



PORIRUA COLLEGE



NEWSLETTER

TERM Four #7 2019

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Best of luck to all our senior students who have NCEA exams. You need to make sure you know when all your exams are and have your exam slip with you to get in. Stay for the whole of the exam time, read the questions carefully and plan answers to essay questions before you start writing. If you have studied regularly going into the exams, you should be able to shine. Juniors have exams coming up too at the end of November and this will be really good practice for when you are a senior and doing exams for credits to pass your NCEA levels. Remember that studying means more than just reading notes. Active study involves:

- Highlighting notes
- Making summaries - charts, diagrams, tables, bullet points, flashcards
- Getting friends and family to test you - try a study group
- Coming in to work with teachers in study sessions
- Looking at what has come up in past exam papers - plan or write answers to them

Some seniors will be back for mahi tahi credit catch ups to make sure they get through, particularly if they don't have exams. Letters will be sent home to students who definitely need to be there, but it is available for everyone. Mahi tahi will be from Thursday 7th to Friday 22nd of November in the library 9.30am - 3pm, with homework club to follow for those who want to stay on. Ms Kingi, the Head of Social Sciences, will be there to help students and keep a record of who attends.

Students have all been busy selecting courses for next year, including Ko te Hapori options. It has been great to see you thinking more carefully about your futures and what subjects will help get you where you might want to go in life. If you want to change your choices for 2020 at all, you can see Mr Wood, Mr Topp or myself to make changes.

It has been a great year here at Porirua College with students taking more responsibility for your learning and having greater success because of it. So many seniors have already passed before exams even start, but keeping working to get endorsements and into the courses you want next year. We are really looking forward to prize giving's at the end of the year to recognise all your hard work and fabulous achievements. See you there!

Ragne Maxwell
Principal
Porirua College



Reminder!

TEACHER ONLY DAY
MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER
LAST DAY OF TERM 4
WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 6 Nov:	Final assemblies for Year 11, 12 and 13
Fri 8 Nov:	NCEA exams start
Sat 30 Nov:	Yr 13 Ball
Wed 4 Dec:	Senior Prize Giving
Wed 11 Dec:	Junior Prize Giving



THANK YOU

Special thanks goes out to Georgina King and family for the kind donation of school supplies and delicious cookies! So generous and kind.

We are so appreciative and our classes will benefit from this amazing gesture.

Awesome

YEAR 13 BALL

The Ball will be held in our very own Whiti Te Ra at Porirua College on Saturday 30th November from 7.00pm - 11.00pm.

A professional DJ and photographer have been booked to make this a very special event for our graduating Year 13 students.

Not long now! Have a Fabulous night.

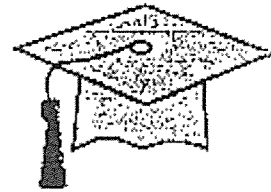


Silly Season

Is fast approaching
We would like to Thank our Porirua College Families for an amazing 2019

Be safe and take care of each other

Study Tips For Success



- Use lots of colour
- Drink at least 8 glasses of water a day
- Talk about my information as much as possible
- Move around while learning
- Eat brain food at least once an hour while studying
- Organise my materials before I sit down to study
- Practice old exam papers
- Study to music without words
- Put all my important information up high
- Study the information I don't know
- Review my notes, 1 day, 1 week and 1 month after learning them
- Learn only 3-4 facts at a time
- Get lots of sleep
- Make my information stand out
- Visualise my success daily

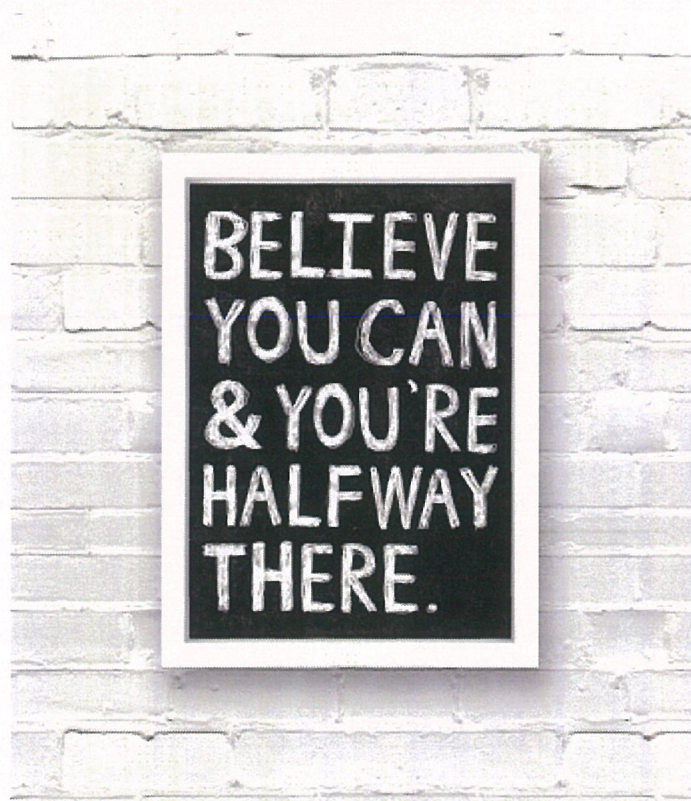


How to make Exams Less Stressful

- Fuel up before you start
 - Have Breakfast/Lunch before you leave home
 - Brain food snacks are available in Music block
- Show up early (Check your dates and times regularly)
 - 9:00 for morning exams
 - 1:30 for afternoon exams
- Clear plastic bag of gear
 - At least 2 pens
 - Exam slip
 - Calculator (if permitted)
- Stay hydrated
 - Bring a clear bottle of water for the exam
- Leave your phone and watch in your bag (or at home)
 - Make sure your phone is turned off



		NCEA Level 1	NCEA Level 2	NCEA Level 3	NZ Scholarship
Friday 8 Nov	AM		NCEA L2 Physics		
	PM	NCEA L1 Geography			
Monday 11 Nov	AM		NCEA L2 Music		
	PM		NCEA L2 Chemistry		
Tuesday 12 Nov	AM		NCEA L2 English		
	PM	NCEA L1 History	NCEA L2 Te Reo Maori	NCEA L3 Biology	
Wednesday 13 Nov	AM	NCEA L1 English			
	PM				
Thursday 14 Nov	AM	NCEA L1 Science			
	PM	NCEA L1 Te Reo Maori	NCEA L2 Geography	NCEA L3 Chemistry	
Tuesday 19 Nov	AM		NCEA L2 Biology	NCEA L3 Geography	
	PM				
Wednesday 20 Nov	AM				
	PM			NCEA L3 Physics	
Thursday 21 Nov	AM		NCEA L2 Mathematics and Statistics		
	PM	NCEA L1 Music		NCEA L3 History	
Friday 22 Nov	AM			NCEA L3 English	
	PM				
Monday 25 Nov	AM		NCEA L2 History		
	PM			NCEA L3 Samoan	
Tuesday 26 Nov	AM			NCEA L3 Calculus	
	PM				
Wednesday 27 Nov	AM				
	PM	NCEA L1 Samoan			Scholarship Samoan
Thursday 28 Nov	AM				
	PM				
Friday 29 Nov	AM	NCEA L1 Drama			
	PM		NCEA L2 Samoan		
Tuesday 3 Dec	AM			NCEA L3 Spanish	
	PM				





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