

PORIRUA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



Term 3 - Week 10
Tuesday 16 September, 2025



Kia ora koutou,

What a busy few months we have had at Porirua College this term!

As we draw to the end of Term 3 it's a good time to look back on all that has been achieved both inside and outside the classroom.

Academically, our focus this term has been tracking student progress and supporting everyone to stay on top of their learning goals.

Our Goal Review Evening allowed whānau, teachers, and students to connect around progress and next steps. These moments of reflection are important milestones in ensuring everyone feels supported and ready for success.

Co-curricular life has also been thriving with the annual Te Kiwa Nui event, where over 300 students from Porirua College were able to showcase their cultures along with other kura from around Wellington. It was a privilege to see all of our ākonga on the stage! Thank you to the tutors, teachers and student leaders for making it such a fantastic representation of cultural pride.

More recently we have enjoyed hosting a Tekken tournament and various Sports Council events. In the coming weeks we will also see students have the chance to take part in a Chess Tournament.

This term, it is clear that students have had plenty of opportunities to challenge themselves and share their talents beyond the classroom.

As we head into the holidays, we encourage everyone to take time to rest, recharge and spend time with friends and whānau.

For our seniors, a gentle reminder that you only have a few short weeks left of school, make the most of every opportunity, stay focused, and finish your final few weeks on a positive note – your hard work now will set you up for the future.

Ngā mihi nui,
Ngarangi Kingi / Tumuaki Tuarua

COMING UP IN TERM 4

Fijian Language Week	6-10 Oct
Senior Performing Arts	6-10 Oct
Y12 Ignite Sports Leadership	7 Oct
Ignite Yr10 On-Track	8-10 Oct; 21 Oct & 11 Nov
CSW Rugby League 9 Tournament	11 Oct
Sports Prize Giving	14 Oct
PPSSA Ki-o-Rahi Tournament	15 & 17 Oct
Pōwhiri/Tatū for Kī-o-Rahi tournament	16 Oct
Creative Arts Showcase	16 Oct
Niue Language Week	20-24 Oct
CSW Kī-o-Rahi Tournament	21 & 23 Oct
Tokelau Language Week	27-31 Oct
Labour Day (no school)	27 Oct
Board Meeting	30 Oct & 27 Nov
Senior Merit Assemblies	31 Oct
Yr9 Social Studies Trip	4 Nov
NZQA Exams	4-13 Nov; 17-28 Nov & 2 Dec
Staff Only Day (no school)	7 & 21 Nov
Makoura College Sports	12 Nov
Year 8 Transition Day	14 Nov
Junior Examinations	17-20 Nov
Solomon Island Language Week	24-28 Nov
Senior Prize Giving	8 Dec
Activity Day	8 Dec
Junior Prize Giving	10 Dec

TE KIWA NUI FESTIVAL

On Friday, 8th August, Porirua College proudly participated in the Te Kiwa Nui Festival, a vibrant celebration of Pacific and Māori cultures.

The event brought together communities from across the region to honor the richness and diversity of our cultural heritage through music, dance and performance.

Porirua College was represented by nearly 300 students, performing across eight cultural groups; Kapa Haka, Samoa, Tonga, Tokelau, Cook Islands, Tuvalu, Niue, and Kiribati. Each group took to the stage with powerful energy, showcasing months of hard work, rehearsals, and cultural learning.

The performances were not only of an exceptionally high standard but were also heartfelt expressions of identity, community and tradition. Students represented themselves, their whānau, their cultures and Porirua College with incredible pride, passion and respect. Their dedication and spirit were evident in every performance and the atmosphere throughout the day was electric with joy, pride and unity.

The Te Kiwa Nui Festival marked the culmination of countless hours of preparation and commitment, It was a celebration not only of cultural performance but also of the values that underpin our school community—Whanaungatanga, Manaakitanga, and Kotahitanga.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the many Porirua College staff, families and friends who supported our students every step of the way. Whether through choreography, costume making, transport, kai, or moral support, your contributions were vital. Te Kiwa Nui would not be possible without your unwavering support and aroha.

This year's festival was a true reflection of the strength and beauty of our cultures—an unforgettable day of pride, unity and celebration.



TE KIWA NUI PHOTOS



STUDENT RECOGNITION



On Monday the 25th of August, Sylvain Jose and Elaf Abduljawad travelled to Lower Hutt to receive leadership awards. These were awarded by Voice of Aroha in partnership with the Ministry of Education and celebrate leadership in students from migrant and refugee backgrounds. Congratulations Sylvain and Elaf!



L-R Sylvain Jose, Elaf Abduljawad



An added bonus was seeing Youmna Al Laham, one of our first lot of beautiful students from Syria (2016). Youman is now a Pharmacist working in the Hutt, but still resides in Porirua.

L-R Sylvain, Elaf, Povalu Kelemete, Youmna Al Laham, Jennifer Crisp

Student Trustee



Elaf Abduljawad was presented with a Porirua Youth Award taking out an 'Achievement in Education' accolade. Congrats to Elaf!



Congratulations to our two newly elected student trustees who will be joining the PC Board from October 2025. Our students will be represented by **Hayley Vaea and Saedee Simmons-Price**. Congrats once again and we know you will both do a great job in this leadership role.

We thank Elaf Abduljawad who will step down as this year's student trustee. Elaf has been an outstanding trustee and the board thank her for her commitment to the role.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



Welcome to Roto-Vegas

What's for lunch???



Checking out the mud pools

The level 3 Geography class visited Rotorua to look at the sustainability of tourism in the area. The students stayed at Keswick Christian Camp for two nights and visited Rotorua Museum, the Skyline and Gondola and Wai-o-Tapu.

Year 10 Social Studies class visited Parliament this term. They were able to visit the debating chamber and the press room. Students learnt about the different roles within Parliament and how our voting system works.



Future MP's maybe???



Our very own Kapreez Kingi this morning at the He Ringa Toi - Māori Art exhibition - standing next to her carving which is on display at Te Papa. This was a special celebration for Kapreez and her whānau.



REPRESENTATIVE HONORS



Indy Lealamisa
Wellington Orcas U14 Rugby League



Mikayla Aitogi-Wilson
Wellington U18
Rugby Union



Mattelena Tepai
Wellington U18 Centurions
Rugby Union

Congratulations!



Cordeius Faraimo-Selave
Wellington Samoan U18 Rugby Union



Brayden Lemalu
Wellington Samoan U18 Rugby Union &
Wellington Orcas U18 Rugby League



Eteuati Masoe
Wellington Orcas U18 Rugby League

SPORTS NEWS

On the 1st of August Porirua College was represented by some very skilled Table Tennis players at the Junior Table Tennis Tournament.

Our boys did such an awesome job coming in with the following results:

- Te Jay Warra - 1st Jnr Boys Div 4
- Leon Mason - 2nd Jnr Boys Div 2
- Elvis Chong-Nee - 2nd Jnr Boys Div 3
- Ioani Vaea - playoffs for Jnr Boys Div 1



L-R Leon Mason; Te Jay Waara; Elvis Chong-Nee; Ioani Vaea

Rugby season wrap up



Rugby season has come to an end for all of our teams, a huge thank you to our amazing Coaches, Managers, Supporters, Helpers and most of all our incredible students who all played with Porirua Pride throughout the year and represented themselves so well. This year we had 5 teams and a total of 110 players. An amazing effort and a great season!!

Boys 1st XV: Coach Mike & manager Loa lead the team through a challenging year and finished the season in the top half of division 2, congrats to all players!.

Boys 2nd XV: Congratulations for winning the Premier 5 Plate on Saturday 23rd August.

Many thanks to the true MVPs, Faafoi, Miss Mackenzie, Vali & Konelio for their support this year at trainings, especially for turning up on Saturdays. Without you, the boys could not have played.

Boys U15's: Coaches Don & Jean-Pierre lead our U15 boys through a great season with our final game against St Pats Town ending in a 64-7 win. Our Junior boys had some great feedback from other schools on how well they conducted themselves and will be even better in years to come!

Our U18 Girls team finished the season with a gallant effort in the Kohine Toa Final against St Caths in wet & windy conditions to come runner up in the division. Thank you Sherri, Ngarangi & Syntyche for your huge efforts across both our girls teams in 2025



Porirua College had their first U15 Girls team in quite some time and showed fantastic energy, enthusiasm and effort throughout the season.

Amazing to see some first time Rugby players enjoy their first exposure of playing rugby and can't wait to see them return for another season in 2026.



WHAT'S UP CORNER...

...MEET OUR AMAZING JOANNE PETAIA...



My role here at Porirua College is Tokelau Teacher. I started in 2020 as a teacher aid for the Tokelau class. My best moment here at PC is when we became the pilot school to run this class and now it is a NCEA Tokelau Level 1 subject (Vikia te Alike).

I'm not really an animal person, but my favorite pet in my household was our Goldfish (Hahahaha) Why? Because it didn't get in the way of my feau's (chores) hahahaha. I Never lasted a day at Kindy (lol). Went to Windley School, then Brandon Intermediate and then to the best College in the World Aotea hahahaha Jokes none other then Porirua College yasss, I am in my old stomping grounds and I love it!!!!!!

I am a proud Tokelauan who lives and breaths my culture. I was born in Wellington and raised in the heart of Porirua 'Cannons Creek,' LOL. I have 3 sisters and a brother, my nieces and nephews hold the the key to my heart and the pin number to my card, hahahaha thats way too much info.

My favorite colour is purple because I loved eating the purple wine gum lollies and that's how purple became my favorite colour. I really don't have a favorite food, if it is eatable then it's my favorite in that moment hahaha. I am a great believer that God has great plans for our School and its Future to make it greater then it already is.

My Favorite Proverb *'Actions speak louder than Words'*

Fakafetai mo te Avanoa



Board Elections - Staff Trustee

Congratulations to Michelle Brunt who has been duly elected as the Staff Trustee



LOANER SCHOOL UNIFORMS



Students need to be in full school uniform when they come to school. Lately some students have not been doing this, therefore the office have had to loan uniforms to students for the day. The students know these should be returned to the office after school. If you do find that your child has extra school uniform that doesn't belong to them, please ask your child to return them to the office ASAP.



LOST PROPERTY

From clothing, jewelry, electronics, reading glasses and bank cards collected throughout the year. These will be disposed of at the end of the year, so if you're missing any of these items, please ask your child to check with the office.

