WEEK EIGHT
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PANUI NEWSLETTER

Putāruru College



Kia ora koutou katoa!

"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take"

Michael Jordan

After a week of senior CAA and Te Kura derived grade examinations I felt the above quote was appropriate. We had a number of our students sit the examinations fully prepared and confident - they gave it their best shot!
We had others who did not attend. When a student does not attend their examination they will absolutely have no chance of attaining the qualification. If they sit, and still not gain it, it can be a valuable learning opportunity, and they can be prepared and ready for the next opportunity.

The derived grade examinations are also an important learning opportunity. Feedback from completing these exams can be used to identify strengths, and what needs to be worked on prior to the external examinations at the end of the year. The derived grade can also be used if for any reason a student is unable to sit their external exam.

AIMS Games Wrap-Up & Term 3 Countdown!

Attendance rate
83.7 %

We have had our Principal, Rob Rogers, away coaching Hockey at the AIMS Games in Tauranga this week as well as one of our Kaiako, Alicia Taylor, who was a helper for the Ripper Team. Read further on in the pānui for a full report of the results and their week in the sunny Bay of Plenty. Our student leaders organised a fantastic 'Shave for a Cure' event on Thursday lunchtime. The event is to raise money for blood cancer research and involves students having their head shaved in front of their peers. A raffle was run to decide who got to wield the clippers and two of our Teachers won the honour. The marque 'scalp' was our Head Student, Joseph Cole, who donated his curly locks as a wig as well as raising money for the cause. We also had Chase and Rome shave their head for the cause. Please see before and after photos further in the pānui.

Have a restful and fruitful weekend whānau and we look forward to seeing our Year 10 students for their CAA examinations next week as well as our seniors for their derived grade examinations ready to give it their best shot!

AIM GAMES





Our students have wrapped up a fantastic week at the Zespri AIMS Games!
Stay tuned for full updates, results, and more photo highlights in next week's Pānui.



Exams

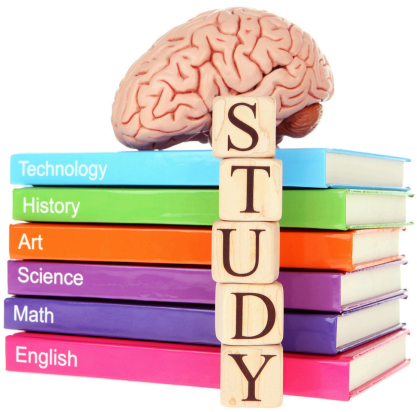


Derived Grade and CAA Exams continue next week—please check the schedule below carefully.

Full attendance is vital to ensure you secure your literacy/numeracy credits and establish your emergency NCEA backup grades.

WEEK 9 14 - 18 September

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Morning 9am - 12 	Writing CAA Exam *Year 10's who still need to attain it* 		Reading CAA Exam *Year 10's who still need to attain it*	Numeracy CAA Exam *Year 10's who still need to attain it*	CAA Exam Catch-up Opportunity 
	Level 3 Biology 	Level 2 Chemistry Level 3 Chemistry Level 2 History Level 3 History	Level 2 Biology 		Level 1 Health Level 2 Physics Level 3 Physics
Afternoon 12.30 - 3.30 pm 	Level 2 Maths Level 3 Maths Level 3 Health & PE 	Level 1 Maths 	Level 1 English Level 3 Te reo Māori 	Level 1 Science (both classes) Level 2 Classics Level 3 Classics 	Level 1 Te reo Māori Level 2 Te reo Māori Level 2 English Level 3 English



Prepare at home by reviewing definitions, practice questions, and study notes. You can also pop into our Wednesday after-school study session for extra support!

Brave Cut for a Cause!





Yesterday at lunchtime, the courtyard in front of the hall was packed with supporters as six courageous students—Joseph Cole, Chase Liddell, Rome Petley, Legion Paisley, and Lucian Follows—shaved their heads to raise vital funds for blood cancer research.

Check out the photos capturing our student leaders braving the clippers and the fantastic crowd that turned out to cheer them on!

A massive thank you to everyone who supported the event, cheered from the sidelines, or offered equipment to help make the lunchtime shave a huge success.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Jane (on behalf of Year 13 Student Leaders)



Every shave is different. Every shave matters.

Teamwork and Determination at Blue Light PCT





A group of our Year 8 students recently travelled to Tokoroa to take part in the PCT Fear Factor, run by Blue Light. Students had a fantastic day participating in a range of team-building activities that challenged both their minds and their physical strength.

Throughout the day, they worked together, supported and encouraged one another, and gave every challenge their best effort. It was great to see our students stepping outside their comfort zones, showing determination and teamwork, and having plenty of fun along the way.

Well done to everyone who took part!



Learner Licence Success



Congratulations to Ella, Ashlee, Oran, and Sam who succesfully gained their Learner Licences last week — wishing you all the best as you begin accumulating your driving hours and gaining experience behind the wheel!



Important Ball Information!



The Putàruru College's annual night of glamour arrives in town next Saturday, 19th September. With the theme being 'A night in Hollywood' and with over 130 students confirmed to attend, it is primed to be quite the function.

To assist with formalities, the drop off lane will be set up as per previous year's with entrance coming from Griffith street end of Riverview / Junction Streets.

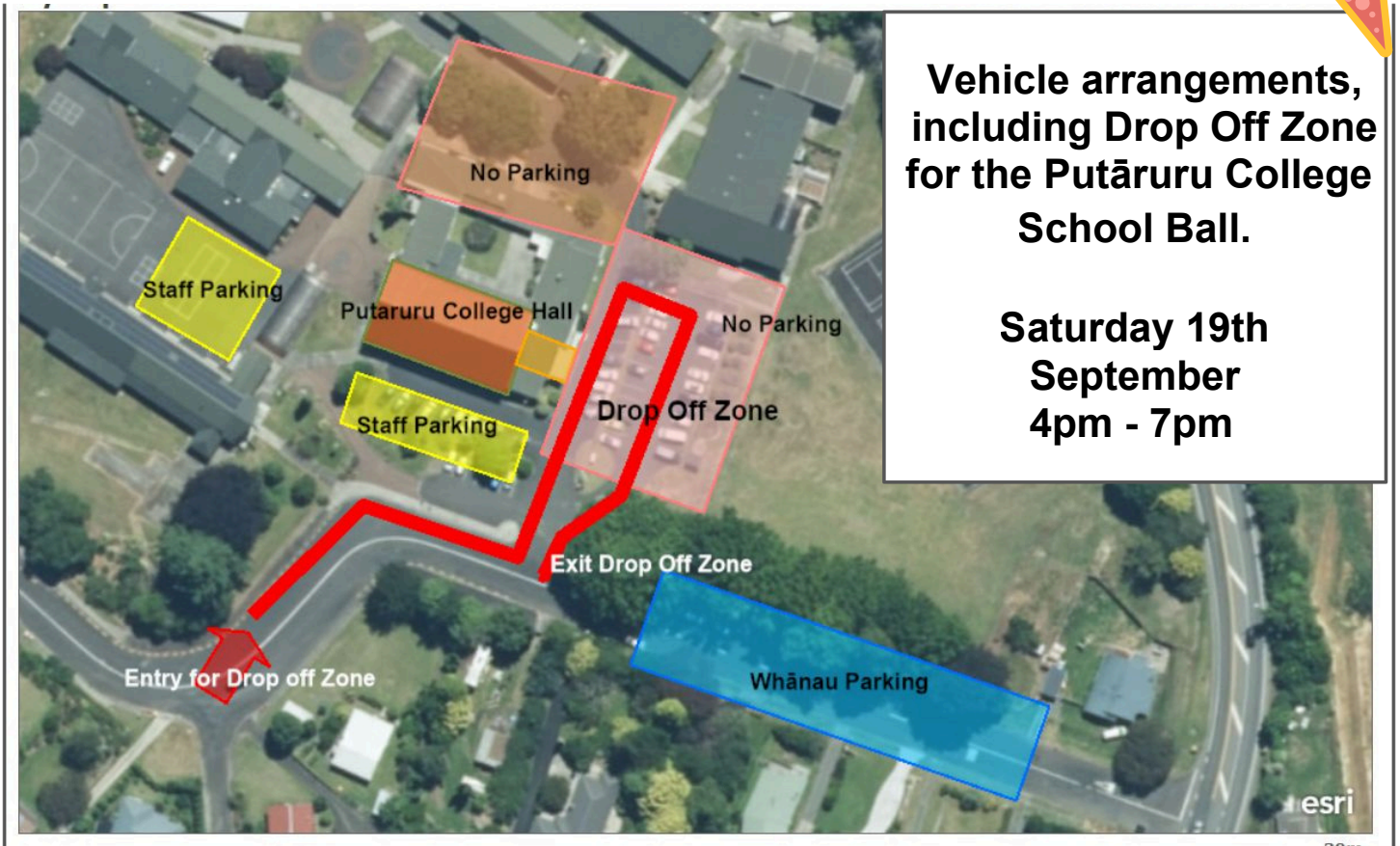
Whànau are welcome to come and watch your beautiful young people arrive, but please park on Junction Street per the map and not in our staff carparks (some attendees arrive in some rather large vehicles that will need the space to maneuver!!!!)



Please note the times of this year's ball have changed from previously advertised. **Drop off begins at 5:45pm with doors being shut by 6:30pm. These will reopen at 10pm**.

School rules apply so please remind your attendee of the potential consequences of poor decision making prior to their arrival. It brings us no joy to have to send people home due to their conduct.





Vehicle arrangements, including Drop Off Zone for the Putāruru College School Ball.

Saturday 19th September
4pm - 7pm

SCHOOL CALENDAR

WEEK 9

14 - 18 September

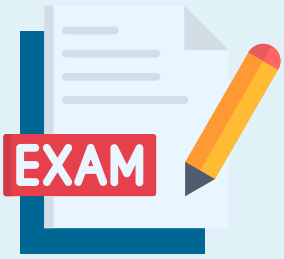
CAA & Drived Grade Exams

See exam timetable below or Facebook

- **All Abilities Day at Lichfield School - Leaders and Participants -** Tuesday 15 September
- **40 hour Challenge -** Friday 18 September
- **Board of Trustees - Student Rep - ELECTION** Friday 18 September (Whanau)
- **ITS Retail Ready** - Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday
- **Senior School Ball -** Saturday 19 September







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WEEK 10

21 - 25 September

- **Snowboarding Trip** - Tuesday 22 September
- **40 Hour Challenge** - Head Students Tuesday 22 September
- **Year 12 Leadership Event - Te Kauwhata** Tuesday 22 September
- **All Girls Assembly - Hygiene Products** Wednesday 23 September
- **Kapa Haka Performace -** Busy Bees (10am), PPS (11:15 am) & Plaza (12: 30 pm) Wednesday 23 September
- **Snow Trip - Skiers -** Thursday 24 September
- **Yr 7 & 8 Celebration assembly -** Thursday 24 September



LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL

Host an International Student in 2027!

Are you interested in hosting an international exchange student in 2027?

Host families on the Heartland NZ programme receive $200 per week in financial support, along with full backing from AFS staff and volunteers. It is a wonderful way to bring new perspectives into your home and help make a young person's exchange dream come true.

To express your interest or learn more, contact Rob Rogers at rob.rogers@putarurucollege.school.nz.

AFS Intercultural Programmes New Zealand
Ngā Herenga Tātai o AFS

Welcome the world into your home

AFS Intercultural Programmes is looking for Host Families for 2027

AFS is an international, not-for-profit organisation with over 75 years of experience in intercultural student exchange.

As a Host Family, you will:

- ✅ *Receive $200/week financial support**
- ✅ *Befully supported by AFS volunteers and staff*
- ✅ *Make a young person's dream come true!*



Semester Programme Students
5 months | Mid January - July 2027

Year Programme Students
11 months | Mid January - December 2027

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!

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