



AKO AKO Porirua College

TERM 3 WEEK 6 - 24/09/2020

Kia ora koutou katoa and Tālofa!

Last week we celebrated the 45th Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. A huge shout out to all the teachers and students who made it such a wonderful week, especially Matua Tapeni and Whaea Matekino who hosted many events and visitors throughout the week. It was a real honour to have so many from beyond the college join our celebrations. Our languages faculty, Ngā Reo o te Moananui-a-Kiwa, also hosted our first Vaiaso o te 'Gana Tuvalu celebrations, in advance because the week falls during the holidays. Fāfetai to all the community leaders and parents who came to join student and teachers in flag raising and cultural dance.

It's been a very challenging year with Covid, lockdown and the disruptions these have caused to families' lives. We really appreciate all the support of whānau in helping keep our students engaged in education and focused on learning for their futures. Our Year 13s have done particularly well in achieving the credits they need to reach their goals this year. If some of our Year 11 and 12 students don't get everything they aim for, we will work with them next year to continue to succeed. Mahi Tahi is available in the holidays for senior catch up from 10am—2:30pm Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th September. A teacher will be in the school library to support students who want to come in and work on completing credits. Lunch will be available for students who are in on time.

Congratulations to all our sports teams, actors, dancers, artists and other talented students who have continued to practice, compete, perform and create under the difficulties of changing alert levels. We haven't been able to have our usual range of events, but teachers and students have made the most of their opportunities. Particular congratulations are due to the 1st XV who won back the Beard Trophy!

In term 4 seniors have a whole five weeks of school to continue to gain credits before NCEA exams begin. Juniors will have the full nine weeks of learning. It is really important that students are in school every day, in uniform and ready to learn. We need to have pride in who we are and the learning we are going to achieve in what is left of the year. In the meantime, have a wonderful, restful and very well deserved holiday.

Ragne Maxwell
Principal/Tumuaki



Introducing Our New Student Trustee

Hi my name is Lima Leaupepe and I am the new student trustee for Porirua College. Where do I come from? I come from the beautiful island of Samoa. What do I enjoy doing? In my spare time I enjoy doing training and spending time with my family who encouraged me to run for student trustee. The person who also inspired me is Asma our head girl, because if it wasn't for her I wouldn't be here talking to you right now ☺





Celebrating Tongan Language Week



The Year of the South and South of New Zealand in 2020 is 6—12 September TRUE

RELIGION. A Tongan perspective of enriching Aotearoa through Prayer and Faith. Porirua College celebrated Tongan Language week with Lotu Fakafeta'i on Sunday, 6 Sept 4pm—6pm and was held in Tangare House.

Rev. Karen Matthews lead this service. Tongan students from years 9, 11 and 13 that took part during the service were Vaa Vulangi Finau, Toniseni Finau and Tevita Huufi Fale Finau.

Throughout Tongan Language week celebrations using Tongan words were provided by Kolotina Helu for staff and students, as well as singing and a performance at lunch time. Friday was the last day of celebrating Tongan Language Week. Maleta Tu'angalu & Vaa Finau performed a Tau'olunga and Tongan food was prepared by Tongan students and parents to share with everyone. Tongan Language week here at Porirua College was an enjoyable experience.

Malo'aupto,
'Ofa atu,
Joy Tuitupou



Tongan Language 2020 at PC Week was a huge success due to the efforts of many parents, students, teachers, and especially Ms Joy Tuitupou. It was opened very appropriately with a beautiful prayer service and there was a great vibe around the school all week. It was wonderful to see Tongan students wearing their traditional attire with their uniforms, everyone enjoyed the dancing and the food and lea faka-Tonga was heard around the school.

Juliet Kennedy

HOF—Ngā Reo o Te Moananui-a-Kiwa



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