

PANUI NEWSLETTER



From Imagination to Award-Winning Creations!

Attendance rate
81.5%

Talofa tagata uma! Welcome to another edition of our weekly panui. As well as being a shortened week due to the Kings Birthday, this week saw the culmination of months of work from two groups of our creatives here at Putaruru College. Our Showquest maestro Suzanne Curphey took her 2026 showquest performance to Hamilton where her troop performed admirably even managing to win awards in a couple of categories. Not to be outdone were the wearable artists who amongst their many awards brought home the top award. We feature them briefly this week but I have been assured that over the next week a full report with more photos will be available for all of us to see. To make this achievement even more special, this event was the debut for the two lead teachers Ms Rapson and Ms Fulford both working towards becoming full time teachers! I cant wait till next year to see what they can do with another year under their collective belts. We now wait to see if our winning entries get the chance to go to Wellington to the national competition. Whether they do or not, a massive congratulations to all the students involved in both the showquest and wearable arts. Again, living proof that when you set your mind to something, commit and work hard you can do anything!! With 4 weeks to go in the term, every student has the chance to set a goal, commit to it, work hard and achieve it! What are you waiting for!? Have a great weekend, good luck for your sports and travel safe.

Go the Chiefs!

Toi Wearable Arts

After months of creativity, dedication, and hard work, our students achieved outstanding success at the TOI Wearable Arts competition last night. A talented team of designers, helpers, and models proudly represented our school, showcasing their creativity, craftsmanship, and confidence on the runway.

The highlight of the evening came from **Mya Merrin**, assisted by **Kaya Scott-Thompson** and modelled by **Lily Schwass**, whose garment *Glow of the Deep* was awarded both Star of the Night and Outstanding Stage Presence.



You saw it here first!!!

Do you remember Mya Merrins amazing art concept we featured in the Pānui at the end of Term 1?

How incredible is it to see that vision come to life — and even more exciting to see it take out both Star of the Night and Outstanding Stage Presence!

We couldn't agree more with the judges. This is an outstanding achievement, and we couldn't be prouder of your creativity, talent, and success.



Pippa Meredith designed and modelled her own garment, Ruru, which tells the story of Putāruru, and was recognised with the Creative Concept Award.

Alyssa Mesarich, who both designed and modelled her garment Rebirth Through Flames, received the Garment Construction Award for her exceptional workmanship and attention to detail.

Emilia Farnell and **Maia Robinson-Akkersma** were awarded Innovative Use of Materials for their creative and resourceful design, which was modelled by Emilia.

Also representing our school were **Lottie Thompson**, who designed and modelled Violet Abyss; **Katana Amouta**, who designed and modelled Hanahaki Bride; and the team of **Hybiscus Wellington**, **Elizabeth Stratton**, and **Lizzy Holmes**, whose garment Spa Day was modelled by **Lily Hagen**.

These achievements reflect months of planning, designing, problem-solving, constructing, and refining. Every student involved demonstrated remarkable creativity, commitment, and courage in bringing their ideas to life and presenting them on stage.



Watch This Space!

Keep an eye out in next week's Pānui for a special photo exposé showcasing these incredible wearable art creations.

SCHOOL WHĀNAU CALENDAR

WEEK 8

8 JUNE



ALL GIRLS Assembly
Y11, Y12, & Y13 – 2.30 PM
Y9 & Y10 – 2.45 PM
in the hall

9 JUNE



Maungatautari Trip
9.30 – 3 PM

10 JUNE



Field Days Trip

11 JUNE



EPro8 Competition
4–7 PM in Rotorua

EXAM
Y11 MATHS 1.2
in the hall P3 – P4

12 JUNE

WEEK 9

15 JUNE

16 JUNE



Assembly in the Hall



Turbo Touch Comp
Tokoroa

OPE100 Coaching Clinic
P4 and P5

17 JUNE

18 JUNE



**L2OED Overnight
Hike Waitewheta**



**BIO200 Afterschool
Trip Glow Worms**

19 JUNE



**L2OED Overnight
Hike Waitewheta**



Author: Des Hunt
10 – 11 AM in the Library

WEEK 10

22 JUNE



**Y11 ENGLISH Derived
Grade** in the hall

23 JUNE



**PRACTICE: Y12 & Y13 ENGLISH
Derived Grade** in the Hall



SCI102 Field Trip
Waihou P1 & Whanua

**BACK UP DATE: OPE100
Coaching Clinic** P4 and P5

24 JUNE



**BACK UP DATE:
SCI102 Field Trip**
Interval & P3



Turbo Touch Comp
Auckland

25 JUNE



**HEA100 HEALTH Derived
Grade** in the hall



**University of Waikato
Advisor**
Seniors 1.15 PM

26 JUNE

WEEK 11

29 JUNE

30 JUNE



Assembly in the Hall

1 JULY



ALL GIRLS Assembly
Y11, Y12, & Y13 – 2.15 PM
Y7 & Y8 – 2.30 PM
Y9 & Y10 – 2.45 PM
in the hall

2 JULY

3 JULY

**LAST
DAY
TERM 2**

MORE SPORTS EVENTS



FRIDAY NIGHT NETBALL: Y7 & Y8 Play Friday Nights at 6pm followed by the Mixed Senior Team. Putaruru Netball Courts



SATURDAY NETBALL: Season started 2 May and runs to 1 August. Tokoroa Neball as 2x senior mixed teams



JUNIOR FOOTBALL: Season dates 2 May – 8 August. Weekly draw Facebook/Website



MIXED SENIOR FOOTBALL: Season dates 2 May – 5 September



AFS Global Up Teen Programme

FREE Student Opportunity

Putaruru College is delighted to offer up to **five fully funded places in the 2026 AFS Global Up Teen Programme, thanks to our partnership with AFS New Zealand.**

This exciting online programme helps students develop global competence, intercultural understanding, and leadership skills while working towards the internationally recognised AFS Global Competence Certificate.

Running from 20 July – 16 August 2026, the programme combines self-paced online learning with four live Zoom sessions. Valued at \$225 per student, these places are available at no cost to successful applicants. Students interested in participating should register as soon as possible, with 5 free guaranteed school places held until **19 June 2026 ONLY**

Global Up Teen

global
competence
certificate



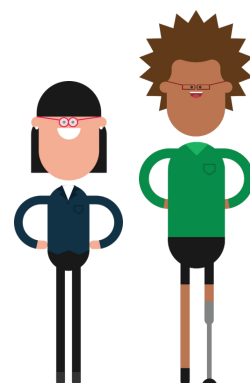
The Global Up programme includes:

- Exclusive access by individual accounts to our virtual learning environment
- Online modules with video content in English or Spanish and subtitled in multiple languages
- Interactive forum space for reflecting with peers from around the world
- Online quizzes and assignments related to content
- Guided reflection sessions run by a Qualified Facilitator
- The award-winning AFS Global Competence Certificate upon completion

"It has taught me about different cultures, equality, and how to be a better person in general.

Thanks to the modules, I definitely feel like I have made progress in understanding different cultures and how I can manage conflicts."

Participant in the 2025 NZ cohort of Global Up Teen



To learn more about Global Up Teen, contact:
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ready to take your next step?



Thursday, 18 June 2026
6.00pm - 8.00pm
Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts,
University of Waikato, Hamilton

Win a \$250 Camarosa dining experience

Register to attend and you'll also be in the draw to win a \$250 Camarosa dining experience.

visit waikato.ac.nz

Parents and Whānau Information Evening

Considering your future at the University of Waikato?

We invite you and your parents and whānau to an engaging and informative evening where you'll explore your study options, connect with our team, and get your questions answered in a relaxed, welcoming setting.

The evening includes a selection of canapés and drinks.

FOR THE PEOPLE
KO TE TANGATA



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

A Garden's Gratitude



78 vege plants in
the garden this
month,
78 vege plants left
A few snails have
enjoyed a big feed
78 vege plants
escaped the snail
stampede

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Last minute notice...

Year 7&8 hockey team - see you Saturday morning 9-10 if you can make it!