



AKO AKO Porirua College

TERM 2 WEEK 12 - 03/07/2020

Kia ora koutou katoa,

End of term is finally with us and we are all looking forward to a real rest over the holidays. Thank you so much to everyone for your support of the students through lockdown and as they have been working hard to catch up with their learning since their return.



- For senior students, the library will be open Monday 6th to Wednesday 8th July from 10.00am until 2.30pm with a teacher present, if they need to finish assessments.
- We still have some chromebooks available to loan to senior students, if they don't have access to a device at home. Just let us know if that would be useful.
- If you would like the Te Mana o Kupe Trust to contact you about cheap internet for your home, please email John Topp with permission for us to give them your phone number - jtopp@pen.net.nz.

Thank you also for keeping students who are unwell home. Please make sure you let us know by phoning the school or emailing, so that we can mark them as absent for medical reasons. With this cold weather, a lot of students have been getting unwell. We have been generously given some funds to buy uniform from the J R McKenzie Trust, so just let us know if you need help with a school jacket or sweatshirt. It is important that all students are in uniform from the start of next term so that staff can just focus on supporting them with learning.

We look forward to seeing all our students back for Term 3 on Monday 20 July. Have a great break!

Ragne Maxwell
Principal/Tumuaki
Porirua College

Upcoming Dates at PC:

July 6th—July 17th:	School Holidays	August 21st: Teacher Only Day
July 23rd, 3:30—5:30pm:	Open Afternoon	
July 29th, 12:40pm-6:10pm	Parent/Teacher Interviews	
August 7th-11th:	Simply Dental Onsite	

Introducing Sarah Maier

Kia Ora,

I am a first year maths teacher here at Porirua College. I moved to Aotearoa from Canada in January and can usually be found in Kenepuru when I am at PC! I love anything outdoors related and was drawn to New Zealand's amazing landscape and the outdoor culture here. On the weekends I am usually hiking, biking, running, or something similar if the weather is nice. I love living near Wellington, but hope to see the South Island soon too. A fun fact about me: I am aiming to complete all of New Zealand's great walks as soon as I can! If I haven't met you already, come by and say hi, I'm happy to chat about more than just maths!



Back in Term One our music department had a visit from Neo Muyanga, a musician from Soweto, South Africa. He was performing here as part of the Te Ata Arts Festival in Porirua over a few weeks. He came here to support our students who are learning about protest songs for NCEA Level 1 Music.



He gave his first hand account of protesting against apartheid and the jailing of Nelson Mandela in South Africa as a teenager, about moving schools constantly while on the run

from the police.

Neo chose to come to PC to meet our students, understand more about our histories and culture, and to share his culture and upbringing with us.

We want to thank Neo for choosing to share with Porirua College students his experiences and knowledge, and Sasha Gibbs for organising his visit!



Sports Update

Since moving into Level 1 of Covid-19 sports are now well underway with students getting involved in a number of winter sports. Our students at PC have represented our school space with an immense amount of pride, passion and mana. Some notable highlights for sports this term include our undefeated Junior Girls Basketball team topping their pool and our 1st XV who will be playing Aotea this weekend where the winner will qualify for the Premiership grade.

We have multiple Winter Sports teams for the following sports: Badminton, Basketball, Netball and Rugby. All sports fees are \$30 for each sport which is to be paid at the student reception. Sports uniform must also be purchased from the student reception and must be worn during sports matches.

Sports Draws and results can be found on the College Sport Wellington Website.



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