



NEWSLETTER

Porirua College

TERM 4 WEEK 1, 21st October 2022



Every school day is a big day

Right now almost half of our tamariki don't regularly attend school

Together we'll change that



Going to school every day is really important for all tamariki so that they can achieve their goals and have pathways beyond school into further education or work. We, as a community, as a village, all have important roles in helping ākonga attend school and their classes.

Tamariki should go to school every day. But sometimes they might need to be away from school because they are too sick to attend, have an appointment or need to be at a tangi or funeral. If this is the case then please let the kura know by calling on 04 2375465, sending an absentee text at 027 237 5465 or email to poriruacollege@pen.net.nz. Each day we send a text out for ākonga who are marked absent for morning learning coach, period one, and period two. Even though they may have been dropped off at school or left home to go to school they may not be attending their classes.

When we ask ākonga how their day at school was they, often do not reply, just grunt or say OK. Here are some ideas about asking how their day at school was that might get them thinking about their learning for the day and about how important school is.

- Ask them about a moment in their day when they felt excited about what they were learning.
- What's a question they have that came from their learning today?
- Ask them if there were any moments today when they felt proud of themselves
- Ask them to tell you about a conversation they had with a classmate or friend
- Ask them what was challenging or fun about their day?
- Ask them what they learned about themselves today?
- Ask them what they are most looking forward to tomorrow?

Mr Topp
Deputy Principal

Up coming Key dates

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| ♦ Vaccination Clinic - 28 th October 2022 | ♦ Transition half day - 18 th November 2022 |
| ♦ Senior last day of school - 3 rd November 2022 | ♦ Senior Prize Giving - 06 th December 2022 |
| ♦ Senior exam starts - 7 th November 2022 | ♦ Junior Prize Giving - 08 th December 2022 |
| ♦ Transition full day - 11 th November 2022 | ♦ Last day of the year - 9 th December 2022 |

Stars Graduation

On Tāite 22 o Hepetema our Year 12 Stars Mentors had their end of year graduation. Our 23 mentors have role modelled our VAI values as well as shown leadership in many other areas here at PC in 2022! A special congratulations to Mohamad Shagouri and Serenity Togafiti who received the two Excellence awards for their amazing effort and attitude during the program. Thank you to The Graeme Dingle

Foundation, Wellington and Cathy Tia for all the mahi you do with our taira here at Porirua College.



Pop-up Vaccination Clinic for measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) and COVID-19 vaccinations



HPV*, plus measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)***, COVID-19*** Boosters (also Dose 1 and 2), flu and Boostrix vaccinations are available for eligible students. Written consent is needed for tamariki 15 years old and under.

Book an appointment at our special vaccination clinic.

Porirua College
Friday 28 October - Noon to 3pm

Consent Forms: A legal guardian must complete a consent form (provided with this flyer) for students 15 and under. Please return completed form to the school office by Thursday, 27 October. An appointment will then be booked for your child.

* Visit www.health.govt.nz/hpv for more information.

** Visit www.health.govt.nz/measles for more information.

*** It's recommended you wait 3 months after testing positive for COVID-19 before being vaccinated.

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Music Night

Whiti Te Ra Fire- a roaring success. To all those who came out and supported our senior drama night- we salute you. Congratulations to all the performers - students and staff alike. Keep shining like the stars everyone. Mauri ora



UNIFORM TROUSERS

Uniform Trousers are available at The Warehouse Porirua. Price starts from \$90 and they are unisex. The brand name is **Schooltex Unisex Polyviscose Trouser**.

YEAR 8 TRANSITION DAYS

TRANSITION FULL DAY - 11TH NOVEMBER 2022

TRANSITION HALF DAY - 18TH NOVEMBER 2022

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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

Porirua College develops powerful learners who are willing and able to use this quality in the service of their communities.

Level 1 Geography Trip To Kapiti Island



The first week of Term Four saw the first half of the Level 1 Geography class take a day trip to Kapiti Island. Lying 5km off the coast at Paraparaumu, this island has had all land-based predators of our native birds removed. The birds really made their presence felt with kaka swooping on us and weka trying to steal our snacks. The contrast between the crystal clear waters at Kapiti Island and the murky waters on the Paraparaumu side of the channel could not have been greater. We learnt about the history of the island as well as the current operation of the nature reserve and the nature lodge from our Ngati Toa hosts. Students in the class are assessing just how sustainable the management of this taonga is for an NCEA assessment. We thank Mr Gagamoe for joining us on this expedition!

We would like to acknowledge the assistance of New Zealand Community Trust in providing the funding to make this experience possible - 30 students in total to be able to get a glimpse of how Aotearoa / New Zealand used to be before humans caused so much ecological damage!



Level 2 Geography: Rotorua Fieldtrip

A group of Level Two Geography students headed to Rotorua in the holidays to look at the spatial patterns of tourist attractions - and so, of course, had to experience them too!! In an action packed four days away they:

- completed a treasure hunt in the Government Gardens,
- attended a seminar at Skyline Skyrides (and had to test out the gondola and luge too),
- toured Whakarewarewa Village guided by a great great grandson of Guide Sophia of Pink and White Terraces fame.
- heard Andrew Akers, inventor of the Zorb share his experiences of developing his product and his site.
- Stopped over at a very atmospheric Tikitapu (Blue Lake)
- Visited the Buried Village to see the impacts of the Tarawera Eruption
- Saw New Zealand's largest mud volcano at Tikitere (Hell's Gate)
- On a very rainy night, visited Mitai Village for a cultural performance and scrumptious hangi dinner.
- Had a soak at the Polynesian Spa
- And, most importantly, had a series of Geo classes to prepare them to analyse the factors and processes that created the spatial patterns that they identified!

A big thanks to Ms Gunson who gave up a portion of her holidays to join Ms Hill and students of the Geo crew and also to the Property Team for prepping the school vans for long distance travel!

This also wouldn't have been possible without the financial support of The Winton and Margaret Bear Charitable Trust who have very kindly supported Porirua College Year 12 Geography trips for over a decade now!

(Photo credits: Krishil Singh, Okoro Taoaba)

