



# NEWSLETTER

## Porirua College

TERM 2 WEEK 7 - 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Things are humming along up at PC during this warm winter term. Students are busy practising for polyfest and doing their learning. Our Kapa Haka group are going strong for the regionals with regular noho in the weekends. We have also had an Open Afternoon for Year 8s, which was very well attended. We have over 600 students this year and with enrolments already coming in we look set to grow again in 2022.



Senior credits are really starting to be completed now and you can see them in the parent portal. Just ring the school office if you aren't sure of your username and password. We will have mahi tahi (credit catch up) for seniors Monday - Wednesday of the first week of the holidays. The library will be open with staff there to support students finishing assessments, with lunch provided. All students are welcome and any who are behind will get a personal invitation in the last week of term with an email home to you.

We had some really useful feedback from our Curriculum Review team last term and teachers have been working on ways to keep improving the subjects

and pathways we offer. We will have a PC Whānau meeting for the review team to report back to you about their findings and for us to discuss next steps. Please come along to Rangituhi House at 5.30pm on Monday 21 June.

Our new Head of English Kezia Wallace has joined us from Aotea College and has fitted right into the PC team. Rhonda Turner has also stepped up as second in the Transition Faculty to join Georgina Walker, HoF and Nadia Matehaere Taylor-Edwards, administrator. They work particularly with students planning to leave school next year, helping them apply to university or polytech and to prepare CVs to gain employment.

Thank you for getting your young people into school, in uniform, despite the colder weather. We have included a reminder about what our uniform is in this newsletter as some students have been trying to wear jeans etc, instead of the uniform trousers, shorts, skirt or lavalava. These are available at The Warehouse and we do have some stock at the school office. Please let us know if you need any support with getting the proper uniform.

Ngā mihi mahana,  
Ragne Maxwell  
Principal/Tumuaki

### Staff Changes

#### Welcome Kezia Wallace



Kia ora, my name is Kezia Wallace and I have just started here at Porirua College as the new HoF English. Previously I was teaching at Aotea College, where I had been for 8 years. I am really excited to be here at PC and I am looking forward to seeing what the future holds for the school community and being a part of it.

### Measles Campaign

Measles is a serious disease that can make you very sick. It is about 8 times more contagious than COVID-19 so spreads fast. Getting immunised is the best way to protect you, your whānau and community from catching and spreading measles.

If you are 15 – 19 years old, you can get a free vaccination here at PC on Tuesday 29th June. Please contact the school nurse on 237 5465 to book your appointment or to discuss further.







## Sports Notices

Our Winter Sports are well underway for Term 2. Some notable achievements that have been made are our 1st XV making the Premiership Grade - Transitz Coachlines Cup, our Esports team getting some wins under their belt in the League of Legends competition and our new U15 Girls team that has formed.

Multiple teams are fundraising for upcoming tournaments during Winter Tournament Week which are our Senior A Boys Basketball, Junior Boys Basketball, Senior A Netball Team, U15 Boys and Girls Rugby teams.

We had a visit from some players from the Wellington Saints Basketball team who took some of our students for a skills session which they enjoyed! Thanks!



## 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 not wear any bottom layer of their choice - they are to be official school uniform items.



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# HI300 Taranaki Trip - 2021



Recently our Year 13 History class went to Taranaki as part of their course. While there, we visited places such as Parihaka, Te Kohia and The Ngāti Ruanui offices. This experience was powerful, humbling and something that our ākonga will carry with them for years to come.



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Why do I receive Attendance Notifications

If your child has not been marked present in a class by 12pm on a school day, we send you a text message and /or email notification to let you know.

If your child is sick or won't be at school for any reason please contact the school office and let us know prior to 11:30am to ensure you won't receive a message.

If your child is late to school, they need to check in at the school office so we can note their arrival time.

**Absence contact numbers are:**

**Text absences to 027 237 5465 or phone 04 237 5465 and leave a message.**

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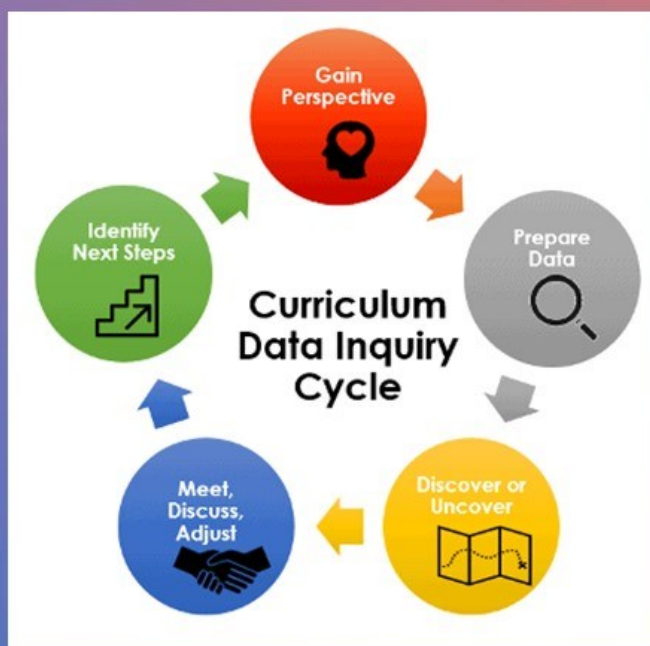
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## PC Whānau Meeting Monday 21st June 5.30pm - 6.30pm Rangituhi House Porirua College

Whānau are invited to come and hear the results of the Term 1 Curriculum Review



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