

# Porirua College

# NEWSLETTER



TERM 1, Week 8, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## Deputy Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou Porirua College Whānau



It is great to see our new ākonga, whānau and kaiako start with us this year, we welcome you all. Goal Setting Day this year was one of our most successful with so many ākonga and their whānau coming in to meet with Learning Coaches to set goals for 2023. Please ask, at home, how your tamariki has been working towards those goals this year.

if it is broken or not working, we may be able to get it going or use it for parts to fix others.

We are all, very much looking forward to Colours Day at the end of the term on Thursday 6 April, and wish you all the best for the upcoming holidays and know students and staff will return refreshed and ready for term two on Wednesday 26 April.

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

Going to school every day is really important for all tamariki so that they can achieve their goals and have pathways beyond school into further education or work. We, as a community, as a village, can make sure that our tamariki attend school regularly and are able to make a difference in their communities in the future. Do not hesitate to get in touch if you are concerned about your tamariki's attendance.

- **Colours Day and Last Day of Term One** Thursday 6th April
- **Staff Only Day** Monday 24th April - no school
- **ANZAC Day** Tuesday 25th April - no school
- **Term Two for Students Starts** on Wednesday 26th April
- **Full School Assembly** Thursday 27th April
- **School Immunisation Clinic** Friday 12th May

Over the past three years, we have been able to lend ākonga chromebooks. At last count, there are over 300 Porirua College chromebooks with students, both past and present. We need to get the chromebooks returned so that we can audit them and get them back where they are most needed. If you have one, or more, at home please return it to the office along with the charger and bag if you have one. Please return the chromebook even

Mr John Topp  
Deputy Principal /Tumuaki Tuara

## Staff Changes

We welcome,

**George Ruaporo (GRU)**  
Achievement & Attendance Kaiamahi



**Meka Sua (MSU)**  
Teacher Aide



## Introducing Miss Hall



My name is Jess Hall and I grew up in Porirua. I am teaching science in Kenepuru house. I love to spend time outside or with my whānau.

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Porirua College develops powerful learners who are willing and able to use this quality in the service of their communities.



## **STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

Term one has seen some fantastic student led initiatives! Our Sports Council has been holding Friday lunchtime sports including 5 vs 5 Basketball and 3 vs 3 netball tournaments. Our Service Council has also been busy, getting the Breakfast Cub up and running again so if any PC students feel like a hot breakfast on Tuesdays and Thursdays please head to the Hospitality room from 8.15 am - 8.45 am. We've also had several student leaders head away on amazing experiences including Outward Bound, Rotary RYPEN camp, Stars Mentor camp with more to come. With so many awesome events already this term, we are looking forward to ending Term 1 with one of PCs most important days for student leadership, Colours Day! A day of school spirit and celebration of our school houses, our taura and our PC community. Mauri Ora!



**BREAKFAST CLUB  
(TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS)**



## **Support Services Available at School**

We offer a range of onsite services to support our students to focus on their learning!

- **Nurse:** Our nurse, Lisa Wheatley, is available to see students every day at school. Students should go to the school office to make an appointment to see her.
- **Doctor:** A doctor comes in to school each week. Make an appointment with the nurse or at the school office.
- **Simply Dental:** Students can access free dental checks and treatment until they reach the age of 18. Inquiries to the office.
- **Social Worker:** We have Social Workers, Adam Bain (Monday and Friday) and Sherrie Wharewaka-Paulo (Tuesday to Thursday), they can support students. Students can request an appointment through the school office or by leaving a request in the K2K area.
- **Guidance Counsellor:** We also have a full time guidance counsellor, Steve Barnsley. Students can request an appointment through the school office or by leaving a request in the K2K area.
- **Careers Advice:** We have two careers staff to support students. Georgina Walker is the Head of the Transition Faculty and offers careers advice for students, which whānau are welcome to come to. She is supported by Nadia Matehaere who is the Careers Administrator. Their offices are around the corner from K2K, in the administration block.

### **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

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# Measuring Literacy Progress in the Junior School



Kia ora koutou PC whānau,

This term, our Year 9 and 10 students have sat an asTTle reading test. This has been done to check where they are at when reading text and what they might still need to develop.

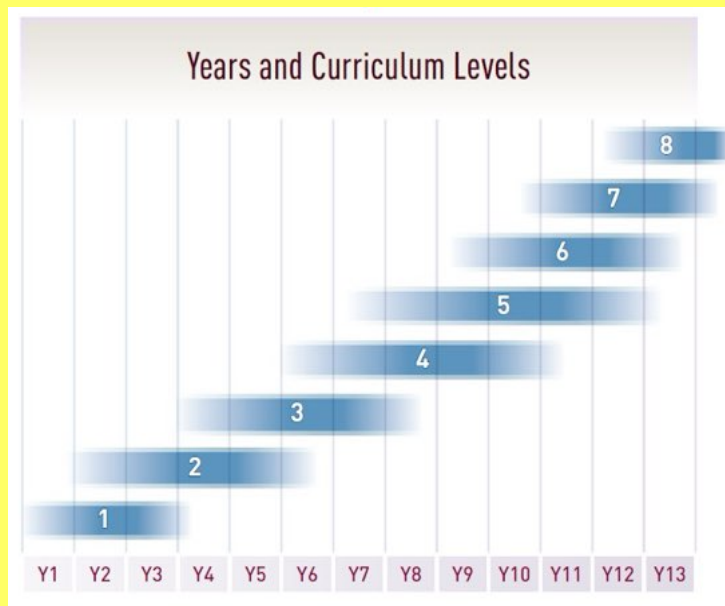
It has also been done because from 2024, all ākonga will need to pass both a numeracy test and a literacy test in order to be able to achieve any level of NCEA.

This is a new **corequisite** that sits beside the credits students will achieve in their subjects. Any students who qualify for Special Assessment Conditions for other schoolwork will also qualify for these when they sit the corequisite.

The Ministry of Education has stated that students achieving level 4b and above are at a level where they are ready to pass their literacy or numeracy test.

Over the next few weeks, your child will receive their asTTle reading results. Please discuss with your child how they went and what they need to do to improve. Please feel free to email [jgray@pen.net.nz](mailto:jgray@pen.net.nz) if you would like further information or to discuss these results.

## A note on levels:



The asTTle scale is based on the New Zealand curriculum. It starts at level 2b and progresses up to 5a in year 10.

- ★ 'B' means **"beginner"** or that the student is just starting to work at that level.
- ★ 'P' means **"proficient"** or that the student is working comfortably at that level.
- ★ 'A' means **"advanced"** or that the student is nearly at the next level up.

## Some highlight photos from the Year 11 Geography Trip to Kapiti Island



## **SPORT NEWS**



### **3x3 Basketball Senior Slam**

Congratulations to the following boys who represented PC at the Senior 3x3 Slam competition at Akau Tangi earlier this month; Emosi Matini, Isara Pupi, Mayala Parau, Ezey Cayamay and Newman Liua Tauala. The team competed against 12 Wellington schools and came away from the competition with an impressive second-place finish. Also, shout out to Fisaga Matini who came along and refereed at the tournament, and to our coaches David & Tanigiwai Moki-Hopfler—well done to everyone involved!



### **CSW Regional Athletics at Newtown Park**

Well done to the following students for their outstanding efforts in the CSW Regional Athletics at Newtown Park earlier this month!

#### **Vickiana Tua'au:**

⇒ 3rd in Senior Girls 3kg Shot Put, with a throw of 10.54m

#### **Matthew Mafuolo:**

⇒ 5th in Junior Boys 600g Javelin with a throw of 29.58m

#### **Tairi Mataio:**

⇒ 2nd in Junior Girls 3kg Shot Put with a throw of 10.48m

⇒ 5th in Junior Girls 1kg Discus with a throw of 23.31m

## **SCHOOL IMMUNISATION CLINIC – 12 MAY 2023**

Autumn is a good time to protect ourselves against illnesses before winter arrives. Ora Toa Health Services will be at our school offering childhood vaccinations to students who may have missed out in earlier years or are due for a vaccination.

We will contact parents/guardians if your child may be due for a vaccination(s) and provide more information and consent forms. If you consent, we will make an appointment for your child on 12 May 2023.

Rest assured no child will be vaccinated without parental/guardian consent.

Vaccinations offered are:

- Boostrix - which protects against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough).
- MMR – protects against Measles, Mumps and Rubella.
- Gardasil - which helps protect against infection from 9 types of human papillomavirus (HPV) which can lead to a range of cancers later in life.
- COVID-19 – First and Second doses. Booster doses for those 16 years and over.

For more information about vaccines for children and teenagers

- Visit the Health Navigator website.
- For personal advice on vaccinations for your child please call Healthline on 0800 28 29 26. Interpreter services are also available.

### **Onsite Visits During the School Day**

Any adults coming on site during the school day need to sign in at the school office. Students who come in after Learning Coach has finished in the morning should also sign in by letting the Receptionist know they have arrived. For student safety, please do not drive around the school ring road during the school day, just park out front. The front of school is very busy at the end of the day and it is a good idea to pick up students from the road down below.