

# PORIRUA COLLEGE

# NEWSLETTER



**Term 1 - Week 11**  
Friday 11 April 2025

Term 1 has been packed with learning and fun! We have had lots of sports and learning trips as well as plenty of activities up at school. Athletics day with the whole school was a highlight with everything from shotput to waterslides. There was a great display of house colours and we look forward to seeing this again on Colours Day as we finish the term with our usual PC special.

Hui-a-whānau was packed with students and whānau. We shared kōrero around what haka means to us and talked about where PC has got to and where we are going. We are enjoying having our whare wānanga in the centre of school and look forward to the naming ceremony next term. Our Kapa Haka group is already going strong and sounding beautiful.

Coming up in Term 2 we have the rest of our Te Kiwa Nui groups starting up. Students need to make sure they sign up for the cultural groups they want to be part of in week 1. As always, we welcome community support with our groups. If you can help out with anything from teaching dance moves to planning costumes, please get in touch.

During 2025, we will be developing some PC values and a new three year strategic plan. Look out for an invitation to a PC Parent Hui early next term, hope to see you there. Save the date of Thursday 26th June for our report evening when you can meet up with your child's teachers.

Enjoy the holidays with your rangatahi and if they haven't got warm uniform yet, remember to pick it up at The Warehouse. Girls trousers are available at school during office hours in term time. Thanks for all your work to support attendance this term. Our Year 12 and 13 attendance has improved significantly, which will really help them achieve their goals this year.

We look forward to seeing all our lovely ākonga again on Monday 28th April.



Ngā mihi mahana,  
Ragne Maxwell  
Principal/Tumuaki

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>28 April – 2 May</b>	Te Kiwa Nui Sign-ups
<b>12 May</b>	Pasifika Leadership Symposium
<b>12 – 16 May</b>	Rotuman Language Week
<b>13 May</b>	Porirua Careers Expo
<b>2 – 6 June</b>	Samoan Language Week
<b>5 – 6 June</b>	Big Sing Competition
<b>9 – 13 June</b>	Simply Dental Onsite
<b>16 June</b>	Kapa Haka Regionals
<b>25 June</b>	Matariki Arts Showcase



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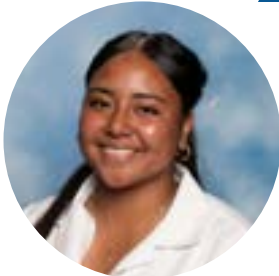
<b>Week 1 - Tues 29 April</b>	Year 11 Follow-up
<b>Week 4 - Tues 20 May</b>	9JZH Choices Workshop
<b>Week 5 - Tues 27 May</b>	Year 12 Sports Leadership
<b>Week 6 - Tues 3 June</b>	9MWA Choices Workshop
<b>Week 8 - Tues 17 June</b>	9YMA Choices Workshop
<b>Week 9 - Tues 24 June</b>	9MTA Choices Workshop
<b>Week 9 - Fri 27 June</b>	Year 11 Follow-up



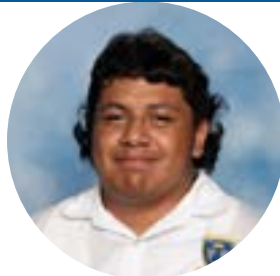
# 2024 NCEA ENDORSEMENTS

At our recent school assembly, we were thrilled to present badges to students that were endorsed with Merit or Excellence at NCEA Level 1 and 2. Congratulations to the following students:

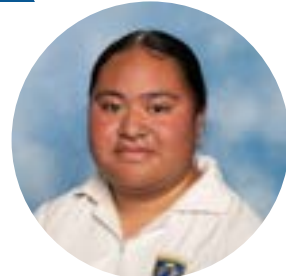
## NCEA Level 1 - Merit



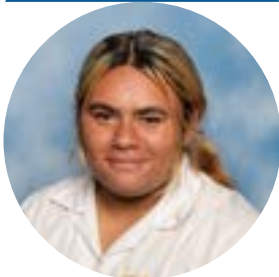
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Lameko Lepaio



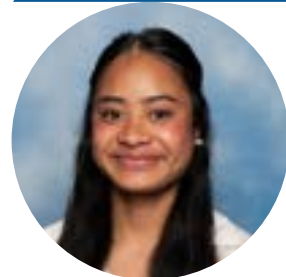
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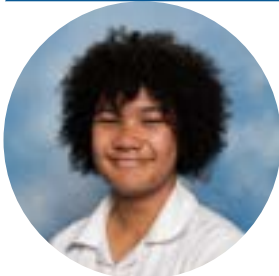
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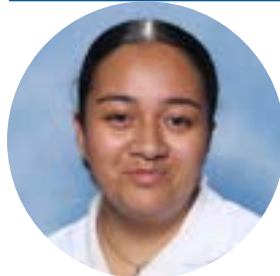
Teriki Motiua



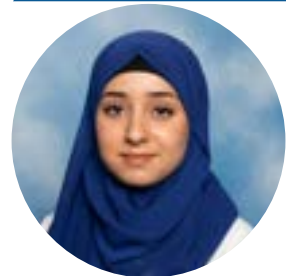
Angela Penitito



Alysshah Suailua



Lina Tamaiva



Nour Ziwni



### NCEA Level 2 - Merit



Likalia Alofa



Sangha Chea You

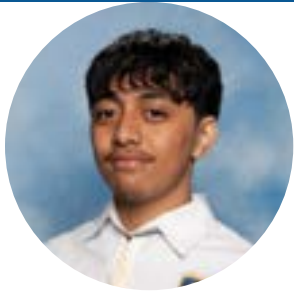


Hanna Rivera



Sylvain Jose

### NCEA Level 1 - Excellence



Tairi Mataio

### NCEA Level 2 - Excellence



Shyna Buksh



Khoa Vang

We would also like to acknowledge the following Year 13 students who graduated from Porirua College last December and achieved endorsements in the following areas:

### NCEA Level 3 - Merit

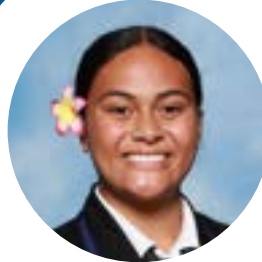


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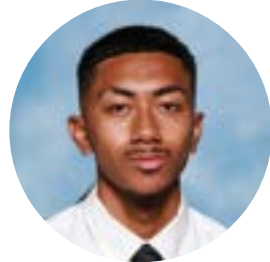


Juliana Simanu

### NCEA Level 3 - Excellence



Teniku Vailahi



Gideon Filikitonga-Masaga



Solomon Pule

Congratulations once again to you all on being recognised for your hard mahi. A fantastic achievement – well done!





Register  
Now!  
Term 2



Te Kiwa Nui will take place on Friday, 8th August this year (Term 3, Week 4). Students can sign up for a group during Week 1 of term 2, with the deadline for registration being Friday, 2nd May. To sign up, students can either visit the office or speak with Mr. Wood, Miss Tuitupou, Miss Falefatu, or Mrs. Kelemete. The groups available this year are: Kapa Haka, Samoa, Cook Islands, Kiribati, Fiji, Tonga, Tokelau, Niue, and Tuvalu. Students are allowed to join a maximum of two groups.





**9.30am–4.30pm**  
**Tuesday 13 May**  
**Te Rauparaha Arena**

**Porirua  
Careers  
Expo**

**Get inspired about your future!**

- » 80 stalls to explore jobs in tech, health, construction, trades and more
- » CV and interview help – get tips to land your dream job
- » Giveaways, free food and \$500 Prezzy cards to win.

[porirua.govt.nz/careers-expo](http://porirua.govt.nz/careers-expo)

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## Porirua Careers Expo

We are taking a group of year 12 and 13 students to the Porirua Careers Expo. The event will showcase local businesses, career pathways, training providers, and tertiary institutions. It is a fantastic opportunity for our ākonga to meet members of the community who can inspire them and show them the available opportunities for their future.

**WHEN:** Tuesday 13th May 2025

**WHERE:** Te Rauparaha Arena, Porirua CBD

**TIME:** 12pm - 2.30pm

**MEETING POINT:** Outside Rangituhi House,  
Travelling via Bus

The students need to return a permission slip if they want to attend.

Georgina Walker



**Porirua  
Careers  
Expo**

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**CACTUS** was first introduced at Porirua College in 2016. It stands for Combined Adolescent Challenge Training Unit and Support and is led by the Porirua Police Youth Team in collaboration with Porirua College, with support from the Porirua Healthy Safer City Trust, Porirua City Council, and Partners Porirua. The programme is designed to challenge and develop a young person's mental and physical capabilities, with a focus on teamwork, goal setting, leadership, and discipline. This year, for the first time, three Porirua College students are returning to the programme as student mentors.



Over the past eight weeks, students have committed to arriving at 5:30 am three days a week to complete physical training, army drill (marching), team-building activities, and listen to guest speakers. Each student also selects and shares an inspirational quote as part of the programme. The programme will culminate with the "Longest Day" on Saturday, 12th April. This twelve-hour event will be filled with a series of physical, mental, and group challenges designed to push their limits.



## Ministry of Education Academic Award

Congratulations to Khoa Vang who received a Ministry of Education Voice of Aroha Academic Award at a ceremony on Friday 4th April. Khoa completed her NCEA Level Two Endorsed with Excellence.



## Debating

On Monday 12 March, our junior debating team won a debate against Onslow College. The topic was "This house believes that zoos should be banned". Bryant, Jah-Nesta and Abi did an amazing job! If you are keen on joining junior debating, please email [ymackenzie@pen.net.nz](mailto:ymackenzie@pen.net.nz)



## Outward Bound

Diani Lewis and Meziah Ioapa-Peniata attended Outward Bound for 21 days this term. From the mountains to the sea, Outward Bound's outdoor courses in Te Ao Tūroa (the natural world) empower students to go beyond what they thought possible. Outward Bound is designed to challenge student limits, uncover their strengths, and deliver valuable lessons that can be applied to every area of life. See Mr Wood if you are interested in attending an Outward Bound course.





## Hui-ā-whānau

On Thursday of Week 10, we hosted some of the PC whānau Māori in whare Rangituhi. The evening was designed to improve whanaungatanga between whānau and the college. Ngā mihi nui to everybody who joined us for kai and gave input into a school project. We'll be hosting the second hui later this year and will provide dates ahead of time for any whānau Māori who wish to join.

(Kōmiti Ākonga Māori)



## Gateway - SEEDS

### Gateway Students Gain Valuable Work Experience at Woolworths, Aotea

Over the past five weeks, five of our Gateway students have had the opportunity to gain hands-on work experience at Woolworths, Aotea. This experience has allowed them to develop essential customer service skills that employers highly value. We are pleased to share that the students received positive feedback from the Woolworths staff they worked alongside, highlighting their dedication and hard work.

Not only does this work experience provide valuable insights into the workplace, but it also gives our students the chance to earn 22 Level 2 credits, which can boost their qualifications for future career opportunities.

We understand that finding paid employment can be challenging for students right now, which is why opportunities like this are so important. They offer our students a chance to get their foot in the door, building their skills and enhancing their employability for the future.

We look forward to providing more of these enriching experiences for our Gateway students throughout the year!



## Active As / Mana Toiora Promoting Physical Activity at Our School

As an Active As / Mana Toiora school, our goal is to encourage greater participation in physical activity. This year, we are excited to roll out several initiatives, including:

- Social Badminton – Every Thursday in the gym
- Athletics Day / Cross Country
- Kahui Whetu o Porirua Athletics
- Climbing Club
- Outdoor Fitness Equipment
- New Sports Teams
- CSW Kī-o-Rahi Tournament
- New Kilikiti and Kī-o-Rahi Sets
- ESports
- Community Support – Working with PPSSA and local schools
- Coaching and Referee Courses

We are currently seeking football coaches for our junior boys and junior girls teams for next term. If you're interested in lending a hand, please reach out to one of our faculty members:

Heidi-Jane Humphries – HOF Hākinakina (hhumphries@pen.net.nz)

Linda Sua – Director of Sport (lsua@pen.net.nz)

Phil Townley – Active As Co-ordinator (ptownley@pen.net.nz)

Thank you for your support in helping us achieve our physical activity goals and ensuring our students have a vibrant and active year!



## Social Badminton

Social Badminton happens on Thursday's from 3.15 - 4.45pm. Everyone is welcome. We provide the rackets and shuttlecock, you provide the skill and the fun!



## Senior boys volleyball nationals

This year we were fortunate enough to take a group of senior boys to represent Porirua College at this year's secondary schools national volleyball tournament in Palmerston North. It has been a while since PC has had a boys team at nationals so it was an amazing experience for our boys to take part in. The team ended up placing 7th in division 4, and 51st overall. We are extremely proud of their efforts and are looking forward to building towards next year's nationals. Special shout out to OJ Manase and Se'e Tamala for their hard work in bringing this nationals trip to life.



## Climbing Club

Our first term of rock climbing club! Thanks for all the strong wahine trying your best and all the kaiako support! Will be back at it again next term!



## PC Cross Country Colours Run

PC Cross Country Colours Run will be held on Monday 5 May during LC. Wear a white t-shirt (and be prepared for it to not be white at the end of the run) and celebrate being active with us! You can earn points for your house. Walking, running, and skipping is allowed. For the serious competitors there are points for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. There are also participation points for everyone who gives it a go. Course is on the bottom and top field.



## Weights Room

The wait is over! Our much-anticipated Weights Room update has finally arrived. The new equipment is unpacked, set up, and ready to be used. We're excited to see our students making the most of this awesome new space!







## Homework Club

Kia ora koutou, Is your student struggling with assessments? Encourage them to come to Homework Club! After school, the library is open, and I'll be there to help with homework. We have Chromebooks and computers with Grammarly for spelling and grammar support, plus access to reliable websites and resources for reading comprehension, including videos and text-to-speech tools.

### Get targeted help with:

- Cracking tricky assessments
- Finding videos and websites to boost your learning
- Tech to improve spelling and grammar

### Get creative by:

- Making art to level-up the library space
- Writing poetry, stories, raps
- Borrowing manga and as many sweet reads as you can carry

I'll be putting up posters around the school to spread the word!

### Details:

When: Mon to Thurs, after school until 5 PM

Where: Te Whare Pukapuka (Porirua College Library) – next to Tangare (orange whare), across from Mahinawa (purple whare)

See you there!

Mr. Homework Club

Library Manager



## School Parking for Students

If your tamariki drives a car to school, they must have at least a restricted license and complete the Student Driver's Form, which is available at the office. Once the form is returned, it will be scanned, along with their license, and stored in our school records. A pass will then be issued, which must be displayed on the dashboard of their car while parked on school grounds. There will be designated parking spaces for student vehicles.

Please note that students are not permitted to leave school grounds during the day, so they should not drive out during school hours. Student drivers must also adhere to the conditions of their license: learners cannot drive to school, and those with a restricted license are not allowed to have other students in the car.

Thank you for helping ensure the safety of all students and staff.

Ngā mihi nui,  
John Topp

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