

PANUI NEWSLETTER



Celebrating Success!!

Attendance rate
81.2%

Kia ora koutou katoa. Boy has it been cold!! Old school cold, with thick frosts and ice in the wheelbarrow and water freezing in pipes kind of cold. But the days have been stunning! What has also been stunning are some of the results our students have been achieving in class. So good to see this and even better to acknowledge and celebrate it together as a school. Well done to all those who were celebrated, but the mahi should not stop there. There is still lots of success to be earned and you will see from the panui that there is still work going on. Maintain your high aspirations and consistent efforts until your year is over...then you can stop, reflect and bask in your accumulated successes.

Our winter sports codes are wrapping up for the year with only a few teams still giving it their best, so get out and support them if you get a chance. Your child's report will be with you next week due to some editing issues and then you get your chance to talk to your child's teachers the week after. Bookings will be out next week so get in early to ensure you get to ask those questions you want answered.

In the meantime feel free to contact us with any questions you want answered before then and we will do our best to answer them.

Enjoy the days and stay warm through the nights and the mornings!!

Go Waikato and the AB's

NCEA Success!

On Tuesday, we celebrated the outstanding achievements of our NCEA Merit and Excellence students. More than 60 students were recognised for their academic success and attended a special High Achievers Morning Tea to celebrate their hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and congratulate each student on this well-deserved recognition.

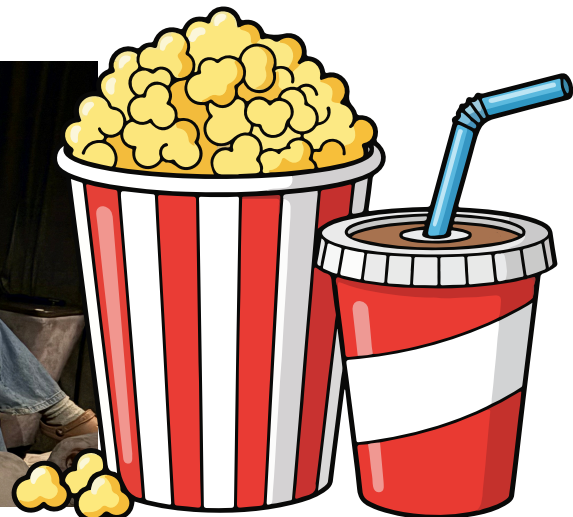


Classical night at the movies

Earlier this week members of the year 12 and 13 Classical Studies class went to view Christopher Nolans new film The Odyssey at the Tivoli cinema in Cambridge. Firstly, the cinema was amazing for those (like me) who had never been before, but the film was a great depiction of Homer's epic poem of the hero Odysseus and his journey to get back to his home island of Ithaca.

It is hard to have any kind of field trip with Classical Studies as world geography and Aotearoa New Zealand's position in relation to Greece and Rome become financially too difficult to just organise fill in an EOTC form and leave. This was a great second best.

The Odyssey is a super good film, Circe, the Laestrygonians and the evil and duplicitous suitors make this a worthwhile experience to anyone wanting to view Homer's epic as a film. The book – one of the western worlds first pieces of literature and considered the sequel of his first book The Iliad (which is also a must read for everyone of course!).



Sports Camp 2026

Last week, our Year 7 & 8 students proudly represented Putāruru College at Sport Camp, competing in a variety of sports against schools from across the regions.

Our students displayed outstanding teamwork, resilience, sportsmanship, and school pride throughout the week. Along the way, they built confidence, formed new friendships, and created memories that will last a lifetime.

We achieved an outstanding four semi-final appearances. One team progressed through the semi-finals to join another team already in the finals, giving Putāruru College two finalists. Both teams went on to win their respective finals, with our Boys Tag and Boys Petanque teams taking home 1st place.

A huge thank you to our staff, coaches, parent helpers, sponsors, and whānau for their incredible support throughout the week. Congratulations to all of our students for representing Putāruru College with pride.

Ka mau te wehi, Putāruru College!



A huge thank you to **Pub Charity** for their generous funding of **\$7,000**, which helped make this year's Sports Camp possible and supported our students to take part in this valuable experience.

We are incredibly grateful for their contribution and ongoing support of opportunities that allow our ākonga to challenge themselves, build confidence, develop teamwork and leadership skills, and create lasting memories.

**THANK
YOU!**

**Pub
Charity**
Limited



Breakfast Heros

THANK
YOU
😊

A massive shout-out and heartfelt thank you to the amazing sponsors who support our kura!

Thank you to **Lorren from KickStart Breakfast**, who coordinates our Sanitarium Weet-Bix and Anchor milk programme, with **deliveries made by Graham and Donna Wise**. A big thank you also to **Rodney from 24/7** for his ongoing generous donation of Milo.

We're also excited to welcome **KBeez** as the newest supporter of our Breakfast Club with their fantastic weekly bread donation. A special thanks to **Vanessa, our Attendance Officer**, for organising this partnership.

You are all absolute legends, and we truly appreciate everything you do. Your generosity is making a real difference for our students—and we have the data to prove it! 🙌💙

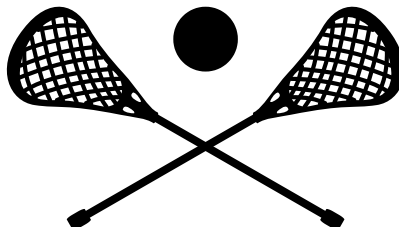
A Winning Start!



Our intermediate Girls lacrosse team played their first 3v3 game on Thursday, defeating Te Awamutu 24-21 in a hard fought match. The girls showed great grit, determination, and heart throughout the game. Congratulations to Scarlett McCormack our Player of the Match!!

PLAYER OF
THE MATCH

SCARLETT
MCCORMACK



Senior Basketball

ROUND 1 VS PUTAKE
W63-24
MVP: NONE

ROUND 2 VS FRASER SENIOR BOYS WHITE
W84-34
MVP: HARKEN BESANDE

ROUND 3 VS PITO MATA
W54-28
MVP: KENAN BESANDE

ROUND 4 VS TAI WANANGA
W43-36
MVP: LUTHER PARKER

ROUND 5 VS MORRINSVILLE
KINGMAKERS
W41-26
MVP: LUTHER PARKER

ROUND 6 VS HARES
W32-28
MVP: THOMAS STRATTON

ROUND 7 VS ST JOHNS KAHURANGA
W47-30
MVP: MAORI TE MIHA

ROUND 8 VS ST JOHNS KOURA
W48-36
MVP: NICOLO GARCES

UNDEFEATED CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our Senior Basketball team, who have capped off an outstanding season by remaining undefeated and being crowned Top 8 Champions in the Waikato Secondary Schools Open Social Skills Competition!

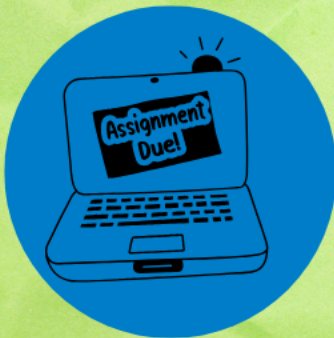
The team showed exceptional teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the season, rising to every challenge and finishing with a perfect unbeaten record.

An incredible achievement—well done to everyone involved. We are proud of you all!

WELL DONE TEAM



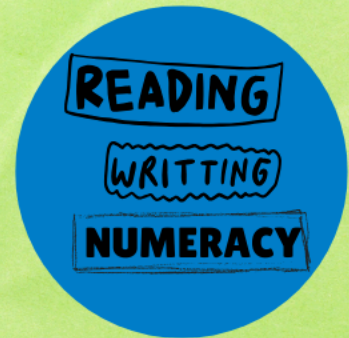
Study to Achieve!



**Complete
Assessments!**



Study for Exams!



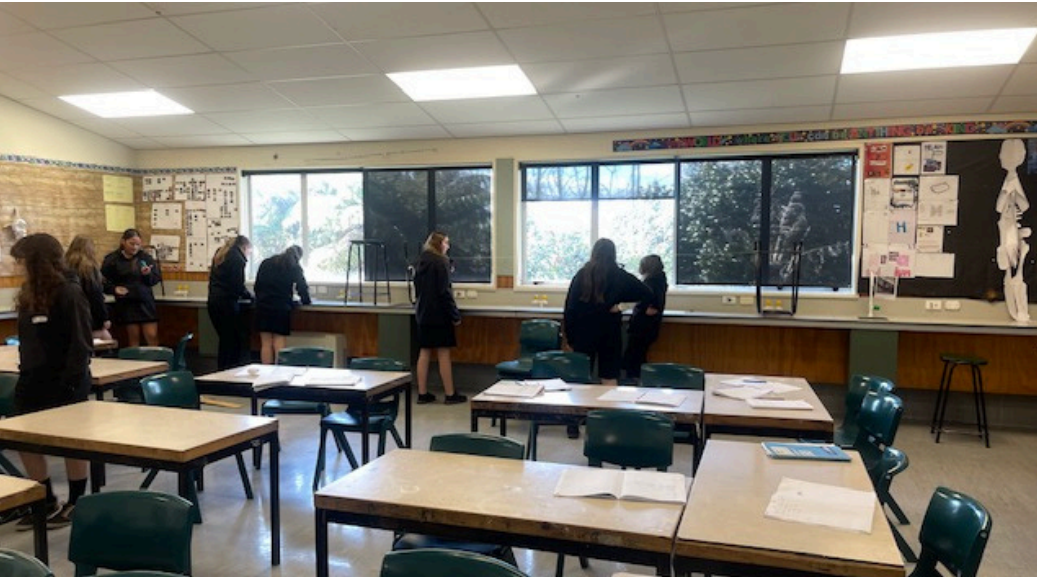
**Support with Literacy
& Numeracy!**

Teachers available to support. Milo & Biscuits also provided.

Year 9 Science: Balloon Rockets

Year 9 Science students had a blast investigating how rockets work by building and racing their own balloon rockets using simple materials.

The hands-on activity explored Newton's Third Law, thrust, air pressure, momentum, friction and drag, helping students see these scientific concepts in action as their balloons zoomed along the string



Paper4Trees!

We are excited to share that our Paper4trees native plant order has arrived!

Paper4trees is a recycling initiative that rewards schools for collecting and recycling paper and cardboard, helping to reduce waste while supporting greener school environments.

A huge thank you to our sponsor, South Waikato District Council, and to The Native Farm for supporting this initiative. We look forward to getting these plants in the ground and watching them flourish! ♥



Father's Day RAFFLE

— FUNDRAISING FOR OUR —
Rarotonga Trip 2027

TICKETS
\$5 EACH



DRAWN ON
FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST

3 GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!

1ST

PRIZE

\$400 PRIZE PACK
FROM

**FARM
SOURCE**
TOKOROĀ



2ND

PRIZE

\$100 VOUCHER
FROM

Wrightsons
MATAMATA
+

A GROCERY HAMPER



3RD

PRIZE

**\$50 LOCAL
CAFE VOUCHER**
+
**12 PACK
OF CUPCAKES**



 Thank you for your continued support
for our students! 



RANGATAHI PADDLE RACE

KAYAKS - SUPS - WAKA AMA

SUNDAY, SEP 13TH 2026

11KM RACE FROM
NARROWS - HAMILTON

**FREE
ENTRY!**

EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
FOR RANGATAHI AGED U18
TEAMS & INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

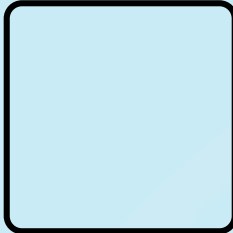


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TERM 3: SCHOOL CALENDAR

WEEK 4

10 August



11 August

SCI300 Light
Pollution Trip



12 August

REPORTS - Emailed

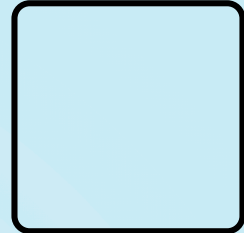


13 August

Clay Target
Shooting



14 August



WEEK 5

17 August



Parent Teacher
Conferences
2.30 - 7.30 pm

18 August



Y7 Vision
Screening
(Library)

Y10 Brainwave
(Hall)

CAA Writing
PRACTICE (Hall)

19 August

Y10 Brainwave
(Hall)

20 August

Y10 Brainwave
(Hall)

Y12 & 13 OED Rock
Climbing



21 August

Y12 & 13 OED Rock
Climbing



WEEK 6

24 August

Tough Guy & Gal
Challenge
Rotorua (Y12/13)



25 August

Y9 Brainwave
(Hall)



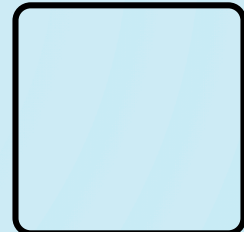
26 August

Y9 Brainwave
(Hall)

27 August

Y9 Brainwave
(Hall)

28 August



WEEK 7

31 August

Tournament
Week

1 September

Tournament
Week

Pre-Ball with Tuturu

Pimp your CV



ALL GIRLS
Assembly

2 September

Tournament
Week

3 September

Tournament
Week

4 September

Tournament
Week

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