

PORIRUA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Term 2 - Week 11 2026



Term Two is a long one with eleven weeks this year, but it seems to have flown past.

Le Vaiao o le Gagana Samoa, was a real highlight. Fa'afetai tele lava to Vitoria Ape, the Samoan Parents Group, teachers, parents and students who made it such an awesome week of celebration. The ava ceremony on Monday when we hosted Horowhenua College was a wonderful start with our students showing such pride in their culture. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food and awesome performances at the Friday closing celebrations.

Year 10 Market Days were another highlight with delicious food and different products reflecting the huge variety of cultures in our kura. We were impressed by the great business sense students showed and the huge support from the hundreds of customers. This was great learning that our ākonga will take into their futures.

The Big Sing and the Creative Arts Showcase were also awesome. The amazing art work, music and performances showed how talented our ākonga are and how much they have learned already this year.

Despite winter illnesses, students and families have continued to take attendance seriously, which is helping learning at our kura. The senior credits are really starting to come in now and we can see that there are going to be some strong results. A special shout out to our Year 13s who have the best attendance of a Year 13 group that we can remember. They are also really onto it with planning their futures for next year, with the support of staff.

Te Kiwa Nui groups are practising hard and starting to look pretty smooth. They were a highlight of the Year 8 Open Afternoon with future PC students able to see the exciting opportunities to celebrate their culture ahead of them. Thanks to all the teachers, tutors and families helping out with all the behind stage work that lets our tauira shine. We can't wait for Te Kiwa Nui on Friday 7 August.

Enjoy the school holidays and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 20 July.

Ngā mihi nui,
Ragne Maxwell
Principal/Tumuaki



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COMING UP



Tues 21 July
Ignite Yr12 Sports Leadership



Thurs 30 July & 27 August
5:30pm-7:30pm
Board Meeting



27-31 July
Vanuatu Language Week



3-7 August
Cook Islands Māori Language Week



Fri 7 August
Te Kiwa Nui



Tues 11, 18 & 25 August
Ignite Yr9 Choices



Thurs 13 August
Goal Review Conference Afternoon



17-21 August
Tonga Language Week

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



REPORTING AN ABSENCE

Porirua College Attendance

"It takes a village to raise a child."



Rain or shine

Attend today

&

Achieve tomorrow!



If your child is running late OR unable to attend school, you must let the school know ASAP. Here's how you report your child's absence or lateness!

Call Free the Absentee Line: 0800 002 373 and leave a message OR
Text the Absentee Phone: 027 237 5465 (normal text charges apply) OR
Calling the School office: 04 237 5465

PORIRUA COLLEGE

STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-2028

Porirua College empowers ākonga to strengthen their *voices*, *actions* and *identities*, to make a difference in their communities

MANAAKI

Wellbeing and Pastoral Care

- ✓ Attendance
 - Leadership and plan
 - Kaiāwhina
- ✓ Pathways
 - Learner Agency
 - Student Leadership
- ✓ PC Pride Values
- ✓ Kanohi Ki Te Kanohi
 - Neuroscience / Trauma informed practices
 - Restorative Practices

TUAKIRI

Partners to Te Tiriti o Waitangi

- ✓ Mana Motuhake
- ✓ Cultural Diversity
- ✓ Whānau Connections



AKO

Teaching and Learning

- ✓ Curriculum Change
- ✓ Assessment Change & Achievement
- ✓ Literacy & Numeracy
- ✓ Professional Growth
 - Pedagogy
 - Effective Teacher Profile
 - Effective Leadership Profile
- ✓ Digital Literacy

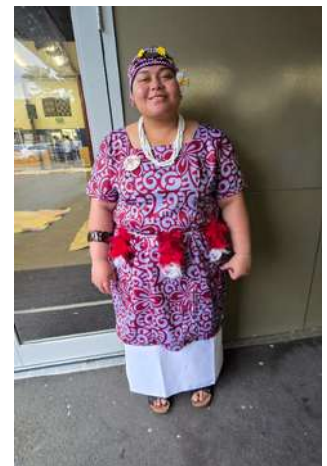
VAIASO O LE GAGANA SAMOA



Our school recently celebrated Samoan Language Week 2026 under the theme, "E afua mai mauga tetele manuia o le nu'u — From the high mountains are the blessings of the village."

We kicked off the week with our flag raising, followed by a traditional 'ava ceremony, proudly carried out by our Year 12 and Year 13 Gagana Samoa students, to welcome Horowhenua College's Gagana Samoa class. The celebrations continued with a cultural sports exchange with Bishop Viard College and an umu at Matauala Hall, and wrapped up with student speeches, beautiful siva performances, and a shared lunch, made possible by the generosity of our Samoan community.

We extend a massive fa'afetai tele lava to our Board of Trustees (BOT) and Senior Leadership Team (SLT) for their strong support of Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa. We also deeply appreciate the incredible support from our Samoan Parents' Group and the generous contribution from FAGASA toward our activities this year.



STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Level 3 Chemistry Trip to the Ferrier Research Institute



Our Level 3 Chemistry students recently visited the Ferrier Research Institute to see how chemistry is used to develop new medicines here in Aotearoa. The Ferrier Research Institute is a part of Victoria University of Wellington and is a world-class team of experts in chemistry and biology.



Students enjoyed a hands-on laboratory session with Dr Amy Foster, where they made aspirin while connecting their classroom learning to real-world science. It was a fantastic opportunity to experience world-class research happening right here in our region and explore future pathways in science.

Social Studies Market Day

Our Social Studies classes launched the Market Day Challenge, a hands-on project designed to give students a practical understanding of economics, business planning, and teamwork. To experience the realities of running a small business, students worked in small groups to develop their own small business, from initial brainstorming and market research.



Year 9 & 10 Mathletix



The Maths department held our annual Mathletix competitions in weeks 9 and 10! It was great to see our junior students enthusiastically participating, working in teams and enjoying the challenges. A special thank you to our senior maths students who did a great job as our markers and MCs, helping everything run smoothly.

Final Placings:

- 1st Tangare (yr9) & Kenepuru (yr10)
- 2nd Kenepuru (yr9) & Whitireia (yr10)
- 3rd Rangituhi (yr9) & Tangare (yr10)
- 4th Whitireia (yr9) & Rangituhi (yr10)

Dreaming Big



Our Year 13 prefect representatives from each house, Cassidy, Angela, Skylah, and Diani had the opportunity to attend the Being Bold, Dreaming Big event, where they listened to inspirational and amazing women share their career journeys and advice. They also had the chance to reunite with former PC student, Ayesha Leti-l'iga.

MATARIKI ART SHOWCASE



Kia ora! On Tuesday 30th of June at 5.30pm in Whiti te Ra we held our annual Matariki Showcase. The evening is an opportunity to celebrate the work of students from Art, Music, Performing Arts, Technology, Te Ao Māori and English. We featured an art gallery, as well as music and kapa haka performances across the event.

Thank you so much to all the whanau, ākonga and staff who came and celebrated with us, we were overwhelmed by the turnout. Also as a huge congratulations to all of the kaiako and ākonga who worked so hard to put on an event that we can all be very proud of.



STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

MC300 Zealandia Trip



In week 5, MC300 students spent the morning at Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne, learning about the population dynamics between trees, pests and our native bird species. After the workshop, students had the opportunity to explore the sanctuary, observing all kinds of plants and animals! Back in the classroom, students applied their learning as they worked on their assessment.

A big thank you to the amazing educators at Zealandia for providing an engaging experience and to our MC300 students for their curiosity, enthusiasm and respectful behaviour during the day!

Junior Forensics Trip



The junior forensics class recently went on a trip to the New Zealand Police Museum. They used the deduction skills they have learnt so far this year to successfully solve a case given a variety of different clues. They also came away with their own fingerprint samples they took using iron powder. Ka rawe!

Year 11 Mahi Exposure Day - Wellington Regional Hospital



On Friday, 29 May, a group of our Year 11 ākonga from our science pathways had the fantastic opportunity to attend the Mahi Exposure Day 2026 at Wellington Regional Hospital. The day provided our students with an invaluable, hands-on look into the health sector and the wide variety of career pathways available within the allied health professions.

Throughout the day, students took part in group activities and had the chance to speak with professionals across various fields, such as paediatrics, radiology, nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy and more. It was an inspiring and eye-opening experience for everyone involved.



CONGRATULATIONS

Te Reo Maioha WIN Award in Big Sing



On Weds 10th of June we took our choir, Te Reo Maioha, to the Wellington regional Big Sing competition. Students had worked towards this since term one, with the support of Lou Dawson, Motown Parata, David Brooks, Hannah Goodin and Rob Laurent. They performed three songs: Ngawaihonoitepo, Bring me Little Water Silvy and Le Tu'una oe representing our kura with pride. There were over 40 choirs competing in the Wellington region across two days and we were thrilled to bring home the regional award for Best Song in Te Reo Māori joint with Aotea College. Congratulations to all students involved for your hard work and dedication.

Relay For Life 2026

On the 30th and 31st of May, Porirua College took our first ever Relay For Life team into Wellington to take part in the overnight relay event. Relay For Life is a fundraiser for the Cancer Society and goes towards funding cancer research and supporting people with cancer in Aotearoa. Ākonga spent 17 hours (including overnight) at the stadium taking it in turns to run around a 400m track to raise funds.

Ākonga have been fundraising for the last couple of months and we managed to raise almost \$4,000 as a kura for this kaupapa! Thank you to everyone who donated and supported us throughout this event. We are already looking forward to next year's event.



Te Kiwa Nui



Te Kiwa Nui is officially underway and our Student Leaders attended the Student Leaders Day to talk about empowering our students through some inspiring and encouraging guest speakers and a workshop focused on building confidence and leadership in our students 🌸



SPORTS CORNER

CSW Junior Netball Tournament



Our Junior A Netball team placed 3rd in Div 2 in the CSW Jnr Netball Tournament held at the start of June. They are going from strength to strength.



Senior Girls Football



Besides playing in the dark, our Senior Girls Football team has the happiest feet in the grade. The Queens in the North have only lost 2 games, in the 1st round



Girls Got Game Basketball



When the primary schools call, their Tuakana are always there to answer. The senior girls coaching basketball for the Porirua Primary school girls. Miharo kotiro mā.



Girls Crossfit Competition



Our Senior Girls represented our aoga in the Polilua Kolisi crossfit competition on the 13th June at Aotea College. The girls have been doing well and did an awesome job at the Crossfit Competition. Massive fa'afetai tele lava to Nina Faoese for the time you gave to our girls and a massive CONGRATULATIONS to our girls for participating.

Girls involved: Praise Lamsam; Lily Gualofa; Teboua Taikake; Taloi Teale; Louise Otukolo; Husvarna Mikinnon; Liyah Tumanako

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Nau Mai Haere Mai

Kia ora! I'm Jane Watson. I'm a new teacher here at Porirua College and have recently returned home after spending time in Sydney playing netball for the GIANTS, which was an incredible experience.

I'm really enjoying being back home with my whānau—my partner, Santana, and our daughter, Tia. Outside of work, I love spending time outdoors and walking our dog. I'm looking forward to the rest of the year and being part of this awesome Porirua College community.

'Kia ora koutou, ko Holly tōku ingoa and I'm looking forward to getting to know you all. Born and raised in Porirua, I am deeply passionate about contributing to my community and am excited to get to do so in a kura context.

I am a reader, writer, and visual artist with a particular interest in culture, religion, and broadly what it means to be human. I've always dreamt of working in a library and cannot wait to help keep the space thriving.'

Kia pai tō rā,
Holly



30 Years of Service



This week, one of our staff members, Sue Waara reached an amazing milestone of 30 Years Service to our ākonga. Staff attended a gathering to celebrate Sue's 30 years and at this time we remembered her Sam who is no longer with us and was also a staff member here at Porirua College. Our ākonga are very fortunate to have Sue working with us and not only that, we also had the privilege of having her own tamariki and her mokopuna as students.

Sue, we appreciate you and can't thank you enough for all you have done and continue to do for our ākonga and our staff. It was heartening to see so many of our staff celebrating you with you. We wish you well and all the best and we look forward to more celebrations in the coming years.



Property Team

L-R: Bill ; John ; Sue Waara; Jason ; Sandra

Yr8 Open Afternoon

It was great to welcome Year 8 students and whānau to our campus on Wednesday 3rd June. Our Heads of Faculty enjoyed meeting with new families and showing them what subjects are on offer for 2027.

Ways to enrol are:

1 Online - through our website.

<https://poriruacollege.school.kiwi/enrolment>

2. Download an enrolment form here.

3. Come to the school office to pick up an enrolment pack.

Enrolment interviews will start in term 3.

PORIRUA COLLEGE				
2027 ENROLMENT FORM				
TĒNĀ KOUTOU, MALO E LELEI, TALOFA LAVA, KIA ORANA, FAKAALOFA LAHI ATU, TALOFĀ NI AND GREETINGS				
Student Information				
Surname:				
First Name(s):				
Preferred Name:				
Gender: (please circle)	Male	Female	Gender Diverse	Other
Date of Birth:				
Year Level in 2027:				
Intended Start Date: Start of year date is 2/2/2027				
Previous School:				
Student Mobile Phone:				
Address:				
Home Phone (landline):				
Home email:				
Ethnicity:				
Iwi:				

LEARNER LICENCE

Here is the confirmed list of students who will be participating in the Learner Licence Course during the Term 2 School Holidays. Students will take part in a two-day workshop where they will study the NZ Road Code and complete practice tests to build their confidence. They will then sit their official Learner Licence test on-site at Partners Porirua either on Thursday 9th or Friday 10th July (your tutor will confirm this with you).

If your child's name is not on the list it's because we can only have 25-30 participants per course and payment must be received prior to the last week of school. We are still waiting on some of the students passports or birth certificates. We need to be sure that the name we have in KAMAR matches what is on the students' birth certificate/passport. If the names don't match, the student won't be able to sit their Learner Licence Test.

Group 1

Khuaneu Brown-Ruaporo
Lanaijha Hemi
Dateynea Chase
David Joseph-Maruaao
Lomiga Faaete'ete
Teboua Teikake
Fernandez Patia
Beniamina Vaea
Ani Mason
Shmuel Gonzales
Seiola Patelesio
Lily Gaulofa
Livingston Reuelu
Gabriel Patelesio
Arapata Makalio

Group 2

Kingston Moala
Tamarrah Tuala
L A Iosua-Taupe
Missouri Maifala
Lepale Talataina

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ!

Group 1: Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th July from 11:00am-2:00pm
Group 2: Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th July from 11:00am-2:00pm
Where: Partners Porirua HQ, 3 Cobham Court (next to the old Westpac bank)
Phone: 04 237 1097
Email: admin@partnersporirua.org.nz
Cost: \$50 (we have received the \$50 payment for your child to participate in this course)

REMEMBER!

- Each student is required to bring their own lunch each day
- Send a picture of your child's ID to sburgess@pen.net.nz ASAP to avoid any delays for your child to sit their Learner Licence Test
- Students MUST bring their original ID (birth certificate or passport) to course each day

To ensure that your child is on the Learner Licence List for the Term 3 Holidays, please register your child and pay the \$50 ASAP via cash of Eftpos at the office or to the following Bank Account.

Bank Account Name: Porirua College Board

Bank Account Number: 12-3254-0076308-00

It is important that you fill in the following fields before confirming your payment, this helps identify who and what the payment is for.

Particulars: Learners OR Restricted DL (i.e. LearnersDL)

Reference: Students First & Last Name



TE KIWA NUI 2026



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:** \$15 per group (i.e. one group = \$15; 2 groups = \$30) which covers registration and part of your costume costs. All \$15 payments are due, we will follow up with those who are yet to pay.
- **Practice Schedule:** Is posted on our website

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!

COMMUNITY NOTICES



YOUTH HUI SERIES

FREE • KAI INCLUDED

YOUR HUI. YOUR VOICE. YOUR MOVE.

Porirua's youth hui — a free session for young people to kōrero about the issues that affect them and shape what gets told to the council.

DATE **Sat 25 July**

TIME **4:00 – 6:00pm**

Two hours, doors open from 3:45pm

VENUE **Pataka Art + Museum**
Porirua

FREE ENTRY

KAI PROVIDED

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN PORIRUA

WHY COME ALONG

Housing, jobs, transport, mental health, social connection — you live it, so your take on it matters. Come share what's actually going on, work through it with other young people, and help shape the solutions we take straight to Porirua City Council.

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



Periods are a fact of life for half the population. Period.

Access to period products: Information for parents and whānau.

Periods are a normal part of life for half our population and no one should miss school because of their period. Young people can't always access the products they need to feel comfortable at school and sometimes they may simply get caught unprepared. Whatever the reason, free period products for young people who need them means that they don't have to miss school because of their period.

As parents and whānau, your young person's education and wellbeing is important to you. Providing period products is part of supporting their wellbeing. Students can better focus on their learning and know they can get what they need, when they need it, to manage their cycle.

What products are available?

Pads and tampons - regular and super - are being provided at school. These products are easy for students to use at school and will meet a range of different age, developmental, and cultural needs.

Schools and kura can order enough products for young people to use for their whole cycle, based on an average of 20 items per young person per month. There will be mix of brands.

Using these products is not compulsory. Young people are free to make their own choices about what they use and can continue to bring products from home if they prefer.

If you are a parent or caregiver and have any questions or concerns about period products being available to any young person in your family or whānau, please speak with staff at your school or kura.

How can students access product?

Each school or kura will arrange an appropriate way for young people to collect period products based on what works best for them and the school eg it may be from the school office, a teacher, counsellor or other trusted adult.

— Access to period products
in schools and kura.



8.15 – 9.30 AM
2.30 – 3.30 PM
SCHOOL DAYS



SCHOOL NOTICES

Term 2 ends Friday 03.07.26 and Term 3 starts Monday 20.07.26

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

For Health and Safety reasons, Parent/Caregivers must call the office on 04 237 5465 to advise that the student is getting picked up early and by who

Maths Support at Porirua College - Need more info?

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