

# AKO AKO Porirua College

TERM 2 WEEK 9 - 15/06/2020

## Kia ora koutou katoa,

It is great that we are back at Level 1 and there are no cases of Covid-19 in New Zealand! We are really looking forward to winter sports competitions starting back up, along with school trips and events. Teachers are busy planning exciting Ko te Hapori courses for students for next semester.

Students are back at school working hard to catch up with their learning. Thank you to everyone who was part of goal setting to make plans for continuing the independent learning that happened for most students during lockdown. Teachers have commented that students were more settled and work focused on their return. If your child is having any problems with settling back into school or catching up with work, please let us know. You can talk to their Learning Coach, Pastoral Leader or one of the SLT team.

Finally, we are excited to be planning pou that will be carved by Rakairoa Hori, who teaches on our Ko te Hapori Carving Course. Over time, there will be three pou up our driveway representing our Porirua East Graduate Profile - Voice, Action, Identity. Carving for the first one is starting this year. Come along and be part of telling stories that could become part of the carvings on Wednesday 17 June at 4pm in Wairere (side of Tangare/Orange House).

All the very  
best,  
Ragne  
Maxwell  
Principal



## NCEA Changes 2020

NCEA has been made a bit easier for the students just for 2020 with fewer credits required.

**Requirements to pass NCEA for 2020 only are:**

**Level One**—70 credits passed during 2020

**Level Two**—52 credits passed during 2020

**Level Three**—52 credits passed during 2020

**University Entrance**—12 credits in three approved subjects, 10 UE literacy credits (5 reading and 5 writing) and Level 3.

**Endorsements:**

**Overall**—46 credits at Excellence for an Excellence Endorsement. 46 credits at Excellence or Merit for a Merit Endorsement.

**Subject**—12 credits at Excellence in that subject, including at least 3 internal and at least 3 from the exam for an Excellence Subject Endorsement. 12 credits at Merit or Excellence in that subject including at least 3 internal and at least 3 from the exam for the Merit Subject Endorsement

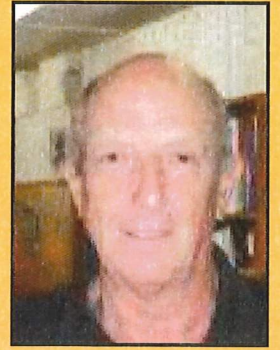


## FAREWELL

Ron Pyne, our computer technician, has retired after 16 years of service to the staff and students of, not only, Porirua College but also the schools in the area. The move to retirement was a difficult decision for Ron, who at 78, was fit and healthy but was made to support his whanau and in particular his grand children.

Ron was knowledgeable and skilled at what he did for the college and was always ready with a quick quip which often bought a smile to those that were around him.

He will be missed and his years of service were and are very much appreciated.



Kia Ora,

I am Desiree and am the new Science teacher, specializing in Biology at PC. This is my second year of teaching and I am super excited to be here. I grew up in Wainuiomata and I moved to Palmerston North to study a Bachelor degree in Science majoring in Zoology and minoring in Media Studies, so if you have any questions about

animals, I am your expert! In my spare time, I love anything to do with being in the sun and listening to music.



## SPORTS FEES

Sports fees this year are **\$30**.

Please pay at the office before you play.



## CHROMEBOOKS

Many students were loaned a Chromebook during lock down time. Those chrome books do belong to the school, but we are happy to loan to the senior students until school is completed this year. Thank you to the students who have returned both school devices and those allocated by the ministry.

If senior students wish to continue to borrow the Chromebook for the rest of 2020 please return it, the charger and if it's a ministry chrome book, the box it came in to the office. The Chromebook will be engraved and returned for loan for the rest of the year.

If you would like to purchase a Chromebook, using weekly payments, we can help with that. The Te Mana o Kupe Trust have Chromebooks for a deposit of \$45 then a weekly payment of \$4.95 over two years which includes insurance. There are also other payment options, including buying it outright.

If you are interested in purchasing you can pick up an information pack from the office.

Unfortunately we are not able to lend Chromebooks to Junior students for the year.



**VOICE**

**ACTION**

**IDENTITY**

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