

# PANUI NEWSLETTER



## Term 2, Week 2: Momentum Builds Across Our School

- **4th May** - SMART Assessment (Y7 & Y8)
- **4th May** - CACTUS Starts 5.45am
- **7th May** - Junior Disco
- **11th May** - SMART Assessment (Y9)

**Attendance rate 80.5%**

Kia ora koutou katoa! The routine is well and truly set here at school at the end of week 2. The holiday slow down has well and truly left us and we are back up and running at full speed. Like the message above suggests, momentum is building. The job for your child, and it is currently their job, is to make the most of every chance they get. Learn from the moments in class. Put your hand up in those moments where opportunities are offered and get involved. That is how we grow, making the most of every moment and making the decision that YOU are worth the effort. It was great to see lots of whanau on Thursday at the parent interviews. If you could not make it but would still like to catch up with your child's teachers, let us know. We can meet via zoom, google meet, kano ki te kano, email, or even a phone call. We value the whanau connection knowing together we can achieve more...so please reach out to us.

With the dramas overseas still effecting fuel prices with no clear end in sight, we want to assure you that we are taking advice from the Ministry and should the situation worsen we have a plan in the..ahem...sorry...pipeline. In the meantime it is school as normal. The arrival of May brings with it the start of winter sport! Good luck to all of our teams and play safe. If you are out protecting the world from flying pests, be safe and we will see you all Monday where the 4<sup>th</sup> will be with us!

Go the Chiefs!!

# NEW Weekly Attendance Reports

Starting tomorrow (Saturday), we will begin sending out regular attendance summary emails to whānau. These reports provide a clear snapshot of your child's attendance to date, in line with Ministry of Education guidelines, and will be emailed directly to the address we have on file.

Please note that families without a registered email address will not receive these updates. If you would like to receive attendance reports, please ensure your contact details are up to date by contacting Student Services or emailing [Office@putarurucollege.school.nz](mailto:Office@putarurucollege.school.nz).

Alongside the summary report, whānau will also receive a brief message inviting you to get in touch with your child's whānau teacher if you have any questions about their attendance.

## Example of Reporting

### Attendance Summary

#### Attendance this week

	Mon, 27 Apr	Tues, 28 Apr	Wed, 29 Apr	Thur, 30 Apr	Fri, 1 May
Whanau		P ENG300	P WHANAU	P WHANAU	WHANAU
Period 1			P STUDY4	P SCI300	HIS300
Period 2		P WHANAU	P STUDY5	STUDY4	SCI300
Interval					
Period 3		P HOP300	P ENG300	STUDY5	STUDY4
Period 4		P HIS300	P HOP300	ENG300	STUDY5
Lunch					
Period 5		P SCI300	P HIS300	HOP300	ENG300
	P Present				
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	<small>You can add this timetable directly to your digital calendar by using the link above. Simply click the link or copy and paste it into your calendar app (Google Calendar, Outlook, Apple Calendar, etc.) to subscribe. This will ensure you automatically receive updates if any changes are made.</small>				



## Fundraising Appreciation!

Reminder: Last term's Purple Mufti Day was a fundraiser for Epilepsy NZ. Thanks to the generosity of our school community, we raised over \$400 to support this important cause. We were also proud to recently receive the Purple Day Hero Award in recognition of our efforts. We sincerely thank all students, staff, and whānau who contributed and helped make this initiative such a success

### PURPLE DAY HERO AWARD

Presented to

#### Putaruru College

IN APPRECIATION FOR ORGANISING A  
PURPLE DAY FUNDRAISER FOR EPILEPSY NEW ZEALAND

Thankyou for your support



Tracy Tierney  
Chief Executive Officer

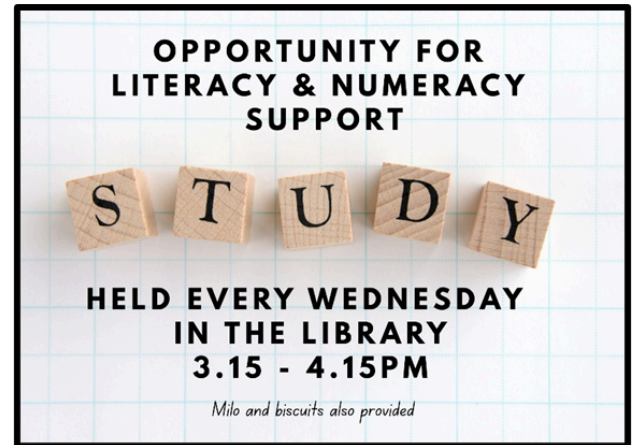


Bobbi Oliver  
Fundraising & Marketing Manager

# CAA Preparation – Study Opportunity!

With the CCA's coming up in Week 5 and Week 6, the Study and Chill sessions in the library will have a stronger focus on supporting literacy and numeracy.

These sessions are designed to give students a calm, supportive environment where they can get extra help with key skills that will help them prepare for assessments. Staff will be available to assist with reading, writing, comprehension, and core maths concepts, as well as helping students develop effective study strategies and revision techniques. Students are encouraged to bring along any work they are unsure about so they can make the most of this time and feel more confident heading into their assessments.



## Celebrating NCEA Achievements

# Congratulations

## Thomas Hayward

Thomas Hayward – Year 11 – has now achieved his NCEA Level 1. If you see him around, congratulate him. This is a significant achievement, so early in the academic year. Well done Thomas!



We also have two additional Year 12 students who have achieved NCEA Level 2, bringing our total to six so far this year.

Year 12 students with NCEA Level 2:

**Hunter Keen, Ephraim Chakas, Chryzlin Taylor,  
Ryan Pinny, James Petersen, and  
Lukas Rapson-Jones.**

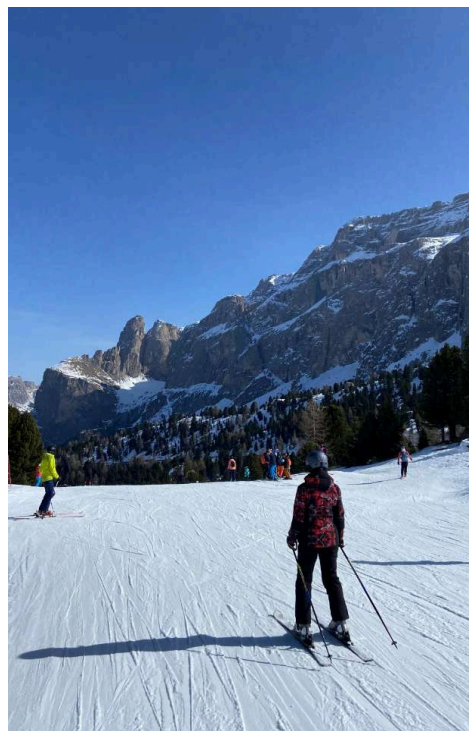
Thank you for the contribution each of you has made in supporting our learners to reach these important milestones.



# Learning Abroad



Check out these amazing photos from **Ty Ward** who is currently on a Student Exchange Visa in Italy. If this is something you would like to find out more about, come and see Mr Rogers and you might find yourself overseas experiencing this too!!



# 24/7 Youth Work

## TERM 1 THAT'S A WRAP!

>>> Bex- Team leader

2026, like every year, has started with a hiss and a roar. The Youth Work Team has been busy providing support across a wide range of sporting events and outdoor education programmes.

In the sporting arena, Rodney and I worked closely together during the school swimming sports. Rodney managed student marshalling, while I took on the role of race starter, later joined by Debbie, who provided valuable afternoon student support. Our team also took full responsibility for running the discus event at Athletics Day.

Our involvement in school camps has been equally extensive. All three youth workers supported the first day of the Year 7 camp, helping students settle in and supervising activities such as bridge jumping. Debbie also supported the Year 13 noho for a day, while Rodney attended the Year 9 camp for its full duration, ensuring consistent mentorship and support for students.

Alongside these events, we ran a successful gumboot throwing competition, established our Inspire and Legacy groups for Term 2, provided morning tea for staff, and attended the Meet the Parents evening at the Putaruru Pools.

Our team thrives on opportunities to support staff and connect with students in a variety of settings, both in and out of school. We are looking forward to Term 2 and introducing a couple of new activities during break times.

### WHERE DO YOU SEE US?

In class  
Out and about during break times  
Camps and events  
Day trips  
Sports event

### WHAT DO WE DO?

Hang out and chat  
Help and support you  
Sports  
Camps  
Mentoring  
Programmes

### STATS AND STUFF STUDENT CONNECTIONS

These numbers reflect the recorded one on one and groups connections our team has had with students and staff throughout the term.

ONE TO ONE: 200  
GROUPS: 2364



SAVE THE DATE

# Junior Disco

Goals & Glowsticks

7 May 6pm - 7.30pm



# Get

# Together

With friends, food,  
and good vibes!

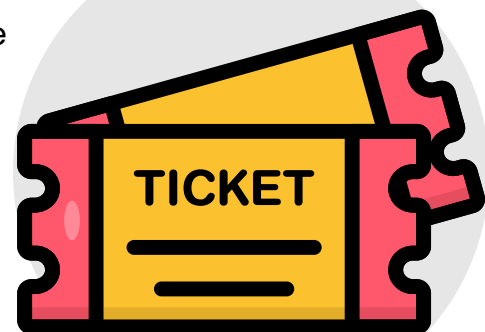


**May 7th 6pm - 7:30pm**

Tickets are \$5 (entry and a sausage sizzle) and will be available for purchase from Monday via Student Services.

**Dress up in the theme is encouraged.**

All proceeds go towards the 2026 Putaruru College School Ball in September



# Ball Committee Fundraiser – Firewood Raffle

Our Ball Committee is currently selling raffle tickets for your chance to win 2 cubes of firewood, generously donated by Graeme Kingstone at True Blue Firewood. Tickets will be on sale this evening outside Woolworths from 4:30pm – 6:00pm.

\$5 per ticket / 5 tickets for \$20 (Cash only)

The firewood will be delivered within the local area and stacked by members of the Ball Committee for the lucky winner.

A huge thank you to our sponsor, Graeme Kingstone at True Blue Firewood, for their generous support of this fundraiser. The winner will be drawn and announced on

**Wednesday 13th May.**



## Showquest NEWS!



Afterschool rehearsal on **Tuesday 5th May** is scheduled for students with speaking roles. Please ensure the following students attend: Kiralee, Pippa, Katana, TJ, Elizabeth, Alyssa, Mya, Lily H, Aleah-Rose, Legion, Hannah, Auguste, Maia W, Alia, and Tegan.

A separate rehearsal for the Dance Crew will take place on **Wednesday 6th May** during Period 5. The following students are expected to attend: Indie C, Hibiscus, Lydia, Indie P, Ebony, Tegan, Sophie, Kiralee, Lilly S, Isla-Jae, Kate, Lizzy, and Amelia.

These rehearsals are an important part of preparing for the upcoming performance, and full attendance is essential to ensure everything runs smoothly on the night..

Any issues, get in touch with:

Suzanne Curphey (0273022479 or [suzanne.curphey@putarurucollege.schoo.nz](mailto:suzanne.curphey@putarurucollege.schoo.nz))



Tickets are now available for families and friends who would like to attend the performance at the new BNZ Theatre (Waikato Regional Theatre), Hamilton.

**The show begins at 6:30pm on Thursday 4th June.**

Tickets can be purchased at [www.rqp.co.nz.nz/Showquest](http://www.rqp.co.nz.nz/Showquest)

## Hooked 2 Play

### HAVE-A-GO HOCKEY

**COME ALONG AND HAVE A GO WITH A FUN,  
FRIENDLY HOOKED 2 PLAY SESSION FOR THE  
PUTĀRURU COMMUNITY.**

**NO COST TO PLAY!**



Putāruru College  
Community Turf



TUE 5 MAY - 3:30 - 4:45PM

*WHĀNAU ORIENTATED, NEW OR EXPERIENCED, EVERYONE IS  
WELCOME. JUST TURN UP, GET ACTIVE, AND ENJOY BEING  
PART OF IT.*

*IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PUTĀRURU COLLEGE*



**SCAN HERE**




Check out the program and register  
using the QR code OR email  
sonja@waikatohockey.org.nz

### Team Taster Hockey Sessions

Following the “Have a Go” afternoon, we will be offering a 6-week team hockey programme. These sessions are designed as relaxed “taster” games—open to all students, with teams organised on the day. Just turn up and enjoy playing hockey in a fun, supportive environment.

#### Details:

- 🏒 Saturdays, 9:00–10:30am  9 May – 20 June
- ✗ No session on King’s Birthday weekend

# Starting - Monday 4th May



CACTUS (Combined Adolescent Challenge Training Unit and Support) is an 8-week, early-morning youth development programme run in the South Waikato (Tokoroa and Putāruru) by Blue Light and local police

## Parent Support Needed:

We are seeking parent/caregiver volunteers to assist with our breakfast roster. If you are able to help, please email [Office@putarurucollege.school.nz](mailto:Office@putarurucollege.school.nz)

## Thinking about Selling or Know Someone?



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