

PORIRUA COLLEGE ——— NEWSLETTER



Term 2 - Week 4
Friday 23 May 2025



Tēnā koutou,

Nau mai, hoki mai! Term 2 is officially underway, and it's shaping up to be a busy and exciting chapter in our school year. A very warm welcome back to all our students, staff, and whānau — we hope the holiday break was restful and that everyone is feeling refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

Term 1 flew by, and we ended it on a high note with the vibrant energy of Colours Day. Congratulations to all our houses and student leaders for making the day such a success. It was wonderful to see so many of you getting involved in one of our school's longest-standing annual traditions.

Looking ahead, we have a number of key events and initiatives this term. Parent-Teacher Interviews will be taking place later in the term, providing an important opportunity for tauira, whānau, and kaiako to connect, reflect on progress, and set goals for the remainder of the year. We strongly encourage all families to book a time and stay engaged in their child's learning journey.

We're also excited about a variety of extracurricular activities on the calendar — including winter sports, Beard's Trophy, and our much-anticipated PC's Got Talent show. We look forward to seeing our school community come together to support and celebrate these events.

Let's continue working together to make Term 2 a time of growth, learning, and connection.

He hono tangata e kore e motu; ka pā he taura waka e motu.

Ngarangi Kingi
Tumuaki Tuarua

UPCOMING EVENTS

2-6 June	Samoa Language Week
5 June	VUW Psychology day
5 June	Junior Netball Tournament
5-6 June	Big Sing Competition
9 June	Otago University Visit
9-13 June	Simply Dental Onsite
11 June	Year 8 Open Afternoon
12 June	PCs Got Talent
14-16 June	Te Whare Haka o Awarua NOHO
16 June	Kapa Haka Regionals
19 June	'Girls in Infrastructure' Event
20 June	Matariki
25 June	Matariki Arts Showcase
26 June	Parent Teacher Afternoon / Evening
27 June	Last Day of Term 2
30 June - 13 July	School Holidays
Ignite Programme Term 2:	
6, 17, 24 June	Y9 Choices workshop
27 June	Y11 Follow-up workshop



Year 8 Open Afternoon

Porirua College warmly welcomes you to our Year 8 Open Afternoon, Wednesday 11th June, 2:30pm – 4:15pm.

Schedule:

2:30pm – 4:00pm: Guided or self-directed tours

4:00pm – 4:15pm: Refreshments in Whiti Te Ra & Principal's Presentation

This is a great opportunity for ākonga and whānau to explore our learning environment, meet our passionate teaching staff, and find out more about subject options available in 2026. Whether you prefer a guided experience or to look around on your own — we look forward to seeing you there!



Mathletix 2025

In Week 3, Mathletix 2025 was held in the hall for Year 9 (Monday) and Year 10 students (Thursday). Senior maths students helped MC and mark the competition. It was a fun and fast-paced team challenge for our junior teams! Congratulations to the following teams who got the top scores:



Year 9 (Monday)

1st - Whitireia (Table 47)

2nd - Kenepuru (Table 4)

3rd - Tangere (Table 16)

Year 10 (Thursday)

1st equal - Kenepuru (Table 8),

Whitireia (Table 34)

3rd - Rangituhi (Table 44)

MC300 Zealandia Trip

On Thursday afternoon of Week 2, all MC300 students visited Zealandia to explore real-world applications of their classroom learning — specifically, how trigonometric functions can be used to model fluctuations in animal populations over time.

During the visit, we learned about the diverse bird and animal species of Aotearoa, and the interactions between introduced, native, and endemic species. The trip concluded with a 90-minute walk through the sanctuary, where we were able to observe many of the native and endemic species we had just learnt about.



From Zero to Hero – Netball

2024 saw no netball players take the court for our school. Fast forward 1 year and we now have five packed teams — including 21 boys! Our senior players are also great coaches, running a workshop for local primary schools alongside Pulse players.



Announcement of Rugby Teams

After a hectic Term 1 gathering players, coaches & managers, we've completed a successful preseason and are ready for the regular season.

We have 106 registered players across 5 teams:

- 1st XV Boys
- 2nd XV Boys
- U15 Boys
- U15 Girls
- U18 Girls

Girls play on Wednesdays, and boys play Saturdays. Come show your support!

Huge thanks to our staff coaches: Leoloa, Mike, Don, Jean-Pierre, Faafai & Sherri – your support makes the season possible.



CreekBall (Basketball)

New coaches and players are developing structure and skill. Our consistent players are the senior girls who've been with us since juniors — and they never fail to impress with flair and flex!



SPORTS & ARTS HIGHLIGHTS



PC's First-Ever Junior Girls Football Team – And We're On Fire!

For the first time ever, Porirua College has a Junior Girls Football team — and we're making history! We're currently top of the table and loving every minute on the field.

Home Ground:
Waihora Park, Waihora Crescent

Match Highlights:

Game 1: 5-2 WIN vs Samuel Marsden
Game 2: 3-2 WIN vs Queen Margaret College
Game 3: 2-2 DRAW vs St Oran's College

Remaining Fixtures:

Tues 27 May: vs Samuel Marsden (Away)
Tues 3 June: vs Queen Margaret (Home)
Tues 10 June: vs St Oran's (Away)
Tues 17 June: vs Samuel Marsden (Away)
Tues 24 June: vs Queen Margaret (Home)

Let's keep this momentum going — Go PC!



Goal Scorers:

Arahia Rameka, Shy-Anne McMurtrie, Jane Brunt, Olipeslise Leofo & Kharley Laulu — well done, wāhine toa!



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Smashing Success! – Social Badminton

With 63 registered players, our social badminton sessions are absolutely buzzing! The gym is packed every Thursday from 3:15 to 4:45pm, with barely room to swing a racket — and we love it!

Games are now player-led, creating an awesome mix of friendly competition and fast-paced fun. To finish the term on a high, we're hosting tournament matches on the last Tuesday of the term — so get ready to bring your A-game!

Whether you're a regular or brand new, come along, get active, and have a blast!

Artist Visit – Ana Teofilo

On Tuesday, 20th May our Junior Pasifika Art class and Senior art classes had the privilege of welcoming artist Ana Teofilo for a special workshop. Ana shared her vibrant, culturally rich art practice and how her Pasifika heritage influences her creativity.

The hands-on workshop was a highlight, as students explored new techniques and created their own expressive artworks alongside Ana.

Fa'afetai tele lava Ana!





PORIRUA COLLEGE TE KIWA NUI PRACTICE TIMETABLE 2025



GROUP NAME:	<u>MONDAY</u> Time & Location	<u>TUESDAY</u> Time & Location	<u>WEDNESDAY</u> Time & Location	<u>THURSDAY</u> Time & Location	<u>FRIDAY</u> Time & Location
Kapa Haka			2:10-3:10pm Te Ao Marama		3:15-4:30pm Te Ao Marama
Samoa		3:15-5:15pm Whiti te Ra		3:15-5:15pm Whiti te Ra	
Cook Island		4pm-6pm Te Ao Marama		4pm-6pm Te Ao Marama	
Tonga		3:15-4:30pm Kenepuru			4:30-5:30pm Kenepuru
Tokelau	3:30-5:30pm Whiti Te Ra				3:30-5:30pm Whiti Te Ra
Niue	3:20 - 4:45pm Tangare		2:30 - 4:30pm Whiti te Ra		3:30-5pm Tangare
Tuvalu		3.30-5pm Whitireia	3-4.30pm Whitireia		
Kiribati	Tawa College Mon 3:30-5pm Weds 3:30-5pm				

