

# PANUI NEWSLETTER



## HIGHLIGHTS THIS TERM

- **Parent Teacher interviews/NCEA & CAA Information night** – 2nd April
- **Year 13 group photo** – 3rd April
- **School holidays** – 12th April

**Attendance rate 81.7%**

## Parent Teacher interviews are next week!

Just a reminder that this week school will finish at 1.30pm on Wednesday the 2nd April for Parent Teacher Interviews. If you haven't booked appointments with your child's teachers, please do this before Wednesday.

We will also be hosting two time slots for an information session about NCEA and CAA, if you would like to learn more – no bookings are required. There will be one session at 4.30pm and one at 6pm. Thanks!

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou katoa! Two weeks to go in the term. So much done, so much more to come. Week 8 has followed the pattern of all the weeks before it, fast and furious! In week 8 we confirmed dates for an ERO visit (Week 10, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> where all our systems are put under the microscope), a BoT meeting (see below for your chance to join our board later in the year), 2 outdoor Ed trips, PLD, A history trip and of course some teaching and hopefully some learning. At assembly students were offered the opportunity to engage in AFS, we celebrated the students who are working well via the student of the week wheel, and talked about the idea that we reflect the values, attitudes and habits of the 5 people we spend the most time with. That is a great conversation starter for you at home to talk to your child about...are they spending time with people who are uplifting or down dragging!? As well as some digital tech funding, the Turf project will start next week!! It will transform the area very quickly so keep an eye out for the splash of color it will add...then once it is finished we will open it so we can all play on it!!! We hope to see lots of you at the parent interviews on Wednesday. Have a great weekend....rest up chiefs...it's a long season!



## Ball Committee BBQ & Bake Sale

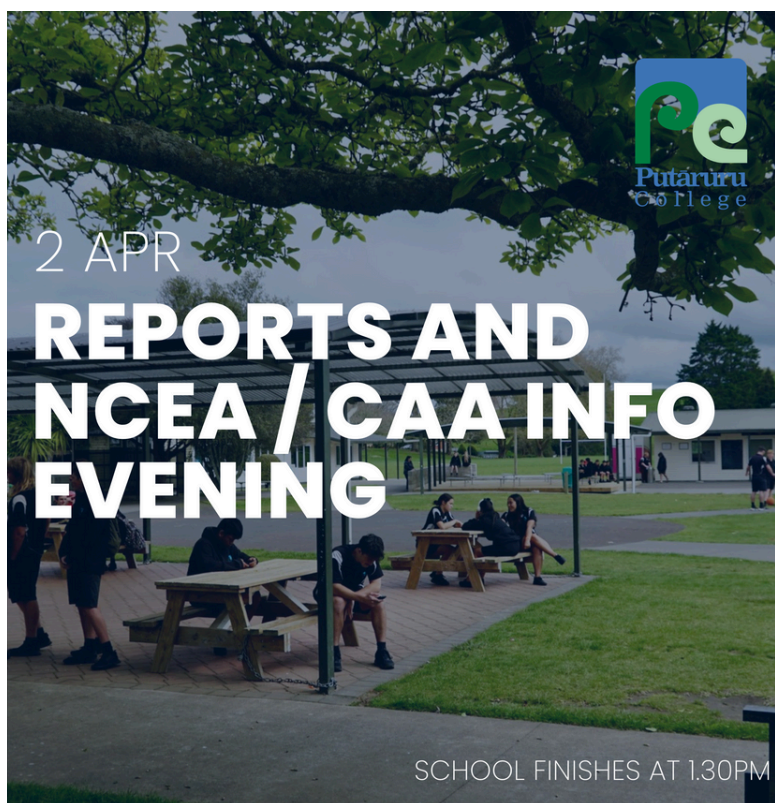
Bring your small change to the Parent Teacher interviews on Wednesday as the Ball Committee will be holding a BBQ and Bake sale.

All funds raised will go towards the School ball in September.



## Great work Kenan and Eden!

Kenan Besande and Eden Longman successfully passed their restricted licences this week.



To book in your appointments, go to SchoolPoint at <https://login.bridge.school.nz> or contact the Office.



## Go team, what champions!

Last week four of our students competed in the South Waikato King Country Swimming Championship. Pictured from left to right; Kiralee Crawford, Rueben Richards, Charlie Richards and Natalia Vaughan. All of them swam beautifully and had some amazing results. The girls came first overall for our school with the highest amount of points; Rueben Placing first overall male and Kiralee, 2<sup>nd</sup> overall female!

All of the swimmers placed in their races and should be extremely proud of their efforts!

Ka mau to wehi...



Early finish of 1.30pm for all students  
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Year 13 group photo  
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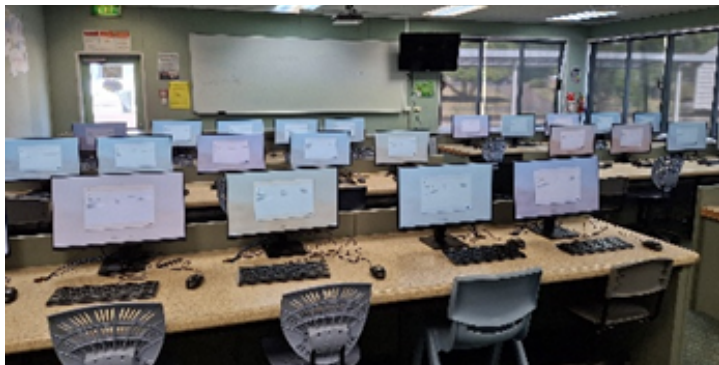
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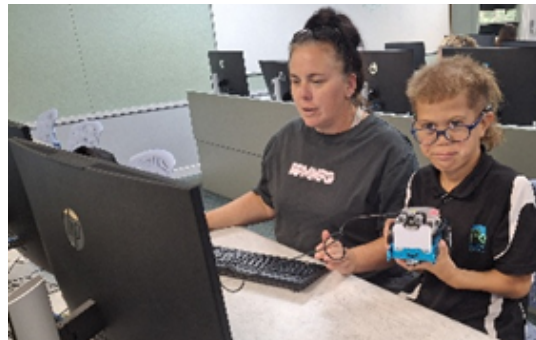
# Digital Technology

## What's been happening this term?

The Digital Technology Department has been a hive of activity so far this year!! It is always so busy with students learning with and about digital technology. In Computer Lab 1, the wonderful Mr Rogers and Lyn La'aiva were able to secure funding to replace the old Chromeboxes with a suite of 30 brand new ones with 24" screens. The old Data Projector has been replaced with a 50" TV screen. The room has now been transformed into an up-to-date learning space for students. Last year we gained a 80" prometean screen for Computer Lab 1, this is an interactive screen where we can demonstrate skills and students can easily follow from their computers. It has made an impressive difference to being able to teach showing students where/how they are able to use programs.

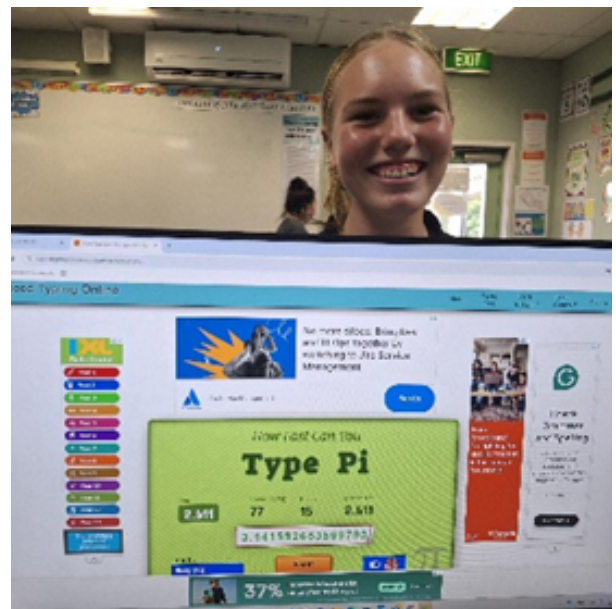


**Year 8 students** have spent this week learning programming skills. They have worked in pairs to program mBots, which look like little cars. Each mBot is capable of being programmed with sound, lights and a 8x16 matrix at the front. Students final test is to see if they can get their mBot to move through a maze on the floor without touching the black lines or going off the plastic. Throughout the trip their



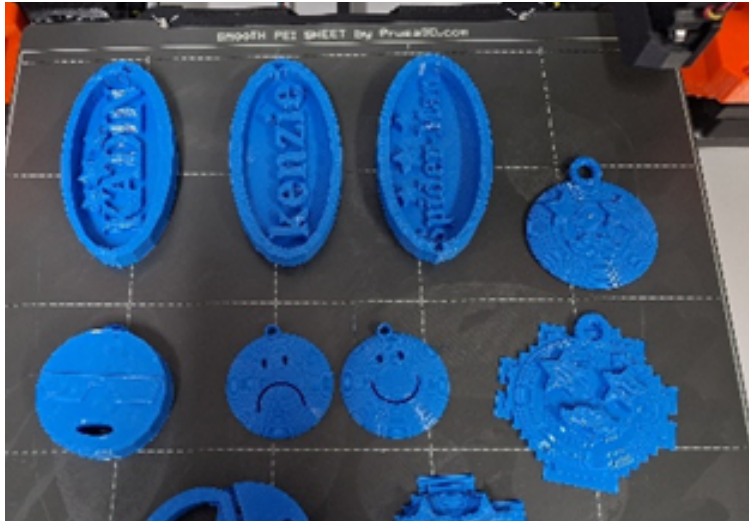
mBot must play a tune, light up and display something on the matrix. It is always a fun lesson watching students put their learning to the test and frustrating for some when their mBot doesn't do what they want it to and turns the wrong way or goes for miles!

Typing practice is an important skill for all students to learn. Most class work and assessments in Secondary School are now digital and assessments can be timed. Each lesson from **Year 7 – 13 all students** are expected to start off with some typing practice as our Do Now. Being able to type quickly and efficiently gives students' a massive advantage when completing their work in all of their subjects. However, this doesn't mean that typing practice has to be boring. We have come a long way from 'dictation' typing practice and now there are many websites that have fun learning to type tutorials. The main typing site we use is Typing Club where students learn the keyboard and where the keys are, hoping that they will learn to touch type. One challenge that student's love is typing the alphabet in 5 seconds or less! This is one challenge that students love or hate but all love and get slightly obsessed with, the quickest student has been 3.4 seconds. One of my Yr 8 students Lily S has managed to type correctly the first 15 numbers of Pi in 2.61 seconds, that's at a speed of 77 words per minute!!

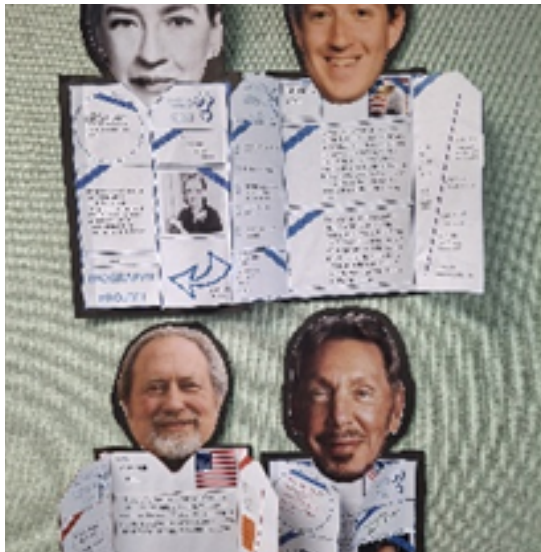


**Year 9 students** have just finished up their 3D printing unit and have created some awesome projects. The Digital Technology Department is lucky enough to have three 3D printers. Students are able to learn basic 3D design using TinkerCad and learn about how to create projects from scratch.

Some projects don't go quite to plan as some forget to check that their projects don't have parts floating in mid-air or parts that are not connected to their project, but it is all a learning curve and students love being able to print their projects and see the end results. We have recently changed our preferred filament supplier to KiwiFil in Tokoroa, this is to support local businesses and KiwiFil have a great recycling ethos that is an awesome example to students regarding thinking about the waste that gets produced and put into landfills.



**Year 10 students** are currently working on a Biography project where they research the life of ICT people that have had an impact on technology in some way. They are surprised by the number of unknown names to them, there are more than just Mark Zuckerberg, Elon Musk and Bill Gates!! Once students have researched the life of the person they are given, they format their findings into a template which they will make into a project to display in the classroom.



**Year 11 – 13 students** are well into their year of study. It has been pleasing to note the focused and mature attitude this year's students have brought to their studies. The standards we focus on are based on learning the Microsoft Office suite, Word, Excel, Publisher, PowerPoint. This is because MS Office is industry standard, and students benefit from these skills no matter what subject they take at school or future endeavours once they graduate. From being able to navigate a word processing program, understand spreadsheet data and graphs or being able to create a presentation, students' understanding, and knowledge is a valuable tool for their future.

## We need your help!

Speaking of digital technology, Putāruru College is updating our website and we would love your input!

- What changes would you like to see on our website?
- Is it easy to navigate?
- Is there any information you want to be made available?
- Do you regularly use our website, which pages?

If you have any feedback – we would love to hear it! Please send us an email to [office@putarurucollege.school.nz](mailto:office@putarurucollege.school.nz).





# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## EXPERIENCE PSYCHOLOGY, FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY, AND CRIME SCIENCE

TUESDAY, 24 JUNE 2025

9:00AM - 2:30PM, HAMILTON CAMPUS

**CALLING ALL YEAR 12 AND 13 STUDENTS WITH A PASSION FOR PSYCHOLOGY, CRIME, AND DATA!**

Join us for a firsthand glimpse into the exciting journey of being a Psychology, Forensic Psychology, and Crime Science student.

You will have the opportunity to dive into interactive and insightful mini lectures, look around our beautiful campus, and engage in a student Q&A session where you can get all your questions answered.



Free event | Limited spaces available  
Register through scanning the QR code!

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## LAW STUDENT FOR A DAY

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

9AM TO 2:30PM | 2 JULY, HAMILTON

9AM TO 2:30PM | 4 JULY, TAURANGA

Join us for a firsthand look at life as a Law student at Waikato. Attend mini lectures, explore our beautiful campuses, participate in a mock moot, and chat with current Law students to get all your questions answered.

Free event | Limited spaces available



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## ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNERS OF THE FUTURE

CALLING ALL YEAR 11, 12 AND 13 STUDENTS WITH A PASSION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT!

DATE AND TIME:

THURSDAY, 8 MAY 2025 | 9AM TO 3PM

LOCATION:

THE PĀ, HAMILTON CAMPUS  
UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

Join us for an exciting glimpse into the life of an Environmental Planning student. Experience workshops with real-world examples and a field trip to see planning in action.

Register through scanning the QR code below!

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## ENGINEERING IN ACTION DAY

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WAIKATO ENGINEERING CAREERS ASSOCIATION

**Wintec**

**Engineering in Action Day 2025:**

**Register Interest Now!**

Wednesday May 21st, from 9am

Spaces limited!

## Are you interested in becoming a Board Member?

The school board is a group of people who work with staff, students, whanau, parents and the wider community to ensure the school is the best it can be.

Who can be on the board?  
Anyone who has a passion for education - you don't have to have a student at the school!

If you would like some more information, **please contact us at**  
office@putarurucollege.school.nz.

Elections will be taking place in September.

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