

PANUI NEWSLETTER

PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES



02:30 PM
- 7:30 PM

MONDAY 17
AUGUST,
2026



Attendance rate: 80.2 %

Kia ora koutou katoa! 4 weeks down with 6 to go in this term. I mention the time as our senior students need to be mindful that the days and weeks are fast evaporating and so too are the opportunities for them to get what they need from us in the time left. Get alongside your teachers and formulate a plan to get what you need in the time left. In rugby speak; we are at the 60min mark and you can change your game if you act now! Parent conferences are a great place to start so turn up and use that time wisely to make a plan. We are also going to seek some feedback on our strategic direction for the next few years. Our overarching strategy will be presented and then we can answer any questions you may have. If you want a say in what we do then here is your chance. Our Board of Trustees will be in attendance so you can talk to them as well. 5.30-6pm is the presentation, we would love to see you there.

I would like to celebrate with you our attendance improvements over term 2. We had a bump of 10% from the same time last year. This is thanks to everyone doing their bit in getting kids to school so lets keep turning up every day. To assist this process of getting kids to school we are looking at running a town bus as a trial. Keep an eye out for more information on this in up coming Panui.

Have a great weekend and be safe. See you all Monday!

IMPORTANT! Safety Message

E-SCOOTER INJURIES THE NUMBERS DON'T LIE

Between 2021 and 2023,
more than

7,000

e-scooter injury-related
claims were lodged with ACC.



**WEAR A
HELMET**



**FOLLOW
THE RULES**



**LOOK OUT
FOR OTHERS**

Safe speeds – E-scooters can generally reach speeds of 20–25km/h on the flat and more downhill. Always ride at a speed that you do not pose a hazard to yourself or others! Safe stopping – The small wheels are more likely to jolt when they hit obstacles, such as gravel or kerbs. This can throw the rider forward. Always wear a helmet.

Safe handling – An e-scooter weighs about 15kg. Wheel them if you can, but when lifting always hold the back wheel steady. Keep the deck clear of ankles and shins.

A WHOPPING

37%

**INCREASE
LAST YEAR!**



**↑
37%
INCREASE**



new claims
were made
with ACC.

Illuminating Creativity in Year 8DKa

Year 8DKa have just finished making lamps in their Design and Innovation class. There are a number of Putāruru households illuminating artwork tonight!

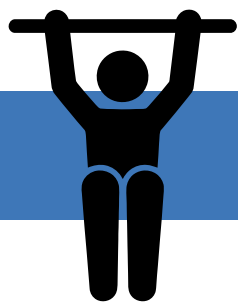


Progress Reports



Progress reports were emailed to whānau on Wednesday and provide an update on your child's learning progress and achievement to date. We encourage families to take the time to discuss the report with their child and celebrate their successes while identifying areas for continued growth.

If you did not receive a copy of the report, or if you would prefer a printed version, please contact Student Services and we will be happy to assist.



Hanging Tough

Students have been enthusiastically taking part in the Bar Hang Challenge, which kicked off in Term 2. Thanks to Rodney for organising and getting the bar hang built, with generous sponsorship from the Matamata Lions and Rotary clubs and Shanes mobile maintenance for bringing the vision to life.

Running most Wednesday lunchtimes, the challenge is giving students the opportunity to test their strength, determination, and perseverance as we search for our longest bar hang champion!



Congratulations to SAM MASON who was crowned our Bar Hang Champion with an impressive hang time of 4 minutes and 4 seconds and received a \$50 Woolworths voucher for his efforts!!



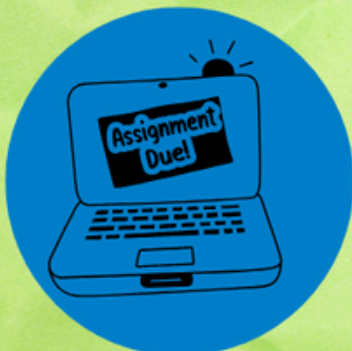
Parachute Challenge: Science in Action

Our Year 9 Science students have been putting their physics knowledge into action by designing and making parachutes. This hands-on activity brought key concepts such as gravity, air resistance, surface area and terminal velocity to life as students tested how different parachute designs affected the speed of their descent. By changing the size and design of their canopies, students could see and measure how increased surface area creates more air resistance, helping to slow the fall. It was a fun and practical way to turn invisible forces into something students could see, test and understand!



Study to Achieve!

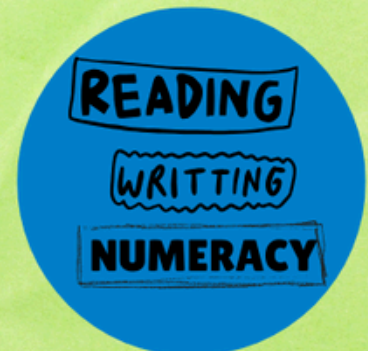
Every Wednesday 3.15 - 4.15



**Complete
Assessments!**



Study for Exams!



**Support with Literacy
& Numeracy!**

Writing Acceleration Programme

We are pleased to be taking part in the **Ministry of Education's Writing Acceleration Programme**, a 14-week initiative designed to support students to make accelerated progress in writing.

We are delivering this programme across **Years 7–10**, with teachers from **English, Science** and **Social Sciences** working together to strengthen students' writing skills across the curriculum. This is a collaborative and targeted approach to raise our students' writing skills, confidence and capabilities.

WHAT IS IT?

As part of the programme, students will use Scribo, an online writing improvement platform that helps students develop their writing through regular practice, guidance and feedback.



HOW DOES IT WORK?

During the 14 weeks, there is a deliberate and explicit focus on teaching of writing skills and giving students every opportunity to draft, write and edit their writing using the SCRIBO platform.

SCRIBO gives immediate feedback on student writing, highlighting key areas to improve and allows students to pay attention to grammar and spelling, punctuation, structure, sentence structure, audience and purpose, and overall writing engagement.

SCRIBO is aligned with the refreshed curriculum, hence, provides our teachers the best data and evidence to inform their teaching.

Our goal is simple: to help every student become a more capable, confident and independent writer.



The Base Writing task identified the key skills that needed targeting across the school:
% indicates the overall % of our students who require explicit instruction of the identified writing skills

***Tickets are available from
Student Services***

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
TOKOROA**



2ND

PRIZE

**\$100 VOUCHER
FROM**

**Wrightsons
MATAMATA**

**+
A GROCERY HAMPER**



3RD

PRIZE

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



TERM 3: SCHOOL CALENDAR

WEEK 5

17 August



Parent Teacher
Conferences
2.30 - 7.30 pm

18 August



Y7 Vision
Screening
(Library)

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)
CAA Writing
Practice in Hall

25 August

Y9 Brainwave
(Careers Hub)



26 August

Y9 Brainwave
(Careers Hub)

27 August

Y9 Brainwave
(Careers Hub)

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

WEEK 8

7 September

AIMS Games



Senior CAA
EXAMS

8 September

AIMS Games

9 September

AIMS Games

10 September

AIMS Games



Senior CAA
EXAMS

11 September

AIMS Games



Senior CAA
EXAMS

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