

PANUI NEWSLETTER



Open Day Success: Juniors Get a Look at College Life!

Attendance rate
77.3%

Kia ora koutou katoa! Another busy week has flown by with lots of happenings in and around the school. It was great to host our potential 2027 year 7 and 9 cohort on Tuesday at our open day. We hope that they enjoyed the day and to see them dressed in our uniform next year. Part of their welcome was a performance from our kapa haka group (pictured) which was enjoyed by all. This group is starting to build some momentum which is great to see and hear!! Ka mau to wehi!! The flu season is in full swing! There are lots of ills and chills about at the moment (just look at our attendance) but keeping your child at home if they are sick is a great way of protecting others. So please keep that in mind if your child falls ill. With this term rapidly passing by it is a good time to look ahead to the exams and tests that are looming on the calendar. There is another round of CAA coming up and also some derived grade exams for our seniors. Seniors take these opportunities seriously. Use your time wisely and prepare for these exams well. This is a great chance to refine your study skills for the NCEA exams. If you do well in these exams you will know that your study technique is sharp....if your technique needs refining, well you still have time! Study and achieve is still running and the focus leading up to the exams is - preparing well! There are some exciting opportunities for students coming up. There are a couple of snow days looming and also some chances for leadership and we look forward to reports about these in future panui. Have a great weekend and enjoy the longer daylight hours!

Picture Perfect: Photography Field Trip

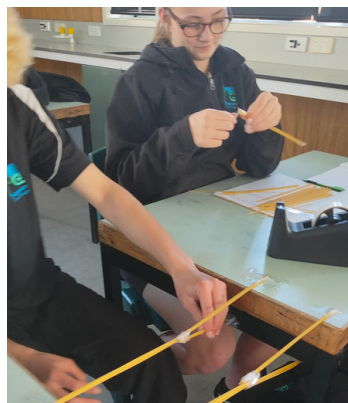


Our Level 2 Photography students recently headed out on a class trip to Hamilton Gardens and Lake Te Koo Utu for a fantastic day of creative exploration. Equipped with their cameras, they practised looking at everyday surroundings through a fresh lens, using unconventional angles and clever framing to transform standard views into striking images.

With the trip complete, students are entering the final push! They have until the end of the term to finish their portfolio boards—worth 12 Level 2 credits—by applying the foundational design principles and photography concepts introduced at the start of the year. Keep an eye out for their completed work on display soon!



Building Bridges: Science in Action

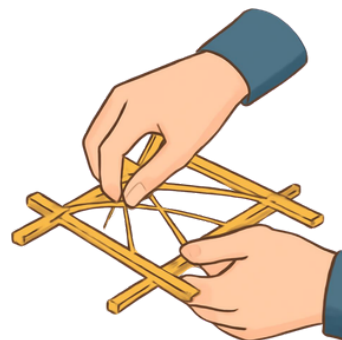


Year 10's have started their Forces and Motion topic in Science.

It's a great topic for some hands-on learning and investigations!

Check out 10B's Bridge Challenge as they tried to make a bridge that had enough support to withstand the Weight Force being applied to the centre of the bridges.

They were surprisingly strong with some great engineering ideas!



Microorganisms in the Cheesemaking

To incorporate our local context, some of our Year 10s had the opportunity to apply their learning from Science about Microorganisms at Putāruru's award winning Over the Moon.

They learnt about the cheese making process, tasted a range of cheeses and had a demonstration on making Halloumi cheese led by the wonderful Owner Sue!

Not every piece of cheese was to everyone's liking – but it was a taste bud experience! And did you know? Your taste buds change over time! But the most popular cheeses were the "Double Delight Brie" and the "Black Sheep" by the students. And Shoutout to Ben Barbour for liking the Blue Cheese!



Lacrosse Lightning Victory!!

Last night, our girls took on Te Awamutu Lightning in the semi-final, coming away with a hard-fought **30-23 victory!**

After trailing in the third quarter, the girls showed incredible heart, determination, and resilience to fight their way back and secure the win.

Congratulations to **Isla Smith** and **Grace Wood** on being named Players of the Day!



Thank You Four Square Putāruru



A huge mihi to the team at Four Square Putaruru for their generous support of our students' fundraising efforts for their upcoming school trip to Rarotonga.

We were incredibly grateful to be welcomed outside the store on Saturday morning, with Four Square kindly sponsoring our sausage sizzle and providing the equipment for us to use. Their generosity and willingness to support our students is greatly appreciated.

We are incredibly fortunate to have such supportive local businesses contributing to and strengthening our school and wider community. Ngā mihi nui!



THANK YOU!

Lichfield/Putāruru All-Abilities Sports Days

This event is all about giving students with impairments or disabilities an opportunity to participate, have fun and experience adapted sports in an inclusive environment.

The activities will be delivered by senior students from our college, with support from the Halberg Foundation and Putāruru College staff

Tuesday 1st September

Tuesday 15th September

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



LICHFIELD/PUTARURU ALL ABILITIES SPORT DAYS

Contact - Lawrence Wilkinson - lawrence@halberg.co.nz

Fundraising for Rarotonga Trip



Here's the results for our Father's Day raffle which was drawn this afternoon.

1st: Keegan Pitcher
2nd: George Richards
3rd: Karyne Meredith

Thank you to everyone who supported our Rarotonga fundraiser!

Board of Trustees

Elections for the Board of Trustees Student Representative are coming up! Any full-time student in Years 9 to 12 can stand for election and vote.

The Student Representative is a full Board member with equal voting rights, responsible for bringing the student voice to school governance. It's a great opportunity to build leadership skills and shape school decisions.



ELECTION KEY DATES



Election Date: 18 September

Nomination Forms: Distributed early next week

Interested in running or learning more? Speak with the Principal or Presiding Member. More details coming next week!



Health Alert for Whānau & Staff

Please take a moment to read these important health updates and guidance for our school community.

If scabies is present in your home, it is important to treat the whole household at the same time—even family members who are not itching.

Where to Get Help: Free or low-cost advice and treatment are available through your GP or local community pharmacy.

Scabies in New Zealand is treated with a 5% permethrin cream or lotion.

- **Day 1 (Before Bed):** Apply permethrin cream/lotion to clean, dry skin covering the entire body from the head/neck down to the toes (including under nails and between fingers/toes). Leave on overnight (8–12 hours).
- **Day 2 (Morning):** Wash the cream off thoroughly. Put on clean clothes that have not been worn in the past 4 days. Wash or seal all clothing, bedding, and towels used in the last 4 days.
- **Day 7:** Repeat the exact same treatment and washing process to kill any newly hatched eggs.
- **Days 10–14:** Check all household members for any new spots or rash. Seek medical advice if new spots appear

Managing Seasonal Illnesses

To help prevent serious complications like Rheumatic Fever, we encourage early checking and treatment of sore throats.

- **School Clinic Checks:** Students with a sore throat can visit our school health clinic on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays.
- **Free Pharmacy Checks:** Free sore throat swab checks for young people are available at participating pharmacies in Putāruru, Tokoroa, and Matamata.
- **Treatment:** If the swab tests positive for strep throat, the pharmacist will provide antibiotics to treat the infection promptly.

THE NEXT DAY

After personal treatment, treat sheets, pillowcases, duvet covers, towels, facecloths, soft toys and clothing used in the last 4 days.

Choose one of the following methods to kill the mites and their eggs.



Hot wash cycle over 50°C for more than 10 minutes



Put dry items in the dryer on HOT for at least 10 minutes



Freeze for at least 5 hours (could be overnight)



Seal in a plastic bag for 4 days

DAYS 2 TO 5:

Clean carpets, soft furnishings and car seats (adult and child). Vacuum each day for 4 days.



Car seats



Give removable coverings a hot wash



Vacuum clean or wipe surfaces



Children's car seats can be sealed in a plastic bag for 4 days

How can I stop the spread of colds and viruses?

Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze and put the tissue in a rubbish bin.



Wash and dry your hands with soap or hand gel. Avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes.



Disinfect kitchen and bathroom surfaces after someone with a contagious infection has used them. Ensure your space is well ventilated.



If you're sick: Avoid crowded places and stay away from others. Wear a mask.



SQUASH TOURNAMENT

@ Putāruru Squash Club

FUNDRAISING
FOR OUR SCHOOL
TRIP TO
RAROTONGA
IN 2027!



SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER



**ENTRY: \$25 PER PERSON
\$5 JUNIORS (U11)**



GUARANTEED 3 GAMES



MIXED DIVISIONS
All skill levels welcome!



RACKETS PROVIDED



**CANTEEN OPEN
FOR KAI SALES!**



**RAFFLES &
SPOT PRIZES
ON THE DAY!**

Must be there to collect
your spot prize or it will
be re-drawn!

Play. Have Fun. Support the Dream.
LET'S MAKE MEMORIES ON AND OFF THE COURT!

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**Putāruru
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Community Notices



**Protecting
Our Rangatahi Online:
FREE Community Webinar**



Wednesday 4th November 2026
7-8.30 pm
FREE Online Webinar

Whānau Online Safety Webinar

The Digital Sexual Landscape and Online Harm

*Understanding and supporting young people
with navigating their online world. I*



Tūturu in conversation with
The Light Project

Join us for a kōrero exploring online
safety, digital wellbeing and
supporting rangatahi.

Link for Webinar



AIR CADETS
Te Taua Tauira o Aotearoa



TRIVIAL PURSUIT NIGHT!

**Fundraising for
South Waikato Air Cadets**



Register your group now!

Email: usc.34sqn@cadetforces.org.nz



Arapuni Dam Road Closure Update

Arapuni Road across the dam will be closed for **24–36 months starting 9:00 AM, Tuesday, 1 September 2026**

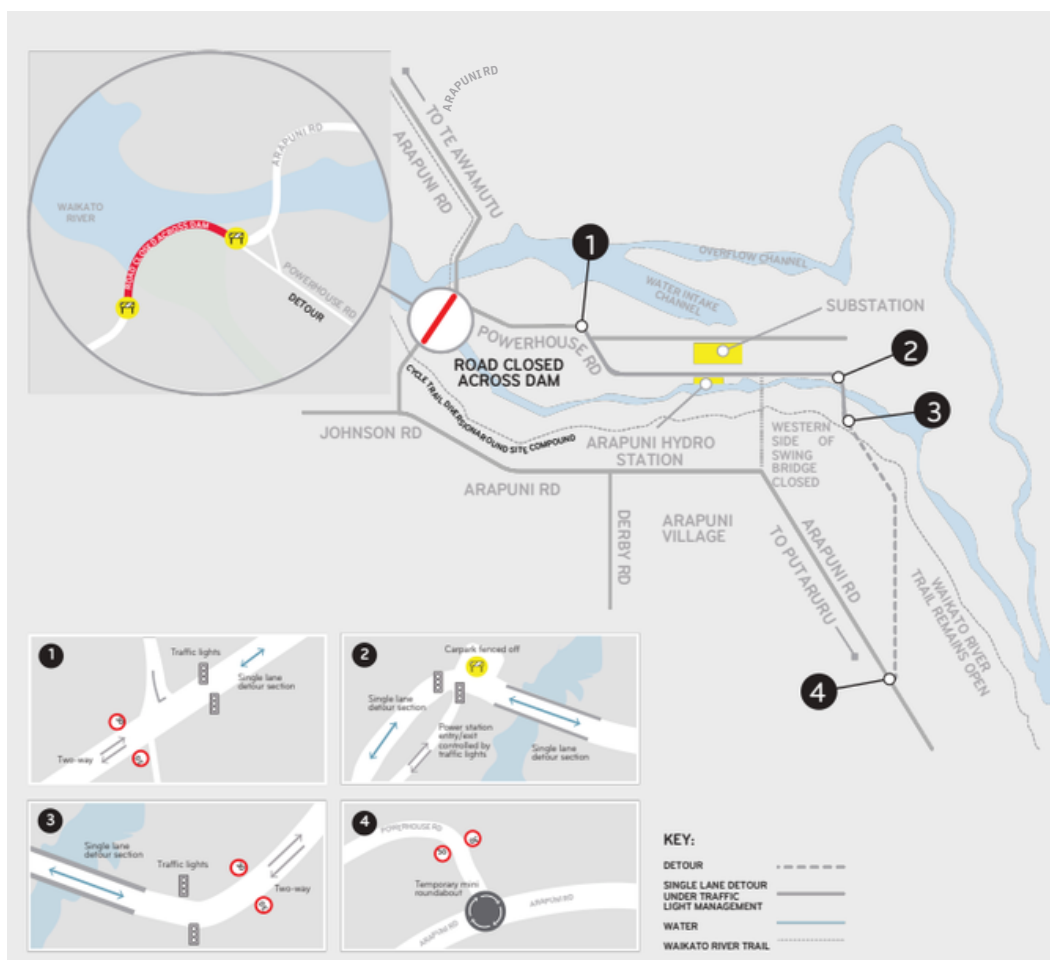
for Mercury's dam maintenance project.

Detour Details (Powerhouse Road)

- Open: 24/7 with a 30 km/h speed limit (adds ~10 mins to travel time).
- **Allowed:** Cars, light vehicles, motorcycles, school buses, emergency services, and rigid trucks up to 8m.
- **Not Allowed:** HPMVs, long heavy units, oversized vehicles, dual-wheel tractors, and extended freight. Heavy freight must detour via state highways (SH1/SH21/SH3).
- **Traffic Control:** A temporary mini-roundabout will operate at the Powerhouse Rd / Arapuni Rd intersection. A turn-around bay will be set up for restricted vehicles.

Pedestrians & Cyclists For safety, walking and cycling along Powerhouse Road will be closed, and the western end of the Arapuni Swing Bridge connecting to the detour will be closed.

More Information **Visit the Mercury project webpage or email the project team for updates and detour maps.**



SCHOOL CALENDAR

WEEK 8

31 August	1 September	2 September	3 September	4 September
	Pre-Ball Workshop with Tuturu CV Seminar  ALL GIRLS Assembly WORLD VISION: 40 hour challenge			Leadership Selection Process - Y10 - 11

WEEK 8

7 September	8 September	9 September	10 September	11 September
 AIMS Games CAA Exams - Seniors 	 AIMS Games Leadership Selection Process - Y12	 AIMS Games CAA Exams - Seniors 	 AIMS Games CAA Exams - Seniors 	 AIMS Games CAA Exams - Seniors 

WEEK 9

14 September	15 September	16 September	17 September	18 September
 Derived Grade Exams - Seniors CAA Exams - Y10		 Derived Grade Exams - Seniors CAA Exams - Y10	 Derived Grade Exams - Seniors CAA Exams - Y10	Derived Grade Exams - Seniors  CAA Exams - Y10 40 Hour Challenge School Ball 

WEEK 10

19 September	20 September	21 September	22 September	23 September
40 hour Challenge (Head Students)	OED Level 1 - MTB <i>(To be confirmed)</i> Snow Trip #1 (Snowboarder)  Year 12 Leadership Event	ALL GIRLS Assembly  OED Level 1 - MTB <i>(To be confirmed)</i>	 Colour Run / Quiz Snow Trip #2 (Sking) 	 LAST DAY! L3 Biology Trip: Auckland Zoon (Proposed) OED Level 12 - MTB <i>(To be confirmed)</i>

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