



# NEWSLETTER

## Porirua College

TERM 2 WEEK 10, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022

### Principal's Message

Kia ora,



It's almost the end of term and we are really looking forward to Colours Day on Friday. The haka practices are sounding powerful out there! We also have polyfest practices all over school with beautiful singing and the actions really sharpening up. We know a lot of students are going to be in over the holidays getting ready for the performance in Week 3 next term.

On the first three days of the holidays we also have Mahi Tahi credit catch up for seniors from 9.30 - 2.00pm in the college library. Ms Ape will be there to help senior students complete NCEA assessments. Students need to make sure that they have organised the work with their teachers beforehand. Lunch will be provided and students do NOT need to wear school uniform.

It was great to see so many of you at the parent teacher interviews. If you weren't able to come, then please look on the portal and/or get in touch with your child's learning coach to make sure you know how they are going. We were impressed by a number of students who came to the interviews themselves, even though their whānau weren't free to come with them.

Our first national holiday for Matariki was a wonderful thing. We enjoyed having primary school students up during the week to learn about and celebrate Matariki with our students. We were also honoured to host the farewell to Sose Annandale, long time Russell School Principal and ex PC student. We wish her all the very best for her next step.

We hope you all have an enjoyable and restful school holiday. The teachers certainly need a break, but we are looking forward to a busy and productive Term 3.

There are some key dates coming up to get in your calendar now:

- **Term 3** starts - Monday 25th July
- **Polyfest** - Friday 12th August

Kia pai ō hararei,  
Ragne Maxwell  
Principal/Tumuaki

### Staff Changes

#### Staff Farewell



Sarah Maier

Sarah Maier is returning to her home county Canada and her Whanau after two and a half years at Porirua College. She was a valued whanau member of the Kenepuru Whare (Blue House) and the college.

She was a very successful Mathematic teacher, Assistant Pastor Leader and Learning Coach.

She will be missed.



Api Taufa

We say a sad farewell to Api Taufa, our sports coordinator for more than two years. She moves on to a Director of Sports role at her former high School Newlands college. Wishing her all the best as she moves forward in her career.



## Porirua College School Board Elections Parent Election Notice

Nominations are open for the election of five parent representatives to the school board.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with the nomination form.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at **12 noon on 3 August 2022**. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

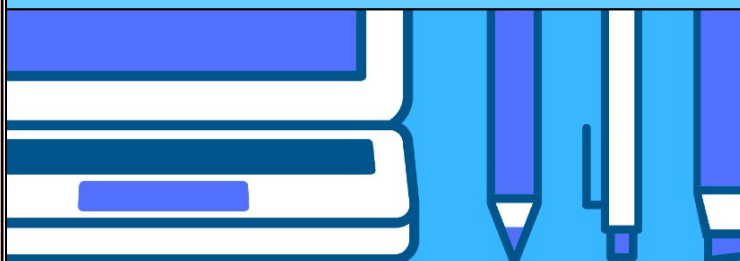
As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at **4pm on 7 September 2022**.

Signed Dawngi Hualngobochu  
Returning Officer

## English Homework Club

Every Tuesday afternoon we now run a homework club for students who need to catch up on their English work and/or time and support to work on their English assessments. There will be an English teacher there each week to help the students with their work and it is open to all year levels. Where and when? The Library, after school on Tuesdays from 3:15 to 4:45pm. Students can talk to their teachers if they want to know more.



**NEED HELP WITH ENGLISH?**

**OR A PLACE TO WORK ON ENGLISH  
ASSESSMENTS WITH TEACHER SUPPORT?**

*Come along to ...*

## **HOMEWORK CLUB**

**WHEN: TUESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL**

There will be an English teacher in the library ready to help you with any unfinished English learning, English homework, or any English assessments.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Why do I receive Attendance Notifications**

If your child has not been marked present in a class by 12pm on a school day, we send you a text message and /or email notification to let you know.

If your child is sick or won't be at school for any reason please contact the school office and let us know prior to 11:30am to ensure you won't receive a message.

If your child is late to school, they need to check in at the school office so we can note their arrival time.

**Absence contact numbers are:**

**Text absences to 027 237 5465 or phone 04 237 5465 and leave a message.**

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### **Voice**

EVERYONE HAS A VOICE THAT CAN  
CHANGE THE WAY THINGS ARE

### **Action**

LEARNERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

### **Identity**

KNOW WHO YOU ARE-BE WHO YOU ARE-  
SHOW WHO YOU ARE