

PANUI NEWSLETTER



Senior Basketball Take the Win!

- **11th May** - SMART Assessment (Y9)
- **13th May** - Guest Speaker Y10 & 13
- **13th - 15th May** - OED Survivor Cam p
- **14th May** - Young Writers Festival

Attendance rate 85.6%

Kia ora koutou katoa! We are of the consensus here at school, that this week actually went faster than the two short weeks that started the term!! Whichever way you look at it the week is done and you will see from the Panui this week that it has been full on! The SMART tool assessments were done for the first time this week with our yr7-9 students. We will look at the results as a team in depth as they are completed, so watch this space to find out our response. In the assessment vein the CAA's loom large in the calendar and we are offering afterschool support for any students who want some extra help in the Library every Wednesday from 315 - 430. Our winter sports have well and truly kicked off, with Football, Rugby, Hockey, Basketball, Clay target shooting and Netball in the early stages of their respective seasons. Its never too late to join a team so please reach out to us if you would like your child to get involved. Next week will feature a write up and some photos of our first ever (to my knowledge...in recent history) entry into the agri college challenge. Have a great weekend! and go the Chiefs!!

Court Comebacks & Close Calls!



It was a big night on the court for our basketball teams as both the Juniors and Seniors took on strong opposition in competitive matchups.

The Junior team faced the Hillcrest High Jnr Development side on Tuesday night in a tightly contested game that went down to the final seconds.

Unfortunately, the result didn't go our way, with Hillcrest managing a late steal and converting in the dying moments to edge ahead on the scoreboard. Despite the narrow loss, there were plenty of positives to take from the performance, with Tom Shaw named MVP after a strong 12-point effort and a dominant presence in the paint.

In contrast, the Senior team delivered an impressive comeback performance against Tai Wānanga. Trailing by 10 points at one stage, the team showed real composure, determination, and teamwork to claw their way back and secure a well-earned victory.

Aerev Reyes led the way with 17 points and a clutch overall performance when it mattered most, earning him MVP honours.

A great display of resilience and effort from both teams—well done to all players involved!

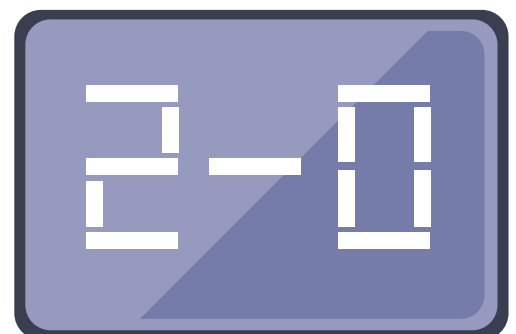


Staff Dominate Again

The second Staff vs Students competition was held at lunchtime on Wednesday, with Volleyball taking centre stage.

In a well-contested match, the **staff came away with the win!**

The overall series now sits at 2-0 to the staff, with plenty more games still to come.



Success at Te Wananga o Aotearoa

Te Wananga o Aotearoa in Tokoroa has an amazing program for Rangatahi called Hei Tikitiki who need a place other than school to continue their education. Putāruru college have had 2 lots of students successfully graduate, and yesterday Mrs. Argent and Ms. Duthie were fortunate to attend the whakataū.

We are immensely proud of Crystal and Acacia for the way they spoke, and had the extra surprise of seeing 2 ex-students Shelby and Tapuni who were also amazing. The Kaiako, Leilani, does a fabulous job supporting our rangatahi and we could feel the strength and positivity in their wairua.



If you have a rangatahi 15 years or older, who is finding school is not quite the right fit to blossom into the amazing person you know is inside – please reach out to Mrs. Argent at jade.argent@putarurucollege.school.nz to learn more about this opportunity. The next course will begin middle of the year.



Students Rising to the Challenge!



CACTUS has started up again. This year sees a couple of changes to the set up. We are a combined group with Tokoroa High School students joining in with us. There are also a great group of mentors who are giving up their sleep and early morning energy to come along and support. We will keep you posted as we progress towards our final challenge day!

Woodturning Creations & Course Opportunity

Nathan Marsh and Suede Rata have been busy showcasing their creativity and craftsmanship through their recent woodturning projects, including a beautifully finished tealight holder and a paper-towel holder. It has been fantastic to see students developing practical skills and confidence while creating high-quality handmade pieces.

Any students in Years 9–13 who are interested in learning woodturning are encouraged to see Mr Abernethy.

The 6-week course runs each Wednesday from 10:00am – 1:45pm and is a great opportunity to learn new skills and create your own projects.



Literacy & Numeracy CAA Reminder

**OPPORTUNITY FOR
LITERACY & NUMERACY
SUPPORT**

S T U D Y

**HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY
IN THE LIBRARY
3.15 - 4.15PM**

Milo and biscuits also provided

A reminder to all students and whānau that the Literacy and Numeracy CAAs will be taking place during Weeks 5 and 6.

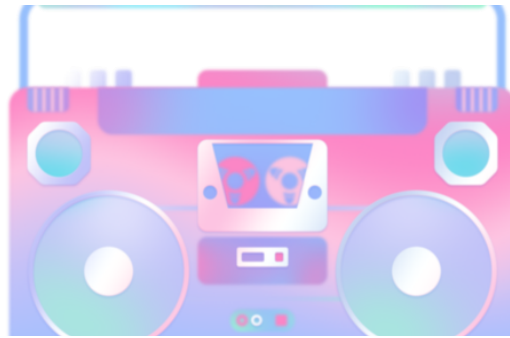
Students are encouraged to make the most of the support available by attending the Wednesday after-school study sessions.

These sessions are open to everyone and provide a great opportunity to work through past papers, ask questions, and gain extra support in preparation for the assessments.

Goals, Glowsticks & Great Memories!

Last night's "Goals and Glowsticks" event was a fantastic evening filled with fun, energy, and school spirit. It was wonderful to see so many students coming along to support our younger students, as well as our hardworking Year 13 Ball Committee, who helped organise the event.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and made the night such a success. Stay tuned – a video capturing all the highlights and memories from the evening will be coming soon!



Senior Boys Strike Gold in Taumarunui!

What an awesome start to the season in Taumarunui! Our first grading round is now done and dusted, and the team put in a fantastic effort.

We're back on the field tomorrow at 10:00am, taking on St Peters. If you're around, we'd love your support—come down to school and cheer us on!

A big congratulations to our Players of the Day:

Awarded by the opposition: Kyrone Priestley

Awarded by our sideline supporters: Fred Meredith (pictured)



4:6

Sat 2 May

Taumarunui SB Mixed **4**

Taumarunui High School

V

Putaruru SB Thunder **6**

Putaruru College



On Target in Taupō!

The third competition shoot came around quickly for the Putāruru College Shooting Team, this time travelling to Taupō to compete against strong teams from across the North Island. For Leah Syben and Josh Barbour, it was their first competition shoot, while Fergus, Ben, Oran, and Thomas returned ready to test their skills once again. With teams competing from Havelock North through to Auckland, the competition was fierce, and our students represented the college exceptionally well.

Some outstanding results from the day included:

Fergus and Ben scoring 18/20 in Single Rise

Ben achieving 50/60 in Points Score

Ben shooting a perfect clean round of 10/10 in Single Barrel

A huge thank you also goes to the local businesses and community members who continue to support our shooting team through sponsorship, raffle ticket purchases, and firewood fundraising. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps make these opportunities possible for our students.





Showquest NEWS!

The afterschool practice on Tuesday 12th May is for the students who have character parts. Kiralee, Pippa, Alyssa, Mya, Lilly H, Aleah-Rose, Legion, Lucian, Eden, Vanessa, Marshall, TJ, Katana, Elizabeth, Hannah, Honour, Auguste, Maia, Alia,

There will be a practice for the Dance crew on Wednesday 6th May during period 5 Indie C, Hibiscus, Lydia, Indie P, Ebony, Tegan, Sophie, Kiralee, Lilly S, Isla-Jae, Kate, Lizzy, Amelia,

You can now purchase your ticket to see your child perform at the new BNZ Theatre in Hamilton (Waikato Regional Theatre) at 6.30pm on Thursday 4th June **from this website :**

<https://www.rqp.co.nz/showquest/dates-tickets>

Any issues, get in touch with Suzanne Curphey 0273022479 or suzanne.curphey@putarurucollege.school.nz



Junior Football Draw

The Junior Football season kicked off on Saturday 2 May, with an exciting season ahead for all teams involved. This year's competition includes 12 game days, giving students plenty of opportunities to develop their skills, teamwork, and enjoyment of the game. Please note there will be no football on King's Birthday weekend or during the 2nd and 3rd weekends of the July school holidays.

Whānau and players can check out this week's below.



Putaruru Junior Year 7/8 (Section A)

09/05/2026 10:00 AM
[Putaruru College: Field 5 \(9v9\)](#)

Putaruru College - Panthers
Putaruru Rangers



VS



St Mary's Dragons
Putaruru Rangers

09/05/2026 11:15 AM
[Putaruru College: Field 5 \(9v9\)](#)

Pukeatua Titans
Putaruru Rangers



VS



Te Waotu Kereru
Putaruru Rangers





PUTĀRURU COLLEGE BRINGS TO YOU

TEAM TASTER SESSIONS

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND WHĀNAU
AND PLAY HOCKEY TOGETHER!



STARTS SAT 9 MAY

9 AM - 10:30 AM

6 WEEKS

NO HOCKEY KINGS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

FINISHES SAT 20 JUNE



PUTĀRURU

COLLEGE COMMUNITY TURF

- NO COST
- ALL AGES WELCOME
- TRY TEAM HOCKEY & MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- FUN & POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT
- BRING YOUR MOUTHGUARD AND HOCKEY KIT IF YOU CAN

**Registration:
Just turn up and play!**

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Welcome the World to Putaruru College



AFS Intercultural Programmes is looking
for Host Families for 2-3 months this winter

AFS is an international, not-for-profit organisation. We are proud to partner with Putaruru College for our Heartland NZ programme. As an AFS partner school, a weekly payment of \$200 is available to families hosting a student.

As a Host Family, you will:

- ✓ Receive \$200/week financial support
- ✓ Be fully supported by AFS volunteers and staff



Umar Qayyum from Malaysia: July-September 26
Enjoys volleyball, going to the gym, cycling and meeting new people. Responsible and motivated.



Daniel from Indonesia: June-September 26
Plays the guitar at school and his church, enjoys badminton, nature and photography.

Go Pink, Stand Strong: Mufti Day for Pink Shirt Day!

Next Friday the school will hold a mufti-day to support Pink Shirt Day.

Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. **Please bring \$2 and dress in pink to support this amazing kaupapa.**

You can also reduce bullying and promote kindness and inclusivity by being an Upstander not a Bystander when you see bullying happening



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