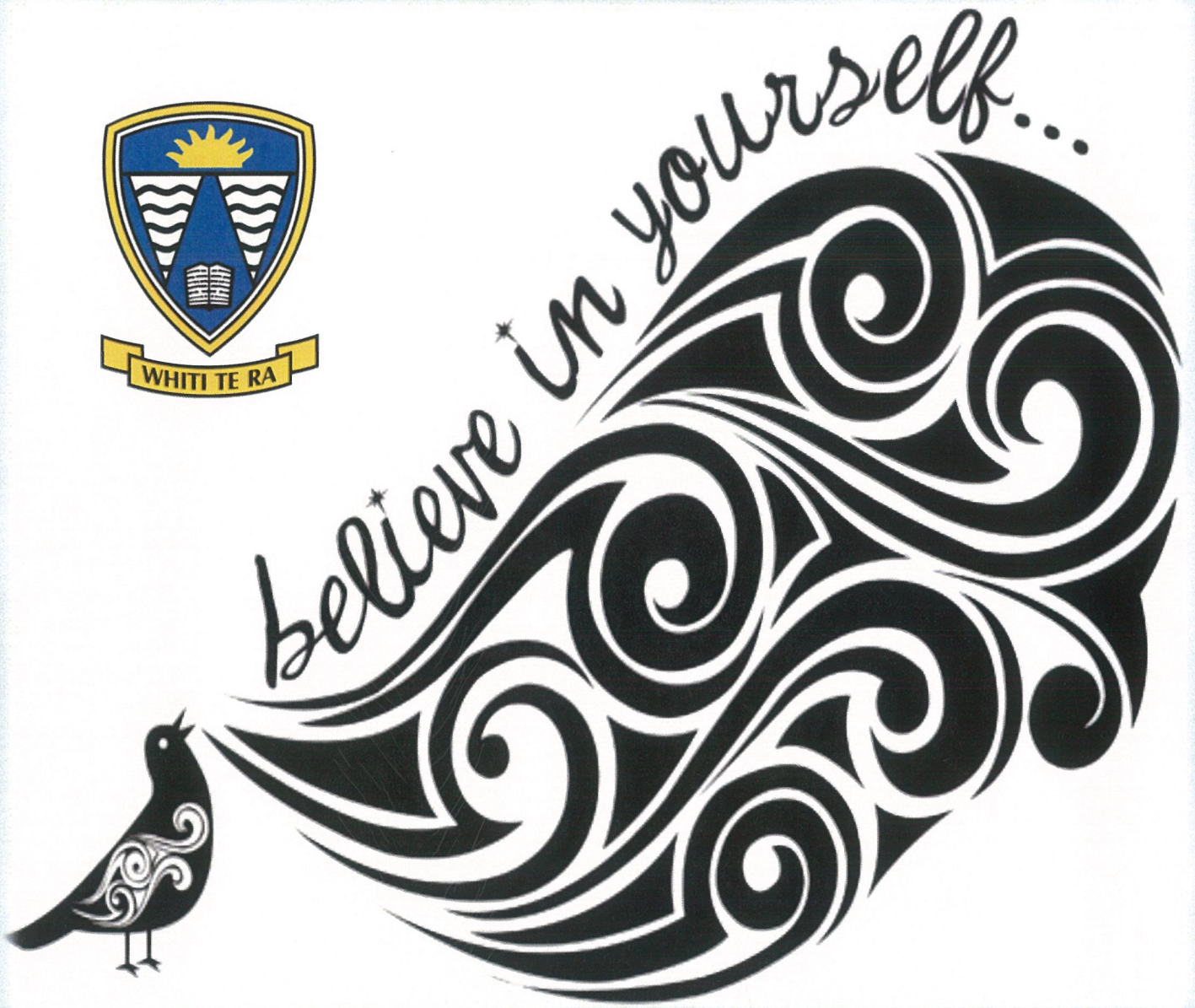


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**NEWSLETTER**

**TERM Two #4 2019**

## Principal's Message

Talofa lava,

We have continued to have a busy and exciting Term 2 here at PC. Samoan language week was a real highlight with celebrations here at school, over in the Hutt Valley with other schools and a trip into Victoria University for a speech competition. Our students did us proud as speakers, performers and school representatives. Thank you to all the aiga who were part of our celebrations.

Ko te Hapori has continued to provide exciting educational experiences to our students with lots of trips happening in the second half of term. Students are visiting Victoria University, Te Papa, the police college and much more. They are using climbing walls, collecting pipi up at Otaki, going on driving lessons and paintballing. It's a lot of fun, but a lot of learning at the same time through getting out into the community and having the community come to us. The fire truck has just driven past my office on the way up to Faasinoala Wayfinder. We are keen to hear feedback from you about how courses have gone and you will get a survey home. You are also very welcome to come in and talk to us.

Polyfest is on Friday 28 June in the Te Rauparaha Arena during the day. Almost half the school will be a part of polyfest and families are very welcome to come along and watch performances. There is a \$10 ticket cost for adults and \$5 for children. If you are unable to attend during the day, you can come along to our Polyfest Dress Rehearsal on Wednesday 26 June from 6-8pm. With so much of the school out on the day of Polyfest, we will not run normal classes. Senior students will be having credit catch up classes and activities will be organised for juniors.

Kapa Haka Regionals are on Friday 5 July and we wish them all the best with what will be an amazing performance. This is also a Teacher Only Day so Term 2 will finish on Thursday 4 July. It has been great to meet with so many of you at parents' meetings and events during the term. Thank you for all your support.

Ragne Maxwell

Principal

Porirua College



## Other ways to keep updated with Porirua College News

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[www.poriruacollege.school.nz](http://www.poriruacollege.school.nz)
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Parents and Caregivers can monitor your child's achievement and attendance by going to [www.kamar.pen.net.nz](http://www.kamar.pen.net.nz); If you do not know your username and password please email [poriruacollege@pen.net.nz](mailto:poriruacollege@pen.net.nz) and this information will be sent to you



## Porirua College Mixed Quartet (Hashtag #) No 1 in Wellington

### Boys Quartet received a Wild Card entry to Nationals

Our students were rewarded with both groups being selected to compete at the young singers in Harmony National Finals in Christchurch this year.

Our Mixed Quartet: Melena'a Moala, Faivalu Faivalu, Falefiaoali'i Failautusi and Pualele Fomai shone on the stage with their unique renditions of 'Gonna build a mountain' and 'I don't know why'.



Our young Men's Quartet: Pualaga Tuai'aufa'i, Karl Amosa-Lalau, Paora Te Moananui and Vailahi Vailahi also performed very well with their renditions of 'Darkness on the Delta' and 'Let me call you Sweetheart'.

Both Quartets were definitely stretched beyond their limits and deserve these great results. Please congratulate them when you see them around school.

A special thank you goes to David Brooks their vocal tutor for the amazing job he did with our Quartets and a huge thank you to our teachers for their support! It has been greatly appreciated!! Special mention and thanks also goes to Mrs Moeka'a for accompanying the groups on the trip.



Fa'afetai lava

Eline Avia, Music



## "MATTERING"

16th - 20th September

School Production "Mattering" performed by Year 12, Year 13 and 4 junior actors.

The show has been researched and co-directed by Dr Delia Baskerville (VUW)  
Supported by professional Vocal coach Perry Piercy.

Our season is a world premiere of this show about the reasons behind why students in schools around New Zealand truant school.

(The original research did not include Porirua College)

The show includes acting, songs, haka, dance, and audience interaction before and after the show. Bookings open early Term 3 (two people are coming from Christchurch and one from Ireland to watch it).

**Get in early. It will be unforgettable!!!**

Karl Payne  
HOF Arts



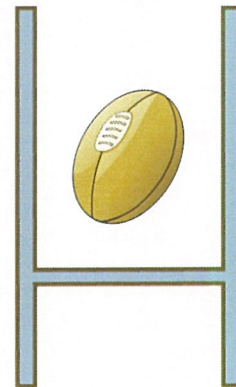


The Northern Regional Polyfest is returning to Te Rauparaha Arena on the 28th of June 2019. The competition features secondary school Pasifika groups and kapa haka groups from the Tawa and Porirua colleges. This year it is hosted by Tawa College, and will feature Porirua, Mana, Aotea and Bishop Viard Colleges. Tickets cost \$5 for under 12 year olds, \$10 for over 12s and adults. Under 5s are free. You can purchase tickets from the Te Rauparaha Arena and Ticketek from 1st June. Doors open at 9.45am The students have been putting in a lot of mahi, so we look forward to seeing you there to help us celebrate our Pasifika cultures in song and dance.



**Congratulations to the following players who have been selected to trial in the U16 Wellington Boys rep team**

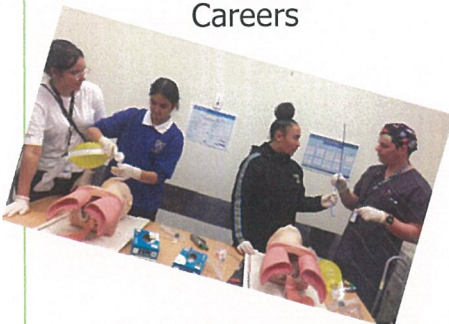
- Avia Lemisio
- Ej Roebeck
- Matolu Petaia
- Neru Sheck
- Solomon Uelese



**Careers at PC**

There has been a lot of activity happening in the Career's space this term. Our Maori students were invited into Wellington hospital and hosted by Kia Ora Hauora to encourage the possibility of working in the Health industry. We left feeling welcomed into professions we could picture ourselves working in. A group of Year 11 students recently spent the day at Victoria University. We were introduced to the many Career pathways that a Degree could provide for us and told what we could do now at school to ensure we get UE. We also have many of our seniors on work experience placements with local businesses and employers who we greatly appreciate. They provide real life opportunities to practice some good work skills we know will add value to our students as they transition from PC out into the big wide world. It's been a busy little hub with more to come, students have naturally felt a bit hesitant to try experiences they're unsure of but we want them testing those waters now. We are learning to challenge ourselves and starting to "get comfortable with being uncomfortable".

Linda John  
Careers



## Going Outdoors Tongariro Trip

At lunchtime on Thursday 13 June, 13 students from our Going Outdoors course, along with Mr Barnsley, Miss Davison and Ms Wawatai, set off on an adventure to Mount Ruapehu. In just under 30 hours together, we managed to pack in:

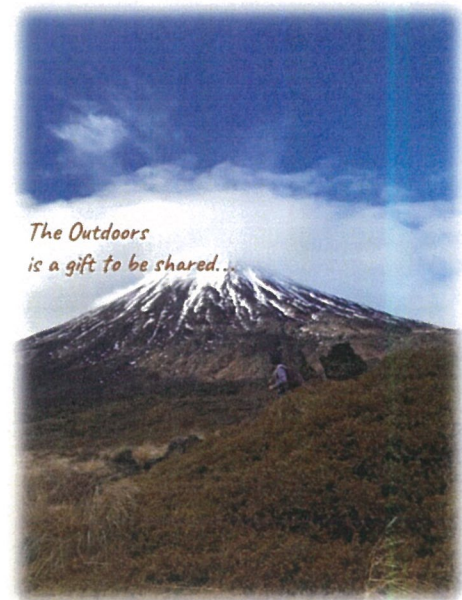
- a massive bus ride up to the mountain
- wearing long johns and tramping boots for the first time
- tramping through the snow and rain in the dark
- staying overnight at a lodge on the mountain
- waking up at 6am for breakfast and showers
- walking 10km on the Tongariro Crossing
- filling up our drink bottles under a waterfall at Soda Springs
- making snowballs
- eating Mama Davison's homemade chic chip biscuits



It was a great way to spend our second-to-last week of Ko te Hāpori. We arrived back at PC at 7pm on Friday night exhausted but inspired and energised from all the awesome memories we had made.

He mihi nui ki a Bus from Mana Coach Services, Mary and the guides from Adrift Tongariro and Miles Davison our host from Wellington Tramping and Mountaineering Club at Ruapehu Lodge, as well as Mrs Maxwell, Mrs Matehaere Taylor-Edwards and Mrs Hall for their work behind the scenes.

Kia ora koutou katoa!



## The venue for the Year 13 Ball has been changed!

Our Year 13 students are super excited that this year's Ball will be held on Saturday 30th November from 7.00pm - 11.00pm here in our very own Whiti Te Ra at Porirua College.

Tickets are \$70

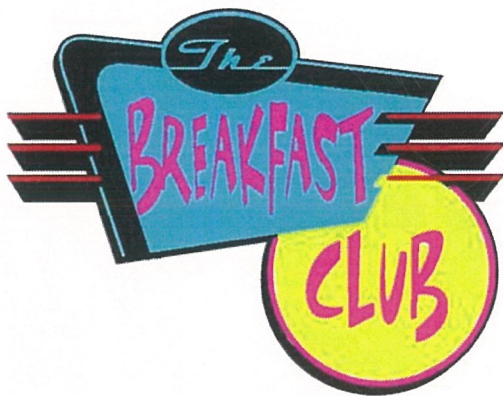
**\$35 deposit MUST be paid by the end of Term 2**  
**Remaining \$35 MUST be paid by the end of Term 3**  
**Please pay at the school office.**



**The election for the Board of Trustees is now complete**

We had 5 nominations for the Parent trustee and there were 5 positions to be filled, so no vote was required. The five people elected are: Jeanette de Thierry, Sonny Foe, Aroha Marsh, Angela Rawlings and Pelenatete Su'a Tapu.

We had two nominations for the staff trustee, Nadia Matehaere Taylor-Edwards and Reece Harrison. So a vote necessary. The outcome of the voting was very close, with Reece Harris being elected as the Staff trustee.

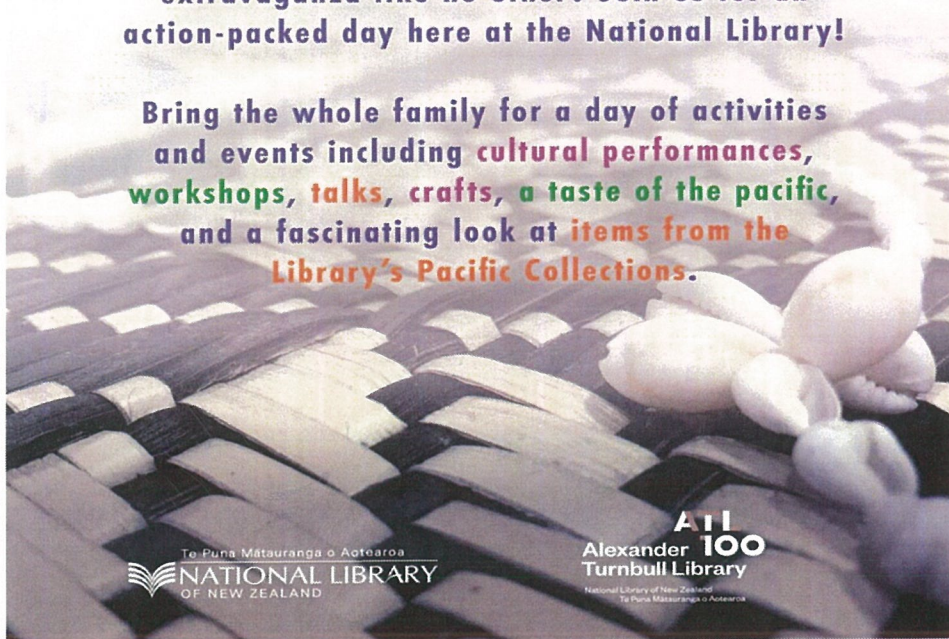


**Breakfast is available  
Rangituhi House  
8:30am  
Tuesday's and Thursday's**

**EAT : DANCE : DISCOVER  
PASIFIKA  
SPECTACULAR SATURDAY 29 JUNE  
9AM - 3PM**

Are you ready for an exciting Pasifika extravaganza like no other? Join us for an action-packed day here at the National Library!

Bring the whole family for a day of activities and events including cultural performances, workshops, talks, crafts, a taste of the pacific, and a fascinating look at items from the Library's Pacific Collections.



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