

# PANUI NEWSLETTER



## Finishing Strong!

**Attendance rate  
82.3 %**

Kia ora koutou katoa! Today we celebrate giving your children back to you for the next two weeks! We hope they get a chance to recharge, renew and re-focus on their academic goals leading into the second half of the year! I also wish that for the staff here at Putaruru College. I want to thank them for all their combined efforts to keep the school moving all term. We really do have a great team down here (students included) and nowhere was this shown any better than last night's Matariki celebrations! The performance from our Kapa haka roopu was outstanding, the kai was ka rawe and the students who helped serve, pack up and organise exemplified the wonderful attributes we hope for all our rangatahi. So thank you all. Thanks too to all the teachers who covered colleagues so the kaiako of the roopu could run practices; the teachers and support staff who helped prepare the kai and of course those staff who did all the other bits that an event like this runs on the back of! We are already planning for next year! For our senior students it is important to note that over half of your year is gone. Use this holiday time to plan a path moving forward. Work out where you are going to achieve and what you need to achieve. Time will not wait for you, it will move on regardless, so use that to your advantage and take some time to invest in yourself. Parents, you will have to tell them about this as this panui does not go out on anything but email and facebook!!

Until next term have a great break from school. Enjoy some time with whanau, friends and te Taiao! Good luck for any athletes participating in sport over the holiday break...and the AB's as well!



# Completing the CACTUS Journey



Our senior students recently completed the CACTUS Challenge Longest Day, marking the end of eight weeks of early mornings, demanding training sessions, and personal growth. The programme is always a highlight for our students, building resilience, teamwork, discipline, and confidence. Congratulations to every student who crossed the finish line  
**—you should be incredibly proud of your achievement!**

A heartfelt thank you to Blue Light Tokoroa, our dedicated Pirihimana, Putaruru College staff, whānau, breakfast volunteers, community partners, and sponsors who made this programme possible. It truly takes a village to support our rangatahi, and we are grateful to everyone who encouraged, challenged, and celebrated our students throughout the journey.

We look forward to seeing many of our students continue to grow and develop and maybe even accept the challenge of mentoring in 2027.





# Thank You!

TO OUR AMAZING  
**MATARIKI RAFFLE PRIZE SPONSORS**

## *Rarotonga Trip Fundraiser*



We sincerely thank our amazing sponsors for their generous donations and continued support. Your kindness helps make this opportunity possible for our students.

★ *Bella Pane* ★ ★ *Farmlands* ★ ★ *Nana Lou's Café* ★



  
**nana lou's  
café**

*"food made  
with love"*

★ *Special Thanks To* ★

★ *Whaea Vanessa* ★

★ *Mr Moore* ★

★ *Taylor Whānau* ★

★ *Daphne Marsh* ★

★ *Fahzaiah Strange* ★

★ *We appreciate your continued support!* ★



# OPE100 Flag Football Tournament

OPE100 students recently enjoyed a fantastic day of Flag Football, with clear blue skies and sunshine providing the perfect conditions for an exciting day of competition and learning. The tournament was more than just a chance to play games—it also formed an important part of the students' Level 1 NCEA assessment. Throughout the day, students were videoed demonstrating a range of flag football skills, with the footage now being used as evidence for their assessment write-ups.



It was great to see students confidently applying the skills they have developed during class while displaying excellent teamwork, communication, and sportsmanship. Every student embraced the opportunity to challenge themselves, support their teammates, and give their very best in each game.

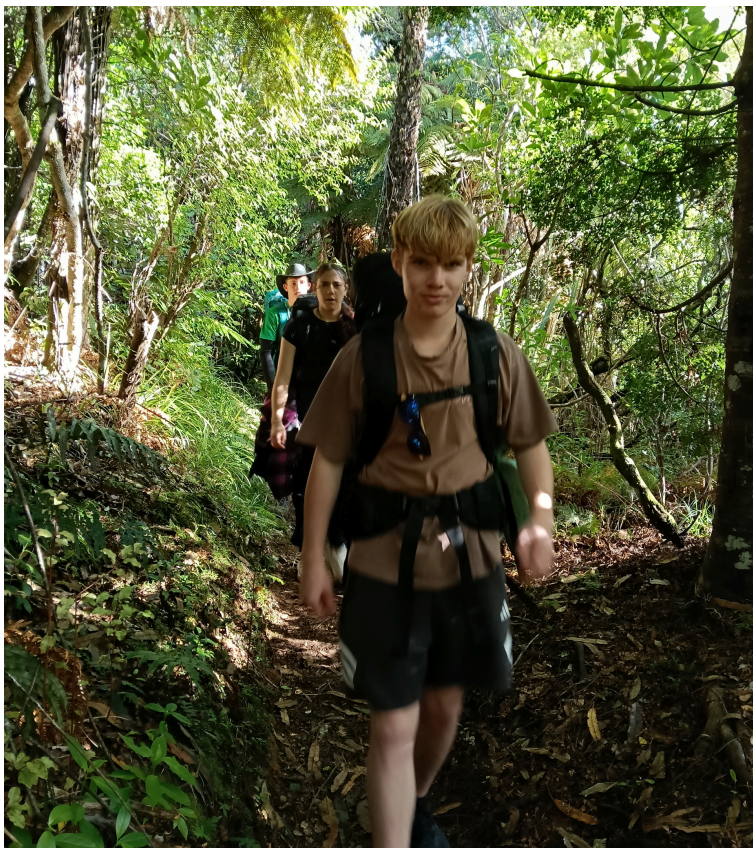
The positive attitude and effort shown by everyone contributed to an enjoyable and successful day. We are proud of the way our students represented themselves and look forward to seeing them reflect on their performances as they complete their NCEA assessments.





# Hiking Through Nature's Classroom

On Monday a group of year 12 Outdoor Education students undertook a hike to Waitawheta Hut. On the first day we hiked up into the ngahere and had lunch at Dalys Hut then followed the river to Waitawheta Hut where we spent the night before hiking out the next day. The weather was exceptional and allowed us to take in the natural beauty of the river, the birdlife and the native bush.

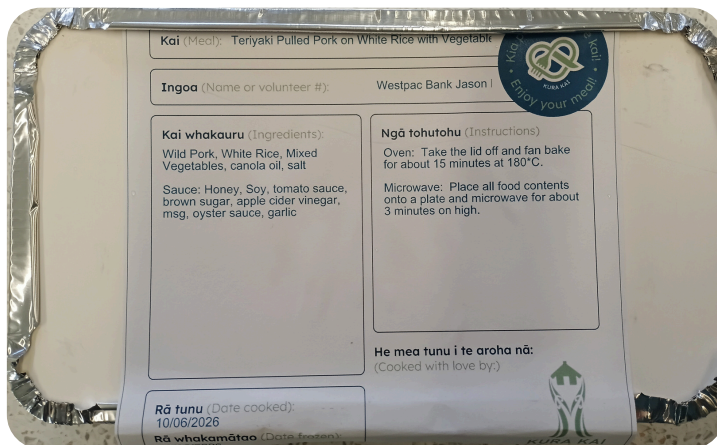




# Whānau Meals, Community Hearts!

We've been lucky enough to have a few Kura Kai cook ups to fill our freezers ready for deliveries this term. Lynn Hawkes & the senior students have cooked a delicious meal to be given out to whānau in our community. Jason Duthie from Westpac Bank in Hamilton has also come to our kura as a volunteer for a day to not only cook a scrumptious meal for our Kura Kai freezers, he also helped support get our garden up and growing, supplying all the plants, weedmat and frost cover, ready to produce healthy vegetables to be cooked and shared with our akōnga at the canteen during our second break.

The vegetables that have already been produced in the past, were cooked up, either on their own or with a sauce (cheese, white with the cauliflower we grew), and are enjoyed by our students. They'll come and have a taste, or take some spoonfuls away, to enjoy the extra kai, that's been cooked with aroha, with their friends.

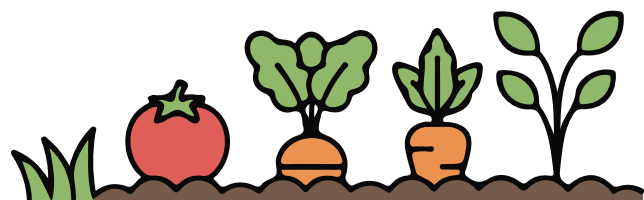


We ♥ our Volunteers

## Growing Row by Row



*81 plants in the row.  
Jason came down and  
planted some more,  
81 plants in the  
garden to grow.*





# Waikato Young Leaders

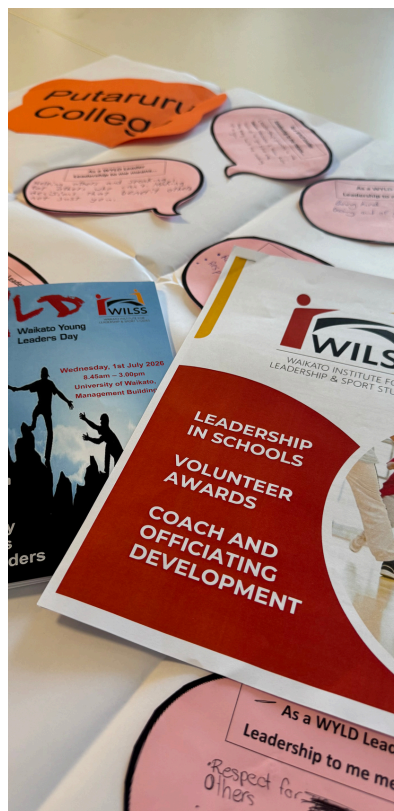
Nine of our outstanding Year 9 students recently had the privilege of attending the Waikato Young Leaders Day (WYLD) at Waikato University. This opportunity was highly sought after, with an incredible 27 students being nominated by their teachers—a true reflection of the quality, leadership potential, and positive attitude within this year's Year 9 cohort.

Those who were selected to attend, had at least three teacher recommendations, so it was a chance to recognise those who consistently demonstrate leadership qualities both in and out of the classroom.

Throughout the day, students listened to a range of inspiring speakers who shared their personal leadership journeys and encouraged everyone to consider the importance of creating a positive "ripple effect" through their everyday actions. The key themes explored during the event were "Knowing Who You Are," "I Choose," and "Walking the Talk." These powerful messages challenged students to reflect on their own values, the choices they make, and how their actions can positively influence those around them.

Our students represented the College exceptionally well, engaging enthusiastically in the activities and discussions throughout the day. They returned inspired, full of new ideas, and have already begun developing a plan to bring what they learned back to our school community. We look forward to seeing the positive ripple effect they create as they put their leadership into action.

Congratulations to all of the students who attended and to everyone who was nominated. Having 27 students recommended by staff is a fantastic achievement and highlights the strength of leadership emerging within our Year 9 cohort.





# 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

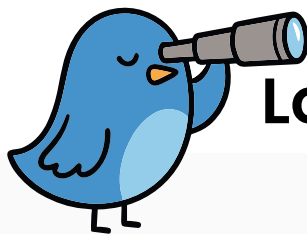


## Grades:

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

**Registration Open Soon !** Email [sport@putarurucollege.school.nz](mailto:sport@putarurucollege.school.nz)

Join us **after school every Thursday** for a fun training session. Whether you're already a player or just keen to give volleyball a go, everyone is welcome.



## Looking Ahead at Term 3

| WEEK 1           |                     |                      |                                                                                                                                         |                              |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 20 JULY          | 21 JULY             | 22 JULY              | 23 JULY                                                                                                                                 | 24 JULY                      |
| TEACHER ONLY DAY | First day of School |                      |                                                                                                                                         |                              |
| WEEK 2           |                     |                      |                                                                                                                                         |                              |
| 27 JULY          | 28 JULY             | 29 JULY              | 30 JULY                                                                                                                                 | 31 JULY                      |
|                  |                     |                      |                                                                                                                                         |                              |
|                  |                     | Year 7&8 Sports Camp |                                                                                                                                         |                              |
| WEEK 2           |                     |                      |                                                                                                                                         |                              |
| 3 August         | 4 August            | 5 August             | 6 August                                                                                                                                | 7 August                     |
|                  |                     |                      | <p><b>ALL GIRLS Assembly</b><br/>Y11, Y12, &amp; Y13 - 2.15 PM<br/>Y7 &amp; Y8 - 2.30 PM<br/>Y9 &amp; Y10 - 2.45 PM<br/>in the hall</p> | Student reports emailed Home |



# Senior Hockey Success

Congratulations to our Senior Hockey team on a fantastic 3–0 victory over Cambridge High School. It was a strong team performance, with **Carter Campbell** earning Player of the Match for an outstanding game. Well done to the team!



## TRANSFORM AOTEROA: Training Opportunities

| Programme                               | Description                                                                                                                                                                   | Contact                                                                                              | Start Date                                |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Driving Lessons                         | Practical driving lessons for a pathway to obtaining a learner, restricted or full driver's license. \$70 +GST /hour for Putaruru clients.                                    | Lamen Hohaia<br>021 563695<br><br>Amber Hohaia<br>021 410596<br><br>David Te Iringa<br>029 045 55763 | Any time by appointment                   |
| Simulator Lessons                       | Practical driving lessons for a pathway to obtaining a learner, restricted or full driver's license without driving in a vehicle on the road. \$70/hour for Putaruru clients. | David Te Iringa<br>029 045 55763                                                                     | Any time by appointment                   |
| Te Reo Maori Beginners & Advanced       | A language course for beginners, level 3 & above students.                                                                                                                    | Lamen Hohaia<br>021 563695                                                                           | Every Monday<br>6 pm - 8 pm               |
| Whakahonohono Mai (Women Only)          | 10-week personal development for women on strength, identity, worth, value and goal setting.                                                                                  | Office<br>0273765541                                                                                 | Wednesday 22nd July<br>10am – 12pm        |
| Parenting Programme (The Primary Years) | 6-week course assisting to inspire & empower parents & caregivers to aim for great outcomes.                                                                                  | Office<br>0273765541                                                                                 | Wednesday 19th August<br>12.30pm – 2.30pm |
| Te Kaupapa Whakamana (Men only)         | 11-week Leadership & personal development, focusing on being a good father, partner, role model & managing hard feelings.                                                     | Office<br>0273765541                                                                                 | Wednesday 22nd July<br>6pm – 8pm          |



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| Men's Life Group                                                                                           | Building routine and a supportive network with positive male role models over gym workouts and coffee chats.                       | Danny Scott<br>022 3527358                                                                                                         | Weekdays<br>9.30am – 11.30am                                                                               |
| <b>Defensive Driving<br/>(Takes 6 month off a restricted licence &amp; identifies risks &amp; hazards)</b> | 4x two-hour evening sessions twice a week, followed by assessment drive, cost \$240/person. <b>(This course is not funded)</b>     | Amber Hohaia<br>021 410596                                                                                                         | Tuesday 18th,<br>Thursday 20th,<br>Tuesday 25th,<br>Thursday 27th August<br>5.30pm – 7.30pm                |
| <b>Be better with your money (3 part Workshop)</b>                                                         | Runs for 3 weeks looking at budgeting, financial goal setting, debt management, savings, and investments.                          | Office<br>027 3765541                                                                                                              | <b>Putaruru</b><br>Wednesdays<br>26th August<br>2nd & 9th September<br>6pm – 7pm                           |
| <b>Anger Management Workshop</b>                                                                           | Two half days understanding anger, its triggers, and how to control it before it controls you.                                     | Danny Scott<br>022 3527358                                                                                                         | <b>Not Funded</b> –<br>Organisations request this programme.                                               |
| <b>Start your own small business Workshop.</b>                                                             | Workshop helping to understand what is involved with being a new business owner. Facilitated by a local accountant.                | Office<br>027 3765541                                                                                                              | August 13th<br>6pm – 8pm<br><br>Runs once a term                                                           |
| <b>Contemporary Painting Creative Communities</b>                                                          | 9-week painting workshop learning using alternative mediums.                                                                       | Office<br>027 3765541                                                                                                              | Friday 24th July<br>9am – 1pm<br>Limited Spaces                                                            |
| <b>Sign Language</b>                                                                                       | A practical face to face learning experience. This is a yearlong course.                                                           | Naomi<br><a href="mailto:naomi.drower@gmail.com">naomi.drower@gmail.com</a><br>Contact for course costs<br>Or<br>Office 0273765541 | Tuesday Nights<br>6pm – 7.30pm                                                                             |
| <b>Strength for Boys</b>                                                                                   | 9-week course @ Putaruru College for teen-boys to help them develop their own personal identity, strength, & purpose. By referral. | Office<br>0273765541                                                                                                               | TBC                                                                                                        |
| <b>Te Kaupapa Whakamana (men only) Tokoroa</b>                                                             | 10-week Leadership & personal development, focusing on being a good father, partner, role model & managing hard feelings.          | Lee<br>022 477 7624                                                                                                                | Monday 20th July<br>12pm – 2pm<br>Tautoko Developments Youth & Community Trust<br>1 Dreghorn Place Tokoroa |





# ST MARY'S PUTARURU NETBALL TOURNAMENT

*Fundraiser for the Year 5 & 6 Camp* ♥



**SUNDAY, 2 AUGUST 2026**

**PUTARURU NETBALL CENTRE**



## COMPETITION GRADES



**Year 5**



**Year 6**



**Year 7**



**Year 8**



## ENTRY DETAILS



**\$100 per team**



**School teams only**



**Limited spots  
available**



**MUST SUPPLY A UMPIRE  
FOR YOUR OWN TEAM**



## GAME FORMAT



**10-minute halves**



**2-minute  
half-time break**



**22-minute games**

## FOOD AVAILABLE



**Food and refreshments  
available throughout  
the day.**



## ENTRIES CLOSE

**FRIDAY,  
24 JULY 2026**



**ENTER NOW**



**office@stmarysput.school.nz**

*Thank you for supporting our Year 5 & 6  
students as they raise funds for camp.  
We look forward to a fantastic day of netball!*





MORTGAGE &  
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# Home Loans Made Simple

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Laura Raymond - Nobilo Finance*

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investing or reviewing your mortgage?**

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an investment property?**

Join Laura for a relaxed and informative evening  
designed to help you understand your lending options in today's market.

Get practical advice and clarity around your next property move.



WEDNESDAY  
15th JULY  
Doors open  
5.30pm



PRESENTATION  
6.00PM - 7.00PM  
*Drinks and nibbles  
provided*



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