



AKO AKO Porirua College

TERM 3 WEEK 4 - 14/08/2020

Kia Orana,

Last week Porirua College celebrated Cook Island Language Week. It was wonderful to share celebrations across the school. Meitaki maata to the community members and kōpū tangata who came in to raise our flag and pray together on Monday morning.

It has been a great start to our term with an Open Afternoon for Year 8 students and whānau who will join us next year and a Parents' Afternoon to discuss how our current students are going. Seniors are working hard to gain credits and make up for the lost time during lockdown. It is really important that students are here all day, every day, arriving on time in the morning, to make up the lost learning time. Thank you to all of you parents and students who are making sure that happens.

If you've been into school, you will have seen that our pine trees have been cut down, or even caught some of the logging trucks leaving all loaded up. We are hoping to be able to get a bike

track up the back and will definitely be replanting with native plants. A 'Replanting Twilight' course will be one of the number of new Ko te Hapori options for 2021. Subject Choice booklets will be coming home in the next few weeks and we will let you know about a time to come and meet with us about subject choices for 2021.

Kia pūāvai tō
tātou Reo Māori
Kūki Āirani i
Aotearoa!

Ragne Maxwell



Snapper Cards



If students would like a snapper card, please see the lovely ladies in the office. We have been lucky to have been given a few to hand out to students.

Introducing Scott Daly

Kia Ora!

I am a first year English teacher just starting out at Porirua College. I came in halfway through the year and have been greatly humbled away by the warm PC welcome I have received. My interests are extremely varied, and you might spot me at the sidelines of the U15 rugby games or at a show in Wellington. I am part of Whitireia house and look forward to the rest of my year here!"



Chromebooks



In these uncertain times, it is a great idea for students to have Chromebooks and internet at home, if this is possible. If school is closed, students can continue to learn online at home and when we are open, they are able to do homework and assessments online in the evening. Through the Te Mana o Kupe Trust, Porirua East students can purchase Chromebook's for a deposit of \$45 then weekly payments from as little as \$4.25 per week by automatic bank payment. This purchase's an Acer C733 Chromebook with a 3 year warranty. If there are any problems, you give it to us and we send it away for fixing. You also get a Chromebook bag for taking it to and from school.

Cook Islands Language Week



Kia pūāvai tō tātou reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani i Aotearoa.

That the Cook Islands Māori language may blossom throughout New Zealand.

Our Cook islands language week was a beautiful array of highlights.

On the Monday morning we were blessed to have Orometua Papa Hosea and his family, Mama Kitona and members of the Yala family, to kick us off.



On the day we were standing with community leaders, PC graduates, SLT, Cook islands staff members and a mix of PC students and watched the flag be raised, by Year 9 student Tino, was very powerful indeed. Tuesday saw Rivah Kelekolio, with Inangaro, Deziah and Ariana lead Hot Hula in Kenepuru House. Over 50 students visited and many got up and gave ura a go.

Tuesday and Wednesday our Cook Islands

drummers (lead by Aka Pokino, Francois, Damien, Tea) showed the culture loud and proud.

On Thursday we had an expert speaker Toka support the



Language and Culture course with his expertise and passion, this was very exciting for us.

Friday ended with a turou, a trumpet accompanying the lowering of the flag and a kaikai celebrated by our staff and community in the hall. Glennis, Rivah, Ariana, Deziah, Inangaro all danced beautifully, accompanied by the even bigger Cook Islands drum team. Joy, dance, drumming, kai and language were all abundant. Meitaki ranuini to everyone involved especially Lydia, Karl, Terongo and Mr. Muriatia Akavi, Juliet Kennedy, Papa Hosea, the community that made an auspicious celebration all week long.



Introducing Juliet Kennedy

Kia Ora,

Ko Juliet tōkū ingoa. Thank you so much for the warm PC welcome this term, it is great to be here. I have really enjoyed meeting all of you and I look forward to getting to know everyone more as time goes by. My background is in Learning Languages and I have taught French, German, Mandarin, Spanish, and ESL in secondary schools both overseas and in Aotearoa. Before coming to PC, I was working for the University of Auckland and Victoria University running teacher professional development and training new teachers whilst studying for my PhD. I taught for 14 years at Wellington Girls' College prior to this and I have also taught at Hutt Valley High. In education, I have a special interest in social justice, maintaining and developing multilingual literacy, and language revitalization. I love spending time with family, being outside, cooking and music.



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