

Talofa lava! I am writing this during Samoan Language Week and the real highlight of my week has been singing the Samoan National Anthem with our Samoan students on Monday morning. I also really enjoyed the Facebook Live First Foundation discussion on what it means to be Samoan on Tuesday evening, featuring ex PC Head Boy the one and only Murray Faivalu. All the time in this job, I am learning from our community and that is a real oa.



Having students back in school is amazing. The energy and enthusiasm they have brought with them are humbling as they re-engage with friends, teachers and education. Our staff are impressed with how keen they are to get back into their learning, particularly our seniors who really want to catch up with credits. The plans we are making with students at Goal Setting will be key to helping them achieve the qualifications they need before they leave school.

We are being careful of health and safety, reminding students regularly to keep out of each other's moist breath zones and to hand wash and sanitise throughout the day. We have sanitisers in all classrooms and teachers are getting students to use them. We are also regularly cleaning surfaces during the day, particularly door handles.

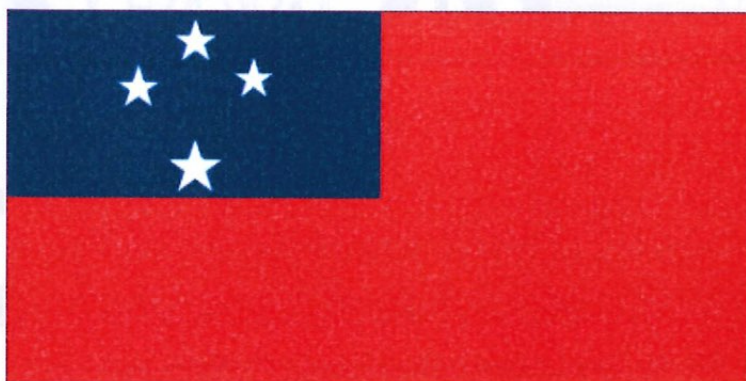
Thank you to all the students who have brought back devices they were loaned by the Ministry of Education during lockdown and please keep those coming. We are getting them engraved then loaning them back out to seniors who need them, with carry cases to bring them to and from school every day, to help them with their learning for the rest of this year.

Students are about to be asked to re-choose their options for juniors and Ko te Hapori courses for everyone for Semester 2 in Term 3. We extended the first semester to the end of this term to make up for time lost in lockdown and will have shorter courses next term. Year 13 students who need some extra time to catch up with UE credits can go into the U Choose course and get support there. We are also looking for some language tutors to help us in our Measina Pasifika course. If you speak Tokelauan, Tuvaluan or Cook Island Māori and would be interested in a few hours paid work a week, please get in touch.

Winter Sports are on and competitions are starting during June. More details will be coming out from the Head of Sport and Sports Coordinator. It's great that the changed Level 2 rules mean that we can look forward to gatherings up to 100 so we won't all miss out on seeing all the games.

Please remember to stay safe during Level 2. Manuia le aso!

Ragne Maxwell
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Sports Update

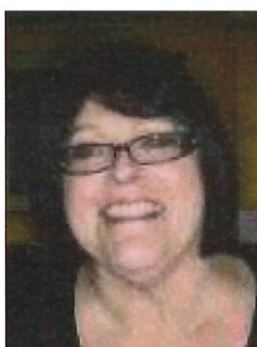
Following the announcement by the Government, we are now in a position to confirm the start dates for a number of secondary school competitions and events this term. The planning by College Sport Wellington and its partners means that the appropriate risk mitigation measures will be in place before these start dates. Ongoing, these plans and measures will be updated as new guidelines are announced by the Government. Therefore, on that basis, College Sport Wellington can confirm the following:

- **Basketball**—The Dynasty College Sport Wellington Basketball competitions will commence on June 16 for Juniors and June 19 for Seniors
- **Football**—The College Sport Wellington Football Competitions, now proudly sponsored by Fuji-Xerox, will commence from June 16 for Girls and from June 19 for Boys.
- **Badminton**—The College Sport Wellington Badminton competitions will commence from June 19
- **Netball**—Netball competitions can commence from June 19 and each Netball Centre will confirm their exact date shortly. The Hutt Valley SS competitions will commence on June 20 and the College Sport Wellington RSSL will commence in Term 3.
- **Rugby**—The College Sport Wellington Rugby Competitions, now proudly sponsored by Tranzit Coach-lines, will commence from June 20

In the coming week, the CSW Sport Managers and our partner Regional Sports Organisations will be in contact with schools to confirm the exact format for each competition. At the same time, College Sport Wellington will endeavour to confirm the remainder of competitions and events on the secondary school calendar. In particular we will be in discussions with our Regional Sport partners on the plan for Winter Tournament Week (31 August to 6 September), pending an update from School Sport NZ.

KNIGHT, Alette Anne (nee Hinton). 28 January 1950 - 26 April 2020

A mighty totara has fallen. Our beloved friend and co-worker, Anne Knight passed away on 26 April 2020. Anne loved Porirua College and was incredibly dedicated to her role as careers administrator and personal assistant for 27 years. Anne had a warm, calm presence at all times and she was kind and patient. She especially loved the students, and she was always going the extra mile for them. Anne cared for everyone and she made such a positive impact on so many of our students' lives and futures. She was a wealth of knowledge and wisdom. We were so lucky to have Anne as part of our school whanau for so many years. Her dignity, grace and sense of humour will be remembered and we miss her dearly.



LOST PROPERTY

We have a few items of lost property here in the office. If you have lost a phone or jewellery lately, come and see us at the office ☺



New Faces PC

My name is Jensy and I am the receptionist. I started in February this year. I currently run a Challenge 2000 Youth House with my partner and have two kids who are 6 and 3. I look forward to getting to know everyone more and am super excited to be a part of the PC whanau!



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