



# NEWSLETTER

## Porirua College

TERM 2, Week 6, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023



### Principal's Message

**Talofa lava!**



This is the season of winter sports, language weeks and polyfest - Te Kiwa Nui. Groups and teams are practising regularly and we are getting some great results already. Well done to the U15 Rugby Boys who have got into Division 1 for the first time in some years.

This week is Samoan Language Week which has started off with a big ava ceremony at Bishop Viard and continues with a flag raising and activities at Porirua College. Well done to all the students who are speaking, performing and showing pride in their culture.

We really appreciate all the support our Te Kiwa Nui groups are getting from ex students, families and current leaders to showcase their cultures. This year we have groups performing for Samoa, Tokelau, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, Niue, Kiribati, Tonga and Fiji. It looks like almost half the school will be performing on the day again this year. Save the date of Friday 4th August in your diaries.

Learning is also going well with credits coming in for the seniors. Results are already looking much stronger than the last few Covid years. A big part of that is due to improved attendance this year, as well as the teachers' and senior students' commitment to success.

Thank you to all the families, students and staff who have worked so hard to get students into school every day, doing their learning and achieving their best. We are also grateful to our attendance team for all their mahi to support those finding it hard to get here regularly. Every school day is a big day!

Ka nui te mihi,  
Ragne Maxwell  
Principal/Tumuaki



### When a Student is Absent

We need to know about all absences on the day, to be sure all our students are safe.

**If absence occurs, caregivers must inform the college by one of these methods:**

- Ringing the absence line on 2375465—after the tone record the name of the student, their Year Level, the reason for their absence and your name.
- Sending a text to 027 2375465.
- Coming in to the office.
- Writing a note explaining the reason for the students absence.
- Sending an email to [poriruacollege@pen.net.nz](mailto:poriruacollege@pen.net.nz).

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## Staff Changes

We welcome,



**Ms Shalayiah Paiti**  
Teacher Aide



**Ms Ngarangi David**  
Porirua East Schools Attendance Kaiawhina



## Introducing Ms Anita Stewart



**Kia Ora,**

I'm Anita Stewart and I'm joining the Porirua College staff as the administrative assistant.

I have worked in a variety of schools around Wellington in administration roles.

I'm married with two children who have finally flown the nest. To alleviate 'empty nest syndrome' I have a small dog called Hershe.

In my spare time I like running, walking Hershe reading and spending time with friends.

## Changes to NCEA Level One in 2024

In 2024 NCEA Level One will have the following changes:

60 Credits in total will be required to gain NCEA Level One

New Achievement Standards will be used and most standards will be worth 5 credits

Most school subjects will offer 15-20 credits

Students must also gain Literacy and Numeracy to gain NCEA.

Literacy and Numeracy can be achieved in two ways:

- Gaining the new Literacy and Numeracy co-requisite standards
- Or
- Gaining 10 Literacy and 10 Numeracy credits from standards completed in Te Reo Māori, English, Mathematics and other specific standards (still being decided by NZQA)

NCEA Level Two and Three remain unchanged in 2024

More information will be provided over the coming months in the following ways:

- PC Newsletter
- Email
- Facebook
- Learning Conferences with Learning Coaches and subject teachers

You can also read more about these changes here (only for online version):

About NCEA

⇒ <https://ncea.education.govt.nz/about-ncea>

Change Programme

⇒ <https://ncea.education.govt.nz/what-ncea-change-programme>

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# PC Sports News



Winter sports is well underway. The coaches and players have worked hard in the pre season to be prepared for the competition. We are proud to have a Girls Rugby team this year and they have already shown their grit on the field with a huge win on Wednesday against WGC. Our 1st XV Boys had a win at home this week too for their first game in the Co-ed Cup with our whole school showing our P.C Pride for them.



Senior Basketball Boys had a win at home on Friday and are showing such athleticism and speed, more of them should be in our Athletics team. Our Junior Boys and Girls Basketball team are having a slow start with byes, but have both had convincing wins so far. They are enjoying their experience and creating new friendships as I see them putting their skills into practice on the backcourt and the girls having a run at the Student Council lunchtime sports.



## **T2 Week 6 P.C Sport 29 May - 3 June:**

### ***Tuesday 30 May:***

Basketball:

Junior Girls vs Upper Hutt @ Upper Hutt 4.30pm

Junior Boys vs Aotea Mangu @ Home 4.00pm

Mana Junior Girls vs Scots @ Porirua 5.30pm Prem Div

### ***Wednesday 31 May:***

Girls Rugby vs Bishop Viard @ Viard 4.00pm

Football TBC

### ***Friday 2 June: KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND:***

Senior Boys Basketball NO GAME due to King's Birthday

Saturday 3 June: KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND:

Porirua 1st XV vs Aotea 1st XV 2.30pm @ Aotea

NO Netball

NO U15's Rugby

*From the Sports Faculty*

Our Netball team competed in the CSW Netball Tournament last week. Playing 8 games in 1 day they have had their bootcamp of fitness for the pre-season and are winning their grading games. Football for our Boys and Girls have just started at Mana College. After a wonderful season of Futsal the teams have carried on into winter to play football in the local league. A big congratulations to Totogata Vaea and JT Tuala who have made it into Wellington U17's Volleyball Rep Team. Exciting times ahead. We've got the Beard Trophy match coming up against local rivals, Mana College! Stay updated by using our 'Porirua College Sport' Facebook & Instagram pages!

## Local News, Cannons Creek

Some large pine trees are to be removed in Cannons Creek Park from next Monday (29 May), with work expected to take till mid-July. There is machinery on site already.

The area will be re-planted with native, eco-sourced plants from our nursery, with harvested wood to be sold to fund the work and all the mulch spread on Council gardens.

Security fences will be up as large machinery will be operating and exits to Worcester Pl and Cheshire St will be blocked off. The Warspite Ave entrance will remain open until the final week of felling, when it will be closed as the trees being brought down are close to the road and school. Please note you will not be able to use well-travelled paths around the edges of the park as this work is happening.

Thanks for your patience as this necessary project takes place

Kris Dando

Principal Communications Advisor – Media & Messaging

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