



NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 - Week 10
Thursday, 4th July 2024



Kia ora koutou katoa,

It has been a great Term 2 here at Porirua College and we loved seeing so many of you at the Parent Teacher afternoon. Te Kiwa Nui practices have been happening all over school and we are really looking forward to the performances on Friday, 9th August. If you want to take your tamariki along on the day,

just let us know and we will mark them as having off site education, because it is a great experience for learning all about the rich cultures of Porirua. At school on the day, there will be the opportunity to watch the live stream or work independently with teacher support. Most of our staff and students will be down at the Arena for the day. Students at Year 10 and above will be able to gain credits from their performance so this is an assessment opportunity, as well as a cultural celebration!

Students have been really engaged with their learning this term and most seniors are going well with credits. Mahi Tahi credit catch up will be running Mon 8th - Wed 10th July in the library from 9.30am - 2.00pm for seniors who have work they need to complete. There are also two courses on the Monday offering extra credits that many seniors have signed up for. If you want to know whether a student has shown up, just ring the school.

Attendance continues to be much better this year. Thanks to whānau for all your work in getting our ākonga into school on time and in their uniform. With this cold winter weather settling in, some students might need a uniform top up over the holidays. Please let us know if you need any support with that.

The upgrade to our school gym has begun and is making good progress. We will also be having new netball courts at the back of the gym, as a Mahinawa satellite school is being built where the current netball courts are. If you have not already seen our beautiful new astroturf, have a look next time you are up at school.

Have a wonderful and safe school holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 22nd July.

Ngā mihi nui,
Ragne Maxwell
Principal/Tumuaki

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri 5th July: Last day of Term 2

Mon 22nd July: 1st day of Term 3

Fri 9th August: Te Kiwa Nui, Te Rauparaha Arena



Mathletix

Last week we had junior Mathletix. It was a fun and fast-paced team challenge for our Year 9 and 10 students. Congratulations to the following teams who got the top scores. Ka mau te wehi!

Year 9: Table 37 (Rangituhi), Table 38 (Rangituhi), and Table 21 (Tangare).

Year 10: Table 2 (Kenepuru), Table 29 (Rangituhi), Table 31 (Rangituhi), and Table 48 (Whitireia).



Student Absences

We need to know about all absences on the day, to be sure all our students are safe. Please let us know as early as possible, if your child is going to be absent from school by doing any of the following:

- ♦ Ringing the school office ph 237 5465 — after the tone, record the student name, year level, reason for absence and your name. Please speak clearly.
- ♦ Texting 027 237 5465.
- ♦ Logging into the KAMAR student portal.
- ♦ Coming in to the office.
- ♦ Writing a letter explaining the reason for the student absence that they bring with them upon their return to school.
- ♦ Emailing absences@pen.net.nz.

Texts/emails are sent out to caregivers around noon for all unexplained absences. We appreciate a response with an update on why the student is away.

Sports Update

How fast did Term 2 fly by? Just before the April school holidays we closed down our gym for maintenance and repairs. Everyone scrambled looking for alternative venues. We have been fortunate to have home games for basketball at Mana College and Porirua Park for rugby. For winter sports we have 3 basketball teams, a 1st XV rugby team, and 2 senior badminton teams.

Our success for this season was our senior boys basketball team winning all three grading games and now being in Division 2 of the College Sport competition. They are working really hard on team culture and player development. PCs 1st XV rugby team have also moved up into Division 2 and have had some big winning margins in this grade. The coaches continue to create a thriving environment for our boys to feel empowered and connected. Three of our players have been selected to trial for Wellington U16 Williment Week and we wish them the best of luck.

The Sports Faculty salute our coaches and managers for all the hard work and sacrifice they make for our students.





"Sunset Special"

"Sunset Special" is a band made up of our own year 12 and 13 musicians, who will be performing at Pataka on Sunday 11th August at 2pm.

SUNSET SPECIAL

11 August, Sunday 2pm: Helen Smith Room, Pātaka



Talented young musicians from Porirua College play a range of music from R&B, rock, blues, reggae to Pasifika. This will be a great show!

FIND OUT MORE

To find out more about these and other concerts and events, check out friendsofpataka.org.nz/events

Light Cycles

At the beginning of June, some of our students went to the Light Cycles exhibition held at the Botanical Gardens.

Light Cycles was an incredible experience and our young people were delightful and a real credit to PC.

They stood up and performed with pride on a big stage, in front of lots of town schools. They represented PC with pride and authentically as themselves.



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Porirua Has Talent Registration has been extended until Sunday 21st July

We want to update you on the latest news from the Porirua Has Talent Team. As you know this event is designed to celebrate everything that is awesome about tamariki and rangatahi in our fabulous city. We are excited to announce that we have thousands of dollars' worth of prizes to give away with \$250, \$500 and \$1000 prezzy cards for winners, and other spot prizes for participants. Entering is an opportunity for our young people to shine. We know that there is heaps of talent in our community - we just need to uncover it.

Extension to Registration Date

We have extended our registration date for entries until Sunday 21st July. Feedback from young people (and their whānau) was they needed more time to register. Extending registrations by a month allows them time to sort out their acts, or get friends together to enter as a group.

Auditions and Grand Final

We have secured Aotea College for our auditions and the grand final. This has allowed us to streamline our audition process holding all auditions on one day. Being held in the same venue as the grand final means this is a perfect dress rehearsal for those who make it through to the finals.

- Auditions: Saturday 17th August, 10am — 4pm at Aotea College
- Grand Final: Saturday 21st September, 10.30am — 4.30pm at Aotea College

Please continue to encourage your tamariki and rangatahi, your students, your young employees and the young people in your whānau to get involved by registering and auditioning. There are four categories — vocals, dance, variety and groups split into two different age bands; tamariki aged 5 to 12 years and rangatahi aged between 13 and 25 years. Online auditions are also available for those unable to attend the audition date. To find out more and to register, visit www.poriruahastalent.nz.

This event is brought to you by the Porirua Women and Family Centre with support from The 502, Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira, Te Wāhi Tiaki Tātou and Partners Porirua.

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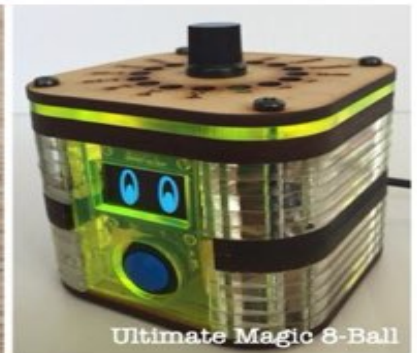
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