

AKO AKO NEWSLETTER 2020



TERM 2 WEEK 4 - 8/05/2020

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Kia ora koutou katoa. I hope you have been going well in your bubble during these strange times. It's been quiet for me, apart from online work, with just my husband and one daughter left at home. The other two are in Dunedin and Spain, which was a bit worrying. But it's been great cooking, gardening, playing games together and staying in touch over the internet.



What has been a huge challenge for everyone, teachers, students and whānau, is to move into online learning. I want to acknowledge all the hard work everyone has been doing to try to keep the learning happening and the relationships alive. Well done to all the students who have been going online to Google Meets, Google Classroom, Education Perfect, Te Kura and other platforms. Teachers have been impressed by what you have achieved.

I think it has been hardest of all for those students who haven't had devices for most of this time and have felt themselves getting behind. It's great that some of you have been working on paper or using phones. Senior students have been concerned about completing enough credits to pass NCEA this year. We want to reassure you all that we will be working with our seniors to make individual plans and to help you catch up and keep on top of your credits for the rest of the year.

Ko te Hapori semester 1 courses will now run until the end of term 2 to give seniors time to finish credits and for juniors to do the learning. Semester 2 will be term 3 only, so that in term 4 we can use that time to help seniors finish off assessments.

Winter Sports are still going to happen, once it is safe, but will have a shorter season. We will also hold Colours Day, hopefully at the end of term 2. We are really looking forward to seeing you all back at school to get involved again with learning, activities, friends and teachers.

It's very strange as I write this to be at school with only 3 students and a few staff members. This place is empty without all our students and staff here, learning together. He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata. What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.

Can't wait to see you all again soon!

Ragne Maxwell
Principal
Porirua College

WELCOME
HAERE MAI

A very warm welcome to our new teachers, Jennifer Brodie who is our new Social Sciences teacher and Joy Tualima who is our new Samoan Language teacher and will be taking over from Nofo Uelese-Lalau. (News on Aliimua Lala's exciting new chapter in our next newsletter). Please also join us in welcoming back Merita Levave who has recently been married. Congratulations Merita!! We look forward to having you back with us this term.

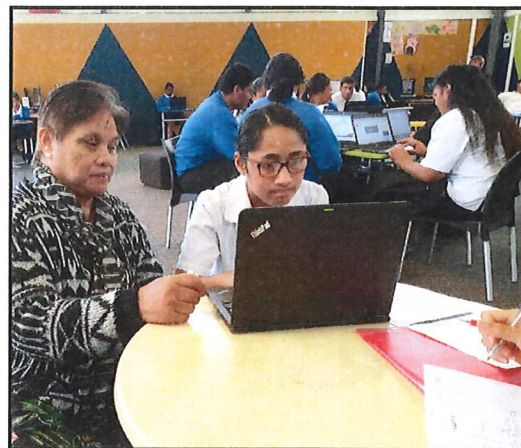
From Ko Te Hapori Courses:



Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?:

These girls (Charlotte Schwalger, Aysha Burrell and Masoma Awad) visited Wellington to research and identify suppliers for their Bubble Tea Business.

They bumped into ex-PC student and Dux Kapeteni Polutea. He works as a software engineer for Ernest and Young (based in Sydney) and took the time to show the girls around the Wellington office.



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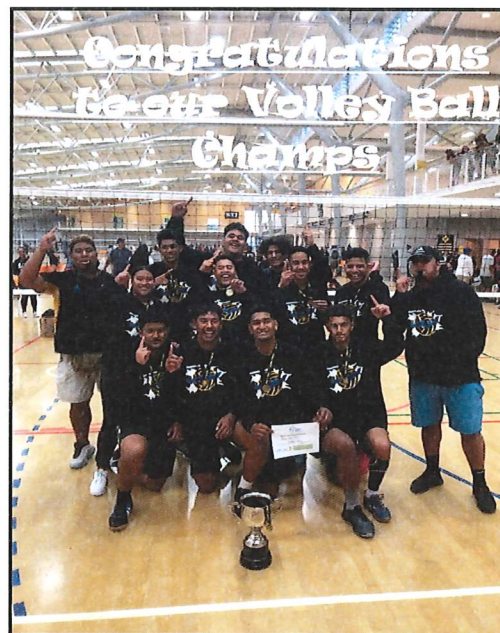
The focus has been on Heart Month - researching diseases and gaining knowledge and understanding of sicknesses that are alive in our community.



CSW Western Zones Results

What an awesome achievement for all of our PC students who competed in the Western Zone Athletics last week! These are some amazing results so make sure you congratulate these students if you cross paths with them!

- Junior Girls Shotput** - 4th Place—Shana Fa'apo—8.19m
- Junior Boys Shotput** - 2nd place—Ammoron Avega Faumuina—10.06m
- Senior Girls Shotput** - 4th place—Rivah Kelekolio—9.33m
- Senior Boys Shotput** -3rd place—Mike Faimalo—12.54m
- Junior Boys 100m Finals** - 5th place—Juleean Taufao—13.38s
- Senior Boys 100m Finals** - 6th place—Cyrus Time-Taotua—12.75s
- Senior Boys Discus** - 1st place—Mike Faimalo—34.43m



Our Senior Boys Volleyball team won against Mana College in a close final. They kept their composure and won 3-1 after being down in the 4th set. Congratulations to our Senior Boys team the CSW Volleyball Regional Champions of 2020—Api Taufu

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