

PANUI NEWSLETTER



HIGHLIGHTS THIS TERM

- **Multi-day hike** – 9th–11th April
- **Junior Disco** – 10th April
- **School holidays** – 12th April

Attendance rate 81.8%

What are you planning to do for the holidays?

This is the last week of Term 1 before going on School Holidays. We have a busy, jam-packed Term 2, with lots of awesome opportunities and of course, exams! The School Holidays is the perfect study break to get some quality mahi and learn at home, without distractions.

If you need any further support at school for your exams, please take advantage of the Study and Chill sessions in the library on Tuesdays.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou katoa. To say this term has flown by I think is an understatement it has zipped by!! Straight off the bat I want to thank all the staff, students and whanau who turned up to the interviews on Wednesday night. We love talking to you about your learners, so if you missed the chance to talk to a teacher please feel free to contact us to make an appointment.

Captain obvious notes that there is still one week to go...and in the upcoming week we welcome ERO to our kura, students are going out on an overnight tramp and students still get the opportunities in classes to 'do the boring bits well'. This ability to turn up everyday and give our best to establish the learning routines that lay the foundation for success. By staying focused on the details—those sometimes "boring" but essential tasks—every child has the chance to enjoy success.

We cant help but look forward to the looming holidays to take a well deserved break and rest up but there are still high expectations and opportunities to take advantage of in the last week of this term.

Have a great weekend and go the Chiefs!!

History Hikoi to Matakitaki Pa Pirongia

On Friday 8th March the senior History students went on a hikoi to Matakitaki pa near Pirongia. It was a wonderful experience where our students got to visit one of the Waikato's most famous historical landmarks.

Matakitaki pa was of course the site where the combined Ngapuhi Tawa ito armed with muskets attacked and killed many of those Maori seeking refuge in the pa complex in 1822. This event would change the history of the Waikato and traditional Maori society not only in the Waikato but throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

Maori from Tamaki Makaurau, Waihou (Thames) Kirikiriroa and throughout the Waikato region were at the pa. In all, over 5000 people were believed to have been living and seeking sanctuary in the pa complex. Over 1500 people were killed and eaten and many others taken as slaves.

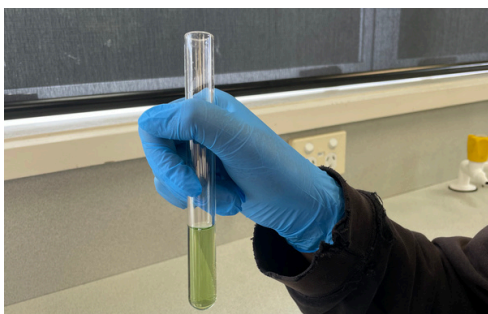
The 14ha site is open and exposed in our modern world as our students found out to their discomfort and annoyance when the hot and very sunny day suddenly gave way to a seriously heavy down pour, and many were soaked through including Mrs Curphey. (Some wiser heads did seek shelter under the tree next to the Mangapiko Stream). A great day out all the same.



Level 1 Science is smoking

Over the last few weeks, Level 1 Science students have been learning about neutralisation and combustion reactions. In addition to testing the effectiveness of home remedies for heartburn we had the privilege of Mr Pitcher sharing his expertise in smoking meat. He was able to share with us about 'blue smoke' and 'dirty smoke', as well as how to control what kind of smoke is made and the effect this has on the flavour of the meat. Students then related these ideas to the scientific terms of complete and incomplete combustion.

If your student is taking Level 1 Science, next week is a crucial week for them to be attending school and putting in their best effort. Attention to detail will be the key to success. Please encourage them to make the most of their time and demonstrate perseverance and resilience as they finish off and tidy up their assessments.



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.

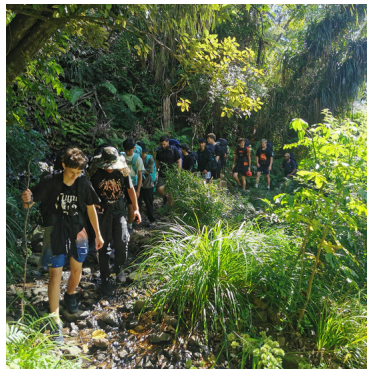
Elections will be taking place in September.

Karangahake Gorge overnight hike

In Week 8, on Monday/Tuesday and Thursday/Friday, Year 12 Outdoor Education students hiked to Waitawheta Hut in the Karangahake Gorge. This was part of their assessments for two unit standards –completing and preparing for a hike—as well as one achievement standard in risk management.

Students packed all their gear and set off on the trek. There were plenty of tired faces by the end, but everyone had a great time. A highlight was watching students cook their own meals on gas cookers.

Thank you to all the teachers involved for making this trip possible!



Clay Target Shooting is starting up again...

If you are interested in Clay Target Shooting, please get in touch with Mr Rogers.



Student ID's now available!

If you would like to order a Student ID, you can do so from Student Services. The cost of the Student ID is \$10.

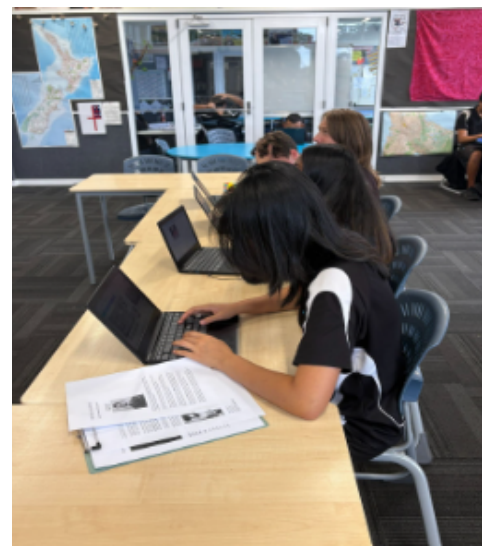
We will not be able to process your order until it has been paid. Last date to order a card is 9th of May.

Social Studies

What's been happening this term?

This term, our Year 9 and 10 ākonga have engaged in literacy-rich Social Studies learning to build their reading and writing skills for the CAA Literacy exams.

Year 9 students have explored Aotearoa's history, unpacking Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the colonial government that followed. Year 10 students have focused on human rights, examining the Nazi regime and the Holocaust. To end the term, they are investigating the links between online gaming and gambling addiction – this is part of a trial in conjunction with Tūturu, who have been developing teaching resources to support teachers.



Social Literacy 100 and Humanities 100 – the home of the CAA alternative pathway

Mrs. Curphey is running two Year 11 courses this year, both offering an alternative pathway to meeting the NCEA Literacy and Numeracy co-requisite (CAA exams).

Humanities 100 students are completing their first internal, analyzing environmental data for accuracy and usefulness. Following an exciting three-day camp at Muriwai in March, they have been graphing, mapping, and annotating their data in preparation for assessment. This is one of two internals that can count toward NCEA Numeracy.

Social Literacy 100 students are exploring Aotearoa's earthquake and volcano distribution while strengthening their literacy skills. Their first internal, starting in Term 2, focuses on describing the spatial distribution, causes, and impacts of seismic activity. In May, they will also have the opportunity to sit the CAA reading and writing exams, providing multiple pathways to success.



Senior History – off and away

Our senior History students are just completing their first internal assessment for the year based around our visit to Matakita pa wherein 1822, Waikato tribes sought sanctuary but were decimated by Ngapuhi forces carrying this new and formidable weapon – Te Pu the musket.

Every year we alternate between this theme or we head to Rotorua and look at the invasion of Mokoia island in 1823 by curiously the same Ngapuhi Tautahi.

Polynesian history and pre contact and early contact NZ history are a great introduction to our country's past and encourage our students to understand that NZ history is not just Te Tiriti. We do explore other themes such as the 1348 Black Death that swept the known world, the first Holy Crusade in 1096, and the Cold War (1945–89).



Senior Classical Studies

Arguably the most interesting course in the entire curriculum of subjects offered in NZ secondary schools, Classical Studies is the study of ancient Greece and Rome. At level 3, Classical Studies or just 'Classics' is an e-learning course hosted by myself and is offered to schools around NZ through Kotui Ako, the virtual learning network. This year I have 15 students from other schools and 4 from Putāruru College. Scholarship Classical studies is also offered by myself through this programme. At level 3 the focus is primarily Rome and its crazy emperors such as Nero and Constantine. We follow the exploits of Julius Caesar up to his assassination. We study art and architecture from this period. This is such an interesting and exciting course.

At Level 2, Classical Studies looks at the Greek world. We chart the rise of Athens, the city state and real life heroes such as Solon, Themistocles and Pericles.

Greek heroes, gods and goddesses and of course Alexander the Great. We end the year with Octavian/Augustus and watch him beat Mark Antony and Cleopatra at the Battle of Actium in 31 BCE, as we move into the Roman world in preparation for level 3.

Senior Tourism

We have a great, hard working group in Tourism this year. The students have been working steadily towards their Tourism Unit Standards this term, and some of them are now completing their assessments. Good luck everyone!

Mrs Curphey and Mrs Reeve are plotting an adventure for ākonga to play tourist in Rotorua in either Term 2 or Term 3.



NCEA CAA exams
School exams
Kings Birthday Public Holiday
Matariki Public Holiday

19th–30th May
16th–18th May
2nd June
20th June

**KEY DATES
FOR TERM 2**

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Looking for something to do these holidays?



Driving Lessons – Practical driving lessons for a pathway to obtaining a learner, restricted or full driver's license. \$65/hour for Putāruru clients. Contact Lamen Hohaia 021 563695

Te Reo Maori 'Beginners' – A language course for beginner students. Contact Lamen Hohaia 021 563695

Te Reo Maori 'Advanced' – A language course for students' level 3 & above. Contact Lamen Hohaia 021 563695

Te Moana Kura (Women Only) – 10-week stage 2 course that builds upon tools learnt in stage 1. A personal move from insecurity to promise and freedom. Contact Belena Hohaia 0210 2227299

Toolbox – Teenage Years Parenting – A 6 week program for parents wanting tips and tricks on how to parent modern day teens in a positive family environment. Contact Belena Hohaia 0210 2227299

Te Ana Raiona (Men only) – 10-week stage 2 builds on tools learnt in stage 1 and strengthens a deeper understanding of client's leadership potential. Contact Lamen Hohaia 021 563695



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