



NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 - Week 7
Monday 10 June 2024



Talofa lava

We are now in the middle of our second term. Term 2 brings with it winter sports, cultural practices and learning - our students are working hard to balance all of these parts of their education.

The theme for Samoan language week this year is '**Tautua i le alofa, manuia le lumana'i**' which means 'Serve in love for a blessed future'. We started our

week with a flag-raising and 'ava ceremony and we ended with a large celebration that included speakers, performances, culture and food. We love celebrating our language weeks at Porirua College and look forward to the others that follow later in the year.

Our Te Kiwa Nui groups have started preparing for the big event which is taking place in term 3 on Friday 9th August. This is a huge community event and we have a large number of students getting involved again this year. We appreciate the support from our ex-students, families, staff and leaders who work tirelessly to help our students showcase their talents and cultures.

On Wednesday 12th of June we have our Open Afternoon from 2.30-4.15pm. This will be a good chance for any year 8 students and whānau to come and have a look at their options for studying with us. Nau mai haere mai! We welcome you.

A huge amount of mahi has been going into our Music Voice class in preparation for the Big Sing. Our choir, the Aulelei Harmonisers, are heading along to the Michael Fowler Centre on Thursday 6th June. This will be a wonderful experience and we wish them all the best.

Term 2 is a big learning term. Assessments are well underway and our senior students should start to see results in their Kamar portals. Regular attendance is a good foundation for success. It helps students stay on top of their work, build strong relationships with teachers and develop good habits. By attending school regularly, our students avoid falling behind, stay motivated and are able to reach their full potential. We thank our families who are working so hard to make sure their students are here each day and in the correct uniform. Let's continue to work together to make attendance a priority for our PC students.

Ngā mihi nui,
Georgina Walker
Acting Deputy Principal - Tumuaki Tuarua

Save the dates

Simply Dental on site: 10th -15th June 2024

Open afternoon: 12th June 2024

Last day of Term 2: 5th July 2024

Recommence Term 3: 22nd July 2024



Introducing our new staff



Henry Belchambers

Tēnā koutou PC community, I'm Henry Belchambers, the new Social Studies teacher for Whitireia house, as well as teaching ākonga in History and DVC (Design and Visual Communication). When I am not teaching, I enjoy taking long walks out in nature and video and tabletop gaming - a passion which I am sharing with our ākonga at the Nerd Nights every Monday.



Phillipa Mann, Administration Assistant

Hi, my name is Phillipa.

I grew up in Porirua and went to Papakowhai School and Wellington Girls' College. After college I qualified and worked as a vet nurse for 6 years. Prior to starting here at Porirua College I was a SAHM to my 2 kids and when they got a bit older I studied by distance to gain a NZ diploma in business. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family and catching up with friends.



Pamela Johnson, Executive Officer

I'm a dedicated mother of two teenage girls, currently residing in Tawa. Beyond my family responsibilities, I fulfil my time playing competitive netball and tennis. My compassion extends beyond the courts, as we love fostering cats and kittens from the SPCA, embodying a profound commitment to spreading love and care to those in need.

When a Student is Absent

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 :

- ♦ ringing the absence line ph 237 5465, after the tone record the name of the student, their Year Level, the reason for their absence and your name. Please speak clearly.
- ♦ or txt ph 027 237 5465.
- ♦ log through the KAMAR student portal.
- ♦ coming in to the office
- ♦ writing a letter explaining the reason for the students absence that they bring with them upon their return to school
- ♦ sending an email to poriruacollege@pen.net.nz

Texts/emails are sent out to caregivers around 11.30 am for all unexplained absences. We appreciate a response with an update on why the student is away.



Porirua College Welcomes You



Wednesday 12th June, 2.30pm — 4.15pm

**We are excited to welcome you
and your whānau to our college**

2.30pm — 4.00pm: College Tours

4.00pm — 4.15pm: Refreshments in Whiti Te Ra and
Principal's Presentation

- Students and families can take a guided tour of our college or, if you would rather, feel free to look around by yourselves.
- You will be able to meet faculty teaching staff to chat about possible subject choices and to see what is on offer for 2025.



Te Kiwa Nui 2024

Te Kiwa Nui practices are in full swing this term. The festival event is scheduled for Friday 9th August at the Te Rauparaha Arena. The theme for this year's event is "Mai na matua, ko kitou, ki na fanau" - Learning from Yesterday, Living Today, and Hope for the Future.

Thank you to all the school staff, family and other community members for the hours of dedication to make this event possible.



Nathan Lopa has been appointed as the Festival Coordinator and oversees the full festival across all the schools.

More information about the dress rehearsal and tickets for the festival will be shared closer to the time.

Here is the practice schedule:

DAY	FIJI	SAMOA	COOK ISLAND	TUVALU	NIUE	TOKELAU	TONGA	KAPA HAKA
MON	3:10 - 4:30pm Rangituhi		3:30 - 5:30pm Hall	3.30 - 5pm Whitireia	3:50 - 5:30pm Tangare 3		3:30 - 5:30pm Tangare	
TUE		3:15 - 5:30pm Hall				3:50 - 5:30pm Tangare		
WED				3.30pm - 5pm Whitireia			3:30 - 5:30pm Tangare	2:10 - 4:30pm Hall
TH	3:10 - 4:30pm Rangituhi	3:15 - 5:30pm Hall	3:30 - 5:30pm Whitireia					3:20 - 5pm Kenepuru
FRI					3:45 - 5:00 pm Tangare 3	3:30 - 5:30pm Hall		



Outward Bound

We had four students attend a 21 day Mind, Body and Soul Course at Outward Bound this year. Lei Manase-Maniti and Maiden-Reign Ahiao attended from 11-31 March , while Lufo Fakaanaga and Anna Kamikamica attended from 7– 27 April .



All four students were based at Anakiwa in the Marlborough Sounds for three weeks.

On this action packed adventure students faced many physical and mental challenges which pushed students to believe they can achieve more than they ever thought possible! This included a two night solo in the Marlborough Sounds.



CACTUS 2024

After a number of years of not running the programme, CACTUS ran again in Term One of this year. CACTUS stands for Combined Adolescent Challenge Training Unit and Support. It is led by the Porirua Police Youth Team in conjunction with Porirua College and other support agencies.

CACTUS is designed to extend a young person's mind and physical capability, with a focus on teamwork, goal setting, leadership and discipline. It aims to instill discipline and self esteem into young people, encouraging them to look and listen before they act and increasing their future opportunities.

The programme ran for eight consecutive weeks with students arriving at 5am three days a week to complete physical training, army drill (marching), team building activities and to listen to guest speakers. This also included each student choosing and sharing an inspirational quote. On Monday and Wednesday the programme ran at Porirua College and on Friday's at Te Rauparaha Arena and The Royal New Zealand Police College.

The programme finished with the longest day. A twelve hour day full of many physical, mental and group challenges.

CACTUS will run again in 2025. Students will have an opportunity to sign up near the end of Term three.



All Yr 9 science classes recently had the opportunity to enjoy a day trip to Zealandia as part of our current topic, focusing on the geological and ecological history of Aotearoa.

The Zealandia kaitiaki supported our learning with a presentation focusing on identifying the physical adaptations of our native manu which have helped them to survive. We then all enjoyed the serenity of our bush walk and the opportunity to spot many bird varieties, insects and even a tuatara in their predator free, natural habitat. See below for some photos taken in the wild by two of our junior ecologists Abi Vang and Kiana Hosking.

Thanks to Zealandia Wildlife Sanctuary for their ongoing support of Science at PC!

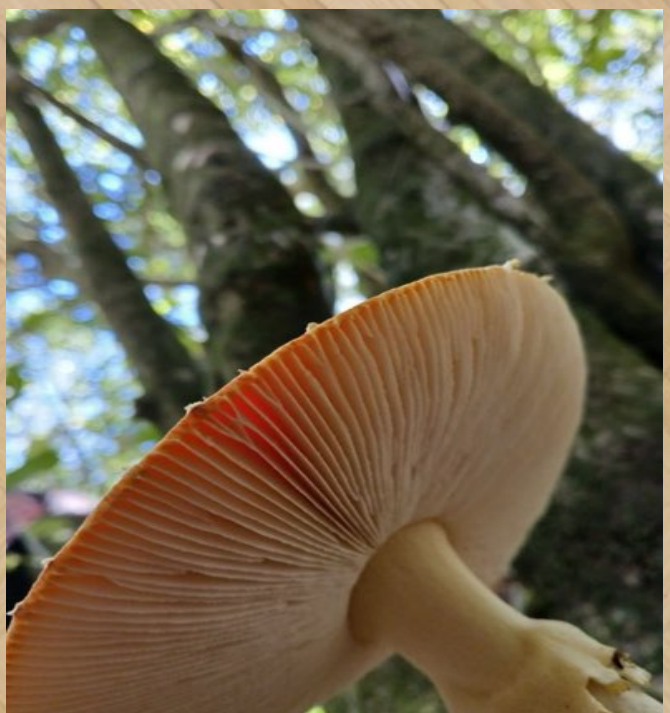


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Toxic Fly Agaric fungi by Abi Vang 9BFA



Maori and Pasifika young entrepreneurs navigate a 36 hour One NZ Business Challenge

During the April school holidays, 45 exceptional rangatahi Māori and Pasifika young minds from high schools across Aotearoa were united in Tamaki Makaurau Auckland to attend the entrepreneurial education programme, 'Young Navigators,' by Young Enterprise Trust. Representing Porirua College was our Year 12 student, Anuela Leofo.

The initiative, sponsored by One NZ, alongside Pacific Business Trust, and New Zealand Māori Tourism, is designed to immerse Māori and Pasifika tairua (students) in three days of enterprise-focused activities to connect, collaborate and learn. The programme is a fusion between the organisation's flagship programme, 'Young Enterprise Scheme,' and a fast-paced startup weekend.

In teams, the students were hosted by 1 of 7 New Zealand companies; One NZ, ARA Journeys, Spark Foundation, Deloitte, Grid Auckland, Pacific Business Trust and Ngahere Communities who mentored the students as they tackled 'The One NZ Business Challenge'. Students were challenged to create a business leveraging technology and innovation to build a resilient food system, improving any aspect of the food supply chain with the aim to address and alleviate the burden of food insecurities for whanau in Aotearoa.

Young Navigators participants were chosen from applicants who are all participants in The Lion Foundation Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) programme. They represented a total of 25 schools from 11 regions. The YES programme has over 5,000 participants, who create and run their own businesses throughout the school year as a part of the entrepreneurial education programme.



Colours Day 12 April 24



A fun day was had with plenty of colour, costumes and noise. Students participated in the Haka, Riff off, Tug of war and chant.



Whakaahua o te haerenga o Te Reo Hauora ki Toru Fetu

Inanahi, i haere mātou ko ngā tauira o Te Reo Hauora (KtH) ki Toru Fetu ECE. I whakaako rātou ki ngā tamariki o Toru Fetu...ētahi kemu, ā, ngā momo ngohe hauora hoki. He poho kererū tātou ki a rātou. I tū kaha, i tū māia rātou ki reira!

Ānei ētahi whakaahua ki a rātou

On Tuesday, 7 May the students of the Te Reo Hauora KtH class went to Toru Fetu ECE. There they taught the children some games and different hauora activities. We are super proud of them! - they stood strong!



Well done!

Trip to Parliament - School lunches

On 10 April, some of our students went into Parliament to talk to Ministers about school lunches. The feedback was that they were such fantastic advocates for the school, for rangitahi and for Ka Ora, Ka Ako



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Events Calendar

9	10 X Week Simply Dental Onsite	11 X Week Simply Dental Onsite Yr 9 Ignite Choices 3 PA100/200/300	12 X Week Simply Dental Onsite Open Afternoon	13 X Week Simply Dental Onsite	14 X Week Simply Dental Onsite	15 Simply Dental Onsite
16 Simply Dental Onsite	17 Simply Dental Onsite Y Week	18 Simply Dental Onsite Y Week Yr 9 Ignite Choices 4	19 Y Week	20 Y Week PC's Got Talent	21 Y Week	22
23	24 X Week	25 X Week Yr 9 Ignite Choices 5+6 (combined) Young, Free and Pacific Event (Boys)	26 X Week Young, Free and Pacific Event (Girls)	27 X Week Board of Trustees Meeting	28 X Week Matariki Celebration	29
30	1st JULY	2	3	4	5	6