

PANUI NEWSLETTER



- 27th April – Anzac Day observed
- 29th April Cactus starts!
- 30th April – Parent teacher Interviews
- 4th May – SMART Assessment for Y7-8 begins
- 7th May – Junior Disco

Attendance rate 85.8%

Kia ora Koutou katoa! Welcome back to term 2, I trust the break was not too stressful with the weather, the fuel and the kids! Some good news to kick off the term was the recognition of our improvement in attendance in term 1 via the MOE. We had a 6% improvement compared to last year and whilst our 54% is still a long way off the government target of **'80% of students to be present for more than 90% of the term 2030'** we should all be happy with our lift in term 1. The challenge now is maintaining it this term...wero 1 issued!

Starting the term with a teacher only day eased us all back into the new term, but it seems the new normal is flat tack! Term 2 will see C.A.C.T.U.S, CAA assessments, Sports, assessments, Guest speakers, Field trips, Epro8 and classes....lots of classes! With all those things happening, students should seek opportunities to be involved to fill their kete with skills, experiences and the enjoyment of learning...wero 2 issued! Finally we look forward to seeing lots of parents at next weeks parent teacher evening. Book online! Have a good weekend and Go the Chiefs!

**Term 2 starts off with a bang!
Aiming high from day 1.**

Guardians of Tomorrow

Ara te mātauranga o te Taiao, Akiakina nga rangatahi hei, Kaitiakitanga mo āpōpō:
Understanding the natural world and encouraging our young people to become the guardians of tomorrow.

Students from 7L Ma Turangawaewae option and Ms Townsend's Kaitiakitanga me Manaakitanga class visited Sanctuary Mountain, Maungatautari on Tuesday.

The Senior students in the Kaitiakitanga class shared a korero about how Maungatautari got its name which included:

According to Raukawa tradition, Rakataura (a tohunga from the Tainui waka) spied a majestic mountain that appeared to be suspended above a thick blanket of mist.

It was this event that prompted Rakataura to ask, 'Ko wai te maunga e tautari mai naa?', 'Who is the mountain floating there?'

The students visited two enclosures, Te Tui a Tane/Southern Enclosure and Tautari Wetland, and were fortunate to see a Kiwi, Takahē and Tuatara and as well as Pītoitoi (North Island Robin) and Saddleback (Tieke).

We were fortunate to see all of these rare species of endemic birds and the Tuatara all in one day when many people may never ever experience any of them in their lifetime. The students loved learning about the history and stories about Maungatautari maunga and about the incredible work the Sanctuary Mountain Trust does in conjunction with Iwi to preserve our native flora and fauna.



Clay Target Shooting Team



On Thursday, the Putāruru College Shooting Team travelled to Thames for their second school clay shooting competition, enjoying much improved weather conditions and delivering some excellent performances. The team shot well across all events and returned home with several impressive results.

Ben Barbour was the top overall shooter for Putāruru College, scoring 77/90 and earning the "Best First Year Shooter" award.

There were also strong individual performances across the different shooting formats. Toby Farrell achieved a perfect 20/20 in Single Rise, while Ben Barbour topped the Point Score with 52/60.

In Single Barrel, Ben Barbour, Fergus Williams, and Thomas Hayward all shared top honours with 8/10. Overall scores were tight across the team, highlighting a consistent effort from all shooters.

A big thank you goes to this week's sponsor, Van Dam Plumbing, for supporting the team's training on Wednesday.



Lest We Forget



Anzac Day is a significant occasion of remembrance, and Putāruru College will be proudly represented at the Putāruru Dawn Service. Our students will stand alongside the community to honour and remember those who have served and sacrificed for our country. Their involvement reflects our commitment to showing respect, gratitude, and understanding of the importance of this day in New Zealand's history.

There are a number of events planned across our District for Anzac Day on Saturday 25 April, all of which are free of charge and open to all. Dawn services will be held in Tokoroa and Putāruru at 6am at the following places. Please assemble at 5:45am for dawn services.

Putāruru: Garden of Memories, Cnr Overdale and Main St
Tokoroa: Tokoroa RSA, 53 Chambers St, Tokoroa

Later in the day, Civic Services will be held at the following places and times:
Tokoroa: South Waikato District Council Building, at 9am. Please assemble at 8:45 am
Tīrau: Tīrau War Memorial Hall, at 10am. Please assemble at 9:45am
Putāruru: The Plaza Theatre, at 10am. Please assemble at 9:45am.

Staff Edge Out Y 13 in Basketball Challenge

Our Year 13 challenged staff to a basketball game in the gym on Wednesday, continuing a much-enjoyed tradition of friendly competition between students and staff. It was a close and entertaining game, with staff managing to take the win on the day.

As promised, a post-game photo for social media was meant to follow—but we're still waiting on that from our Year 13 organisers.

We suspect there might just be a little bit of māmae after the result! All in all, it was a fantastic event that showcased plenty of laughs, energy, and school spirit.



JOIN OUR NEXT SCHOOL EVENT

PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES



02:00 PM -
7:00 PM

30 APRIL,
2026



Join our Parent-Teacher Conferences to strengthen collaboration and work together toward the best future for your tamaiti.

✓ Academic
Progress

✓ Learning
Engagement

✓ Next Steps &
Support



BOOK NOW

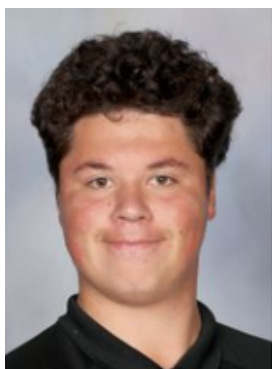
BOOK AN APPOINTMENT TIME ONLINE!

Go to <https://login.bridge.school.nz> and select the parents/caregivers tab to sign in with one of the options.



Or call student services to make a booking through them.

NCEA Level 3 Achievement!



Congratulations Luther Parker



Luther is our first 2026 Year 13 student to reach this milestone – a huge achievement for him and his whānau, and definitely one worth celebrating.

Practice is in Full Swing



Showquest is fast approaching, with our performance scheduled for Thursday 4th June at 6pm at the new Waikato Regional Theatre.

Students will be out of class for the full day of the event, as we are required at the theatre from 11am, with the performance expected to conclude around 9pm

Tickets are now available through the official Showquest website (www.showquest.nz), and whānau are welcome to collect their child from the theatre afterwards, although transport back to Putāruru will also be provided. With the big day just around the corner, practices are now essential to ensure our performance is polished and stage-ready. Please check the practice timetable for the next six weeks and take special note of the dress rehearsal on Sunday 24th May at the college from 2pm–4pm.

Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
27 April - 1st May	4th May - 8th May	11th May - 15th May	18th May - 22nd May SUNDAY 24th MAY DRESS REHEARSAL in College Hall 2pm - 4pm ALL EXPECTED	25th - May - 29th May	1st - 5th June Kings Birthday Performance Thursday 4th ALL DAY

Rehearsals will be held after school on Tuesdays (3.15 - 4.30 pm) and Wednesdays during period 5 (2.00 - 3.00 pm).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Suzanne Curphey on 027 302 2479 or via email at suzanne.curphey@putarurucollege.school.nz.

Transform Aotearoa



Transform Aotearoa provides a wide range of courses, training, and support to help individuals and families build skills, resilience, and brighter futures.

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
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

Forklift	One day course in Tauranga for those holding a full license requiring an F endorsement for employment.	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
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

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