

PANUI NEWSLETTER



Experiencing our Local Taiao for Biology

Attendance rate
83.2%

Kia ora koutou katoa. Last night I was lucky enough to join these students in the kayak tour up the Pokaiwhenua river to see the glowworms. The glowworms put on a twinkling display you have to see to believe...so that was great. Our guide knew his stuff when it came to glowworms so if the students were paying attention their assessments will be packed with descriptive language of abiotic and biotic stuff! What I did not expect was the history lesson that was included in the paddle. The purakau of how, what we know as the Waikato river came to be, is a fascinating and really interesting reveal of some of our local history. The star gazing was an added treat to end the lesson. Thanks for the invitation Science Dept!! After a good night's sleep I then went to the gym in the morning.....to let the Cactus kids in to complete their week 7 of 8 testing. Staff Draper started the day reminding them of the importance of getting their mindset right and that when their mindset is right they can all achieve great things. I hope they remember this next Friday for their longest day challenge, a strong mindset will help them! With one week to go, the foundations have been laid, the hard work done and now just two early morning trainings await them before the big day. We all wish them well for rising to the challenge. Finally well done to our rugby girls on Wednesday, go well all of our sports teams this weekend and for the final time this year GO THE CHIEFS!

Hands-On Biology

Our Year 12 Biology students had an incredible outside-the-classroom experience this week, connecting directly with our local environment to support their upcoming assessment!



As part of our school's focus on local curriculum, students kayaked up the Pokaiwhenua stream and through the canyon, before floating back down in the dark to witness the native glow worms. To say this was breathtaking is an understatement!

While the spectacular display was a major highlight, the trip served a vital academic purpose. By immersing themselves in the actual habitat, students gained first-hand insights into the environmental conditions of the glow worms. This real-world experience is key to helping them write deeply and authentically in their upcoming assessment. Along the way, they also learned some fascinating local history.

A massive shout out to Riverside Adventures for providing such an amazing, safe, and memorable experience for our rangatahi!



Breaking Clays and Building Skills

On Thursday the Putaruru College Shooting Team competed in our 4th shoot of the season at the Matamata Gun Club. With team captain Fergus Williams out with a broken leg, we had Oscar Rankin step in for his first shoot – big shoes to fill!

It was great to have some of our sponsors come along to watch and support us – especially Mrs Dorothy Moore (see photos), who was involved with the Putaruru College shooting team in mid 1990's, and actually sewed all the original PC shooting vests. A big thanks to her for the generous donation she made in support of the team.



Top points for the team in the separate formats:

Single Rise: Ben Barbour 15/20

Point score: Josh Barbour 51/60

Single Rise: Josh Barbour 6/10

Josh was the top overall shooter for Putaruru College, with 71/90, finishing 1 shot away from a 3rd place shoot-off for Junior shooters (Y9&10).

Looking forward to our next shoot.



Matariki Arts Festival – You're Invited!

Putāruru College warmly invites our whānau and wider community to join us for a special evening celebrating Matariki through art, culture, performance, and student creativity.

This unique event will showcase the talents of our students and provide an opportunity to come together to reflect on the significance of Matariki – a time of remembrance, celebration, and looking ahead to the future.

We encourage families and community members to be part of this memorable occasion as we celebrate the Māori New Year and the many talents of our students.

Limited spaces are available, so RSVP is essential.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME! 5.30pm

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PUTĀRURU COLLEGE
THURSDAY, 2 JULY
5:30 PM



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PERFORMANCE
ART EXHIBITIONS

LIMITED TICKETS
RSVP REQUIRED FOR ATTENDANCE



An Inspiring Visit from Des Hunt

Our Year 9 and 10 students recently had the privilege of meeting acclaimed New Zealand author Des Hunt, who shared insights into his writing journey, the inspiration behind his stories, and the importance of curiosity, perseverance, and environmental stewardship.

Des Hunt is an award-winning New Zealand author and former science teacher who has spent more than 40 years in education. He is best known for his action-packed adventure novels for young readers, many of which incorporate themes of science, conservation, and New Zealand's unique natural environment. In recognition of his contribution to children's literature, he was awarded the prestigious Margaret Mahy Medal in 2017.

Students were captivated by Des's engaging presentation, which combined storytelling, science, and real-life experiences. His visit encouraged students to think creatively, appreciate New Zealand's natural heritage, and explore the power of reading and writing.

Some of Des Hunt's most recent books include: *Dieback* (2026), *Red Edge* (2020), *Whale pot Bay*. We would like to thank Des Hunt for taking the time to visit our students and for inspiring the next generation of readers, writers, and thinkers.



New Zealand Defence Force

A few weeks back students had a presentation promoting the Defence Force as a pathway that offers paid training, qualifications, travel, leadership development, good pay, healthcare, fitness opportunities, and strong friendships, while serving New Zealand through the Army, Navy, or Air Force.

If you would like a full overview of this presentation please email maree.kendrick@putarurucollege.school.nz



Volleyball Championships

Volleyball Waikato is pleased to bring back the South Waikato Volleyball Championships. Following the successful format of previous years, the event will once again provide students with an exciting opportunity to compete, develop their skills, and enjoy a day of volleyball.

Event Details:

Venue: South Waikato Events Centre

Date: Thursday 13th August

Time: 9:00am – 2:30pm

Entry Fee: \$70 per team

Uniform:

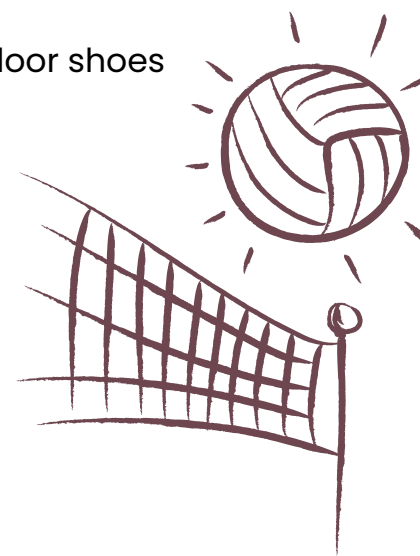
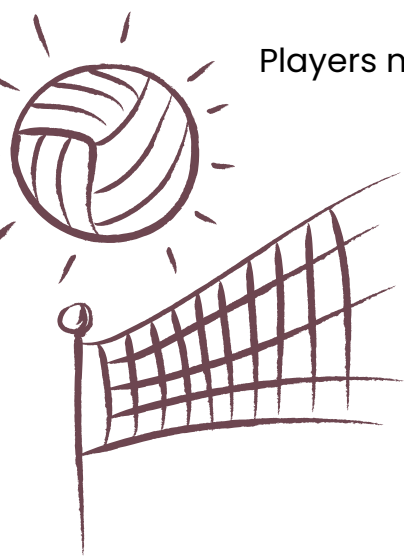
Players must be in school PE or playing uniform with indoor shoes

Grades:

- Junior Boys (Y9 & 10 only)
- Junior Girls (Y9 & 10 only)
- Senior Boys
- Senior Girls

Registration Open Soon !

Email sport@putarurucollege.school.nz



Struggling with alcohol or drugs?

Curious about getting support? Youth Intact is a free and confidential alcohol and drug counselling service for young people, available at school every Tuesday.

Whether it's affecting you, your friends, your whanau, or you're just looking for someone to talk to, we're here to help.

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ADDICTION TREATMENT & RECOVERY



**YOUTH
INTACT**
He Taiohi Angitu

To get connected:

Speak with the School Nurse, the Pastoral Care Team, or Student Services.

You can also self-refer by calling 0800 468 228 or filling in a referral form through the

Youth Intact Odyssey website –

<https://www.odyssey.org.nz/our-services/rangatahi/waikato-youth-intact>

No pressure. No judgement. Just support.

LAST DAY OF SALES: Sun 21st

Purchase from a delicious range of Asian dumplings and steamed buns.

Make weeknight dinners effortless with our delicious range of frozen Asian dumplings and steamed buns. From classic favourites to comforting soup dumplings and even a decadent chocolate bun with a gooey centre, each item is crafted with fragrant herbs, spices, and quality ingredients. These convenient treats deliver bold flavours and satisfying comfort, perfect for busy families or quick meals on the go. A simple, satisfying meal, ready in minutes.



Why are we fundraising?

Putaruru College is fundraising to support two student groups: those competing at the Aims Games and those taking a school trip to Rarotonga. These opportunities allow learning outside the classroom and are unmatched, unique experiences for our students. Funds raised will help ease current financial pressures on families so more students can participate.



Thanks for your support!



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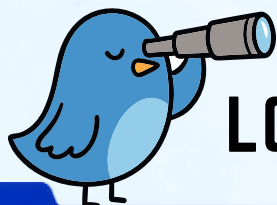
SCHOOL WHĀNAU CALENDAR

WEEK 10

22 JUNE	23 JUNE	24 JUNE	25 JUNE	26 JUNE
 Y11 ENGLISH Derived Grade in the hall	 PRACTICE: Y12 & 13 ENGLISH Drived Grade in the Hall  SCI102 Field Trip Waihou PI & Whanau	 Turbo Touch Comp Auckland	 HEA100 HEALTH Derived Grade in the hall University of Waikato Advisor Seniors 1.15 PM OPE 100 Flag Football Tournament (all day)	 CACTUS LONGEST DAY  NCEA L1&L2 Music Performances

WEEK 11

29 JUNE	30 JUNE	1 JULY	2 JULY	3 JULY
 Massey Uni Agricultural Sciences - 8.50 am Careers Room BACKUP: OPE 100 Flag Football Tournament	 Celebration Assembly in the Hall  PIV Training for Matariki Volunteers 10 -1pm	 ALL GIRLS Assembly Y11, Y12, & Y13 - 2.15 PM Y7 & Y8 - 2.30 PM Y9 & Y10 - 2.45 PM in the hall	 Matariki Arts Festival	 LAST DAY TERM 2



LOOKING AHEAD AT TERM 3

WEEK 1

20 JULY	21 JULY	22 JULY	23 JULY	24 JULY
Teacher Only Day				

WEEK 2

27 JULY	28 JULY	29 JULY	30 JULY	31 JULY
 Year 7 & 8 Sports Camp	 Year 7 & 8 Sports Camp	 Year 7 & 8 Sports Camp	 Year 7 & 8 Sports Camp	 Year 7 & 8 Sports Camp

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Last minute notice...

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