



NEWSLETTER

Porirua College

TERM 3 WEEK 24 , 11th August 2022

Kia ora,

Principal's Message



Polyfest is on Friday and we just can't wait! Seeing the quality of the performances happening all over school, this is going to be an outstanding year. We are the host school so will not be running any classes on the day. There will be several options for students:

- Most of our students are performing and we will take them in a bus. Performers need to be here at 8.20am to get on the buses. They need to be in uniform.
- We know lots of you are planning on coming along to watch, bringing your rangatahi with you. Please let us know if your child won't be at school on the day because they are coming with you. If they are not performing and attending under your supervision, they don't need to wear uniform at polyfest.
- Students who want to come into school will have a choice of watching the live stream or doing independent learning, supervised by teachers. They need to wear uniform.

We know this is going to be an outstanding day in which our students proudly celebrate their cultures in a festival of dance. Seniors will be gaining credits and everyone will be standing strong on their turangawaewae.

On Tuesday 23rd August at 3.15pm we are inviting all families to come and join us to start planning our 2023 -25 Strategic Plan. This will decide on the priorities for Porirua College for the next three years, guiding the work of the school and Board of Trustees. For the last three years our focus has been "Ako (effective learning and pedagogy) in a bicultural environment to create Voice, Action and Identity". We may want to continue to build on this or go in a new direction. Please join us to

talk about what we love about PC and what we want to change and develop so that we can be the best possible school for our young people.

Last week we celebrated Cook Islands Language week with a flag raising with the community and a wonderful performance of dance from students and community. Meitaki ma'ata to all those who came along to help us celebrate. We are looking forward to the other language weeks coming up during the term. We always start with a flag raising at 9am on Mondays and you are very welcome to join us.

Here are some key dates coming up to get in your calendar:

- **Polyfest** Friday 12th August
- **Staff Only Day** Wednesday 17th August - no school
- **PC Whānau/Family Hui** Tuesday 23rd August 3.15pm - 4.30pm in RG (Green) House, to discuss our next Strategic Plan
- **Staff Only Day** Friday 26th August - no school
- **Tongan Language Week & Flames performances** 4th - 10th September
- **Te Wiki o te Reo Māori** 12th-18th September
- **Tuvaluan Language Week** 25th September - 1st October
- **Term 3 ends** Friday 30th October
- **Fijian Language Week** 2nd - 8th October
- **Term 4 starts** Monday 17th October

Kia pai ō wiki,
Ragne Maxwell
Principal/Tumuaki

Porirua College School Board Elections Parent Election Notice



All eligible voters will receive a voting form, and a cover letter for voting which includes our postal and mailing address to return the voting paper. There is a list of candidates' names at reception which you can view.

Voting closes at 4pm on 7 September 2022. Voting papers may not be emailed or faxed as attachments.

Signed Dawngi Hualngobochu (Returning Officer)

Colours Day 2022



On the last day of Term 2 we spent the day celebrating our kura. Each house had to perform a haka, chant and dance as well as compete in volleyball, tug of war, noodle hockey and a Tekken tournament. Houses then received points for the contributions. It was an amazing day filled with fun dress up, laughter and showcasing our amazing PC Pride. Well done to all Student Leaders who played a huge role in the organisation of such a great day and congratulations to Rangituhi house who were crowned Colours Day 2022 champions!



Announcing "The Whiti Te Ra Fire" Concert

- Friday 2nd September 6pm start.
- Prices \$5 adults, Gold coin students.
- Acts include The 5 Blessings, PC staff band, Hip Hop, Soul,
- Cook islands student string band and original songs. See you there.

Coming soon "I.D" a Drama and Performing Arts production.

- Supported by Putting on a Show course and Senior Performing Arts students.
- Experience the magic and mauri - before the end of term.
- Prices- Adults \$5 / Students Gold Coin.

The 5 Blessings

On Monday 8th August, our students' singing group "The 5 Blessings" attended and performed the Rotary Primary School Leadership Awards for 2022. They were awesome. Well done!



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Voice

EVERYONE HAS A VOICE THAT CAN CHANGE THE WAY THINGS ARE

Action

LEARNERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Identity

KNOW WHO YOU ARE-BE WHO YOU ARE-SHOW WHO YOU ARE