



NEWSLETTER

Porirua College

TERM 3 WEEK 9 - 21 September 2021

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Kia kaha te reo Māori! As I write this it is the end of te wiki o te reo Māori. It has been amazing to hear so much use of te reo by students and staff during the week. Many also joined in the Māori language moment that a million students and teachers participated in across Aotearoa. Term 3 is a celebration of so many different language weeks through flag raising, learning the language, cultural dance, shared kai and much more. Porirua College is proud of our diverse cultures and our students' success in language learning and cultural dance. Many seniors gain merit and excellence NCEA endorsements, helped by all the credits they gain through their cultural strengths.



Subject selection for 2022 is now in full swing. Due to our continuing roll growth, we are delighted to be able to offer an even greater range of subjects next year. Please look at the new information about pathways in the subject choice booklet. Students should be selecting subjects that will help them for possible pathways to their future:

- Manufacturing and Technology
- Construction and Infrastructure
- Creative Industries
- Food and Fibre
- Social and Community Services
- Service Industries

There are polytechnic and university courses available after college in all pathways, depending on the jobs or careers students are interested in. Subject choices can be made online through the parent portal or students can tell their learning coaches. If you have any questions and couldn't make it to subject choice evening, please contact the school.

Holidays are coming up, but many seniors still have a lot of work to complete credits to meet their goals this year. We are running mahi tahi credit catch up in the school library Monday 4 October - Wednesday 6 October from 9.30am to 2.30pm each day. Seniors who wish to attend need to organise work with their teachers to complete during this time. If any students really need to be there, we will send letters and emails home then let you know if they don't attend. Lunch will be provided for those in on time and students do not need to wear school uniform.

Thank you for all your ongoing support of your rangatahi and the college.

Ngā mihi mahana,
Ragne Maxwell
Principal/Tumuaki

Staff Changes

Farewell:



Our English teacher, Ms Laura Davison farewells us she has decided to spend extended time with her young family.



Our PE/Head of Sport teacher, Mr Fili Koloamatangi is saying goodbye at the end of term as is taking up an opportunity within Pacific Youth development. We sure are going to miss his big smile around PC.

Year 13 Drama class present

"In Case you Forget"

Dates: Tuesday 28th September—Thursday 30th September 7:30 pm

Venue: Whiti Te Ra (School Hall)

The play is about an idealistic graffiti artist Jim (aka Kaptn), who is dealing with a lot of challenges. By day Jim is a kindergarten Art teacher, by night he roams New York's streets for a wall to express himself. In 3 days time he is getting put behind bars for a graffiti offence he never committed. Why did he take the wrap for Sonny (aka Marter)?

Who's going to keep the graffiti crew going - Victor (aka Gato)? Will Jim have the guts to tell his "on again-off again" girlfriend Kaila, before it's too late?

Graffiti art, loyalty, What is true love? What is true friendship? are all themes in this play.

Price \$5 adults, gold coin students older than 13 years old. People younger than 13 years old are not permitted - due to swearing. If we are still in Alert Level 2 it will be limited numbers so please book at our school office.

Uniform

We are a school that is proud of our uniform. All students MUST attend in full uniform. The school uniform can be purchased at The Warehouse, however the school trousers can be purchased here at PC. Students must wear official school uniform items. Cargo shorts are now uniform items.



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Student Subject Choices

Students are currently making choices on their subjects for 2022.

Please spend time discussing this with your child/children. Information about how students complete their choices have been emailed and are available on our website

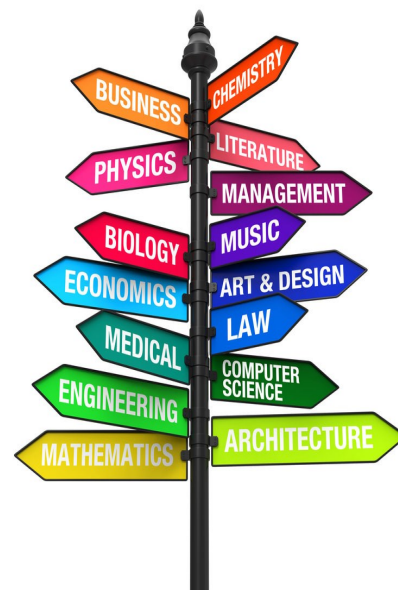
Further information on how to support your young person to make subject choices is available here:

<https://www.careers.govt.nz/articles/8-steps-to-choosing-school-subjects/>

We also recommend you attend the subject choice afternoon to discuss these choices with teachers.

Subject Choice evening.

Tomorrow Wednesday 22nd September between 4:30 to 6:00 pm at Whiti te Ra.



Sport Notice

SENIOR A BOYS THROUGH TO DIVISION 2 FINAL

Congratulations to our Senior A Boys Basketball team who won 60- 42 against Heretaunga College on Friday in their Semi Final in the Division 2 Club 55 Cup. Our Senior A Boy's team will play against St Bernard's in the Final this Friday.

SPORTS PRIZEGIVING

Sports Prizegiving will be held on Thursday 18th November at 6.00pm. Please come and celebrate our students' Sporting success in 2021!



Kia ora students and whānau.

We are still operating and are here for you! We may be operating a little differently under each level, of which we will keep yourselves, your school, and your families informed to ensure we are providing *safe, healthy, and effective* care.

What we can do for you under each alert level:

Level 3 - Urgent and emergency services

Level 2 - Back in Action (with *some* changes), working closely with your school and your family.

Concerned with your teeth or gums?

If you currently have any dental concerns, please click on the link below and we will be in contact.

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/5a7d4d5530b342d784b7d258bf027424>

Remember – no one should have to be in pain, and we are here to support you and to keep you happy and healthy!



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Frequently Asked Questions

How Subject choice works

NCEA

Pathways/Subjects - Vocational and UE

Why don't seniors always get all the subjects/courses they chose?

All students are asked to pick what they would most like to do along with a back up subject and course. The timetable is then organised into 'lines' with subjects on at the same time as each other. The computer sorts it out to cause as few 'clashes' for students as possible. A 'clash' is where two subjects you chose end up being taught at the same time. There are always clashes in all schools and this can't be avoided. Students are then put into their back up subject, if that isn't also a clash. Some students will still end up with clashes and be asked to look at the subjects in the different timetable lines and make sure they have the one they want most from each line.

Ko te Hapori courses happen in both halves of the year and sometimes too many students choose them to fit everyone in. We will then put some students in their back up course choices.

On senior course confirmation day at the end of January, seniors are asked to come in if they have a clash or want to change any of their subjects. It is important to come in on that day if you still need to finalise your timetable.

Why don't juniors always get all the options/courses they chose?

Options and courses happen in both halves of the year and we try to get all juniors into their choices. Sometimes, more students choose an option or course than we can fit in during the year. If that happened to you in Year 9, let your Learning Coach know and we will make sure you get that option or course in Year 10.

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| 12 Simply Dental onsite | 13 Simply Dental onsite | 14 9DTE Ignite Choices | 15 PLD - Literacy across the school | 16 | 17 Victoria Outreach | 18 |
| 19 | 20 Week X Stars graduation | 21 Week X 9CY Ignite Choices Victoria University | 22 Week X PLD Subject Choice Evening | 23 Week X | 24 Week X Victoria Outreach Stars Graduation | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 9JCR Ignite Choices | 29 Senior Drama Show | 30 Senior Drama Show Board of Trustees' Meeting | 1 st OCTOBER | 2 |

For more information on upcoming events please visit <https://kamar.pen.net.nz/index.php/calendar?redirect=1>

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