollege.school.nz/about/vacancies](http://www.putarurucollege.school.nz/about/vacancies)

# Jamie's AFS Exchange to Greece Fundraiser

Win a basket of goodies  
3 Prizes to win

\$2 for 1 ticket  
or \$5 for 3

Bank transfer available  
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## Ball fundraisers are all go!

On Wednesday we hosted our annual Meet the Parents evening to introduce our teachers to the students whanau. During the evening, we sold tickets to a Cake Walk, to fundraise for our Ball Committee. Rachel, one of our students made a dinosaur cake and there were lots of sweet treats to raffle.

We also held a BBQ during Athletics Day and have fundraised a great amount of money to get our ball committee budget started. Many thanks to all the whanau and students for supporting the BBQ and Cake Walk!



## Year 7/8 Whakakāinga Model Waka activity

The Year 7 and 8 students in the Whakakāinga option class have been learning about the four rivers that are part of our house system at Putāruru College. Students worked in groups to learn about the river/awa that relates to their house. The four houses/awa are Waihou, Pokaiwhenua, Waimakariri and Oraka. The investigation included presenting to classmates and sharing information, pictures and videos on the source, the mouth, the length and the journey the river takes. They also investigated the stories and histories of the river/awa and actions they and others can take to preserve and improve the quality of the water as it moves down the river.

On Wednesday the class got to make waka and decorate them to represent themselves and their river/awa. They then got to float them down the Oraka Stream behind the school.



# Science Department



**This week in the Science Department...** we had our Level 3 Biology students have some fun going back to basics, observing how hot fluids rise and cold fluids sink in convection. They will be applying this knowledge to work out how the human body maintains a constant temperature.

Our Level 1 Science students carried out some combination reactions as they burned metals which combined with the oxygen in the air. The Magnesium ribbon created a bright white light while copper produced a green flame.

Some Year 10 students put their observation and inferencing skills to the test as they aimed to figure out what four un-named liquids were. They used litmus paper to determine if they were acidic, basic or neutral then used the colour, smell and effect of evaporating off water to determine what they were.

## Science and Safety

Year 9 and 10 science has started off the year learning about 'Working as a Scientist'. Some of our students safely engaged in observing chemical reactions (see above). Shortly we will be moving on to our chemistry topics.

Year 11 science have started the year off with chemistry, and they safely learnt how to burn metals in their investigations.

Safety is a key part of working in a lab, and students need to be in covered shoes for most investigations. If students do not have covered shoes for the planned investigations they will be removed from the room during these times to complete other science work.



# LANDFALL

## Young Writers' Essay Competition

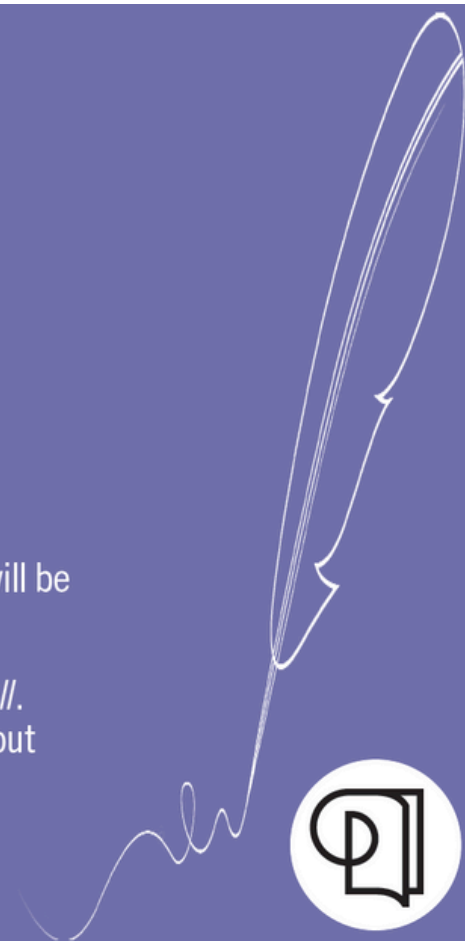
Entries are now open for the  
**2025 Landfall Young Writers' Essay Competition.**

The competition is open to anyone in Aotearoa aged 16–25 and will be judged by *Landfall* editor Lynley Edmeades.

The winner will receive \$1500 and a year's subscription to *Landfall*. They will also have their essay published in *Landfall* 249, coming out in May 2025.

**Entries close 31 March 2025**

Find out more at [oup.nz/landfall-yw-essay-comp](http://oup.nz/landfall-yw-essay-comp)



### Free alcohol and drug support for teens

Youth Intact offers free and confidential alcohol or other drug support and education for rangatahi aged 12–19yrs of age. Their counsellor is available to meet with you in school on Wednesday's. If you would like to meet with our Youth Intact counsellor, please fill in a referral form or simply email your full name to [youthservice@carenz.co.nz](mailto:youthservice@carenz.co.nz) and they will arrange a time to meet with you.

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