PORIRUA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Week 10, Term 3



Talofa and Kia ora whānau,

As we prepare to celebrate Vaiaho o te Gana Tuvalu (Tuvalu Language Week) next week, I want to say a massive fakafetai (thank you) for your ongoing support as we wrap up Term 3.

Winter Sports:

Huge congratulations to the many Porirua College teams that reached the semi-finals and finals with some teams winning the finals. These opportunities only happen because of the incredible time and support provided by our staff, families, and community members.

The Junior A and Senior A netball teams both went to tournaments, where they learnt about playing games back to back and both teams had some success.

On Thursday 22 October we will be celebrating sporting success and commitment at the Annual Sports Prizegiving.

Internal Examinations:

The courage, commitment, and focus our students show in sports are the exact attributes required for academic success. Well done to our senior students who completed their crucial internal examinations, and to everyone who sat the highly important Literacy and Numeracy Common Assessment Activities (CAAs) this term.

Looking Ahead to Term 4

Term 4 is a short, fast-paced term focused entirely on taking the next steps. Attendance is crucial! Learning happens in the classroom. Consistent attendance remains the absolute baseline for students to finish the year strongly and achieve their goals.

2027 Pathways: With subject selections now complete, Term 4 is about executing plans. Year 13 students must continue working closely with Transition faculty staff and learning coaches to ensure they have a secure plan and are fully prepared for 2027.

Fakafetai for all that you do to make Porirua College such a great community. Have a safe and restful break.

Ngā mihi nui,
John Topp
Deputy Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
MONDAY 28 SEPT–SUNDAY 11 OCT

FIJI FLAG RAISING
MONDAY 12 OCT @ 9:00AM

IGNITE YR12 SPORTS LEADERSHIP #4
TUES 13 OCT

IGNITE YR10 ON TRACK
WEDNESDAY 14 TO FRIDAY 16 OCT
TUESDAY 27 OCT

PERFORMING ARTS
TECH REHERSAL
THURSDAY 15 OCT @ 3:00PM–8:00PM

PERFORMING ARTS
DRESS REHERSAL
MONDAY 19 OCT @ 3:00PM–8:00PM

NIUE LANGUAGE WEEK
MONDAY 19 TO FRIDAY 23 OCT

PERFORMING ARTS PRODUCTION
TUESDAY 20 OCT @ 6:00PM–7:30PM

IGNITE YR12 FINAL SESSION
TUESDAY 20 OCT

SPORTS PRIZE GIVING
THURSDAY 22 OCT @ 6:30PM

LABOUR DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)
MONDAY 26 OCT

TOKELAU LANGUAGE WEEK
SCHOOL SHADOW ELECTION WEEK
TUESDAY 27 TO FRIDAY 30 OCT

BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY 29 OCT @ 5:30PM–7:30PM

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.

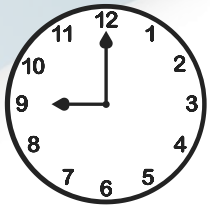






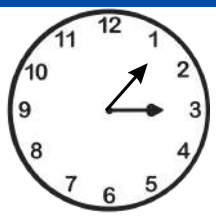
SCHOOL HOURS & APPOINTMENTS

School Day Start



The school day begins at **9:00 AM**.
Students are expected to be on school grounds and ready to learn before this time.

School Day Finish



Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri school finishes at **3:05 PM**.
Weds school finishes at **1:50 PM**
Students are expected to remain on-site until the end of p5. Early departures require prior written approval from a parent or guardian.

Booking Appointments



Non-urgent appointments (medical, dental, personal) should be scheduled outside school hours — before 9:00 AM or after 3:05 PM — to minimise disruption to learning.

School Holidays



Appointments and non-urgent activities should not be scheduled during school term time. Please use school holiday periods for extended absences or non-essential appointments.

On-Site Attendance



All students are required to remain on school grounds for the full duration of the school day, from 9:00 AM to 3:05 PM (except Weds 1:50 PM) . Leaving school without permission is not permitted.

Urgent Absences



If an urgent appointment cannot be avoided during school hours, please notify the school office in advance. A parent or guardian must sign the student out and back in upon return.

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

ATTENDANCE

Porirua College Attendance

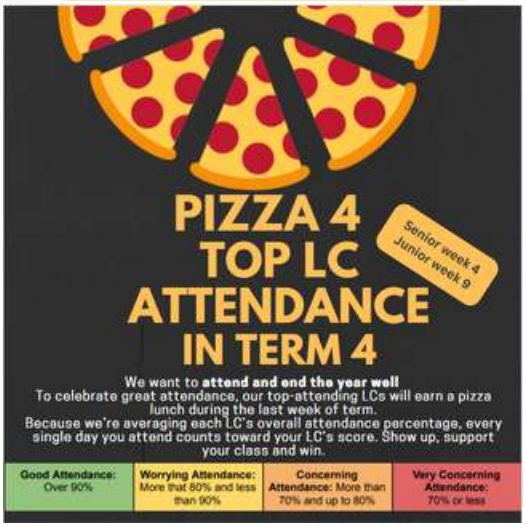
"It takes a village to raise a child."

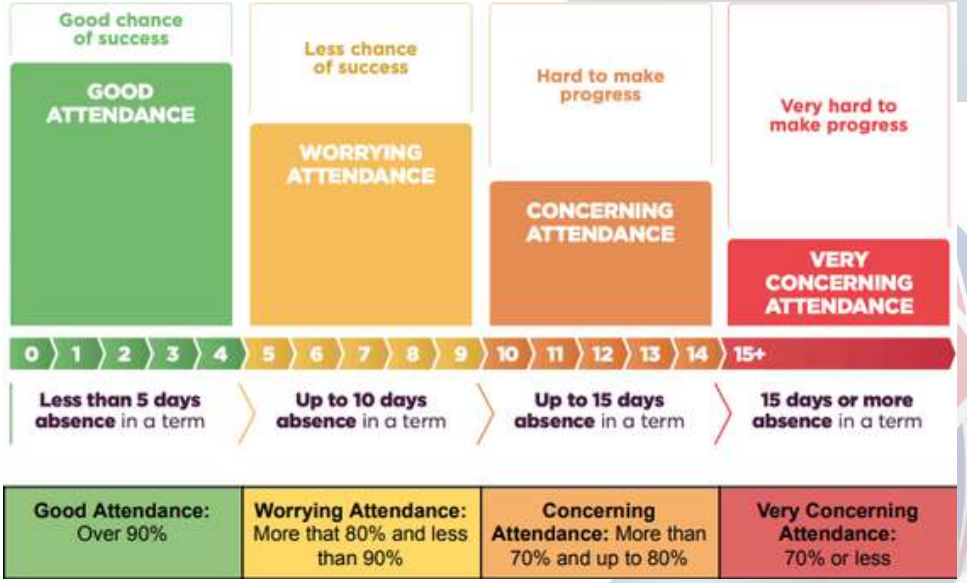
As we head into the final stretch of the year, let's keep our momentum going and encourage our students to aim high! Every day at school counts. We know regular attendance builds confidence, strengthens connections, and helps our learners cross the finish line feeling proud of what they've achieved.

We know that a strong finish takes a team effort. To our whānau, thank you for your ongoing support in setting routines, prioritizing school days, and cheering on our young people.

Let's work together to make these final weeks count, turn up every day ready to learn, and finish the year on a high note!

AIM HIGH





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STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Mathswell

Ms Crisp & Ms Lawton attended Mathswell (a Wellington-wide Mathematics competition) on Monday with two teams of students.
Year 9: Falefou, Joseph, Xyza, Brian
Year 11: Abi, Bryant, Kiana, Angel, Kupa, Lucien, Tefolaha

They received many compliments from the organisers saying that our students were the most helpful and the most supportive of others. We didn't win any of the big prizes, but they all tried their absolute best and were fantastic representatives for our school.





GE300 Rotorua Trip



The level 3 Geography class visited Rotorua for three days to look at the impact of the Tourism Industry in the area. They were able to visit Rotorua Museum, the Skyline and Luge and Wai-o-Tapu.







Encouraging Young Readers





Our year 9 & 10 Book Club students have been lucky enough to visit with the younger classes at both Corinna and Maraeroa School. The goal of these visits is to encourage young students to read more by doing buddy reading. All students have enjoyed the visits and it's been awesome to be out and about showing the community reading is cool!

If any other local schools want a visit from our small Book Club please reach out to Zoe Finlayson (zfinlayson@pen.net.nz)

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori









Te Kahu Tātara a Te Rangihaeata (Porirua College Kapa Haka Rōpu) performing at the Porirua Council flag raising ceremony



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Year 12 Leadership Camp

Kia ora. We are delighted that Orlando Tui and Joe Tanielu have been selected to attend a Year 12 leadership camp in the Rangitikei region during the holidays. They will join 45 other students from the North Island to discover their leadership potential.







Orlando and Joe will have an amazing 3 days of:

- ✔ fun development activities in a rural environment
- ✔ NZ defence leadership personnel
- ✔ inspiring young leaders
- ✔ personal growth, leadership and team building

We look forward to hearing all about it next term. Congrats Orlando and Joe - we are very proud of you.

NZQA Ringa Toi Student Exhibition

Three of our ākonga are exhibiting their work at The NZQA Ringa Toi Student Exhibition at Pātaka. The exhibition runs through to 30 September. Massive congrats to Vanessa-Jane Lolagi, Ivana Morris and Sincity Allen.



Vaness-Jane Lolgai
Patu rākau



Sincity Allen
Wheku



Ivana Morris
Patu rākau

Student Trustees for 2026/27





The Board of Trustees will welcome incoming student members Sabiha Eidi and Joyce Taesali at the October hui. Congratulations to them both - we know they will do a great job.

2026 Porirua Youth Award

Skylah Lihone (Deputy Head Student) and Ezekiel Fuimaono (Head Student) were recipients of a 2026 Porirua Youth Award - in the Education category. Fantastic achievement for two of our leaders.





LEARNER LICENCE COURSE

Here is the confirmed list of students who will be participating in the Learner Licence Course during the Term 3 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

Group 1

Dates: Mon 28 & Tues 29 Sept
Time: 10:00am-2:00pm

- Nathan Bowley
- Sialataua Puaaniu
- Mauga Suailua
- Aperila Tautalaga
- Lionel Rameka-Emery
- Rori Pemberton-Higgs
- Missouri Maifala
- Ani Mason
- Kupa Lihone
- Lucien Tulia
- Gabriel Patelesio
- Avanoa Reuelu
- David Joesph-Maruaao
- Dateyneon Chase
- Fakaalofa Kaue

Group 2

Dates: Weds 30 & Thurs 1 Oct
Time: 10:00am-2:00pm

- Leonidas Thomas
- Oceana Orr-Tepuni
- Laisha Mokalei-Leiataua
- Tyler-Khan Tomlin-Kara
- Va'alele Ulu
- Livingston Reuelu
- Khuaneu Browne-Ruaporo
- Orlando Tui
- Joe Tanielu

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ

Check the date and time for your child's group

Location: Partners Porirua HQ, 3 Cobham Court , Porirua CBD

Students **MUST** bring their original ID (birth certificate OR passport) to course each day

Light morning tea will be provided during course

STUDENT DRIVING REMINDERS

To keep our school community safe, please review these key driving rules:

- Vehicle Access: Cars must remain parked on school grounds and out of bounds during the school day. Students are not permitted to sit in or hang around their vehicles during breaks.
- Licence Requirements: Students driving to school must hold at least a restricted licence.
- Learner licence holders may not drive to school unaccompanied.
- Passenger Rules: Drivers on a Restricted Licence must not carry passengers (unless a qualified supervisor is present).

Thank you for driving responsibly and keeping our school safe.

HĀKINAKINA

Kapi Mana Netball 2026





Junior A - Kahikatea - Winner of Championship 3 Kapi Mana Netball

Back L-R: Theresa (coach); Maia; Jean-Rima; Ane-Leka; Sophia; Lepa Front L-R: Maligi; Doreen; Rebekah; Eve; Euodias, Absent : Kahly



Senior D - Manuka - Winner of Championship 6 Kapi Mana Netball

Reginae, Matile, Kharley; Angel; Jay; Joyce; Mere; Ashlyn; Ria & Jaylexious

Wellington Lions Visit Porirua College



We had a great visit from the Wellington Lions to take part in an afternoon of Touch Rugby with our students.

As a sponsor of the Lions, Spark NZ donated their Corporate Time to Porirua College, and the opportunity for some of our young aspiring Rugby players to spend time interacting with players, asking questions and getting 100s of selfies, high 5s and a few items of Lions uniform made for an afternoon enjoyed by everyone.

Basketball Wrap Up



High 5 to our basketball program; particularly the coaches, managers, drivers, umpires and players for all the hard work put in for the 2026 season. Final placings Jnr Girls 5th, Jnr Boys 4th in Northern Zone & Senior Boys 7th in Div3.

CSW Mixed Netball Tournament



What a day for our mixed netball teams! Two awesome teams represented Porirua College at the Mixed Netball Tournament at Taita Netball Courts and the vibes were on from start to finish.

Awesome weather for netball, lots of laughs, support and energy throughout the day. What stood out most was how our students backed each other, enjoyed being out on court together and represented PC with pride.

A great day with an even better group of students, definitely one of those tournaments that reminds us what school sport is all about. A tournament to remember and a day our students can be proud of.



In Term 3 we have had some fantastic House v House lunchtime competitions. Volleyball, Basketball, TchoukBall and Futsal. It has been fantastic to see not only great participation, but amazing support and sideline encouragement. We have seen some awesome skills and can't wait to see more of PC talent showcased in our Summer Sports in Term 4

Registrations for Summer Sports in Term 4 are still open. If you would like to register you can find the links on the school website. Information for each sport can be found in the sports tab and on the registration forms.

The Tokomanawa Queens have given us Free tickets to all home games at TRA. The professional players came in to run some skills & drills with our players. Che Fu is playing at half time at the first game this Sunday.

Call or email Linda Sua for free tickets. lsua@pen.net.nz

NETBALL WRAP UP







Lower North Island Netball

Our Senior A Netball team had the opportunity to represent Porirua College at the Lower North Island Secondary Schools Netball Tournament (LNISS) during Winter Tournament Week this year.

Getting to tournament week took plenty of hard work and dedication from our girls. Throughout the season, they continued to show up for early-morning games, putting in the mahi and growing both individually and as a team. By the time LNISS arrived, it was great to see the girls come together and support one another on and off the court.

Like any tournament, the week came with its highs and lows, but the experience was about much more than results. Our girls had the opportunity to compete during Winter Tournament Week, experience tournament netball and represent Porirua College alongside schools from across the Lower North Island.

A huge thank you to Jane Watson for stepping in to coach our Senior A team and sharing her time, knowledge and experience with our girls. We also acknowledge all the coaches and volunteers who played a part in their growth and development throughout the season.

We are proud of the mahi our girls put in this year and look forward to seeing netball at Porirua College continue to grow, develop and create further opportunities for our students.

Kurangaituku Rotorua Netball Tournament

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th of September our Porirua College Junior A Netball Team travelled to Rotorua to participate in the Kurangaituku Netball Tournament.

This was a first for Porirua College and the girls took this challenge on with no regrets. The amount of netball talent that was on display not only from our girls but teams from all over the North Island as well as Australia was phenomenal. A take away our team took from this tournament and the lead up was Perseverance, Integrity and Leadership.

Our girls fundraised themselves to get to this tournament and we would like to say a massive ngā mihi to Voong's Bakery; Float Well; Huffer; RedRat Porirua; KXKS; Pak n Save Porirua; Performance Pro; Duffle & Co; Orethis; Bluebridge Cook Strait Ferries for their generous donations and support.

Thank you to all our parents/caregivers and their families for supporting our girls from the beginning of our season to now. Thank you to our coach Theresa Leofo for coaching our girls & our umpire Pamela Johnson. We appreciate each and every single one of you and we cannont wait for next year.



PC Junior A Netball Team with Panda Elite from Australia



SCHOOL NOTICES

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

Exam Dates
Tuesday 10 Nov to Friday 4 Dec

School Uniform
Available from NZ Uniforms (next to AE Preston)
WINZ quote can be requested if required

Subject selections for 2027 have closed

Sports Department highlight of the year is our Sports Prize giving. All those that were involved in sport are able to attend. It's a wonderful night to celebrate all our teams successes and our coaches and managers hard work over the year.

Letters will be sent home via email today for those who will be receiving an award. Please be available to receive your taonga on the night.

