

# PANUI NEWSLETTER



## HIGHLIGHTS...

- **Year 10 CAA Exams**  
19/21/22<sup>nd</sup> May
- **University of Waikato Open Day**  
23<sup>rd</sup> May
- **Year 11/12/13 CAA Exams**  
26/28/29<sup>th</sup> May
- **Agriculture/ Horticulture Field Days trip**  
11<sup>th</sup> June

**Attendance rate 81.2%**

## Sports results this week:

**Basketball:** Win 77-26

**Hockey:** Win 4-0

**Rugby Girls:** Win 50-44

**Rugby Boys:** Lost

**Football Senior Boys:** Win 7-6



**WELL DONE TEAMS!**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou katoa! Winter has started reaching out to us with the recent weather but with that also comes the opportunity for our students to get out, get up and get involved with sports to keep their hands full and their brains busy! As you can see by the results we have sports teams up and running and in most cases they would all welcome new players....so, if you want to get involved find Lilian our new sports coordinator or tag along to a training with one of the current team and get involved.

Next week sees the first round of the CAA testing for our year 10's. The CAA is the baseline assessment that students have to achieve in order to move forward in the NCEA qualification so they really are an important step in your child's academic success. If you want to talk to someone about the CAA feel free to contact us here at school.

In other news, our turf is nearly complete!!! There are some crucial finishing touches to be done and then once it is blessed we will be able to use it. It will be open in the same way that it has been for years so once it is open feel free to come on down and shoot a hoop, kick or hit a ball or just have a look. Camera update – since we installed the cameras in the bathrooms, there has been a dramatic reduction in vandalism!! Have a great weekend!



# Our top achievers in sport

**Congratulations to all our award recipients in assembly this week!**

## **2025 Athletics Champions**

Year 7 Girls Olivia Bullo

Year 7 Boys JJ Reuben

Year 8 Girls Rebecca Rogers

Year 8 Boys Cee Jay Wellington

Junior Girls Maddison Marsh

Junior Boy Harken Besande

Intermediate Girls Leah Syben

Intermediate Boys Cooper Miller

Senior Girls Ashlee Syben

Senior Boy Te Haukore Thompson - Keene

## **Halberg Games**

Ponamu Hills

## **King Country Swimming Competition**

Girls 12-13 years

Kiralee Crawford

Charlie Richards

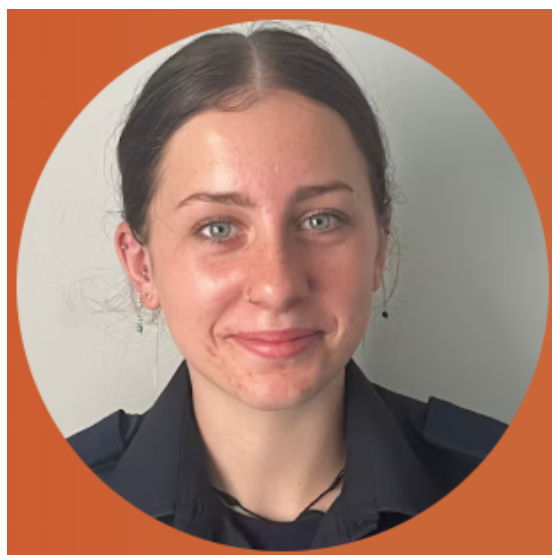
Natalia Vaughan

Boys 14-15 years

Reuben Richards



## Bridie is walking to new heights



Our very own Year 13, Bridie Meads is part of the Putāruru Volunteer Fire Brigade and has taken up the Sky Tower Challenge! Bridie will be climbing over 1,000 stairs up the Sky Tower in full firefighter gear weighing around 25kg to raise funds for Leukemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand. Her goal is to raise \$1700 and while she has already reached the \$600 mark, having our community behind her would give her efforts the boost they need!



**TO SUPPORT BRIDIE MEADS,  
YOU CAN DONATE HERE.**

<https://firefighterschallenge.org.nz/bridie-meads>



# Lake Wood Camp

Last weekend Cooper Miller and Oran Bennetto got the chance to attend the Ryphen Camp out the back of Huntly. Ryphen stands for Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment. The Camp was sponsored by our local Rotary club and over the weekend the boys got a chance to interact with a whole lot of other yr 10 students from all over the Bay of Plenty and Waikato regions. They did a whole lot of physical activities including rock climbing, Kayaking and hide n go seeking!! They had a great time even though both of them missed home cooking!! Well done to them both for stepping out of their comfort zones and taking up an opportunity to do something a little different!



# Ngā Toi Art Students

In Nga Toi Art Class, the Toi 100 and 200 students are learning the traditional Māori art of whakairo, focusing on carving Patu's with care and cultural understanding.

Meanwhile, Jake O'Brien is creating a vibrant Poutama mural for the hall, symbolising growth and learning through the steps of the design.





# CAA Exam timetable

Exams start next week, be sure to come to each of your exams prepared and with your best foot forward! Good luck!

<b>Week 4</b> 19th - 23rd May	<b>MONDAY 19 May</b>	<b>Yr10 CAA WRITING</b>  9am - 11am (periods 1 & 2)  JTo & ECa to supervise	<b>TUESDAY 20 May</b>		<b>WEDNESDAY 21 May</b>	<b>Yr 10 CAA READING</b>  9am - 11am (periods 1 & 2)  JTo & ECa to supervise	<b>THURSDAY 22 May</b>	<b>Yr 10 CAA NUMERACY</b>  9am - 11am (periods 1 & 2)  JTo & ECa to supervise
	<b>MONDAY 26 May</b>	<b>Yr11/12/13 CAA WRITING</b>  9am - 11am (periods 1 & 2)  JTo & ECa to supervise	<b>TUESDAY 27 May</b>		<b>WEDNESDAY 28 May</b>	<b>Yr 11/12/13 CAA READING</b>  9am - 11am (periods 1 & 2)  JTo & ECa to supervise	<b>THURSDAY 29 May</b>	<b>Yr 11/12/13 CAA NUMERACY</b>  9am - 11am (periods 1 & 2)  JTo & ECa to supervise
	<b>Week 5</b> 26th - 30th May							



# Outdoor Education Adventure – Raglan Trip

Last week, 18 senior students from Year 12 and 13 took part in an unforgettable three-day, two-night adventure to Raglan as part of their Outdoor Education programme. The trip focused on rock climbing and canyoning, offering students the chance to challenge themselves in a stunning natural environment.

All students got involved and pushed themselves beyond their comfort zones, showing courage, teamwork, and determination. While rock climbing tested their physical and mental strength, the real highlight for everyone was canyoning—an exciting mix of abseiling, sliding down waterfalls, and swimming through beautiful streams.

We are incredibly proud of how each student stepped up to the challenge and made the most of this unique opportunity. Ka pai team!



## New drivers in town!

Congratulations to Althea Tagle, Shkaila Ogle and Matthew Rogers who passed their licences this week!

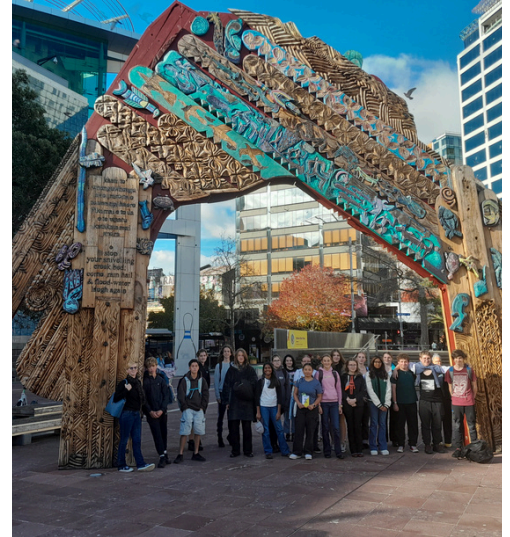


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# Young Writers Festival

At the crack of dawn, Mr McLaren, Ms Spencer and Mrs Curphey with 20 beautiful young people headed north to Auckland's Aotea Centre to participate in this year's Young Writers' Festival. After a slight hiccup with a misbehaving fire alarm at the Britomart Train Station, we powered up Queen Street and arrived just in time to watch Lemn Sissay read his dark, yet animated poems. We then heard from Neal Schusterman – author of *Unwind* and *Challenger Deep*, New Zealand author Lee Murray and local legend Scotty Cotter. All 4 writers demonstrated the diversity of literacy and the power that words have in a variety of forms. The reverse trip was fun with the essential stop at Mercer McDonalds where we caused quite a bottle neck when Paul innocently ordered 22 cheeseburgers. Home safe by 6.30pm. A long but great day out!



## Turf update



We have new nets on our freshly (almost) completed courts! These upgraded facilities are will have basketball, netball, tennis, hockey and more, offering an awesome new space for both students and the wider community. The new courts are a fantastic addition to our school, and we can't wait to share them with everyone.

Whether you're here to shoot hoops, serve an ace, or score a goal, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Thanks Mayfield Sports for setting them up today! We are hoping to have the courts finished by Wednesday next week so stay tuned...



SAVE THE DATE



12 JUN  
5-8PM

# MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS

KAI, WHAKAWHANAUNGATANGA, PERFORMANCES **AND MORE...**



# Year 9 Scientists Turn Up the Heat

With Year 9 classes becoming more settled and focused in Science, their teachers have been delighted to introduce more hands-on and exciting learning experiences. When students bring their best to class, it opens the door to richer and more memorable tasks—like setting snacks on fire in the name of science! Recently, students investigated how much energy different foods contain by carefully burning items like burger rings and pretzels (under controlled conditions, of course). Mrs. Argent and Miss. Schick were especially pleased with the curiosity students showed and the safe, sensible way they engaged with the experiment. It was a great reminder that when learning is the focus, Science can be both explosive and enlightening!



## Science Students Explore Biodiversity Natives at Maungatautari

On Tuesday, our intrepid Level 2 & 3 Science class braved the brisk morning air for a field trip to Maungatautari Sanctuary, all in the name of sustainability and science. Guided by Phil, our trusty expert educator, students investigated the efforts to restore native biodiversity. They climb the 16-metre tower to collect data on temperature, humidity, and light (while trying not to look down). Bird counts required silence—a serious challenge for some students, who discovered that being quiet can be harder than Science exams. They also learned to identify native seedlings—yes, baby plants really do look different! It was a great day to get out of the classroom and into the ngahere, experiencing firsthand the beauty and success of a thriving New Zealand forest.



Year 10 CAA exams  
Year 11, 12 and 13 CAA exams  
No school (Kings Birthday)

19/21/22th May  
26/28/29th May  
2<sup>nd</sup> June

**KEY DATES**



# Sport updates

## Basketball results:

Putāruru College Seniors Boys vs St Peters Red  
77-26 to Putāruru

Game Highlights:

- Player of the Game: Te Haukore Thompson-Keene
- Top Scorer: Harken Besande

Next Game: TBC

## Senior Football results:

7-6 to Putāruru Senior Boys

It was the first grading game of the season against St Paul's College Junior Boys development team.

## Friday night netball draw:

Will follow last week's draw

PUTARURU NETBALL CENTRE DRAW FRIDAY MAY 9 <sup>th</sup> 2025						
TIME	COURT 1	COURT 2	COURT 3	COURT 4	COURT 5	COUNCIL
3.40 pm	Teina Kowhai V PPS Pulse Year 3/4	Tirau Sparkies V Lichfield Flames Year 3/4	Pukeatua Ruru V St Mary's Blue Year 3/4	St Mary's Purple V TW Net Ninjas Year 3/4	FURN FERN 5A - PPS Magic v SM Kiwi 5B - TW Shooting Stars v Pipipapao Pango 5C - Tirau Waiti - Pukeatua Kakapo	
4.05 pm	St Mary's Green V Teina Kowhai Year 3/4	Pukeatua Hihi V Lichfield Flames Year 3/4	Tirau Sparkies V Pukeatua Ruru Year 3/4	Teina Whero V TW Net Ninjas Year 3/4	6A - Lichfield v Pipipapao Kakariki 6B - SM Fantails - SM Weka 6C - Pipipapao Ma - PPS Stars	
4.30 pm	Pukeatua Hihi Year 3/4 St Mary's Green Year 3/4	PPS Pulse Year 3/4 St Mary's Purple Year 3/4	St Mary's Blue Year 3/4 Teina Whero Year 3/4	Tirau Thunder V Kao Kao Pukeko Year 5/6	PC Pulse Up Year 7/8 Pukeatua Tui Year 7/8	
GOALS FROM COURT 1-4 NEED TO BE CHANGED AROUND & KIWI GOALS BROUGHT IN - COURT 4 NEEDS CHANGING AT 4.30pm						
5.00 pm	PPS Tactics V PPS Mystic Year 5/6	TW Swish Squad V Kao Kao Weka Year 5/6	St Mary's Yellow V Kao Kao Pukeko Year 5/6	PC Silversteel V St Mary's Red Year 7/8	PC Pulse Up V PC Superstars Year 7/8	
5.25 pm	Kao Kao Weka V St Mary's Orange Year 5/6	TW Swish Squad V Pukeatua Koreru Year 5/6	TW Hoop Hustlers V St Mary's Black Year 7/8	Kao Kao Kiwi V St Mary's Red Year 7/8	St Mary's Pink V Pukeatua Kiwi Year 7/8	
5.50 pm	Pukeatua Koreru V Tirau Thunder Year 5/6	St Mary's Orange V Tirau Swifts Year 5/6	PC Silversteel V Kao Kao Kiwi Year 7/8	Lichfield Shooters V PPS Mystic Year 5/6	Pukeatua Tui V PC Magic Touch Year 7/8	
6.15 pm	St Mary's Black V St Mary's Pink Year 7/8	PPS Tactics V Tirau Swifts Year 5/6	PC Superstars V Pukeatua Kiwi Year 7/8	St Mary's Yellow V Lichfield Shooters Year 5/6	PC Magic Touch V TW Hoop Hustlers Year 7/8	
NEW SENIOR ROUND TIME STARTING 6.40pm - ALL TEAMS MUST SUPPLY OWN UMPIRE (No Umpire-No Points)						
6.40pm	HOOP There It Is V GENZ (Mixed)	St Pats V Go Foxy (Mixed)	Sinners V Go Foxy (Mixed)	Flame On V ROURKEZ (Mixed)	Originals V Not Fast Just Furious (Mixed)	BYE Mana Kotiro
DUTIES: (Next Week) COURTS: Lichfield (Te Waotu) TOILETS: Tirau (Kura) SENIOR DUTY: Originals (Go Foxy)						

## Volleyball coach needed

A group of keen volleyball boys are looking for a coach and team manager to support them this season. If you have experience, enthusiasm, or just a passion for the game and would like to help out, please get in touch with the school office.

Let's help these rangatahi get on the court and represent our kura with pride!



## Good luck to Lleyton and Jordan Ward!

Two of our students are heading overseas to compete in the Muay Thai World Championships in Thailand. They have been training and fundraising to get there.

Travel safe boys, we look forward to seeing you on the big stage!



## Awesome mahi girls, doing us proud!

A fantastic win for the U15 girls Putāruru Rugby squad! The club said that it was a proud moment for this team as less than 12 months ago, the club had a go at getting together the U15 girls development squad, however there was only 8-10 players then. The team have put in the leg work to stick together and build the strong foundations needed for their first win at Rototuna! Well done girls, what a great achievement!



