

PANUI NEWSLETTER



- 5th April - Daylight Savings Ends
- 20th April - Teacher Only day (First day of term 2)
- 27th April - Anzac Day observed

Attendance rate 85.3%

Take care over the school holidays—enjoy some quality time with your whānau and friends. We look forward to seeing you back next term feeling refreshed, recharged, and ready for another action-packed term of learning!

Kia ora koutou katoa. Wiare!! How can it be Easter already AND the end of term 1!? Not sure but it is what it is. You will see a little wrap up of the term in this weeks edition but even if every picture paints 1000 words, it does not reflect the time, energy and effort put in by our staff and students over the term. There are some tired brains and bodies out there in our community and hopefully over the next two weeks we all get a chance to rest, recover and reflect on our term 1. For students we hope that in your reflection of the term you find areas to improve your performance...even just a little bit. If we all reflect on what we do and learn something, we know a little bit better; If we know better we can do better. Lets all aim to do better in term 2.

This week in assembly Ms Taylor again shared some amazing achievements from some of our current and former students. We do this so that our students can see success from those around them and also those who have been where they are sitting now. Set goals, raise aspirations and strive to succeed is the mantra and we look forward to seeing more as the year progresses.

Finally, enjoy this time of the year and extra time with your whanau and enjoy the time away from school. Remember, daylight saving ends on Sunday and go the Chiefs!

Celebrating Success!!

On Tuesday 31 March, Putāruru College celebrated our 2025 academic achievers with a special breakfast in the staffroom, followed by an Achievers Assembly in the hall. The breakfast was prepared by the Senior Leadership Team, and students were joined by a whānau member and their subject teachers to recognise their success.

In 2025, we celebrated four students who gained a Merit subject endorsement and/or achieved NCEA with Merit. In 2026, this number grew significantly, with 19 students recognised—18 achieving Merit and four achieving Excellence.



We were also fortunate to receive sponsorship for our Excellence endorsement students from Alex Russell, owner/operator of Putāruru Four Square, who generously donated \$50 vouchers to acknowledge their outstanding achievement.

We are extremely proud of our 2025 academic results and the remarkable growth in student achievement over the past year.



Joeseh Cole, Jayden Duske-Miles, Rikki Te Miha, Jamie Ruck

Shaking Up Skills for the Future

Yesterday, 27 of our senior students took part in a Bartender Kickstart Course, gaining valuable hands-on experience and industry knowledge.

Throughout the course, students developed key skills in customer service and drink preparation, while also learning about bar operations and the safe and responsible service of alcohol.

This engaging opportunity not only built confidence but also provided practical skills that can support future employment pathways in the hospitality industry.



Textiles & Technology



Year 10 Textiles Technology, Lucas Black proudly completed his impressive dragon project. Showcasing dedication and patience, the piece was mostly hand stitched, highlighting the time, care, and skill Lucas has developed throughout the process.

An Archeological dig

Recently, students in 9A Social Studies carried out an archeological dig around two sites in the school grounds. Site 1 was the long jump pit out of commission for this year. Site 2 was the old year 7-8 playground. The students got themselves into groups and gave themselves group names such as the Gold Diggers and the Chicken Bones.

The dig was connected to our Aotearoa theme. Earlier in the term we came across Lapita pottery, and archeological evidence around this early culture of Polynesians. We prepared our digging sites a few weeks back by segmenting the area we were digging into squares. Last Wednesday, we set about digging and uncovering any items or articles that were buried within these segmented digging sites. It was a bit of a lucky dip, but there were some curious finds hidden beneath the sand and mulch at both sites. So much fun.

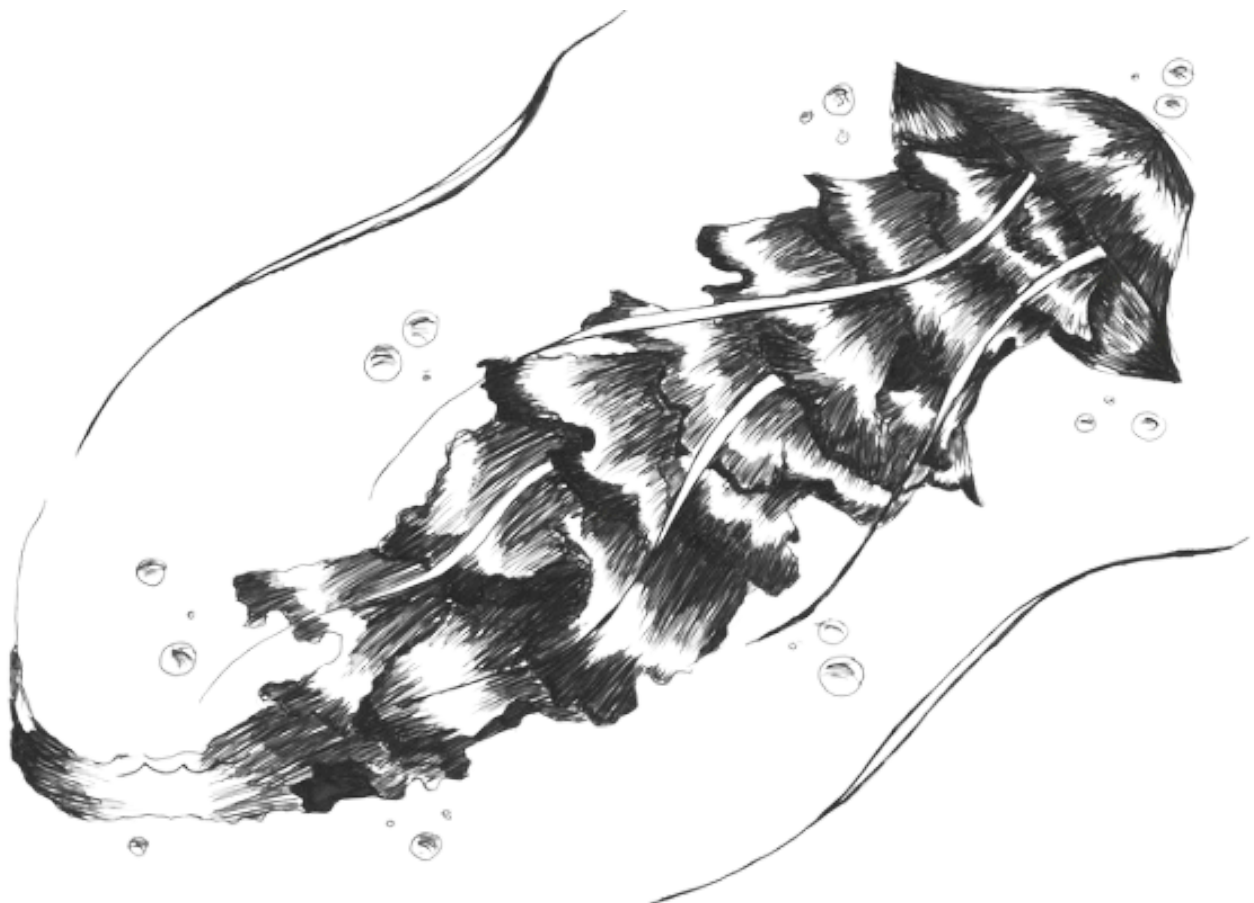


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Our Clay Shooting Team had another great training session this week, continuing to build their skills and confidence. A big thank you to Andrew from HGL Spray Contractors for generously sponsoring this week's training—we appreciate your support in helping our students thrive.

Check out this fabulous Art work by Mya Merrin



A Busy Term of Opportunity



Transform Aotearoa continues to empower the South Waikato community by offering a wide range of courses, training, and support to help individuals and families build skills, resilience, and brighter futures. Their Term 2 line-up is set to be one of the busiest yet, with 17 programmes on offer, providing exciting opportunities for learning and personal development.

If you would like more information about any of these programmes, please feel free to get in touch,

Program	Description	Contact	Start Date
Driving Lessons	Practical driving lessons for a pathway to obtaining a learner, restricted or full driver's license. \$70 /hour for Putaruru clients.	Office 027 3765541	Any time by appointment
Driving Simulator	Off road practical driving lessons for clients with high anxiety, disability, or internationals. \$70/ hour.	Office 027 3765541	Any time by appointment
Te Reo Maori 'Beginners'	A language course for beginner students.	Lamen Hohaia 021 563695	Every Monday 6 pm - 8 pm
Te Reo Maori 'Advanced'	A language course for students' level 3 & above.	Lamen Hohaia 021 563695	Every Monday 6pm - 8pm
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.	Office 027 3765541	Wednesday 22nd April 10am - 12pm
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.	Office 027 3765541	Wednesday 29th April 12.30pm-2.30pm
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.	Office 027 3765541	Wednesday 22nd April 6pm - 8pm
Men's Life Group	Building routine and a supportive network with positive male role models.	Danny Scott 022 3527358 Office 027 3765541	Weekdays 9.30am - 11.30am
Defensive Driving (Takes 6 month off a restricted licence & identifies risks & hazards)	4x two-hour evening sessions twice a week, followed by assessment drive, cost \$270/person. (This course is not funded)	Amber Hohaia 021 410596 Office 027 3765541	In Putaruru May Tue 12th 14th 19th 21st 6pm - 7pm
Forklift	One day course in Tauranga for those holding a full license requiring an F endorsement for employment.	Office 027 3765541	TBC

Heavy Transport Class 2	A 1-week intensive theory and practical program to obtain a Heavy Transport License. \$100 Criteria Applies.	Office 027 3765541	TBC
Be Better with Money	Runs for 3 weeks looking at budgeting, financial goal setting, debt management, savings, and investments.	Office 027 3765541	Tuesday's 5th, 12th & 19th May 6-7pm
Becoming a Business Owner	Understanding the basics of owning and legally operating a business.	Office 027 3765541	Thursday May 14th 6 – 8 pm
Anger Management Workshop	Two half days understanding anger, its triggers, and how to control it before it controls you.	Office 027 3765541	Not Funded – Organisations request this programme.
Women's Gym Group	Once a week for women wanting fellowship and fitness.	Office 027 3765541	Thursday afternoons from 1pm
Contemporary Pepi Kakahu Weaving	8-weeks of learning basic Maori weaving skills + understanding Maori culture.	Office 027 3765541	Friday 24th April – 12th June 9am – 1pm
Shine Girl	9-week course @ Putaruru College for teen-girls to help them develop their own personal identity, strength & purpose. By referral.	Office 027 3765541	TBC

A look back on Term 1

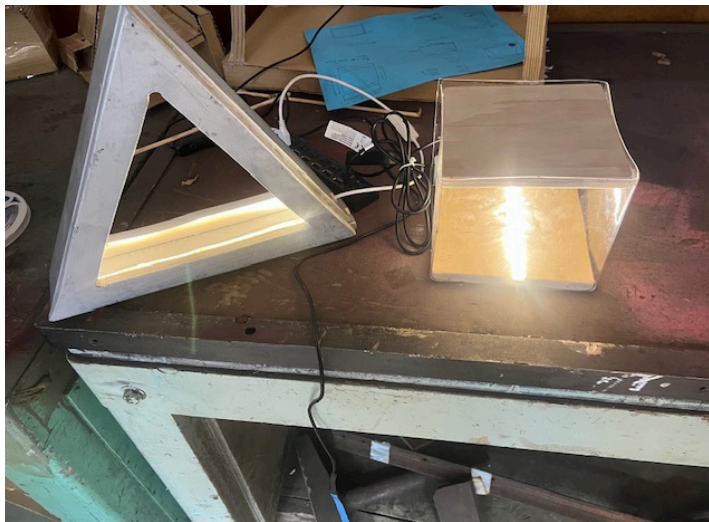
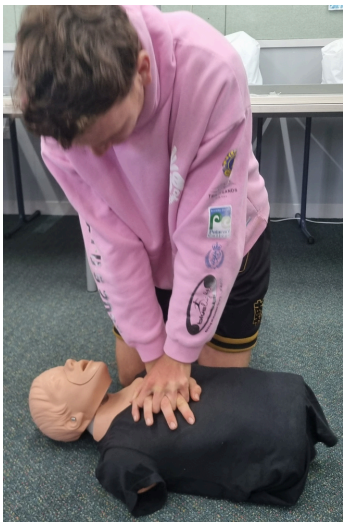
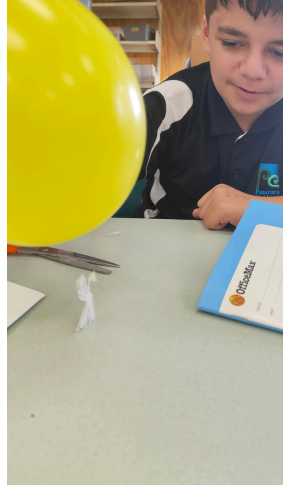
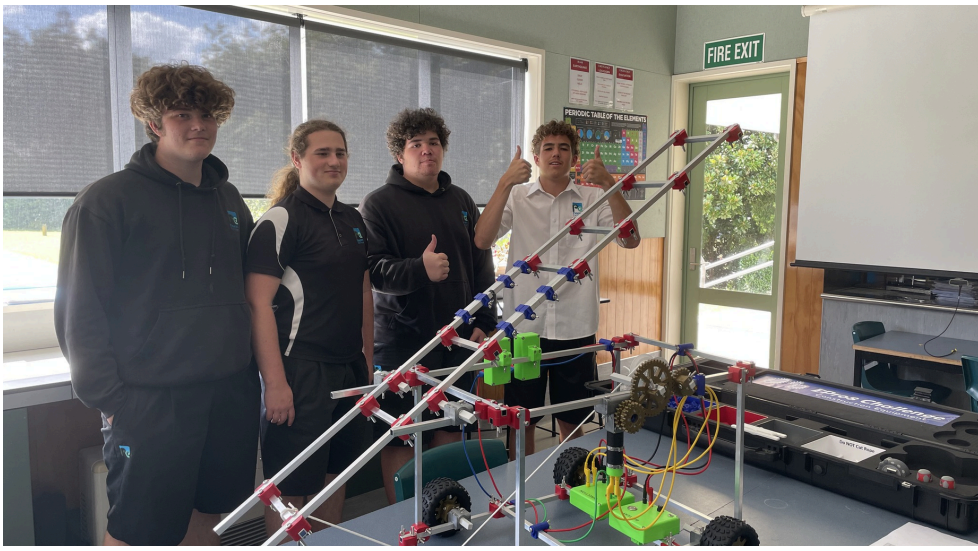
As we head into a well-earned two-week break, it's the perfect time to reflect on what has been an incredibly full and rewarding term. From the very beginning, our calendar has been packed with opportunities for students to get involved, challenge themselves, and celebrate success.

A strong focus on sport has seen our students represent the school with pride across a range of events, bringing home impressive results and, just as importantly, demonstrating outstanding teamwork, resilience, and school spirit.

Beyond the sports field, our students have embraced a variety of experiences through camps and outdoor education programmes. These opportunities have encouraged personal growth, strengthened friendships, and built confidence as students stepped outside their comfort zones.

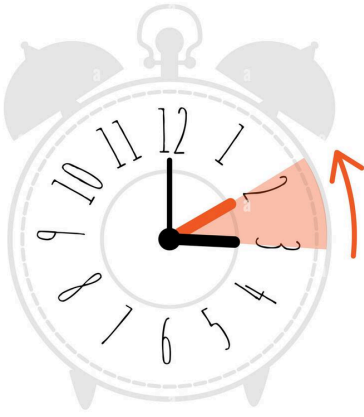
Back in the classroom, hands-on learning has been a highlight, with students engaging in practical, real-world tasks that bring their learning to life. It has been a term filled with energy, achievement, and connection—something we can all be proud of as we take a moment to rest and recharge before the next term begins.







Daylight Savings



Daylight saving 2026 ends on Sunday, April 5, 2026, with clocks moving back one hour from 3:00 am to 2:00 am.

This marks the return to New Zealand Standard Time, providing an extra hour of sleep and brighter mornings, while sunsets occur earlier in the evening

Board of Trustees: Casual Vacancy

PUTARURU COLLEGE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES CASUAL VACANCY PARENT REPRESENTATIVE

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.
The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Debbie Meads Presiding member (chair)
Putaruru College Board of Trustees

chairperson.putaruru@gmail.com

by: 28th April 2026

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