

PANUI NEWSLETTER



HIGHLIGHTS...

- **NCEA CAA exams** – Week 4 and 5
- **School exams** – Week 8
- **Showquest** – 26th June

Attendance rate 82.4%

Nau Mai, Hoki Mai!

Welcome back everyone, we hope you all had a wonderful break and are excited for Term Two!

This term, we will be focusing a lot on preparing for your exams as they start in Week 4 and 5. If you need any extra support, please reach out to your teachers or utilise the Study and Chill sessions in the library every Tuesday.

We're excited to see all the awesome events and opportunities happening this term, we look forward to seeing you get involved!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou katoa...welcome back to term 2. We started off the term by celebrating our high achievers at a breakfast at a local cafe. These students all achieved Merit in their NCEA qualification and deserved a lil bit of a celebration. They were joined by whanau and staff to mark their achievement. We would love to have more students at our next celebration so keep working to be your best. More good news is that we have a new sports coordinator!! Welcome Lilian, it is great to have you on board with us. Already there are more kids being active and getting involved. You may also have noticed that a large portion of the turf has been laid. We are now waiting for the rest of the turf to be placed and then the final preparations can be done before we unleash PE classes and sports into that area! As always we need to remind our students that learning is not always easy or fun but worth it nonetheless. Often learning takes effort and is uncomfortable but the feeling you get when you get it more than makes up for the time invested....and remember this is time that YOU are investing in YOU and YOUR FUTURE!...and that is worth everything. Have a great weekend and go the Chiefs!

CAA Exams – Fast Approaching!

The CAA's (common assessment activities) are designed to be a 1 hour online assessment. They are set at Curriculum Upper Level 4 and Lower level 5 and therefore at a level that a Year 10 student is capable of.



Literacy and numeracy are an essential part of everyday life, work, and education.

Literacy is being able to read, write and understand language.

Numeracy is the ability to understand and use mathematics and statistics.

FOR EXAMPLE:



When measuring, you are using numeracy skills.



When reading and filling out a form you are using literacy skills.



When shopping, reading labels and handling money, you are using literacy and numeracy.



Ways to support rangatahi:



- Check out the **google classroom** which has a load of resources including past papers. Google classroom code is: 27lvh4y
- **Past papers** are available on the NZQA website: <https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/subjects/past-exams-and-exemplars/litnum/>
- **Read!!! Everyday!** This could be news articles, novels, short stories, non-fiction – read far and wide!

Come to **Study and Chill!** Be proactive, and attend study and chill on Tuesday's 3.15–4.15 with teachers to support you.

WEEK 4
Year 10 CAA's

WEEK 5
Year 11, 12 & 13
CAA's

FAQ's

What happens if I don't finish in an hour?

Students can take as long as they need, it is simply designed to take approximately an hour.

Where will I do it?

Most students will complete it on school chromebooks in the hall.

When could I try again?

There is a second opportunity this year for students who fail or were not entered to try again. This will be in Week 8 & 9 of Term 3.

What if I sometimes struggle to read?

There is a tool called POLLY which can read out the writing in the numeracy and writing assessments. It is unable to be used in the reading CAA. Some students have additional SAC (special assessment conditions) and these will be catered for.

Who can I talk to for more information?

Mrs. Jade Argent is the Senior Academic Pou Ārahi. You can email her:

jade.argent@putarurucollege.school.nz

CAA Exams – Fast Approaching!

Here are some examples of the questions asked in the 2024 assessment
Have a go with your rangatahi to work them out together.

Numeracy

Tuatara eat small animals, such as wētā, worms, beetles, and spiders.

The tuatara weighs one kilogram.

The wētā weighs 25 grams.

- (b) How many times heavier is the tuatara than the wētā?

_____ times heavier



Tuatara are endangered.

A breeding programme for tuatara has been set up.

A female tuatara lays 6–10 eggs every four years. The eggs take 11–16 months to hatch.

- (c) If all the eggs survive, about how many tuatara would you expect to get from **one** female in 10 years? Show the calculations you used to get your answer.

Writing

Write an article for a community website on ONE of the following topics.

EITHER Topic A:

School uniforms should be compulsory in schools. Do you agree? Disagree? Perhaps you can think of ideas for both sides?

Some possible ideas you could use include:



Easy to know what to wear/practical



Lack of personal expression/identity



School identity



Cost

OR Topic B:

We all need to take more care of our natural environment. Do you agree? Disagree? Perhaps you can think of ideas for both sides?

Some possible ideas you could use include:



Limited resources



Too difficult



Health and well-being



Too costly

You will be marked on:

- length: writing a minimum of 250 words
- ideas: providing information and details that are appropriate for your audience and purpose
- structure: organising your ideas clearly and appropriately, with a clear beginning, middle, and ending
- language choices: choosing words and sentences that are appropriate for your audience and purpose
- accuracy: using correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

Reading

QUESTION THREE

Read the *Fast fashion* infographic (below) and select (✓) the best answer to all parts of the question.

FAST FASHION

? Fast fashion is a design, manufacturing, and marketing method focused on rapidly producing high volumes of clothing.

FAST FASHION HAS A LOW COST BUT A HIGH PRICE

10% The fashion industry creates 10% of global greenhouse gas emissions – more than international air and shipping travel combined.

35 MILLION

Nearly 35 million kilograms of clothes are dumped each year in New Zealand. The amount of textile waste sent to Wellington's Southern Landfill has doubled since 2009.



30% Textiles produce about three times their weight in carbon dioxide gas in landfill. While they make up 9% of landfill, they produce about 30% of carbon dioxide.

In 2019, 40% of clothes imported into New Zealand were estimated to have been made using forced and child labour. It's estimated that fewer than 2% of garment workers make a living wage. Many work 14–16 hour days, seven days a week.



FAST FASHION IMPACTS ON OUR WATER



2,700 LITRES

It took 2,700 litres of water to make your t-shirt – enough for a person to drink for 2.5 years.

20%

Textile dyeing and treatment causes 17–20% of all industrial water pollution.

When synthetic clothes are washed, microplastics enter our water systems. Clothing makes up 87% of the synthetic microfibre pollutants found on the beaches in Auckland.

87%

2.6%

Growing cotton uses 2.6% of the world's water.



COTTON IS COSTLY

25%

Cotton crops use 25% of the world's insecticides.

WE ARE BUYING MORE THAN WE NEED

a) The main reason the writer put some numbers in larger type is to:

- ☐ make them easier to read
- ☐ provide additional statistics
- ☐ create an unusual visual design
- ☐ highlight the size of the problems

b) *Fast fashion is a design, manufacturing and marketing method focused on **rapidly** producing high volumes of clothing.*

The best word to replace **rapidly** is:

- ☐ quickly
- ☐ instantly
- ☐ smoothly
- ☐ rashly

Problem Gambling



PGF SERVICES

Need help? Whai āwhina?
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No judgement, just support.

This communication is confidential and may be legally privileged.
If you have received it in error you must not use, disclose, copy or retain it.

Our wonderful students in Year 10 Social Studies are working on an inquiry based around Problem Gambling in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Earlier last term, our department signed up with Tūturū an organisation which (in their words) is a 'uniquely Aotearoa initiative focused on student well-being.' Gambling and gambling harm has been our focus and has covered all avenues that we believe are important for our students. This includes gaming, and exposure to on-line gambling sites not just within the gaming world but sports betting and its prevalence on our computer devices and TV screens. Other forms of gambling such as 'pokies' were also included.

Earlier this week we organised the Problem Gambling Foundation to come and speak with our year 10 students. The two presenters Pete and Jenna-Lea recounted either personal experience dealing with gambling, or from a counseling perspective and drew attention to how problem gambling affects whānau and the flow on harm this causes to our communities.

They emphasized their organisation is non-judgmental and is focused on help and healthy outcomes for all.

New cameras!

Some of you maybe aware of the fact that we have installed two new cameras at school. What they see is highlighted in the screen shots below. What you may not be aware of is that in Term 1 alone this year we spent about \$3000 repairing damage to the areas covered by the cameras. These cameras are in response to this, and other anti-social behaviors that occur in these places.

Whenever we take this sort of action, we think of the impact on our students and our community. In this instance we feel that this makes this space a safer place for all. As you can see when correctly used, there is no compromising student safety or privacy. There are students who will be inconvenienced but to those students I simply advise them to socialise elsewhere or remain in class longer.

Finally, we only view the cameras when something happens that we need to investigate....oh, and if you have not all ready guessed...they are located in the boys and girls bathrooms. As always I am happy to discuss any issues you have with your child's education here at Putāruru College, including this one!



Ice Bucket Challenge



The use speak your mind challenge is a way to raise awareness for mental health. Mental health isn't always visible but it's always important. At Putāruru college there are councilors you can talk to, teachers you can get advice from or even us student leaders are always available. Check out the Putāruru Leaders Instagram to see the video of our challenge! We've nominated Te Wharekura O Te Kaokaoroa O Pātetere, Forest View High School and Tokoroa High School to now do their Ice Bucket Challenge!

Please speak up if you are struggling!



YOUTH LINE- TEXT 234



SUICIDE HOTLINE- 0800 543 354



B GRADE MIXED CHAMPIONS
ROTORUA

Congratulations Fontaye!

Fontaye, one of our awesome teachers, recently competed in a netball tournament and came out on top—winning the B Grade competition!

What an incredible achievement and a true testament to her skill and dedication on the court. We love seeing our teachers shine in their passions outside the classroom.

Well done, Fontaye!



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

19th–30th May
2nd June
17th–18th June
20th June

KEY DATES

Health, Outdoor and PE

What's been happening this term?

It's been a fantastic and active start to the term in the HOPE Department, where we proudly work with ākonga from Year 7 through to Year 13 across Physical Education, Health, and Outdoor Education. Our aim remains to create a welcoming and inclusive space where every student feels safe, supported, and encouraged to participate and learn to the best of their abilities. While Olympic-level performance is not expected, we do encourage every student to get involved, give their best, and find their fit in our subjects.



Junior PE (Years 7–10)

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Outdoor Education

Our Outdoor Ed students are hard at work preparing for upcoming adventures including rock climbing, abseiling, and canyoning. Right now, they're mastering essential safety skills like harness tie-ins using the tethered figure-of-eight knot—an important step in ensuring confidence and capability in the outdoors.

Senior PE

Senior PE classes are charging ahead with Flag Football as they prepare for an upcoming tournament, which also forms part of their NCEA assessment. Students are building teamwork, strategy, and game-specific skills that will serve them well both in competition and in life.

Senior Health

Our senior health students are making great progress through their internal assessments. With school exams on the horizon, they're beginning to put their knowledge to the test and apply it in real-world contexts—developing critical thinking and deeper understanding around key health concepts.

As always, we thank our school community for supporting our students in these diverse and enriching learning opportunities. We look forward to seeing our ākonga continue to grow, challenge themselves, and enjoy their journey through HOPE.



ANZAC DAWN PARADE

It was a cold, slightly breezy morning. Hundreds of people gathered at the memorial gardens at 6 a.m. to pay their respects to those who had passed and to honour those who served New Zealand and Australia in the wars. Veterans and civilians marched proudly, the national anthems of both countries were sung, heartfelt speeches and readings were delivered, flags were raised and lowered, bagpipes filled the air, and wreaths were laid carefully around the memorial statue. It was a truly moving and respectful service – one I would definitely take part in again. – Ashlee Syben



CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS OF OUR TOP ACHIEVERS

One of our goals in 2025 is to recognise and celebrate success. As the saying goes, 'success breeds success'!

At 7:30am on Tuesday the 29th April we celebrated our Year 12 and 13 Merit endorsement and Merit subject and endorsement* students from 2024, over breakfast at Nana Lou's Cafe. Our Year 12 and 13 Merit students were Benjamin Coop, Joseph Cole and Alex Durrant. The students, Senior Leadership, their teachers and members of their whanau enjoyed a beautiful breakfast and informally acknowledged students on their NCEA success and discussed ways our kura can provide the ideal conditions for students to experience success. Later in the morning an Achievers Assembly was held in the school hall where all current Year 12 and 13 students were acknowledged for their 2024 NCEA results.

Our next celebration will be to congratulate our Junior sports people from Term 1 & 2 and to acknowledge our outstanding Junior NCEA and merit endorsement students. We will also be holding another celebration for students who have gained an NCEA Excellence in Term 1 and 2 of this year. We hope to see more students achieving great results next year!

**A student can achieve a Merit endorsement for their NCEA certificate by earning 50 credits at Merit or a combination of Merit and Excellence. Additionally, a student can achieve a subject endorsement in a specific course if they gain 14 or more credits at Merit or Excellence in that course.*



GET ACTIVE AT BREAK TIMES!

During interval and lunch, you'll find a range of sports equipment set up on the netball courts, the field, and outside the library. Don't be shy—jump in and have some fun with your friends! From skipping ropes and paddleball to cricket and basketball, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Have an idea for a game or sport you'd like to see? Chat with Lilian, our new Sports Coordinator—she'd love to hear your suggestions!



Welcome, Lilian!

We're excited to welcome Lilian, our new Sports Coordinator, to the team! A proud mum of three—one of whom attends Putāruru College—Lilian is a big fan of weekend sports and enjoys watching rugby league and soccer. Be sure to say hi when you see her around!

Sports Coordinator contact
sport@putarurucollege.school.nz



Well done Daniel and Logan!

Congrats to these two young men who sat and passed their Learner's yesterday: Daniel Munro and Logan Parker!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Students, how active are you?



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to tell us how
you keep active
(or what stops
you) and be in
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What motivates you or stops you being active? Tell us and be in to WIN 1 of 5 \$100 grocery gift cards!

Sport Waikato is running a survey aimed at finding out about how active we are – or aren't! They need to hear from everyone aged 18+ or those who have left school, whether you spend your days running marathons or chilling on the couch.

The information you provide will help build a picture of our region and help Sport Waikato and their partners (like us) to ensure play, active recreation and sport is more accessible, exciting and inclusive!

- Take the 5 minute short survey and be in to WIN <https://shorturl.at/ba5eq>
- The survey and prize draw is open to residents of the Waikato region – from Thames-Coromandel to Taupo and everywhere in between
- The survey is completely anonymous – any contact details will only be used for the purposes of the prize draw
- Prizes will be drawn every month, from February-December throughout 2025. Winners can choose vouchers from their local grocery store/supermarket.



Which movie do you want to see?

21st May at 6pm @ The Putāruru Plaza

South Waikato Community Collective are putting on a **FREE** movie, courtesy of The Plaza with snacks kindly provided by KBeez and they would love to hear which movie you want to see! Head over to our Facebook page and comment on the Panui post with your vote. *School of Rock, Space Jam, Edge of Tomorrow, Night at the Museum or Transformers.*

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