

# PANUI NEWSLETTER



## HIGHLIGHTS THIS TERM

- **Year 11 OED trips** 19th–21st Mar
- **South Waikato and King Country swimming champs** 21st Mar

**Attendance rate 84%**

Whakataukī



**Mā te huruhuru  
ka rere te manu**

Adorn the bird with feathers  
and it will fly

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou katoa. Week 6 and moving on! I sincerely hope students take note of just how quickly time goes by. In assembly this week I talked about the whakatauki above right...your child's feathers come out of attendance at school; effort towards learning 'stuff' and by putting their hands up to make the most of opportunities presented to them. It is super pleasing to see the attendance holding around the mid 80's...now we just need to get more of our students to focus on learning. To learn something new takes effort and students need to not give up when it gets hard. Ask questions and seek help, you are not on this learning journey alone...and finally congratulations to the students who are making the most of the opportunities presented to them. Week 7 here we come! Have a great weekend and GO THE CHIEFS!

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

The students chosen each week, will now be read out in assembly!

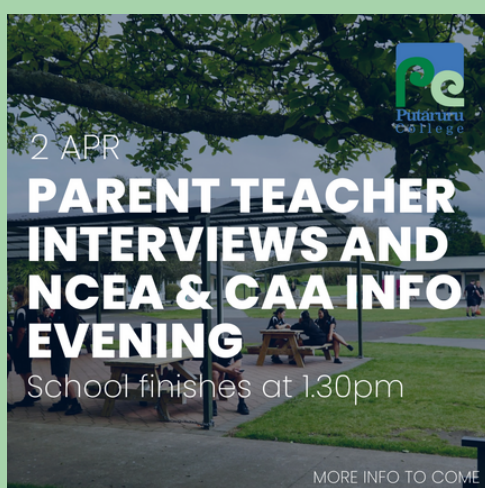


## Dare to Dream with Sophie Pascoe

On Wednesday this week, eight of our Year 13 girls went to see Dame Sophie Pascoe speak about her programme, Dare to Dream, at Morrinsville College. Sophie shared with us the day an accident at home changed her world and how this has shaped her life and driven her to excel in the pool.

Dame Sophie spoke about her training routines, the importance of mental resilience, and how she has overcome obstacles to win multiple gold medals at four Paralympic Games. Sophie emphasised that her journey was more than just winning medals, it was about pushing boundaries, encouraging and inspiring others to pursue their dreams, regardless of the challenges they may face.

One of our students, Poppi, asked "Looking back, what would you tell your younger self?" Sophie said she would advise her younger self to reach out for help in the challenging times, and later returned to the question, emphasizing the importance of taking time to smell the roses. "Your journey is long and will have bumps along the way so don't forget to stop and smell the roses, enjoy the process as well as the destination". Dame Sophie's response was truly inspirational and thought provoking. She is very passionate about what she has done in her career and continues to do in the community. Not only is she encouraging and influencing people with disabilities to strive for what they want in life, she is inspiring everyone to broaden their horizons, jump over hurdles and reminding young women that they CAN achieve great things. Thank you Sophie!



## Upcoming events for parents

We will be hosting Parent Teacher interviews on the 2nd April from 2-7pm. More information will be sent out via email to book in your time slot for a 10 minute appointment.

There will also be an Information Evening for NCEA/CAA at two time slots on the same evening: 4.30pm and 6pm. No bookings necessary.

Please note that school will finish at 1.30pm. If your child needs supervision due to catching the bus, please let Student Services know as buses will be running at the normal time.



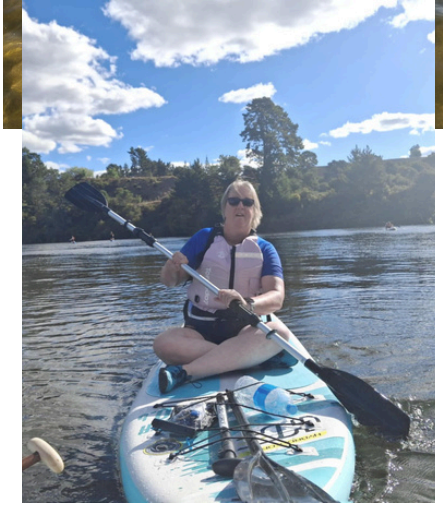
# Staff Health and Hauora Week

We have had our first of four Hauora and Wellbeing weeks this week!

The purpose of the week is to enhance staff wellbeing to develop connections and a sense of belonging to Putāruru College. This will lead to our staff feeling happier, healthier, and allow them to perform at their best in the classroom and wider community.

Staff registered for different activities such as Paddle Boarding at Little Waipa, Breathing and Meditation, and Waka Ama from Jone's Landing. The majority of staff participated in one or more of the activities and took the opportunity to connect with each other and experience activities that enhance their hauora. A highlight was Waka Ama with our local Putāruru Waka Club. Staff paddled together in a six man waka and the majority of the staff also had a go paddling Whaea Jane's single waka (some even fell out....Mr McLaren).

We also had a 'Secret Angel' activity happening all week, where staff carried out secret acts of kindness for another colleague. Thanks Ms Townsend for organising our Staff Hauora and Wellbeing week!







## Do you know how hokey pokey is made?

Level 1 Science students are deep into their learning about chemical reactions in everyday life. This week they looked at a New Zealand classic! Making Hokey Pokey!

**Did you know that the reason hokey pokey fluffs up is due to Baking Soda reacting and releasing carbon dioxide!?**

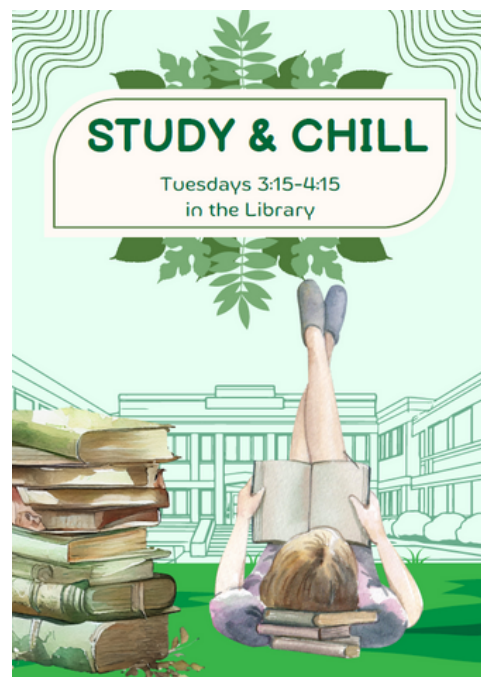


## Senior students need your support!

Our senior students (Y11-13) are nearly 20% done with their school year! They will all be deep into their learning, and some subjects have started their first assessment. It is really important that they have whānau support, they may have a license but they still benefit from regular check ins!

All senior students should have course outlines for their subjects now, sit with them and plan out when their assessments are due. When are they going to be most busy? What can they start doing early to ensure they are not stressed out or left behind?

Also don't forget that Study and Chill is back up and running! Every Tuesday 3.15-4.15! We have our student leaders there to help as well as a range of dedicated teachers who are more than happy to help too!



School holidays  
School exams  
School Ball

12th-27th April  
16-20th June  
13th September

**KEY DATES**





## Free Youth Mental Wellbeing, Alcohol and Drug Support

EaseUp is a free, mobile community-based service for rangatahi aged 12-24. Their team of Peer Support Workers and Clinicians provide support for young people to support you and your whanau to achieve your own wellbeing goals. If you want to learn more or have any questions, visit [www.easeup.org.nz](http://www.easeup.org.nz).

## Congratulations Ms Matchitt

Well done to Ms Matchitt, she will be representing Waikato Lacrosse down at senior nationals this weekend in Christchurch (as long as she can get to the airport tonight!), we look forward to cheering you on from afar!

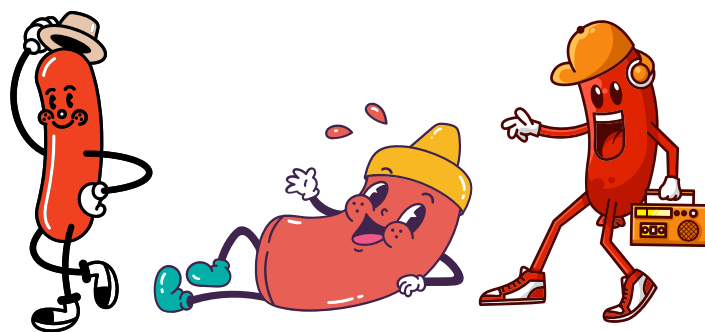
### WAIKATO SENIOR WOMENS TEAM 2025



**15-16TH MARCH, 2025**

**Coach: Mike Rush**  
**Manager: Maree Clarkin**

<b>AISHLYN LAWTON</b>	<b>HARPER SMITH</b>
<b>ALICE WHEATLEY-WILSON</b>	<b>HOLLY HARRIS</b>
<b>ANJA KUYS</b>	<b>KEITA PERRY</b>
<b>BRIAR BERTRAM</b>	<b>KEIRA LLOYD</b>
<b>BRIDGET HILL</b>	<b>LAUREN MATCHITT</b>
<b>BROOKE BOLSTAD</b>	<b>SAMMY QUINTAL (C)</b>
<b>CHARLOTTE WALKER</b>	<b>SIOBHAN QUINTAL</b>
<b>GEMMA ROSE</b>	<b>SHARNAY BURY</b>
<b>GEORGIA CLARKIN RUSH (C)</b>	<b>TYLA GRAFAS</b>



The Ball Committee are in the process of setting up a twice weekly lunchtime sausage sizzle to raise funds for September's Ball!

**Watch this space...**



## 5 new successful learner drivers

Awesome work Pavling Ly, Madie Curran, Luther Parker, Paetin Ogle and Floyd White!



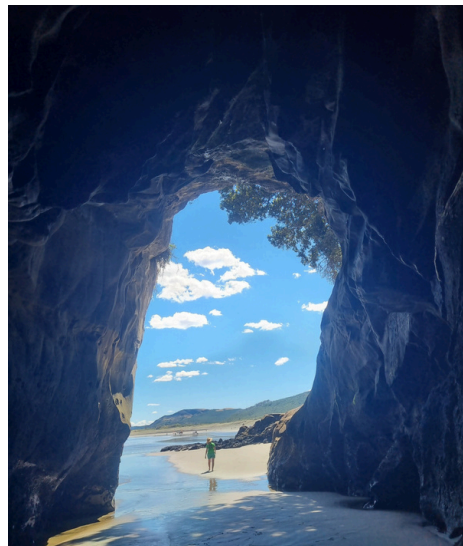


## Humanities and Photography trip to Muriwai

It's been a busy week for 46 students who began their school week on Sunday. Alongside Ms Nicholson, Mrs Curphey, Mr Steven, Mr Grace and 24/7's wonderful Rodney, the group embarked northwards. A climb up Mt Eden to observe Tamaki Makaurau Auckland in all its sunny glory got the blood pumping, before cruising westward to the coastal village of Muriwai. Sunday evening was spent enjoying the spectacular sunset over the gannet colony - slightly smelly - and taking in the rough and rugged coastline of New Zealand's west coast.

Monday saw the group split with the Year 11 Humanities students collecting their assessment data at 4 locations at Muriwai Beach and neighbouring Maukatia Bay - along with exploring the caves, arch, stack and the discovery of crabs and an octopus in the rock pools. The Senior Photographers busied themselves with a bush walk and the beach. Monday evening was spent enjoying the thermal delights at Parakai Springs with a shared BBQ and a few hydrosides and manu's to boot.

Home via the Waterview tunnel and lunch at Sylvia Park on Tuesday.. Another successful trip with our fantastic students - what a delight it was to watch kids being kids at the beach!





# Library

We're excited to introduce our fantastic team of student librarians for 2025, representing a range of year levels:



**Back row (left to right):** Benjamin Coop, Thomas Flutey, Pavling Ly, Charlotte Flutey

**Front row (left to right):** Niary Black, Jamie Ruck, Alexa Chunder

**Absent:** Sienna Macneil, Xanthe Tucker-Strachan, Corey Grattan, Alana Chunder

These dedicated students play a vital role in keeping the library running smoothly by assisting patrons, shelving books, and handling general tasks.

Most year levels have now completed their orientation programs on effective library use for study and research. However, library programs will continue throughout the year to support research skills, introduce new books, and assist both students and teachers with literacy needs.

The library is also a fantastic space for class lessons, offering access to devices, books, and teaching resources.





# What's happening in the library this term?

With the school's new phone-free policy, we've noticed an increase in students using the library as a social hub. **Books, board games, and chess** have become particularly popular during lunchtime.

We also have a thriving **Dungeons & Dragons** group that meets weekly after school, welcoming several enthusiastic members.

Additionally, our **Study & Chill sessions** on Tuesday afternoons have started. This is a great opportunity for students to catch up on work, complete CAA tasks, and get study tips. If you'd like a teacher to attend for extra support, be sure to let them know.



## Looking ahead...

Next term, our focus will shift to supporting school-wide topics and literacy initiatives. We'll also continue hosting lunchtime chess competitions—so stay tuned for more details!





# COMMUNITY NOTICES

Looking for something exciting to do in the holidays?



**EXPERIENCE ENGINEERING**

15 APRIL 2025  
HAMILTON

1 JULY 2025  
TAURANGA

Curious about a career in engineering? We are offering free one-day workshops during the April and July school holidays for students in years 10-13. This is an opportunity to get hands-on with robotics, structural design, materials and more!

Find out more and register at [waikato.ac.nz/go/e2](http://waikato.ac.nz/go/e2)

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**EXPERIENCE SCIENCE**

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS  
15, 16 & 17 APRIL 2025

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO,  
HAMILTON CAMPUS

**CALLING ALL YEAR 12 AND 13 STUDENTS  
WITH A PASSION FOR SCIENCE!**

Experience the exciting journey of a science student first hand!

Join us for a day of insightful mini lectures, interactive campus tours, an engaging student Q&A session where you can get all your questions answered, and hands-on laboratory workshops.

CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAMME:

1. Tuesday, 15 April 2025 - Psychology, Forensic Psychology and Crime Science
2. Wednesday, 16 April 2025 - Biomedical Sciences and Molecular & Cellular Biology
3. Thursday, 17 April 2025 - Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Ecology & Biodiversity and Environmental Sciences

FREE event | Lunch included | Limited spaces available  
Register online at [waikato.ac.nz/experience-science](http://waikato.ac.nz/experience-science) or scan the QR code!

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Learn more at: [www.girlbossedge.com](http://www.girlbossedge.com)

Any pātai about either of the above activities, feel free to contact Whaea Kate.



**Coffee Morning with  
Kids in Need Waikato**

**Are you raising a child who is not your own? You're not alone!**

Join us for a relaxed coffee morning where you can connect with other caregivers, enjoy some refreshments, and learn more about how Kids in Need Waikato can support you.

We provide essential items and care packs for children in need, helping those who step up to care for tamariki in our community. Whether you're a grandparent, whānau carer, or foster parent, we'd love to meet you!

**Monday 7 April - 10.30am - 12pm**  
**Transform Aotearoa, 32 Tirau Street**  
**(entry stairs to the right of The Cow Cafe), Putaruru**

**Kids in  
NEED  
WAIKATO**

No RSVP needed—just come along!



## Want to dunk Mr Rogers? You can!

Tomorrow, 15th March at Glenshea Park from 10am there will be a dunk tank at the Water and Food Festival. For \$2 you can dunk Mr Rogers!

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