

PANUI NEWSLETTER



A Perfect Mix of Balance & Effort

Attendance rate
83.4 %

Wiare! I haere ki hea te wiki tuaiwa? Pānui mai kia mōhio ai! Kia ora koutou katoa.

Wow, where did week 9 Go? Read on to see! Hello everyone!

As you might know there is only one week left in this term. As promised earlier in the term, this term has disappeared in a haze of sport, learning, assignments, lessons, exams and intervals and lunchtimes!! For our year 13's their schooling is nearly over.

BUT THERE IS STILL TIME TO GET SOME LEARNING DONE!!!

Don't pull stumps (a cricketing term meaning that you stop playing) on your learning or making the most of the opportunities presented to you. Don't count the days, make the days count!! Invest in yourself with one last push to be the best prepared you can be for when your year ends.

As I type this message, a number of our students are here preparing for the ball getting things ready for everyone tomorrow. A penultimate reminder to all of the students attending; It is a school event and as such school rules apply. Make sure you are mindful of this as you prepare to attend the function. We look forward to everyone arriving in their No.1's. There is more information in this Panui about the ins and outs of arriving and leaving.

Have a great weekend everyone. Enjoy the warmth of the sun and the slightly longer daylight in the evenings.

9 Maori Te Pou o Mōtai 2026

E te iwi! I te Tūrei, i haere ētahi o ā mātou tauira ki Te Pou o Mōtai, he wāhi whakahirahira e pupuri ana i ngā kōrero tuku iho o Raukawa. I reira, i whai wāhi mātou ki te ako, ki te whakarongo, ki te wānanga hoki i ngā kōrero mō Raukawa, mō Ngāti Mōtai, me Ngāti Te Apunga. He taonga nui ngā kōrero tuku iho, nō te mea he hononga ki ngā rā o mua, ki ngā tīpuna, me ngā whenua e noho nei tātou i ēnei rā. He mea nui kia tiakina, kia whakamānawatia, kia tuku iho hoki ēnei kōrero ki ngā reanga kei te heke mai!

Me mihi ka tika ki a Grant Thompson mō tōna reo reka, tōna māramatanga, me ngā kōrero whakahirahira i whakapuaki mai ai ia ki a mātou.



Mauri ora!



Kia ora Putāruru College community,
From quiet focus in the exam rooms to high energy on the turf, it's been a fantastic week of balance and effort!

A huge shoutout to our students who have been working hard through their exams over the past few days—their focus and preparation have been great to see.

Meanwhile, our brand-new Tuesday night hockey initiative kicked off with great turnout, bringing together players of all ages for some fitness, skill-building, and friendly competition. It runs into next term as well, so talk to your child's school if you are keen to get involved. Next week our year 7&8 students get to have a go. See you there.

Take a look at some of the action from the past week in the photos below!



AIM GAMES

Building on last week's sneak peek, this issue brings you an up-close look at our students' experiences at the 2026 AIMS Games!

From the fast-paced action on the field to the invaluable lessons in sportsmanship and teamwork, our athletes represented our school with tremendous heart and pride.

Read on for highlights and photos from both our Rippa Rugby and Hockey teams, along with reflections written by the players themselves about their journey competing against schools from all across the country.



Rippa Rugby

We were fortunate enough to be selected in the quick rip team for Aims Games. We went to Mt Maunganui/Papamoa for the week and versed teams from all around the country.

One of our best games was against Kaikohe Christian School because it was an evenly matched game and it challenged us to do our best and to work better as a team. We had 11 games and won five of them. It was a hard challenge but our team improved in each game. We ended up placing 73rd out of 99 teams.

There were some really good teams and players, and it made us want to train harder next time so we can improve our teamwork and win more games. The highlight for us was hanging out with our friends and playing against all the different teams.

Aims Games is an awesome experience and we encourage everyone to get involved if they're given the opportunity to.

By Mikey and Harry



Hockey

We decided to sign up for Aims Games Hockey, even though most of our team had never played before. We started training on Tuesdays and Fridays, until it was the Sunday afternoon that we had to leave for Aims.

We arrived at the beach house, unpacked our bags and chose our rooms. The first night we did team bonding and got told we had to do it every night to get to know each other more. That night was loud and a bit nerve racking for all of us leading up to our first hockey game of the week the next morning.

The first game was very fun to see how we would all play and co-operate together as a team. We lost the first few games and didn't even score once, but that taught us how we could improve and do better. On Tuesday we finally scored our first goal! We were ecstatic and so proud of ourselves!

The rest of the week we played a few more games, scoring more points and doing things together as a team, like tenpin bowling, shopping, and lots of other stuff. We played our last game on Thursday afternoon and ended on a good note by tying our game 3-3. Mr Rogers was very proud of us and glad that we played an amazing last game.

The highlight of the week was having time to hang out with our teammates and make new friends. It was also a good experience to attend Aims Games and learn more about hockey. We would definitely recommend going to Aims if you get the chance to – it is so much fun and you meet so many new people.

By Pippa, Grace & Alexis



BALL NIGHT IMPORTANT INFO!



The Putāruru College's annual night of glamour arrives in town tomorrow, Saturday, 19th September.

With the theme being 'A night in Hollywood' and with over 140 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.

Whānau 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 car parks (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**

Rapid Relief

We are extremely grateful to the Rapid Relief Team (RRT) for their generous donation of 40 FreshStart Care Kits!

These thoughtful kits provide essential everyday necessities for students and families in our community who need a helping hand.

A massive thank you to RRT for their ongoing care, kindness, and support of our school whānau!



Thank
you



Enrolling a new Year 7 or Year 9 student for 2027?

Don't wait until the end-of-year rush—get your enrolment in early, cross it off your to-do list and you could win a complete school uniform on us! Every complete enrolment submitted by the end of Week 2, Term 4 goes into the draw to win.

How to Enter:

- Collect an enrolment pack from our school office or download it from our website.
- Complete all paperwork and ensure all required supporting documents (including your child's birth certificate or passport) are attached.
- Hand in the completed package before the end of Week 2, Term 4 (23rd October 2026).



WIN A FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR 2027!

Enrol a new Year 7 or Year 9 to start in 2027 by 23rd October for your chance to win.


Putaruru College

*Uniform includes one skirt/shorts, polo and jersey.

Another Brick in the Wall!



The transformation of our school continues with a group of motivated year 13's taking ownership of a wall! They organised paint, people and time and have started to turn this wall into a mural. Will it be "blue skies smiling at me?" or "water water everywhere"...waterever it is, you have to wait and see.

Pictured are Amelia and Denver who along with Taylor spent a Saturday morning getting the wall prepped for the final design.

Can't wait to see the results of your labour team!!

SCHOOL CALENDAR



- **Kapa Haka Performance** - Charles Crescent (1pm) Kids Rock PPS (2 pm) Monday 21 October
- **40 Hour Challenge** - Head Students - Monday 21 & Tuesday 22
- **Year 11/12 Leadership Event - Te Kauwhata** - Tuesday 22
- **Snowboarding Trip** - Tuesday 22 September
- **All Girls Assembly - Hygiene Products** - Wednesday 23
- **Kapa Haka Performance** - 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** - Friday 25 September
- **Biology Auckland Zoo Trip** - Friday 25 September

WEEK 10
21 - 25 September

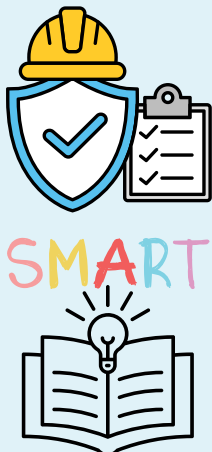


Looking ahead at Term 4

WEEK 1

12 - 16 October

- **First Aid #3** - Monday 12 & Tuesday 13 October
- **Assembly** - Tuesday 13 October
- **OED200 MTB** - Wednesday 14 October (TBC)
- **All Girls Assembly - P5** Thursday 15 October
- **SMART Writing Year 9 & 10** - Thursday 15 October
- **SMART MATHS Year 9 & 10** - Friday 16 October
- **OED300 MTB** - Friday 16 October (TBC)



- **Health & Safety #3** - Monday 19 & Tuesday 20 October
- **SMART Reading Year 9 & 10** - Monday 19 October
- **SMART Writing Year 7 & 8** - Tuesday 20 October
- **SMART Maths Year 7 & 8** - Wednesday 21 October
- **SMART Reading Year 7 & 8** - Thursday 22 October
- **CL1 - Catch Ups** - Thursday 22 October
- **OPE100 MTB Overnight Camp** - Thursday 22 October (TBC)
- **SMART Catch-up CL1** - Friday 23 October

WEEK 2

19 - 23 October



2027 International Host Exchange

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.

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*
 - ✓ Be fully 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

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