

PANUI NEWSLETTER



Junior Boys Finish the Season on a High!

Attendance rate
82.4 %

Kia ora koutou katoa! Welcome to the end of week 2. I would like to start off by thanking you all for your empathy and understanding last week in allowing us to grieve and pay our respects to our colleague and friend Linda Nicholson. It was a really tough week and your care, thoughts and aroha truly did help us. So thank you!

Term 3 should bring a certain focus to our students learning journeys. For our seniors there are about 12 weeks left before exams. 12 weeks. 12 weeks to get what you need from school. 12 weeks of consistent effort can produce some wonderful results...but only if you put in a consistent effort. Start talking to your teachers now about how you are going to best use this time. Today is the best day to start!!

In this weeks panui we celebrate some sporting success and also academic success. Last year we celebrated about 12 students who had achieved either merit or excellence grades; we cooked a breakfast for them it was great. This year we have 60 students who have achieved either merit or excellence grades across the school...suffice to say no breakfast but...we have a celebratory morning team for those students next week. Well done to them and their teachers for aiming high and achieving!

I hope you have noticed that the days are slightly longer and sometimes the sun has some real warmth in it! Not saying winter is over but we are heading back to warmth! Have a restful weekend.

The 2026 Junior Boys' Basketball season came to an end this week, with the PC Juniors finishing strongly and securing an impressive 58–31 victory over HBHS 9B.

Throughout Terms 2 and 3, the team travelled to The Peak in Rototuna every Tuesday evening to compete against Year 9 and 10 teams in the Waikato Secondary Schools Junior A Grade competition.

The season included several excellent wins during pool play, along with a couple of closely contested, last-second losses. These results saw the team finish third in their pool of seven teams and progress into the finals rounds. The finals featured some highly competitive and evenly matched games, with all the boys demonstrating impressive skills, growing confidence, strong teamwork and excellent on-court cohesion.

The improvement shown by the team throughout the season has been outstanding. Their commitment to training and willingness to work together paid off, with the boys playing some quality basketball and finishing the season on a well-deserved high.

Congratulations to all the players and coaches on a fantastic season! 🏀

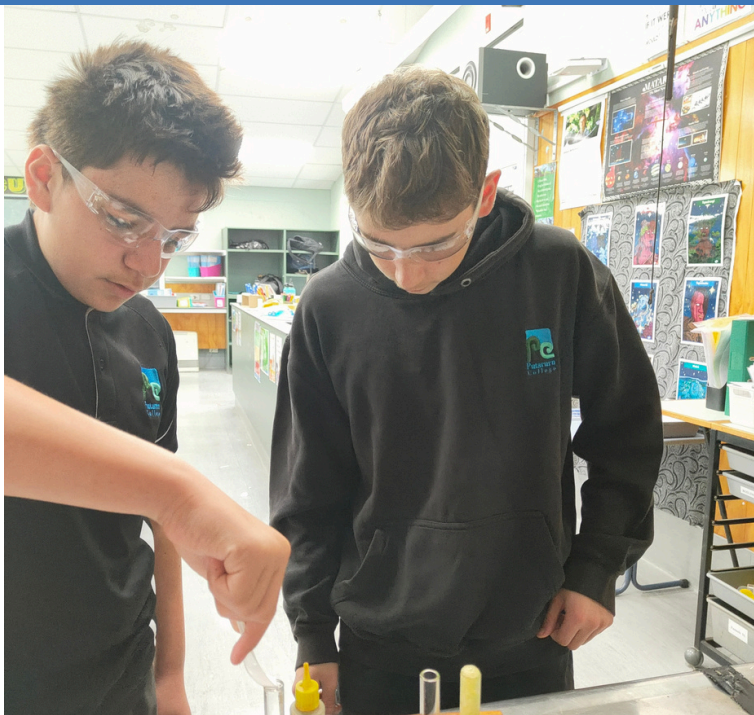


Sport Camp

The Year 7 and 8 Sports Camp was packed with energy, teamwork and plenty of friendly competition this week! Next week's Pānui will feature all the action, photos and winners, but here's a sneak peek at our Pétanque Finals champions and their mentor — Archie, Eli and Rodney (who is one of our 24/7 mentors!). Ka rawe, team!



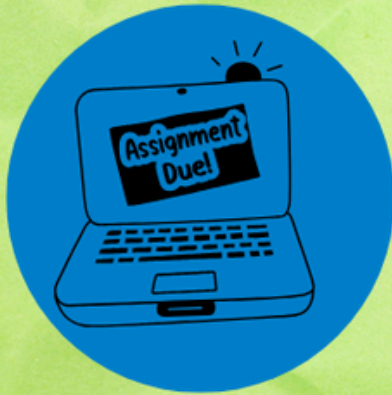
Chemistry for Year 8's



This term in Year 8 Science students are engaging in the long awaited topic on CHEMISTRY! We started with a bang (not literally - safety first) and looking at chemical changes. It is wonderful to see them engaged and excited about Science.

Seniors & Study

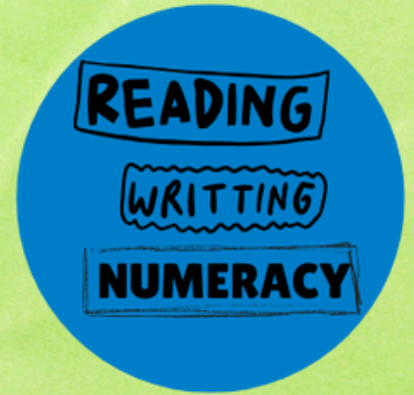
Senior students are half way through their academic year! Derived Grade exams are going to occur in Week 9. We encourage students to be implementing a study plan now, and a great first step is attending our "Study to Achieve" Sessions on a Wednesday.



**Complete
Assessments!**



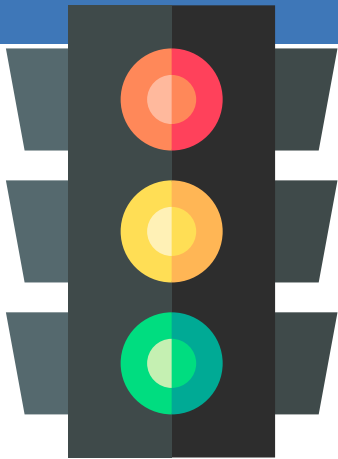
Study for Exams!



**Support with Literacy
& Numeracy!**

Teachers available to support. Milo & Biscuits also provided.

Congratulations!



Last week, these students successfully achieved important driver licence milestones:

**Deano Hohaia successfully gained his Learner Licence.
Nereus Kingi-Smith, Tangaroa Paora, and Renz Omni-on gained
their Restricted Licences.**

Congratulations to you all on reaching these important milestones.
We wish you safe and responsible driving on the road



Y9 & Y10 Workshops

Brainwave Workshops for our Y9 & 10s start next week;

Vision: Whakamana i te tamaiti.

Brainwave's vision is that all tamariki in Aotearoa are valued and nurtured in order to reach their full potential.

Mission: We share knowledge about the critical importance of the first thousand days of life. We make research understandable and accessible to everyone who influences the lives of pēpi, tamariki and rangatahi.

TERM 3: SCHOOL CALENDAR

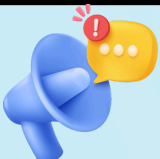
WEEK 3

3 August	4 August	5 August	6 August	7 August
	NCEA Celebration Assembly & Morning Tea 		 ALL GIRLS Assembly Y11, Y12, & Y13 – 2.15 PM Y7 & Y8 – 2.30 PM Y9 & Y10 – 2.45 PM in the hall	 Reports emailed

WEEK 4

10 August	11 August	12 August	13 August	14 August
	Proposed: SCI300 Light Pollution Trip 		Clay Target Shooting 	

WEEK 5

17 August	18 August	19 August	20 August	21 August
 Parent Teacher Conferences 2.30 - 7.30 pm	Y7 Vision Screening (Library) Y10 Brainwave (Hall) CAA Writing PRACTICE (Hall)	Y10 Brainwave (Hall)	Y10 Brainwave (Hall)	

WEEK 6

24 August	25 August	26 August	27 August	28 August
Tough Guy & Gal Challenge - Rotorua Y12/13 	Y9 Brainwave (Hall)  OPEN DAY WELCOME	Y9 Brainwave (Hall)	Y9 Brainwave (Hall)	

Road Safety Reminder for Our School Whānau

A friendly reminder that there is a 30 km/h speed limit around the school. This is legally enforceable before and after school.



These reduced speed limits are in place to help keep our students, whānau, staff, and wider community safe during busy drop-off and pick-up times.

Please take care, slow down, and remain alert for students walking, cycling, or crossing the road. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe



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