

# PANUI NEWSLETTER



## HIGHLIGHTS THIS TERM...

- 25 February - School Photo Day
- 27 February - Y7&8 Swimming Sports
- 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> March - First Aid Course

**Attendance rate 85.8%**

**Kia ora koutou katoa! Week 3 has been and gone and now we line up week 4. It is great to see and hear about our students getting out there and representing the College as well as they do. Whilst the Ki o Rahi team did not feature in the finals of the competition they did stay together as a team and did their kaiako proud on the day. You will see that are more opportunities coming up for students to keep putting their hands up, so dont be shy get involved and make the most of the chances offered. Week 3 saw our annual meet the parents evening at the pools. The Putaruru pools are a wonderful place to be and so it was again that we threw some sausages on the BBQ and met over a sausage and a bread, with sauce, mustard and onions! The full works. It turned into a real community event when one of the BBQ's was found to be malfunctioning and one of our whanau lent us a gas bottle!**

**Thanks Kirsty!**

**It was great to meet the parents of our taura off site and learn a little more about them so that we can better meet their needs in class. If you missed the chance to come and meet a teacher, or they were not there, feel free to contact us and organise a meeting so you can meet and discuss your child's needs. Have a great weekend, stay safe and go the Chiefs!**

# Meet the Parents

Thank  
you!

Thank You for a Great Evening!

A big thank you to everyone who joined us last night! It's always wonderful to see parents in the school and students having fun. Events like these are a great opportunity for teachers and parents to connect and share in the students' experiences.



# WAI of the Week – Our WOW Students

Our weekly WoW Awards are officially underway, and it's been fantastic to see so many of our students being nominated!

These awards are designed to recognise students who consistently demonstrate our school values in action, and nominations are made by teachers who witness these positive contributions firsthand.

Nominations from Week 1 and Week 3 were entered into a draw, and one lucky winner from each age group was awarded a chocolate bar at this week's assembly (highlighted in yellow)

It's wonderful to celebrate the effort, kindness, and leadership our students show every day – keep it up!



## Week One

Indie Petley	Connections/Belonging	Tennelle Crawford	Engaged and resilient	Yuan Miguel Placido	Personal best
Ngamihi Gray	Personal best	Jackie Sneddon	Engaged and resilient	Irene Bryan	Connections/Belonging
<b>Evie Bond</b>	Respect/Pono	Aaliyah Dehat Waha-Rai	Respect/Pono	Kade Duckworth	Engaged and resilient
Willem Steenkamp	Respect/Pono	Jahdyn Werahiko	Personal best	Shkaila Ogle	Engaged and resilient
Elizabeth Stratton	Engaged and resilient	Te-Ururingao Muru	Engaged and resilient	Joseph Cole	Leadership
Jayden Dugan	Respect/Pono	Lincoln Farnell	Identity/Culture	Luther Parker	Leadership
Skyla Schuh	Respect/Pono	Lilly Stewart	Personal best	Kaleb Martin	Respect/Pono
Elijah Ford-Tuhakaraina	Personal best	Jorja Thompson	Connections/Belonging	Myaah Raponi	Leadership
Jax Groot	Personal best	Lucas Black	Personal best	Jordana Borell	Engaged and resilient
Zylah Anderson	Engaged and resilient	Mason Williams	Respect/Pono	Matthew Rogers	Leadership
Manutai Paahi-Paora	Engaged and resilient	Scarlet Heke	Personal best	<b>Ali Watkins</b>	Personal best
Violet Rose-Spragg	Respect/Pono	<b>Korey Knudsen</b>	Connections/Belonging	Lancia Wehi	Leadership
Maia Robinson	Personal best	Kymani Fenton	Leadership	Tangaroa Paora	Engaged and resilient
Archie Williams	Engaged and resilient	Jett Thompson	Respect/Pono		
Damien Smith-Holley	Respect/Pono	Indi Wilson	Personal best		
Indie Petley	Leadership	Katana Amouta	Leadership		
		TJ Bryant	Personal best		
		Aiden Rose-Spragg	Engaged and resilient		

## Week Two

Blair Smith	Engaged and resilient	Sean Green	Engaged and resilient	Malakai Ogle	Engaged and resilient
Orion Tedbury	Respect/Pono	Jorja Thompson	Identity/Culture	Joyce Alberto	Engaged and resilient
Manutai Paahi-Paora	Respect/Pono	Jack Merrin	Engaged and resilient	Rome Petley	Engaged and resilient
Maharli Raponi	Engaged and resilient	Guile Urbahn	Engaged and resilient	Oran Bennetto	Personal best
Moutoa Lewis	Identity/Culture	Brook Atkins	Respect/Pono	Rikki Te Miha	Personal best
Marshall Paton	Engaged and resilient	Indi Wilson	Connections/Belong...	Jack Willan	Personal best
Qilaze Roberts	Personal best	<b>Harlyn Cole</b>	Connections/Belong...	Callie Meads	Leadership
<b>Tegan Bougher</b>	Connections/Belong...	Heilynn Howden-Turnbull	Engaged and resilient	Cleo Holmes	Engaged and resilient
Carter Hill	Engaged and resilient	Ian Periam	Leadership	Maori Te Miha	Identity/Culture
Maia Robinson-Akkersma	Leadership	Isabella DeVorms	Engaged and resilient	Madie Curran	Personal best
Marshall Paton	Engaged and resilient	Jett Thompson	Engaged and resilient	Jason Taylor	Engaged and resilient
Myah Keen	Engaged and resilient	Alyssa Mesarich	Leadership	<b>Leila Tedbury</b>	Engaged and resilient
James Moyle	Respect/Pono	Lucas Black	Engaged and resilient		
		Natalie Vaughan	Engaged and resilient		
		Charlie Richards	Engaged and resilient		
		Jett Thompson	Respect/Pono		
		Lilly Stewart	Leadership		
		Lucas Black	Personal best		
		Jacob Toy	Personal best		

# School Photo Day

School Photo Day will be held on  
**Wednesday 25 February 2026** in the School Hall.

All students will be photographed and are expected to wear full and correct school uniform. Please help us by ensuring students are neat, well presented, and ready for their class photo on the day 😊

Teachers have been sent the schedule. Classes will attend at their allocated times.

Further information about ordering photos will be shared soon.



## 100% Attendance gets a chance to WIN!

We are excited to share that students with 100% attendance this term have the chance to win a \$50 voucher, generously donated by the local 4 Square! Even better, this has been matched by the Chief Station Manager of the Putaruru Fire Brigade, meaning there are now two vouchers up for grabs this term.

As of 17 February 2026, 146 students are on track for 100% attendance:

Congratulations to all these students – keep up the great work!



# Ki o Rahi Tournament Fun!

This week, our taura had the exciting opportunity to take part in the Tainui Regional Secondary Schools Ki o Rahi Tournament held in Kirikiriroa. The event brought together students from 12 schools, showcasing a huge amount of skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Our students had an amazing time learning the game, demonstrating their own talent, and cheering on their peers. It was inspiring to see their enthusiasm and energy throughout the day, and many are already keen to get more opportunities to play Ki o Rahi in the future!



## Coming Soon!

WBOP Netball Fitness Testing Roadshow – Stop 1

📅 Saturday 7th March ⌚ 9am 📍 Netball Rotorua Centre



**ROTORUA**  
NETBALL FITNESS TESTING  
ROADSHOW #1



# Science in Action: Our Students' Discoveries

Our Year 9 Scientists have been discovering the diversity in types of scientists and the ways they investigate.

This has involved providing opportunities for our ākonga to carry out different types of science investigations, such as Observing & Exploring and Classifying & Identifying.

This afternoon, Miss Schick's class learned how to safely light Bunsen burners and found out the differences between the orange safety flame and the roaring blue flame. Now we're ready to do more investigations using the Bunsen burners!



## Sustainability initiatives in Action

Our Year 13 Science class had a fantastic day out at Tauranga Harbour, exploring the incredible sustainability initiatives in the area!

Hosted by the University of Waikato – Tauranga Campus, our students learned firsthand how scientists monitor and test water quality, gaining practical skills and insights into the health of our local marine environment.

The students also had the opportunity to explore the new Seapods, observing a variety of sea life and learning about the habitats being restored and protected. It was inspiring to see our oldest students actively engage with the environment, ask thoughtful questions, and connect classroom learning to real-world conservation efforts!



# Junior School Swimming Sports Day

Our school swimming sports day will be held on  
**Friday 27th February**

The pools and a lifeguard have been booked from 9.30am to 2.30pm for our upcoming swimming event. From 9.30am–12.30pm, our swimmers will be at the pools competing in timed events.

At 12.00pm, the remaining Year 7 & 8 students will be bused to the pools to take part in house events and enjoy some free swim time.

At 12.30pm, house relay events will take place, giving students the opportunity to earn house points, followed by additional free swim time to round out the day.

Town students will walk home from the pools at the conclusion of the event, while bus students will be transported back to school by 3.00pm to catch their usual buses.

Lunches will be delivered to swimmers by 11.30am, and senior students will assist with timekeeping and event support throughout the day.



## Players Wanted

### KAIMAI RANGERS

#### U15 GIRLS TEAM FOR 2026

*Kaimai Rangers is looking for **female footballers** in the Matamata-Piako, Thames Valley and surrounding areas who are interested in being part of a U15 Girls team for the 2026 football season.*

*This team will play in the WaiBOP Federation Girls League against clubs from across the Waikato and BOP.*

For more information:

See the Sports Coordinator

or Email [Sports@putarurucollege.school.nz](mailto:Sports@putarurucollege.school.nz)

# Clay Shooting Team

The Clay Shooting Team is back in action for 2026!

A big thank you to our generous sponsors who have supported the team at both this week's and last week's practices. We really appreciate Nigel and the team at TractorTech and Scott Mathis – Property Brokers for their ongoing support

A special shout-out also goes to Better Eggs, whose incredible support goes beyond just our weekly practices. They have generously provided the Clay Shooting Team with some fantastic personalised hoodies, helping our team look sharp and feel part of a strong, united group. The hoodies are not only a practical gift for training but also a symbol of the support and encouragement our sponsors give us.

Take a look at the photo of the team proudly showing off their new gear!



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