

Nau mai, haere mai, welcome back to PC 2020! It has been an exciting start to the year with a growing school roll and our Ko te Hapori courses running all year for the first time. We are particularly pleased to welcome all the new students who have joined our PC whānau. We now have six classes in Year 9 and full classes at all year levels. It's lovely to see that PC is the school of choice for so many of our young people and whānau.

It is a real pleasure to meet so many new students and whānau at the meals in houses at the end of Year 9 activity days. It's great to see students settling in quickly, making new friends and learning with their new teachers.

Ko te Hapori courses this year are every Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon. Some of the twenty courses are Create a Comic, Going Outdoors, Trailblaze Sport, Beautiful You and Te Ao Māori. Many courses have waitlists for next semester when some new courses will also be offered like Measina Pasifika and Computer Programming. Seniors get to take two courses during the year, unless they are in one of the all year courses like Police Studies which gains students the prerequisites to join the police force. Juniors will get a third choice in Term 4 when seniors have exams and credit completion. We had the Education Review Office inspection team in last term and they were really impressed by our student engagement in learning in the courses they visited.

Athletics Day was a real highlight with serious competition going on in the morning then fun activities for the whole school in the afternoon. I was particularly impressed by how fast some of the teams could pull the Ignite van across the field! We look forward to Colours Day at the end of term and seeing the houses get into some more competition with haka, dance, sport and more.

We will get in touch with you all shortly about a new PC Whānau group to include parents from all cultural groups. Alongside that will be the usual meetings of the Samoan Parents Group, Whānau Māori, Cook Island Parents and Tokelauan/Tuvaluan Parents. Make sure you get involved in the group that works for you to be part of planning PC's future and helping all our ākonga to succeed.

Thank you to everyone for a great start to the year!

Ragne Maxwell
Principal



SPORTS DAY RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students who have broken a few of our PC Athletic records:

Senior Girls Shotput—Rivah Kelekolio 9.85m
Intermediate Girls Long Jump—Melena'a Moala 4.44m
Senior Girls Long Jump—Audrey Tea 4.40m
Senior Boys Long Jump—Soolefai Lagolago 5.56m



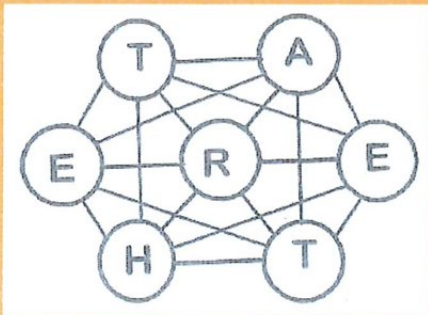
NEW PC FACES—Vitoria Ape (LIBRARIAN)

(Introducing a new staff member each newsletter)



Talofa Lava, I am very pleased to be part of the Porirua College community and love my role as the Library Manager where I get to work with staff and students on reading and information literacy programmes. My background is in teaching and I came to Porirua College from Australia where I had been working as a trained Classroom Profiler, Restorative Practice Facilitator and English and Humanities teacher. I had worked in Porirua for several years in teaching and school library management before my move to Australia. I have three children who attend schools in Porirua and Wellington.

Favourite books: 'No Kava for Johnny' by John O'Gray and 'Afakasi woman' by Lani Wendt Young



Use the letters in the grid to make as many words as you can!

Each letter you use must be connected to the letters before and after it by a straight line in the grid.

Only the letter in the centre can be used more than once in any word and can not be used twice in a row.

Can you find a seven -letter word?

Put your competition entry in the competition box at the Student Window at Reception by 6th March.

**Won by whoever has the most words!
The winner will receive a pair of headphones!**

DO YOU WANT A FAMILY DAY OUT?

We have a membership pass for ZEALANDIA here in the office.

The membership pass enables a group of up to two adults and three children to visit Zealandia free of charge. ZEALANDIA is the world's first fully-fenced urban ecosanctuary, with an extraordinary 500-year vision to restore a Wellington valley's forest and freshwater ecosystems as closely as possible to their pre-human state. If you would like to use the pass please see reception.



CAREERS EVENT

PRIMARY INDUSTRIES—Food and Fibre

Tuesday 17th March 9.15am– 1.30pm

Come along Porirua College Seniors

To book your spot students please see Nadia in the Careers Office



REMINDER: All our uniform is now available at the WAREHOUSE. If you are unable to find particular items or sizes then please see the staff at the Warehouse.

