

PC Newsletter

February 2021



Principal's Message



Nau mai, haere mai, welcome back to PC 2021! We have had a great start to the year with 160 Year 9s and over 600 students on roll. We are particularly pleased to welcome all the new students and staff who have joined our PC whānau. We now have seven classes in Year 9 and full classes at all year levels. Year 9 whānau meals have started and I've enjoyed connecting with some of our new parents and spending time with those who have been with us for generations. It's lovely to see that PC is the school of choice for so many of our young people and whānau.

We are also really pleased to be offering lots of new options and Ko te Hapori courses this year. Students have a wide selection of exciting choices that will help them find pathways to their futures. Over 80% of our Year 13s left with a job or course lined up last year and many are just starting their first year at university or polytechnic. We wish them all the best with their continued education or start to their working life.

NCEA results have been another real positive with our results looking even better than in 2019, despite the interruption of Covid-19 last year. We are very proud of the determination to succeed that our students showed and the support that staff provided. It was a hard year, but it didn't hold back students' futures.

We are keen to start a parents group for all parents and plan together for the future of Porirua College. The Board of Trustees will be in contact this term and we hope you will be able to join us. We already have a very active Samoan Parents Association who were a big part of prizegiving last year and honoured our new Samoan teacher, Refiti Nati, and our other new teachers with an 'Ava ceremony after our pōwhiri. We are working on all sorts of plans for 2021, from our new courses to pou up our driveway which are already being carved on site by Rakairoa Hori, who also runs a carving course for students.

We look forward to seeing you again soon.

Ragne Maxwell
Principal/Tumuaki

We Welcome you in 2021



Luka Brand

Kia ora,

I'm Luka and am really excited to have joined the Maths department at Porirua College this year.

I enjoy the challenge of making Maths enjoyable and accessible and I look forward to teaching and learning alongside the vibrant community that makes up this school.

When I'm not in the classroom, I'll either be with my beautiful cat, Jessie, or exploring a new beach, art gallery, or book shop.



Michelle Brunt

Hi. I'm Michelle Brunt and I have joined the Social Sciences department as the new Head of Faculty. I am English and emigrated to New Zealand 12 years ago with my husband and two girls. I have lived and worked in Porirua for the last ten years and love walking my dog in the beautiful countryside we are lucky enough to have in this area. I am a Social Studies, Geography and Tourism teacher and I am passionate about my subjects. I am looking forward to getting to know the students and community at Porirua College and excited to be starting this new adventure!



Rachel Burnett

Kia ora,

I've spent the last four years teaching in Dargaville and before that I worked at a student union and in libraries in Auckland. I have studied both the Arts and Science, and I have a keen interest in the performing arts.

My partner and I (and our cat, Honey) have moved to Porirua so that my partner can pursue a career change. I look forward to teaching at a larger, urban school with a strong sense of PC pride.



Jennifer Crisp

Kia ora koutou!

My name is Jennifer Crisp and I am a Maths teacher starting this year.

I am originally from Tauranga and have lived and taught in Auckland and Hamilton. I will be involved in robotics at school, but I also enjoy crafting, sewing, and rock climbing. I look forward to meeting you all!



Toa Mailo-Alexander

Talofa and Kia Ora e te Whānau!

My name is Toa Mailo-Alexander, and I am an alumni of Porirua College (2009-2013), where I was a proud member of Tangare.

I am of Samoan, Irish and Scottish descent with a passion for Pacific academia/studies. You will find that I have many interests varying from all things Pacific, to sport, anime/manga, gaming and film. I look forward to incorporating our indigenous knowledge into our learning, and serving my community alongside you all this year!



Refiti Nati

Hello, Kia Ora, and Talofa Lava,

I am Ms Nati, born and raised in Auckland. I am excited to start this new journey at Porirua College, as your Gagana Sāmoa teacher.

I look forward to getting to know you all, and working side by side with you the students, mātua (parents), the college, and your wider community. With that in mind, I hope to make the best contribution that I can as a teacher to the continued growth of Porirua College. Happy New Year. Ia manuia le Tausaga Fou ma fa'amanuia le Atua.



Michaela Smith

I am a new teacher, returning home to Wellington after finishing my studies in Auckland. I have joined the Science Faculty and I am looking forward to passing on my passion for my subjects to the students of Porirua College.

I am excited and privileged to embark on my teaching career at such a welcoming and culturally rich school. I look forward to becoming part of the wider community and growing my skills and relationships in such an opportunity-rich environment.



Rebekah Lawton

Kia ora,

My name is Rebekah, but most people call me Bex. I am a first year Maths teacher.

I grew up and did my Bachelors Degree in Palmerston North, then spent a year at teachers college in Christchurch. I am very excited to be back up north!

In my spare time I enjoy reading, the outdoors and a variety of sports.

Farewells

We were sad to have farewelled some highly valued members of staff at the end of 2020!

We wish them both well in their future endeavours and hope to see them again at PC some day soon!!



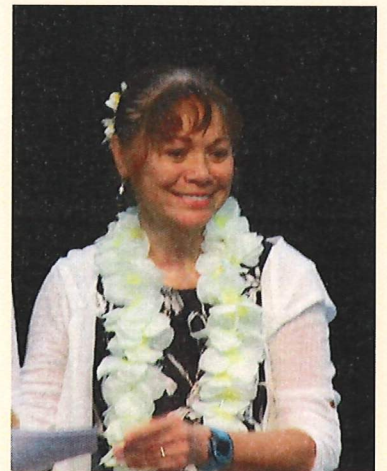
Fleur Allen first came to PC in the mid 2000s (although her husband came much earlier as a former student here in the 1980s!) During her time she had so many different roles—including Pastoral Leader during the time of PC's first significant curriculum innovation project (Ara Hou / Ala Fou) in the space that is now Tangare. More recently she was Head of the Learning Support Faculty and also coordinated our end of year Mahi Tahī Programme.

Fleur has moved to the Wairarapa resulting a 90 minute commute twice a day!

We wish her well with her new adventures on the other side of the Remutaka Ranges.

Trish Keenan was at PC from 2017 and in the HoF (Mathematics) role since 2019. Her deep commitment to student learning saw her often one of the last staff members to pull out of the carpark in the evenings. Her efforts contributed greatly to maintaining the college's commendable numeracy pass rate at NCEA Level 1. She will also be remembered as a dancer of the Ura Kuki Airani. Her colleagues in the faculty describe her as a pleasure to work with and she will be greatly missed.

Trish left us to embark on a road trip around the South Island as she and her husband scope out a place on the big island to relocate to. Best wishes from all!



Merita Levave joined the PE faculty in 2019 and was responsible for arranging for an NZAF helicopter to land at PC that same year! Students benefited from her concern for their wellbeing both while at school and when they move on to new destinations.

She made a large contribution to establishing the Going Outdoors KTH course and was Within School Lead Teacher (PC) for the Porirua East Kahui Ako. Merita left PC to teach at Whitby Collegiate.



Taulapapa Leatigaga Toetaua Joy Mata'utia Tualima

Joy joined us in Term Two after Lockdown meant that her plans to return to Samoa were interrupted. Her wealth of knowledge in Gagana Samoa and passion for her subject served the students well. O le a le galo Afi'a i si ona vao. Mālō le tauata'i mālō fai o le faiva!

Jen Brodie started in a Fixed Term position teaching PE and Social Studies at PC during Lockdown. This meant meeting her students for the first time over Google Meet! She will be greatly missed by many of her Learning Coach students!



Louise Kuo was only with us for one term but in that time impressed with her vivacity and enthusiasm for teaching English and providing opportunities for her students to explore Porirua.

Term 1 Calendar

Wed 10th Feb: Year 9 Day for Tangare students

Fri 12th Feb: School Athletics Day

Tue 16th Feb: Year 9 Day for Kenepuru students

Wed 17th Feb: Goal Setting Day

Tue 23rd Feb: Year 9 Day for Whitireia students

Wed 24th Feb: Year 9 Day for Rangituhi students

Tue 5th Mar: Class & Individual Photos

Thu 1st Apr: Teacher Only Day

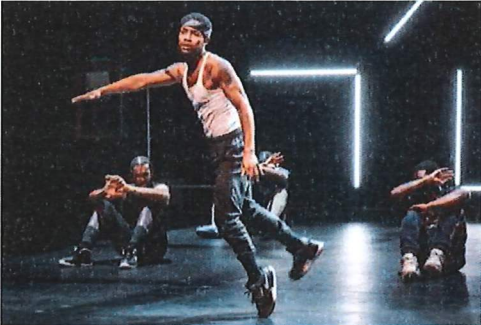
Fri 2nd Apr—Tue 6th Apr: Easter break

Fri 16th Apr: End of Term 1

Mon 3rd May: Start of Term 2

Creative Arts 2020

2020 Creative Arts saw an early flourish of activity as we hosted FLEXN Dance crew from New York, a Gamelan orchestra from Bali and Neo Muyanga songwriter from South Africa.



Far left: FLEXN

Left: Mr Payne, Mr Hoyes,
Neo Muyanga, Ms Avia

The new Ko Te Hapori Course "Create a Comic" took off with gusto led by Mr Gagamoe with over 80 students. Later in the year, the "Putting on a Show" course supported two productions: "Herekaha" and "Caucasian Chalk Circle". Herekaha featured English and Te Reo Maori whilst Caucasian Chalk Circle featured English with German and a music fusion of orchestral strings/rock band with Cook Islands drum. Mr. Hoyes was the composer, Mr. Payne directed and many senior and junior students took part.



Graduates Le Art (Tiresa, Ana and Rosetta) won the RNZ Kiwi cover song for 2020.

Ionatana, Luchiano and Pokotea performed in Whitireia Polytechnic's touring show outside Tangare House with power, skill and grace.

Our end of year prize givings were full of stunning vocals (Deziah, Pualele/Faivalu/Melena'a), piano (Jonathan/Mr Brooks), Cook Islands drumming (they were incredible - many thanks) and dance performances (Year 10 Dancers). The Arts were alive in 2020. Bring on 2021!



Prize Winners 2020

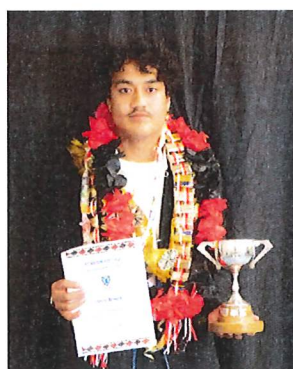


In 2020 the award for
outstanding academic excellence (DUX) was won
by Ruana Crawshaw & Miracle Suailua

YEAR 12 AND 13 STUDENTS' AWARDS FOR EXCELLENT

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OVER A RANGE OF SUBJECTS:

Year 13 Powerful Learner Awards: (For excellent academic achievement in a range of subjects)	Ana Iata Aifetina Logologo Wilmalanie Gibson Tuaoru Kie Mata Ropeti-Baker Motusaga Tuai'aufa'i
Year 12 Frances Brown Cup (For excellence over a range of personal qualities and academic achievement)	Sarai Panapa
Year 12 Lions' Cup (For excellence over a range of personal qualities and academic achievement)	Neru Sheck
Year 12 Excellence Award (The rising star award for improvement in academic and extra-curricular achievement)	Audrey Tea
Year 12 Powerful Learner Awards (For excellent academic achievement in a range of subjects)	Gemma Vailahi, Merenaite Colson, Alysia Tekeu, Agape Tuai'aufa'i, Matolu Petaia, Katannah Ikenasio, Drew Vanilau, Novao Tapu

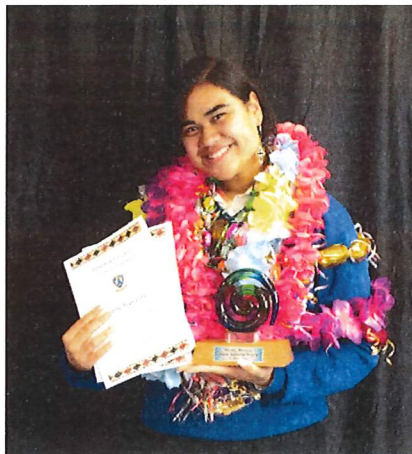


**YEAR 9, 10 AND 11 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENT
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OVER A RANGE OF SUBJECTS:**



Year 11 Powerful Learner Awards	Jonnie Iosia, Emilee Iupeli, Raumanesa Walton, Pualele Carmen Fomai, Sophia McIntyre, Kiana McGarvey-Teohaere, Noa Euta, Hope Pawley-Tatuava
Year 11 W J Brown Cup	Jenna Iosia
Year 11 Porirua City Council Cup	Hiaohi Stuart
Year 10 Maczuga Cup	Roman Rask
Year 10 Excellence Award	Bianca Mika, Carn Miller
Year 10 Powerful Learner Awards	Vickiana Tuaau, Miracle Eni, Alex Stanley, Saz Lipano, Denzel Fuimaono, Serenity Suailua, Serenity Togafiti, Krishil Singh
Year 9 Mary Manners Cup	Richard Afamasaga
Year 9 Excellence Award	Ezra Crawshaw, Grace Yala
Year 9 Powerful Learner Awards	Breana-Q Nepia-Te Hau, Chevelle Isaac, Diego Rosero Lucero, Hayley Pawley, Turua Lepaio

Special Subject Awards



Digital Technology — Sanderson Cup	Asma Al Boghobeish
Overall Excellence in Level 1 Mathematics	Jenna Iosia
Overall Excellence in Level 2 Mathematics	Angelina Polutea
Overall Excellence in Level 3 Mathematics	Ruana Crawshaw (Calculus), Lise Sagapolutele (Statistics)
Overall Excellence in Level 1 English	Hiaohi Stuart
Overall Excellence in Level 2 English	Merenaite Colson
Overall Excellence in Level 3 English	Miracle Suailua
Senior Science Award	Aishah Hussein
The Murray Bloxham Memorial Award — For Visual Arts	Agape Tuai'aufa'i





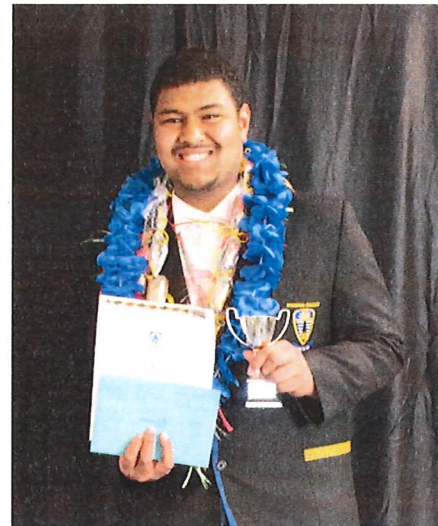
The Lila Nixon Cup — For Excellence in Senior Music	Deziah Amaru-Erskine
The de Blois Cup — For Excellence in the Junior Music	Julyan Feaveai
Excellence in the Arts	Melena'a Moala, Sauvale Neti
Contribution to the Arts	Shania Meynell
Performing Arts — The Whiti Te Ra Cup	Yaritza Caicedo – Sinisterra, Sauvale Neti
Performing Arts — The Rising Star Cup	Wynter Pahetogia, Richard Afamasaga
Excellence in Physical Education / Sport	Audrey Tea
PC Top Reader Award	Emmanuel Mudaliar, Vaveao Schuster
Senior International Languages Cup — For Excelling in Mainstream Classes Cup	Asma Al Boghobeish



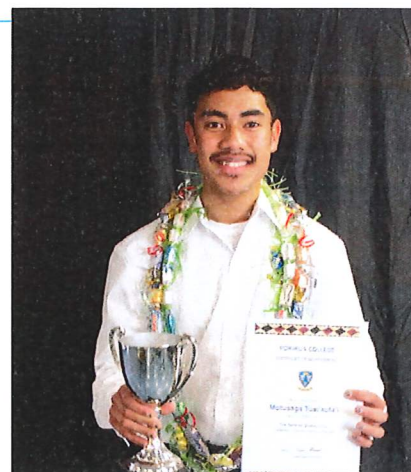


Samoan — Mua Matagi Cup	Matcena Mossey
Powerful Learner in More Than One Ethnic Language - PTA Cup	Isapela Leiua
Kai Ora Award — For Excellence in Hospitality	Faiza Ali
Level One Outstanding in Geography	Thi Nha Vang
Level Two Outstanding in Geography	Sarai Panapa
Level Three Outstanding in Geography	Miracle Suailua
Level One — Excellence in History	Sophia McIntyre
Level Two — Excellence in History	Sarai Panapa
Level Three — Excellence in History	Miracle Suailua





Trades Academy Award — Salon Environment	Faatupu Moetu
He Taonga Te Reo Tiakina (The Language is a gift; nurture it)	Xavier Wilson
Te Roopu Rangimarie Citizenship Shield - For Citizenship, helpfulness and all round contribution within Porirua College	Mikaera Rawiri Phoenix McGregor
He Tohu kia whakanui i te Ākonga Mau Tūmārō	Teniku Vailahi
Junior Maori Studies Cup	Chevelle Isaac
CITIZENSHIP AWARDS	
Junior Boys' Helpfulness Award — Phoenix McGregor	Junior Girls' Helpfulness Award — Breana-Q Nepia-Te Hau
Senior Boys' Helpfulness Award — Lima Leaupepe	Senior Girls' Helpfulness Award — Jeuaia Vaea
The Porirua City Council Cup — For the Senior Student who represents school values, commitment, excellence and respect - Aishah Hussein	Te Ahi Kaa - Manaakitanga Award — For Generosity and Showing Respect to Fellow Students — Jahlin Misky



Scholarships for Study in 2021



Scholarship	Recipient(s)
Te Herenga Waka Scholarship	Asma Al Boghobeish Miracle Suailua
Māori Entrance Scholarship — Otago University	Talia Patea
Andrew McIntyre Scholarship — Wotton Kearney	Tuaoru Kie
Vaka Moana Scholarship — University of Auckland	Lise Sagapolutele
The Girls' Friendly Society Incorporated	Aishah Hussein
Lodge Mana Tertiary Scholarship	Trinylatta Pule
Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award	Nabuu Vaelei
Porirua College Awards	Aalijah Dillimore, Chantel Tengere, Willow Tuliakiono

PORIRUA COLLEGE HEAD STUDENTS 2021

Head Girl: Audrey Tea

Head Boy: E J Roebeck

Deputy Head Girl: Megan Akavi

Deputy Head Boy: Lima Leaupepe

The Rest of the Prefect Team:

Megan Akavi, Faiza Ali, Joseph Asalemo, Abdelhamid Baraka, Falefiaoalii Failautusi, Faivalu Faivalu, Sarai Fakafo Panapa, Jazanaia Gagamoe, Jah Hopfler, Katannah Ikenasio, Avia Lemisio, Melena'a Moala, Angelina Polutea, Neru Sheck, Ihaia Skipworth, Blessing Time Taotua, Agape Tuai'aufa'i, Cyrus Time, Soane Tuangalu, Gemma Vailahi, Drew Vanilau



School Lunches

Ka Ora Ka Ako

Free school lunches successfully began near the end of Term 4 last year for our junior students.

This year all students receive a lunch. Students eat together with their classmates in their House. Feedback from our students and staff is that the lunches are a great success and delicious to eat!

PORIRUA EAST GRADUATE PROFILE

Tangatawhenuatanga is our respected foundation. Support connects the learning between schools and homes in our place, Porirua East.



VOICE "EVERYONE HAS A VOICE THAT CAN CHANGE THE WAY THINGS ARE"

- Have the courage to have your say
- Believe in yourself to fight for future generations
- Make changes in the family, community and world
- Communicate with others and hear their opinions
- Give back your learning to others

ACTION "LEARNERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

- Surround yourself with supportive adults and friends
- Take control of your learning
- Achieve useful skills in useful subjects
- Adapt to different environments and ways of learning
- Feel confident to participate within your group, team or pair
- Think critically
- Let others expand your learning
- Put yourself in a safe environment

IDENTITY "KNOW WHO YOU ARE. BE WHO YOU ARE. SHOW WHO YOU ARE"

- Know your roots
- Keep the culture strong
- Know where you stand as a learner
- Keep healthy in well-being
- Use all your languages
- Respect everyone else's beliefs
- Have strong mana