

PORIRUA COLLEGE TOHI FANONGONGO



Tēmā 'e tolu 2026



Mālō e lelei

Warm greetings to you all. This week is Tongan Language week - Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e lea faka-Tonga, the theme for the week is Ko 'etau hiva, ko e fe'unu mahu'inga ia ki he mo'ui 'a e Tonga - Our music is a vital strand of our Tongan culture. There will be opportunities all week for staff and students to participate including raising the Tongan flag and singing the national anthem on Monday morning.

Te Kiwa Nui 2026 was the perfect demonstration of this theme as nearly 300 of our students performed at the college festival Day on Friday August 7th in six different cultural groups.

Every group and every performer did exceptionally well and represented themselves, their cultures, families and school with pride and passion.

Many students are also completing their winter sports seasons over the next few weeks. Huge congratulations to the many PC teams who have made semi's and finals! Many students will also brave the stage to share their gifts and talents in our annual Talent Show this week.

Successes at Te Kiwa Nui, in Sports and the Arts does not happen without massive support from PC staff, families and community members. I would like to acknowledge the large number of people that have contributed time, effort and expertise to provide these opportunities for our students, your commitment and passion is noticed and appreciated.

Each student participating in these activities have shown discipline, courage, commitment and focus by honouring the sacrifices, prayers and support of their families. These attributes and this level of commitment are also what is required to succeed in academic study. It is crucial all students are firmly focused on their academic success this term. We have just completed our goal review afternoon where students, learning coaches and families discussed students progress so far in 2026. All students should be clear on what they are aiming to achieve by the end of this year and must demonstrate the actions required to achieve these.

In week 8 (Mon 7 Sept to Fri 11 Sept) the Common Assessment Activities (CAA's) in Literacy (Reading and Writing) and Numeracy take place. These assessments are the most important of all NCEA assessments. It is vital all students who are entered for these attend and complete the assessment. In the same week all Year 11, 12 and 13 students have their practice examinations which are a crucial part of preparing for the end of year examinations. Year 11, 12 and 13 students will be home on study leave all week and must come to school for their examinations. Details of these examinations will be emailed home very soon, please support students to be well prepared and to attend all of their examinations.

Finally, students will be selecting their subjects for 2027 in weeks 7 to 10 this term. More details about this will also be emailed home and will be available on the Porirua College website. Now is a great time to start discussing subjects and plans for 2027. The transition faculty staff and learning coaches will also be working closely with all Year 13 students to ensure they have a plan and are prepared for 2027.

Thank you all for your continued support and for all that you do to make Porirua College such a great community.

Please feel free to reach out to the College staff if you need further details and/or support.

Mālō 'Aupito
Chris Wood
Tumuaki Tuarua

NGAAHI IVENI

UPCOMING EVENTS

Event	Date	Location
Tonga Language Week	Monday 17 to Friday 21 August	-
9CVE - Ignite Year 9 Choices	Tuesday 18 August 2026	-
9FSM - Ignite Year 9 Choices	Tuesday 25 August 2026	-
GE300 Rotorua	Wednesday 26 to Friday 28 August	Rotorua - Keswick Christian Camp
Board Meeting	Thursday 27 Aug & 24 Sept @ 5.30pm-7.30pm	Conference Room
9JCR - Ignite Year 9 Choices	Tuesday 1/09/2026	
Student Trustee Election	Monday 7/09/2026	-
9UGA - Ignite Year 9 Choices	Tuesday 8/09/2026	-
CSW Netball Tournament (Snr A)	Sunday 30 Aug-Thursday 3 Sept	Akau Tangi
Kurangaituku Netball Tournament (Jnr A)	Friday 11 to Sunday 13 September	Rotorua Netball Courts
9STL - Ignite Year 9 Choices	Tuesday 15/09/2026	-
Ignite Year 12 Sports Leadership #3	Tuesday 22/09/2026	-
School Holidays	Monday 28/09/2026 — Sunday 11/10/2026	
Tuvalu Language Week	Monday 28/09/2026 — Friday 2/10/2026	-
Sports Award	Thursday 22/10/2026 from 6:30pm	Whiti Te Ra

TEUNGA AKO

SCHOOL UNIFORM

From September 2026 Porirua College Uniform will be available from NZ Uniforms

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.



FRIENDLY REMINDER: Please keep your child home if they are sick or not well enough to attend school, this helps keep the rest of our Kura safe and healthy.

Porirua College Attendance

"It takes a village to raise a child."



Rain or shine

Attend today

&

Achieve tomorrow!



If for any reason your child is unable to attend school, running late or needs to leave early please let us know ASAP.

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

TE KIWA NUI 2026

Te Kiwa Nui Festival 2026 – My Culture Walks with Me

On Friday, 7th 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 honour the richness and diversity of our cultural heritage through music, dance, and performance.

Porirua College was represented by nearly 300 students, performing across six cultural groups: Kapa Haka, Samoa, Tokelau, Cook Islands, Tuvalu, 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.



LAVAME'A 'A E FANAU AKO

STUDENT SUCCESS



IHC Art Awards

On Friday 24 July, **Taumarere's** art went on display at Webb's Gallery in Wellington. He worked hard to create his piece for the IHC Art Awards. He went with some friends to deliver his art to the IHC offices and then they had some fun biking around the waterfront on the crocodile bikes. His art work was very admired and he was a finalist! His art work sold soon after the opening. Congratulations to Taumarere!



Porirua College Cactus Youth Ambassador Programme

We are thrilled to celebrate the success of our students who recently completed the Porirua College Cactus Youth Ambassador Programme in partnership with New World and Partners Porirua.



What Was the Programme?

Over the course of the programme, our rangatahi gained valuable real-world workplace experience by working on-site at New World. Students learned practical employment skills, including customer service, while serving as fantastic ambassadors for our school community.

A huge congratulations to all 16 students who successfully participated in the programme. **Sapphire Allen, Shmuel Gonzales, Kuki Kamikamica, Vanessa-Jane Lolagi, Shy-Anne McMurtrie, Manaia Ngatai-Felise, Missouri Maifala, Lily Gaulofa, Praise Lamsam, Matthew Mafuolo, Kwash Marsters, Braxton Matenga, Raymond Peita, Saedee Simmons-Price, Kingston Teinatoi, and Jeahvani Pamata-Feo.**

Special recognitions and awards were presented to **Shmuel Gonzales, Lily Gaulofa, Praise Lamsam, Vanessa-Jane Lolagi, Sapphire Allen, and Matthew Mafuolo** for their outstanding commitment throughout the initiative.

We extend a warm thank-you to **Tracy and Dan** and the **team at New World, Jacqui** from **Partners Porirua**, and our local **Police** representatives **Damian, Jan and Aaron** for their support and dedication to helping our students earn, learn and build strong pathways for their futures.

Rotary's Award Ceremony

On the 21st July **Deputy Principal Ngarangi Kingi** had the privilege of listening to **Panitai** and **Teriki** speak at the Plimmerton Rotary's Award ceremony. Both students spoke about their time at the RYPEN leadership camp last year. They did an amazing job and represented PC extremely well.



NGAAHI NGĀUE

CAREER / PATHWAY

Our **Careers and Transition Team Rhonda Turner, Georgina Walker, Sherri Burgess** and **Jane Watson** help students in making smooth transitions from school into further education, training, or employment. Our students have meaningful career conversations with their learning coaches and subject teachers. We have an internal career guidance counsellor and links to our community services, La Fale and Partners Porirua. Our students can access transition support while they are at school and after they have left.

Tertiary providers present at school and our students can choose to visit tertiary campuses so that they can make informed decisions about their future pathways.

We have strong links with our community and our students can participate in practical courses at Whitireia Polytechnic to gain skills and qualifications which prepare them for study and employment when they leave school. Due to our connections with local businesses, students have the opportunity to complete work experience placements to provide them with valuable experience in the industry of their choice.

For more information visit: poriruacollege.school.nz and click on students and select careers and transition

Talamonū atu

CONGRATULATIONS

The following students who have been given the opportunity to participate in Work Experience to help develop their customer service skills and gain valuable experience in the workplace. This opportunity is available to our students as part of their Gateway Class.

Compulsory Workshop: Students will need to attend an on-site workshop on **Thursday 20 August, from 9:00am–2:00pm.**

Below are the student names, their chosen placement (course provider), their chosen work experience day and their start/end dates. Students will attend their placement one day per week until the end of the school term.

THE WAREHOUSE PORIRUA

Day: Wednesday

Start: 26.08.26 **End:** 23.09.26

- David Joseph-Muruaao
- Jimmy-Dax Walker Rawiri Putaura
- Gabriel Patelesio
- Lionel Rameka-Emery

WOOLWORTHS AOTEA

Day: Thursday

Start: 27.08.26 **End:** 24.09.26

- LA Iosua-Taupe
- Laisha Mokalei-Leiataua
- Khuaneu Browne-Ruaporo
- Tyler-Khan Tomlin-Kara

WOOLWORTHS PORIRUA

Day: Thursday

Start: 27.08.26 **End:** 24.09.26

- Arapata Makalio
- Liyah Tumanako

Five of our Gateway students will attend a 2 day Electrical Trades Exploration programme on **Monday 17** and **Tuesday 18 August from 9am-2.30pm.** This Electrical Trades Taster is completed through **Skills Academy** and our students worked towards 5 NCEA credits across the following three unit standards:

- US15852 - Isolation and Testing of Low Voltage Subcircuits
- US30657 - Isolate low-voltage electrical subcircuits and perform basic checks and tests to confirm isolation
- US30692 - Perform basic calculations used in a given trade situation

The students participating in this programme are: **Christie de Thierry, Qwonnell Faraimo-Selave, Rougan Duncan, Lincoln Leilua-Leota** and **Teremoana Panapa**

HALANGA NGĀUE

CAREER / PATHWAY



Talamonū atu

CONGRATULATIONS



The following students attended a Learner Licence course during the Term 2 school holidays and successfully passed their Learner Licence tests. Gaining a Learner Licence is an important milestone that supports their independence and helps prepare them for future employment opportunities. Many of these students will also be eligible to participate in our Drive 4 Life programme next year, where they can continue working towards their Restricted Licence.

On the 23rd of July the following students attended a workshop with the New Zealand School of Tourism, students were able to learn about the different career paths within the Travel and Tourism Industry.

Lanaijha Hemi
Shmuel Gonzales
LCA Josua-Taupe
Lily Gausalofa
Arapata Makalio
Kingston Moala
Tamarrah Tuala

Lepale Talataina
Lomiga Faaete'ete
Teboua Teikake
Fernandez Patia
Beniamina Vaea
Khalao Ahhoi

D'vannalyn Leofa
Sydney Mirate
Olivia Karini
Angela Penitito
Seira Muiaiaava

Gateway/ECE Block Courses

The following students were accepted into their chosen block courses as part of their Gateway or ECE class. Students attended an introductory workshop in week 2 to learn more about their chosen course before confirming their participation. They are now attending their block course one day per week for the remainder of the term, as indicated in the table. These courses provide students with a fantastic opportunity to explore career pathways they are interested in pursuing after school while also gaining valuable NCEA credits.

NZIS - UNIFORMED SERVICES

Course Day: Monday
Start: 27.07.26 **End:** 14.09.26

- Vanessa-Jane Lolagi
- Matthew Mafuolo
- Kingston Rangī

NZ SCHOOL OF TOURISM

Course Day: Thursday
Start: 23.07.26 **End:** 24.09.26

- Siera Muiaiaava
- Sydney Mirate
- D'Vannalyn Leofa
- Olivia Karini

NZMA - EARLY CHILDHOOD

Course Day: Friday
Start: 31.07.26 **End:** 18.09.26

- Lahzaye Rangitakatu
- Jorge Alvarado
- Mamaeri Peyroux

Yoobee - 2D Animation

Course Day: Wednesday
Start: 22.07.26 **End:** 23.09.26

- Kiana Hosking

SIPOTI

SPORTS

1st XV Rugby Team.

As our 1st XV rugby season comes to an end. It's been filled with mixed emotions of pride and sadness as we farewell our departing senior players and reflect on our teams growth. Managing a team of 32 players without a 2XV has been tough, with only 7 players returning from our 2025 squad and the rest were new to not only the team but to rugby itself. Teaching and coaching the rugby fundamentals was a great challenge that our coaches took on and it was rewarding.

This year our 1st XV was proudly sponsored by **John Duggan Transport** who sponsored our training tops and jackets, **Tony Olszewski Transport** for sponsoring our coaches jackets and **Just Cabins** for the water bottles. We cannot thank you enough for what you have given to our boys, coaches and manager.

Acknowledgements: Go out to our coaches Michael Lia and Pavali Logovae who balance full-time jobs and volunteered to coach our boys. Thank you for your hard work, commitment, dedication and patience. To our Manager Leoloa, thank you for all the work you do behind the scenes. We see you and appreciate everything you do and continue to do to support our boys. Nga Mihi to Bill Hiku & Konelio Matini for being our drivers, our aiga and friends for your ongoing support and also to our Sports Faculty.

Wishing our boys all the best for the rest of the year especially with your studies.

Signing out for 2026!

Fa'amanuia le Atua!

#pcpride



Basketball



New basketball coaches in ex-student Emosi Matini and Lylah Penese picked up a rebuilding team with new recruits and are now stacking up the wins tally.



Snr Netball

CSW Senior Netball Champs - For the last 3 weeks we have had Jane Watson coach our Porirua Senior girls. We have a long way to go in pursuit of excellence but we are embracing the change.

U15 Rugby

Our u15 rugby boys are going from strength to strength. Only losing 1 game this season they are on track for a finals showdown. 2nd on the table behind SPC their only loss, they are the team to watch out for in years to come.



NETIPOLO

NETBALL

Finals weekend is upon us woop woop. **Mālō 'aupito** to all our coaches for volunteering their time to coach and develop our girls. You have been an inspiration to us all and an absolute blessing. Without coaches we wouldn't have this many teams in the Kapi Mana Netball Competition. Thank you to our team managers that managed all our teams this year. The work you all do behind the scene for your teams is not an easy task and for that we appreciate you all. **Mālō 'aupito** to our umpires and our parents for showing up on Saturday's in the cold, wind and sun (when we have it) to support not only your child/ren but everyone in the team.

TO ALL OUR PLAYERS for 2026, talamonū atu and Mālō 'aupito for showing up to trainings and games in this wet and wild weather. Thank you for putting your bodies on the line for an amazing sport and representing your Kura with so much Mana. You're all superstars and we look forward to an amazing 2027 season!!

If you're not doing anything on Saturday get your black and yellow gears on and come down and support our teams playing in the finals **#PCPRIDE**.

-  PC Pohutukawa coached by Jane Watson and Michael Walter
-  PC Manuka coaced by Tatriana Teaurima
-  PC Kahikatea coached by Theresa Leofo
-  PC Kauri coached by Chelsea Karaka
-  PC Totara coached by Julie Tafale and Theresa Leofo

Championship (Finals)

22/08/2026 9:00 AM

Mungavin Netball Courts:
[Court 2](#)

BVC Snr A



VS



PC Pohutukawa

Phantoms Purple x 2
[Umpire]

Champ 2 Final - 3rd/4th

22/08/2026 9:00 AM

Mungavin Netball Courts:
[Court 6](#)

Waves 5



VS



PC Manuka

Phantoms Black x 2
[Umpire]

Champ 6 Final - 1st/2nd

22/08/2026 11:00 AM

Mungavin Netball Courts:
[Court 1](#)

PC Kahikatea



VS



Aotea Snr Pink

Phantoms White x 2
[Umpire]

Champ 3 Final - 1st/2nd

Championship Reserve (Finals)

22/08/2026 9:00 AM

Mungavin Netball Courts:
[Court 10](#)

Tawa Kākāriki



VS



PC Kauri

CAP Legion x 2
[Umpire]

Champ Res 1 Final - 3rd/4th

22/08/2026 9:00 AM

Mungavin Netball Courts:
[Court 9](#)

PC Totara



VS



Aotea Jnr Green

Whitby Coll Snr B x 2
[Umpire]

Champ Res 2 Final - 5th/6th

NGAAHI ONGOONGO 'A E AKÓ

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

Parents/Caregivers

- Please ensure that your contact details are up to date
- Please call the school office if you are signing your child out early from school

Term 3 ends Friday 25 Sept and Term 4 starts Monday 12 Oct!

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Mon 7 Sept to Fri 11 Sept all Year 11, 12 and 13 students will be home on study leave all week and must come into school for their examinations. Details of these examinations will be emailed home very soon

Learner licence list for term 3 holidays will be published in the next newsletter, please ensure payments are received prior to the last week of term 3.

Subject selections for 2027 will happen between weeks 7-10 this term. More details about this will also be emailed home and will be available on the Porirua College website.

From September 2026 Porirua College Uniform will be available from NZ Uniforms

PORIRUA COLLEGE

SPORTS

awards



OCTOBER | 22 | 6.30pm

Whiti Te Ra



Supporting **Youth Mental Health**

**A free open community event
for parents & grandparents of teens**

Thursday 3 September, 7pm

StBarnabas Church

106 Mana Esplanade, Paremata

7.00-8.30pm + supper

No cost. All welcome!

Understand more about the mental health challenges facing young people today, and how you can effectively support them. Bring your questions.

Presented by an expert panel of speakers:

- Jenny Drummond is a counsellor at Aotea College
- Karl Smith is a counsellor at Viard College & HIBS
- Murray Shearer trains youth workers through Praxis
- hosted by Silvia Purdie.

ST. BARNABAS
PLIMMERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



RSVP to the church office: 04 233 8572, office@ppp.org.nz

COMMUNITY AWARENESS

INFLUENZA – SYMPTOMS



Meningococcal Disease causes Meningitis

Don't wait – take action
Even if you think the person has been immunised.

- Meningococcal disease is fast and can kill or cause serious disability.
- Get help **immediately** if you see one or more of the symptoms below.
- These meningococcal disease symptoms may not all show at once.

Symptoms in babies



Symptoms in older children and adults



Not everyone with meningococcal disease gets spots.
Don't wait for spots to appear before getting medical help.

You can call Healthline free 24 hours a day: **0800 611 116**

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
TE TĀHURU O TE MĀTAURANGA

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.

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.

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.

— Access to period products in schools and kura.

