

# PANUI NEWSLETTER



## In Action and Looking Sharp in Correct Uniform

Attendance rate  
**82.6%**

Kia ora koutou katoa! Another week has passed us by as fast as all the rest before it. Having just returned from conference I was reminded again the importance of community. The title picture shows why our school community is so special. The picture shows students from yr7 to 13 playing handball all together. One game. Played, organised and officiated by students in harmony. Lets hope this is a positive harbinger for our future society. In other news we are officially over half way through the term. Here are a couple of questions to ask your student at home...Are you on track for success? What subjects are you going to achieve assessments (credits) in? Are you making the most of opportunities presented to you? If we all keep reminding students that their main focus is learning and academic achievement it may sink in. Yes, your friends are important but only if they are keeping you in class, on track and improving every day. There is an old saying about "you can't choose your family, but you can choose your friends - so choose your friends wisely!" We reflect the 5 people we spend the most time around - so make sure that your friend group is the best they can be for you!

Here is hoping we get more of this glorious weather over the long weekend to enjoy. Whatever it is you do this weekend, be safe and we will see you all on TUESDAY!! Good luck to all our teams and go the Chiefs!

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

For Our Whānau







TOGETHER WE LEARN

• TOGETHER WE GROW

• TOGETHER WE SUCCEED



## WEEK 7

1 JUNE MONDAY	2 JUNE TUESDAY	3 JUNE WEDNESDAY	4 JUNE THURSDAY	5 JUNE FRIDAY
 Kings Birthday School Closed	 Assembly	 Photo catch up day - all students	All Girls Assembly Period 5 Y7/8 in hall  First Aid #2 Showquest and Wearable Arts- Waikato Region theatre, Hamilton	 First Aid #2

## WEEK 8

8 JUNE MONDAY	9 JUNE TUESDAY	10 JUNE WEDNESDAY	11 JUNE THURSDAY	12 JUNE FRIDAY
 Staff Meeting	 All Girls Assembly: Period 5 2:30 Y11-13 2:45 Y9-10 Maungatautari Trip 9:30 -3pm		 EPro8 Competition 4-7 PM in Rotorua	 Y11 Maths 1.2 Assessment in the hall P3-4

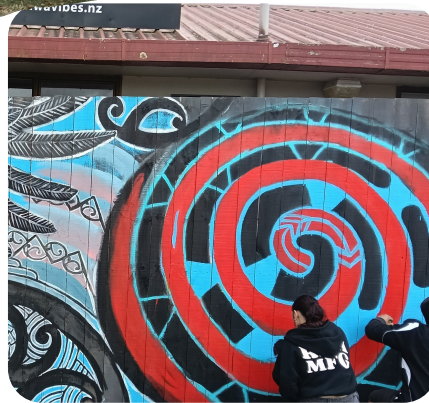
## WEEK 9

15 JUNE MONDAY	16 JUNE TUESDAY	17 JUNE WEDNESDAY	18 JUNE THURSDAY	19 JUNE FRIDAY
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## WEEK 10

22 JUNE MONDAY	23 JUNE TUESDAY	24 JUNE WEDNESDAY	25 JUNE THURSDAY	26 JUNE FRIDAY
 Proposed SC1102 Waihou field trip, P1 & Whānau	 Backup day for SC1102 field trip, interval and P3 University of Waikato: Student Advisor with Seniors (1:15pm)			

# Community Mural Progress



# Musket Production



Our wonderful year 12 and 13 students have been creating muskets from cardboard. Our current theme is the Musket wars in Aotearoa New Zealand. Our focus has been the 1823 invasion of Mokoia Island by Hongi Hika and his combined taua ito. On our cardboard muskets we will attach the key historical ideas associated with this invasion.

Clearly, the most important being muskets, where the invading Ngapuhi force had over 1000 muskets to Arawa's 1 musket. The ensuing slaughter devastated Arawa, like many other tribes who experienced the wrath of Hongi and would forever change traditional Maori society throughout New Zealand.

The other key historic ideas will be attached to the muskets as the students begin to plan the information they will need for their upcoming internal assessments.

# History Hikoi

On Friday the 22nd, the combined year 12/13 History class went on a Hikoi through to Maketu and then we drove through to Rotorua to meet our guest speaker Liam Tapsell at the Rotorua Public Library.

Liam Tapsell hails from the wonderful Tapsell whanau in the Maketu/ Rotorua region whose ancestor Hans Tapsell (Hans Hommen Felk) was the first trader to live at Maketu and provide trade goods such as muskets and powder to Maori.

Our hikoi followed the 1823 invasion of Rotorua by Hongi Hika who travelled from Kororipo Pa at Kerikeri with his taua ito to the Bay of Plenty. Paddling up the Pongakawa River and then dragging the waka overland (Hongi's track) to the Rotorua lakes.

Liam Tapsell gifted our school some taonga in the form of written information in Te reo and English from Arawa historian Ben Manley. This information was so amazing to receive and will help our students with their internal assessments and their external exams at the years end.



## Showquest Countdown Begins!



**Final practices before showtime on 4 June:**

Tuesday 3.00pm – 4.15pm & Wednesday Period 5

You can purchase tickets **from this website :**

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

Any issues, get in touch with Suzanne Curphey

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# Volunteer Day for Westpac Bank

***90 vege plants in the garden this year,  
90 vege plants growing strong out here.  
We'll count them again when next week draws near,  
90 vege plants in the garden this year.***

Last week, Jason Duthie from Westpac Bank gave our veggie garden some much needed TLC. He dug and weeded and dug and planted throughout the day until  $\frac{2}{3}$  of our māra kai (veggie garden) was done. He will be back in a few weeks to check in and see how well our huawhenua (plants) are going. We're also fortunate to have Jason as one of our Kura Kai volunteers who cook up a meal for many, put them into meal size containers and freeze it for people in our community who need some TLC and timeout. We will all be using the kai that is produced, to serve up to our students during 2nd break (we put our skills to work in A1 kitchen and cook up and serve any vegetables that may need eating eg. silverbeet, cauliflower, Matariki (hopefully next year) and to use the veggies in the next Kura Kai cook-up that Jason will be coming to do in Term 3. We are very appreciative of all the hard mahi you do, Jason. Thank you heaps from Putāruru College and Kura Kai.



## Wacky Hair Wednesday

Last week we celebrated Youth Week with plenty of fun activities happening around the school. Students enjoyed lunchtime games, bake sales, sausage sizzles, and the ever-popular Wacky Hair Wednesday. From colourful creations to wild and creative styles, there were plenty of eye-catching hairstyles spotted throughout the day. Below are just a few of the awesome looks our students showed off!



# Outstanding NCEA Achievements



We are proud to celebrate our latest NCEA achievers! Congratulations to Blake Eason (Year 12) on achieving his NCEA Level 1, and to Ethan Coop (Year 12) and Denver Fulford (Year 13) on achieving their NCEA Level 2 qualifications.



These milestones are a reflection of the hard work, perseverance, and commitment each student has shown throughout their learning journey.



Well done to all three students on this fantastic achievement – we look forward to seeing their continued success.

LET'S  
- CELEBRATE -  
you

## School Photos

PhotoLife will be returning to school on the **3rd of June** to complete catch-up school photos. This session is for any students who were absent on the original photo day, as well as those needing retakes.

Please ensure students come prepared and in correct uniform for their photographs.

### **Additional Group Photos Available:**

If your child is in Years 9–13, you should have received an email from PhotoLife letting you know that additional group photos have been added to your child's unique ordering code. If the email hasn't come through, please check your junk, spam, or promotions folders first.

If you still can't find it, you can contact PhotoLife directly at [enquiries@photolife.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@photolife.co.nz).

Orders can be placed online using your child's unique code via the PhotoLife website: [www.photolife.co.nz](http://www.photolife.co.nz)

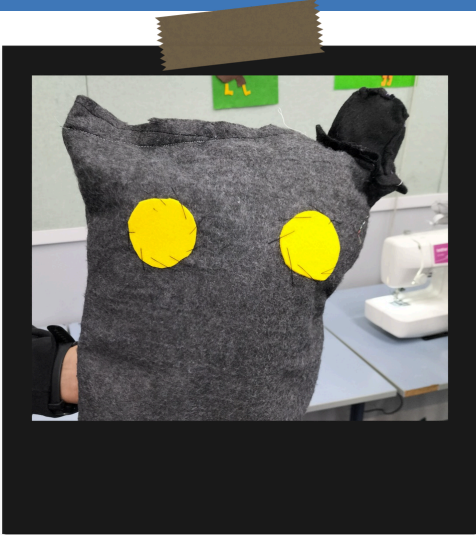
Please remember that the free delivery option is only available until Sunday 7 June 2022



# Creative Textiles in Action

Our Year 7 students have been putting the finishing touches on their creature projects while developing both hand and machine sewing skills. They have also been creating custom products using the design process.

Year 9 students are nearing completion of their PJ pants projects, showcasing the sewing skills they have developed throughout the term. Meanwhile, our Year 10 students have been experimenting with a variety of textiles and, as a fun side project, have created some awesome tie-dye shirts!



# Community Notices

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## WORLD SMOKEFREE MAY 2026 Pinnacle Hauora Day

Nau mai, haere mai!  
Celebrate health and wellbeing with us.

**30 May 2026, Saturday**  
10am-2pm

**Settlement Centre Waikato,  
Boundary Road, Claudelands,  
Hamilton**

**What's on offer:**

- Free health checks and immunisations
- Prizes to enroll for smokefree support
- Free kai and live entertainment
- Spot prizes and giveaways
- Bouncy castle for tamariki

**Pinnacle** Midlands Health Network

**THAT'S US** SMOKEFREE AOTEAROA

# GIVE IT A GO *with* MARCHING

Calling Tokoroa, Putaruru, Tirau and surrounding areas

Register today for more information

**31ST MAY**

Experience the thrill of stepping in sync! Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned veteran, marching offers a world of excitement, camaraderie, and personal growth

**WHAT DOES MARCHING HAVE TO OFFER???**

- 👉 **Making New Friends:** Build lasting friendships as you work together towards common goals.
- 👤 **Learning Self-Control:** Develop discipline and focus through precise movements and timing.
- 👏 **Building Confidence:** Gain confidence as you master new skills and perform in front of audiences.
- 🌍 **Travel Opportunities:** Explore new places you participate in competitions.
- 🏆 **Personal Achievement:** Set and surpass goals, pushing yourself to new heights of achievement.
- ⚖️ **Team & Self-Discipline:** Learn the importance of teamwork and individual responsibility.
- 🏃 **Physical Fitness:** Stay active and healthy while having fun with friends.

**COME AND GIVE IT A GO!**  
**MARCH YOUR WAY TO NEW FRIENDSHIPS AND ADVENTURES!**

Scan to Register

## Pharmacy Services Extended

Health New Zealand and Pharmac have made the decision to extend pharmacy services. This decision means community pharmacies will be able to provide a wider range of funded clinical services for common conditions that may have otherwise required a GP visit, including:

- scabies treatment for children/families
- oral rehydration treatment for children
- headlice treatment for children/families
- pain and fever management for children
- conjunctivitis treatment for children
- treatment for uncomplicated urinary tract infection
- access to emergency contraception.

Changes will be made to the Pharmaceutical Schedule from 2 June 2026 to support this.

**Te Whatu Ora**  
Health New Zealand



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