

PORIRUA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Term 2 - Week 5 2026



Kia ora e te whānau,

Ko Kezia Kerr toku ingoa, and this term I have the pleasure of filling in for some of Chris Wood's role whilst he is on sabbatical.

We ended last term with a slightly different looking Colours Day. Our ākonga, as always, brought their passion, enthusiasm and represented their houses with pride and the judges were incredibly impressed with the performance each house brought. A huge congratulations to Whitireia house who took out the competition this year, with the best chant and banner getting them the most points. There will be plenty more points up for grabs as the year goes on. So, watch this space!

This term brings with it many opportunities for our ākonga, including things like winter sports, Te Kiwa Nui, Creative Arts' experiences, and of course, lots of learning.

Te Kiwa Nui is on the horizon and is something we look forward to every year as a kura. We are seeing the different groups starting to come together for their practice sessions. We are so thankful for the support we get from our ex-students, families, staff and leaders who give their time to help our ākonga prepare and represent themselves, their culture and our kura with pride. As a huge amount of mahi goes into preparing for Te Kiwa Nui, it's really important that students are committed to practices, by showing up to these regularly and putting the effort in.

On Wednesday 3rd of June, we welcome any year 8 students and whānau to attend our Open Afternoon from 2.30-4.15pm. This will be a good chance to come and have a look at what we have to offer.

Term two is a big learning term. Assessments are well underway and our senior students should start to see results in their Kamar portals. As part of that, over the next couple of weeks, some of our students will be sitting the Reading, Writing and Numeracy Common Assessment Activities (CAAs). These will run like the end of year exams, in Whiti Te Ra, and are one of the two ways that students can gain the Numeracy and Literacy co-requisites. In order to gain NCEA, students must meet the Numeracy and Literacy requirements, so these exams are very important to those students sitting them.

Overall school attendance is the key to success, and in order for our taura to make the most of all of these wonderful opportunities, they need to be coming to school and attending classes. As we head into the colder months, it is important that we keep attending. Learning happens in the classroom, so our students need to be here to keep up with their work. Let's continue to build on the good mahi of last term!


Ngā mihi nui,
Kezia Kerr
Acting Assistant Principal




COMING UP




 Board Meeting
28 May & 25 June


 Staff Only Day (School Closed)
Fri 29 May


 King's Birthday (School Closed)
Mon 1 June

 Ava Ceremony
Mon 2 June

 Ignite Yr9 Choices
23 & 30 June


 Yr8 Open Afternoon
Weds 3 June


 CSW Netball Tournament (Jnr A)
Thurs 4 June

 Tikanga a iwi Market Day
8-12 June

 Bing Sing Competition
10 & 11 June

 Talent Show
Thurs 11 June

 Yr11 History Trip
Weds 17 June

 Multicultural whānau Evening
Thurs 18 June

 Parent Teacher Interviews (School finishes 1:50pm)
Thurs 25 June

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Board agreed school uniform from review - now a school bylaw

Students **must** have a minimum of 1 x bottom item, 2 x top items and 1 x outer layer.

- The bottom item can be:
 - formal black dress pants (NOT jeans, cargo shorts/pants, sweat pants or leggings)
 - Porirua College shorts
 - Porirua College skirt
 - Plain, black lava lava or ie faitaga
- The top items can be either a Porirua College polo or dress shirt (short or long sleeved)
- The outer layer can be either a Porirua College jersey, sweatshirt or vest
- A PE t-shirt and PE shorts are compulsory items for Year 9 & 10 students
- Black and/or white shoes can be worn with black or white socks (no colours), or black roman sandals
- A Porirua College jacket or a plain black, warm and waterproof jacket must be worn during the colder months



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CELEBRATING ATTENDANCE

Porirua College Attendance

“It takes a village to raise a child.”



Rain or shine

Attend today

&

Achieve tomorrow!



As we move into the colder months, we know that getting to school each day can feel like a bit more of a challenge. However, we are incredibly heartened to see our kura, whānau, and ākonga working together to keep attendance a priority.

..Congratulations..

🏆 **Top Class Awards:** A massive shout-out to our Term 1 attendance champions who set the bar high:

- Juniors: 9JCR took the top spot for the junior school. Well done to our Kenepuru Year 9s!
- Seniors: 13 LDU/AGN claimed the senior title. Our Tangare Year 13s have shown outstanding commitment—keep up the great work, team!

We will be watching our LCs closely throughout Term 2 to see which classes will take out the next round of awards.

★ **The 90% Club:** We are thrilled to announce that 232 students remained in the top attendance band of 90% or higher for the entirety of Term 1. This is an awesome result and a true reflection of the incredible support from home. Thank you for helping our students get into the classroom every single day.

To celebrate this achievement, we placed all students in the 90% bracket into a prize draw for \$20 canteen vouchers. Congratulations to our winners:

- Sapphire Allen
- Juan Stanley

Keep up the amazing effort, everyone. Let's keep that momentum going through Term 2!

STUDENT'S CORNER

ROCK CLIMBING



The rock climbing club is back up and running for the year with a great turnout of students! It was really cool to see them trying something new, persevering when it got hard or scary and encouraging each other so much. We will run a "try it out" session term 3 if you missed out this term. A massive shout-out to Hangdog for hosting us every week & their staff for teaching us. Another exciting announcement is that we have received a grant to keep the Rock Climbing club running this year from Tūpiki Trust, who aim to foster rock climbing in New Zealand, as well as promoting access to and the sustainability of our climbing areas and maunga. Big thank you to them for their support, we appreciate it enormously!

Work Experience



We are thrilled to announce that several students from our Cactus programme have been selected for a special work experience opportunity at New World Porirua. This initiative allows our rangatahi to engage directly with local businesses and gain invaluable "real-world" insights.

A massive thank you to the store owners, Tracy and Dan for their incredible support and for opening their doors to our students. We also want to acknowledge the Police and Partners Porirua for their unwavering support and encouragement.

If you're doing your grocery shopping this Saturday or Sunday, keep an eye out for our team! They are doing a fantastic job representing our school at mahi, and we couldn't be prouder of their hard work.

Saturday: Sapphire Allen; Shmuel Gonzales; Kuki Kamikamica; Shy-anne Mc Murtie; Manaia Ngatai-Felise & Missouri Maifala
Sunday: Lily Gaulofa, Praise Lamsam; Matthew Mafuolo; Kwash Marsters; Braxton Matenga; Raymond Peita; Saedee Simmons-Price; Kingston Teinatoa & Jeahvani Aiono Pamata-Feo

Wellington Access Radio Visit



As the last part of making their podcast, Teacher Rob Laurent took Joe, Lionel and Kiwa to Wellington Access Radio to do some recording. Their recordings will get edited, ready for their launch at Pataka towards the end of June. Keep an eye out for more information coming soon!

COLOURS DAY

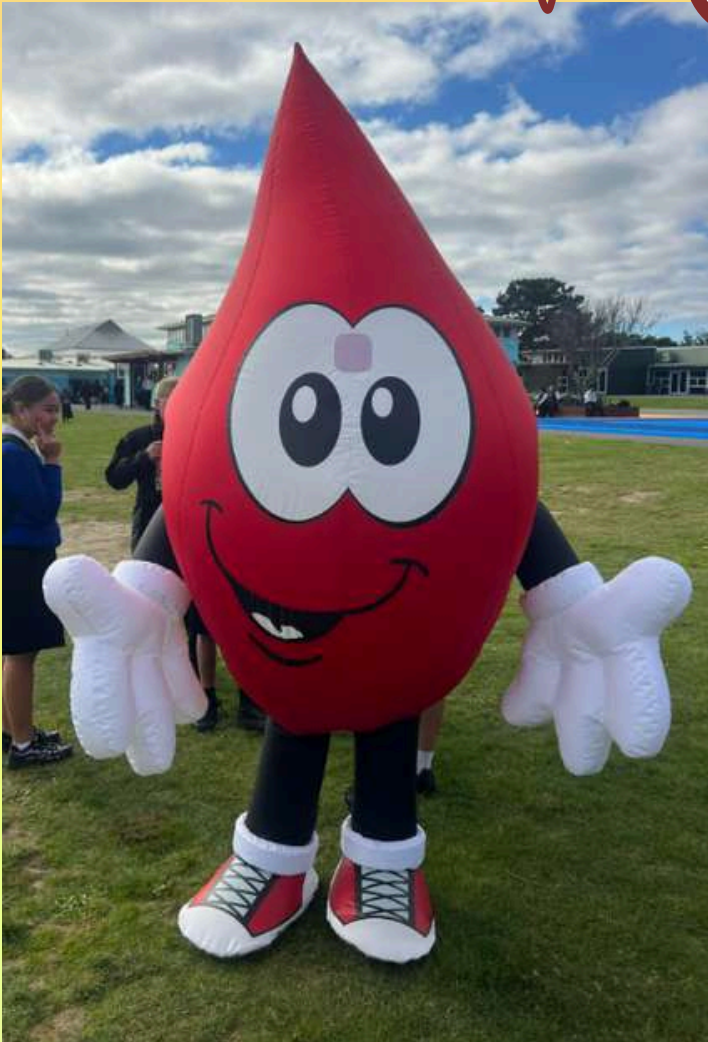


Colours Day was held on the last day of Term 1 and although the format was slightly different from previous years, our students still brought the passion to their performances. Colour and fabulous costumes were on display across the campus.

Our judges were mesmerised by all 4 Houses. They were Ruby Sei, Aaron Palamo, Faafoi Seiuli and Olano Afutoto. A long kōrero followed as they laboured over every score given. Each house was scored on their banner, chant and haka. It was a very close race; however the overall winner for 2026 was Whitireia. Congratulations to all our students for finishing term 1 so positively and with such great House spirit.



BLOOD DRIVE



In week 3, we were lucky enough to have the National Blood Foundation visit to collect life-saving blood from our students. The blood foundation is an organisation that is dedicated to collecting blood, plasma, and platelets from willing New Zealanders to help those in need.

For a lot of the students at Porirua College, this was their first time donating, which is not for the faint of heart. Although a lot of kids found the needles and blood confronting, they pushed through and still were able to donate. The Blood Foundation collected 50 units of blood, which will go towards helping up to 150 people.

It was impressive to see our senior students so passionate about giving back to the community and when asked, a large number of students were very keen to donate again in the future. Overall, a very successful day.

A massive thank you to Teacher Joseph Lawrence for the hard mahi you did behind the scenes to ensure that this event was successful, we appreciate you!!



TE KIWA NUI

We are excited to begin preparations for Te Kiwa Nui, taking place on Friday, 7th August. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to celebrate culture, leadership and teamwork. The theme for this year is "My culture walks with me."

Important Information for Participants:

- **Commitment & Attendance:** To ensure our groups are stage-ready, students are expected to maintain at least an 80% attendance rate at school. It is the student's responsibility to communicate early with coaches or tutors if they cannot attend.
- **Group Limits:** Students may participate in a maximum of two groups. Those leading a group should focus their energy on that single team to ensure the best results.
- **Costs & Deadlines:** There is a participation fee of \$15 per group, which covers registration and costume contributions. Please ensure this is paid at the school office by the end of May.
- **Practice Schedule:** Rehearsals are already underway! Please check the official practice timetable for your group's specific times and locations.

We have a zero-tolerance policy for unsafe behaviour during practices to ensure everyone has a positive experience.
Let's make this year's performance the best one yet!

Te Kiwa Nui & Sports Days/Times for Practices/Trainings

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tonga 3:15pm-5pm Tangare TG7 	Kapa Haka 3:30pm-5:30pm Te Ao Marama 	Tuvalu 2pm-5pm Whitireia WT7 	Samoa 3:15pm-5:30pm Te Ao Marama 	Tokelau 3:30pm-5:30pm Whiti te ra 
Tuvalu 3:20pm-5pm Whitireia WT7 	Cook Island 4pm-6pm Whiti te ra 	Samoa 3:15-5:30 Whiti te ra 	Tonga 3:15pm-5pm Tangare TG7 	Kiribati 3:30pm-5:30pm Rangituhi RG7 
Tokelau 5pm-7pm Whiti te ra 	Junior Boys and Girls Basketball Games 3:15pm-6pm GYM 	Senior Girls Rugby Training 2:30pm-4:30pm Back Field 	Cook Island 4pm-6pm Whiti te ra 	Junior Girls Netball 3:15pm-5pm Netball Courts 
Senior Boys Basketball 3:15pm-5pm GYM 	Manuka Netball Training 3:15-5pm Netball Courts 	1st XV Rugby Training 2:30pm-4:30pm Bottom Field 	Rock Climbing 3pm-5pm External 	Senior Boys Basketball Game 7:30pm-9pm External 
Junior Girls Netball Training 3:15-5pm Netball Courts 		Badminton 2:30-4pm GYM 	U15 Rugby Training 3:15pm-5pm Bottom Field 	
1st XV Rugby Training 3:15pm-5pm Bottom Field 			Kauri Netball Training 3:15-5pm Netball Courts 	
U15 Rugby Training 3:15pm-5pm Bottom Field 			Manuka Netball Training 3:15-5pm Netball Courts 	
Senior Girls Rugby Training 3:30pm-5pm Back Field 			Pohutukawa Netball Training 3:15-5pm Netball Courts 	
			Junior Boys and Girls Basketball Games 3:30pm-5pm GYM 	
			Senior Boys Basketball 5pm-7pm GYM 	



Each student is responsible for letting their group tutors/leaders and sports coaches/managers know if they are unable to attend trainings or practices!!



SPORTS NEWS



Braxton Taia-Roberts
Junior Warriors Team



New term, new season, new goals. Winter Sports are out the gate with 2 Rugby, 5 Netball, 3 Basketball, and 1 Football team, Rock Climbing Club, In house Table Tennis and Badminton. Everyone is looking flash, kitted out, coaches ready, scorers ready to go live.

Grading games for Netball Teams are done and now we settle into our divisions for the season. We've also had students on officiating, coaching courses and marshalling our primary school events. Our students are doing it all.



SENIORS CORNER

YEAR 13 LAPTOPS

We are excited to share the news regarding our Year 13 students and their educational journey. Thanks to the generous support of PACE (Porirua Access, Connect, Educate), Spark and Amazon NZ, Year 13 students at our school will be receiving a laptop and case to support their learning both in class and at home.

This initiative is designed to ensure all our senior students have equitable access to the necessary digital resources for their studies, future planning and preparing for tertiary education or the workforce.

The laptop will be a vital tool for research, completing assignments, participating in online learning and developing essential digital literacy skills.

CAREERS EXPO



The Porirua Careers Expo 2026 was for students across Porirua and the Wellington region, school leavers, and anyone looking for inspiration to navigate their career or education pathways. Our Seniors had fun trying to identify what it is they're going to do once they leave the school!



PINK SHIRT DAY



Pink Shirt Day 2026 was held on Friday 15 May. It is about reducing bullying by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting schools, workplaces, and communities to be safe, supportive, welcoming, and inclusive. Join the Pink Shirt Day movement to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!



**PORIRUA
COLLEGE**



**WHITI TE RA
THE RISING SUN**



**Cancer
Society**



Porirua College Relay Team

**Porirua College is joining Relay For Life to
celebrate, remember and fight back
against cancer!**

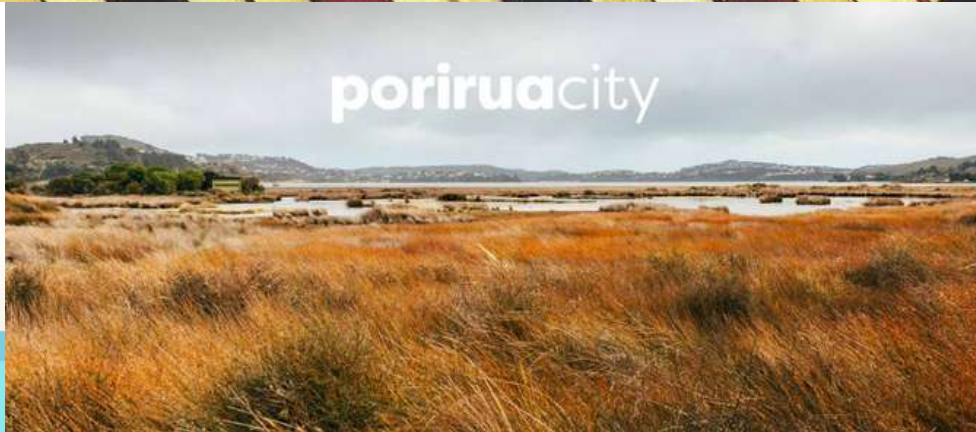
**We're calling on our amazing Porirua College
whānau to support our team and help us
reach our fundraising goals!
Do you or your whānau face cancer?
This is for you!**



**SCAN TO DONATE
AND SUPPORT US**

OR VISIT

relayforlife.org.nz/donate



Licence plate technology hits Porirua streets

Porirua City Council is introducing licence plate recognition technology from 4 May 2026 to help Council manage parking in a more efficient, consistent, and customer-friendly way around the city.

We know that unsafe parking is an issue around our schools, creating a real danger for tamariki by limiting visibility and making them hard to see. The cameras will be attached to one of the Council's cars to monitor parking around the city's schools, checking if cars are parking on broken yellow lines, across driveways, or on berms and footpaths.

As the vehicle drives through an area, it can register whether parking requirements, such as payment or time limits, have been met. The technology will record the plate number of vehicles, the time and location and any visible parking signage. The information is then sent back to Council and will be reviewed by a warranted parking officer before an infringement is issued.

Council's Manager of Policy, Planning & Regulatory Services, Nic Etheridge, confirms that the camera operates within the requirements of the Privacy Act and people's faces will be blurred in any images. Council will use images only for evidence gathering and enforcement – LPR information will be stored on the same system as our current infringement information.

In Porirua, this technology will support parking officers in their day-to-day work and keep them safe as it allows our them to stay in the vehicle. Down the track, LPR may be used for checking warrants of fitness and registrations and whether a car is stolen, along with data collection of parking and road use around Porirua, informing future decisions and city development by our transport team.

Please visit the Council's website for more information and FAQs; go to <https://porirucity.govt.nz/services/parking-transport/find-carpark/>



SCHOOL NOTICES

SCHOOL HOURS

Day	Start	Finish
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri	9:00am	3:05pm
Weds	9:00am	1:50pm
Lunch	11:20pm	12:00pm



All students must wear full school uniform everyday



SCABIES

Scabies is a very itchy skin rash (especially at night) caused by a reaction to a tiny mite that burrows under your skin.



Scabies spreads easily between people through close skin-to-skin contact and won't go away without treatment.

Scabies is usually treated with a cream called permethrin which kills the scabies mite. Get this from your pharmacy or on prescription from your doctor. You need enough cream to treat everyone in your household, even if they don't have any symptoms.

For more information see:
healthify.nz/health-a-z/s/scabies/

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

Maths Support at Porirua College

Head of Faculty Mathematics: Jen Crisp [jcrisp@pen.net.nz]

Asst Head of Faculty & Numeracy Coordinator: Bex Lawton [rlawton@pen.net.nz]

Feel free to reach out to your child's maths teacher at any point, you can find contact details on the school website www.poriruacollege.school.nz/staff-list/

IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE AWAY, LATE OR NEEDS TO SIGN OUT EARLY, PLEASE LET US KNOW VIA...

Freephone: 0800 002 373 (please leave a clear message)

Text: 027 237 5465

Email: poriruacollege@pen.net.nz

LOANER UNIFORMS

If your child has a loaner uniform, this needs to be returned to the school office ASAP!

CORRECT CONTACT INFORMATION

Please make sure that we have your correct contact details on file, you can check this by going to our website, log into KAMAR and checking student details or email your child's Learning Coach.