

PANUI NEWSLETTER



HIGHLIGHTS THIS TERM...

- 9th & 10th March – First Aid Course
- 13th March Athletics Day

Attendance rate 88.3%

Learning, Sport and School Life A Busy Term Continues!

Kia ora koutou katoa. We talk about a hands up, not out attitude here at school in relation to students putting their hands up for opportunities at every chance they get. Today, I find myself reflecting on what a wonderful display of hands up attitudes from every student and all the staff involved in the Athletics day up at Glenshea park. Despite the dodgy weather forecast we carried on. It was a great thing to witness the celebrations and effort students put into their events. Whilst the relays at the end of the day were, and always are a great way to finish, the effort throughout the day built a camaraderie around giving it a go and doing your best for your house. I am sure that when the results come out the house who wins would have earned it together, so well done. You will see other students putting their hands up in this panui, through athletics, pride in self and getting sorted for the future. I hope that every student takes stock of what they have put their hands up to so far this term. 6 weeks of opportunities gone but still more to come. Go on get involved.

On a completely different note, we have noticed a change in vehicle behavior during after school pick up. We as adults have to be mindful of the example we set for our young people. Parking on the wrong side of the road, parking on yellow lines and some fast U turns all make an already chaotic scene more dangerous. Please be mindful that teenagers are unpredictable creatures prone to rash, sometimes dangerous decisions. Their tired brains after a day of learning make them even more unpredictable. Take a breath, slow down and we will all get home safely. Have a great, safe weekend whanau.

Waikato Special Olympics

Our kura was invited to a Special Olympics Athletics Day at Porritt Stadium in Hamilton yesterday. We took two of our students to see what the day was all about. It was an amazing day filled with smiles, laughter and such kindness from everyone. We were welcomed by all and made to feel like there wasn't a care in the world. It didn't matter that we were in the wrong lane or that we wanted to have extra turns. It was about the students participating and having fun, and as you can see from the photos, they did. Next year, we're wanting to take a van filled with our students, ready, willing and able to do and be their best.



International Womens Day

Seven of our students attended a special International Women's Day event at the Tokoroa Events Centre, hosted by the South Waikato District Council and YMCA. The theme, "We Give, We Gain," was explored through a series of inspiring speakers who shared their personal stories, experiences, and advice.

Students heard about topics including financial literacy, wellbeing, resilience, social media, and career pathways for women. The speakers encouraged young people to take opportunities, believe in themselves, and understand that success often comes through perseverance and learning from challenges.

Students also enjoyed morning tea, received a goodie bag, and took part in small group discussions about social media and supporting young women in their communities.

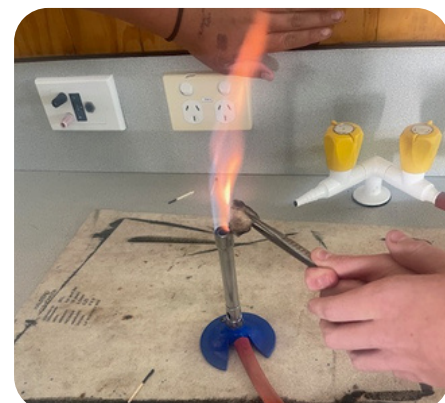
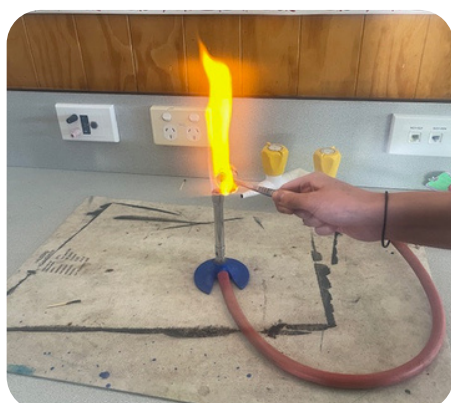


Year 9 Scientists Ignite Their Curiosity!



Our Year 9 science students had a colourful and exciting experience in the lab last week! They explored chemical reactions by changing the colour of flame.

These hands-on activities not only make learning fun but also help students understand the practical side of chemistry. Check out the photos to see the vibrant flames and the smiles of our budding scientists!



Aiming High in Javelin



Our Principal, Rob Rogers, has been providing hands-on coaching and guidance to Oran Bennetto as he prepares for the upcoming Waikato/BOP Athletics in a couple of weeks.

It's great to see our students supported and encouraged as they train and develop their skills ahead of this exciting event.

Junior Science in Action!

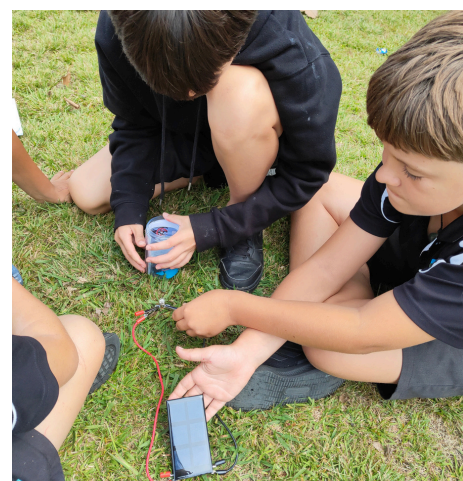


In Junior Science, our students have been hard at work conducting a variety of hands-on investigations.

Year 8 students have been exploring electricity, including static electricity and building electrical circuits. Meanwhile, Year 9 and 10 students have been diving into foundational Chemistry concepts such as atoms, elements, mixtures, and ions.



The exciting experiments of our Year 9 students, including the flame colour investigation, are featured on the previous page, showcasing their curiosity and enthusiasm in action!



Help Name Our School Health Service

Our school-based health service is inviting students to take part in a fun competition to give the service a new name – the choice is in your hands! We encourage all students to get involved and share their creative ideas.

In addition, the team is also running a clinic evaluation survey to gather feedback on the services provided at our school. This is a great opportunity for students to let the health service know what's working well and how it could be even better.

Notices are up around the Student Services area, and each student will also receive an email with all the details.

Don't miss the chance to have your say and make a real impact!

Putāruru College Clinic Evaluation Survey 2026

Pinnacle Midlands Health Network (Pinnacle) funds the health clinic in your school. To help us provide students the best school nursing experience we can, we'd appreciate if you could please fill in this two minute survey - Even if you haven't used the service!

Your information will be kept confidential to Pinnacle and we'll only use it to help us improve the service.

Please do not put any names on this form.
Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us!



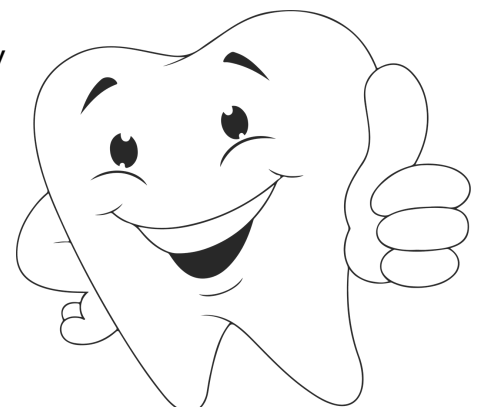
Please Scan the QR Code to access the Survey Form

Message from the Mobile Dental Team

The Mobile Dental Unit will be moving offsite on Thursday 12th March for a Certificate of Fitness check.

All going well we will be back onsite next week at Putaruru College to continue with the Year 7&8's.

Thanks from the dental team
Jess, Sarah, Alieen & Jenaya.



Claybird Shooting Update & Sponsor Spotlight

This week's claybird shooting practice has been a huge success, thanks to our fantastic sponsor, Donaghys, who supply high-quality agrichemicals and minerals. Their support helps our team access the equipment and resources they need to keep improving.

A big shout-out also goes to our dedicated coach, Pete Nola, who has been working closely with the students to prepare them for their first competition shoot at the end of this month. The team is excited, motivated, and ready to put all their hard work into practice!

Stay tuned for updates on how our shooters perform – and don't forget to support our sponsors who make these opportunities possible.



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