



NEWSLETTER

Porirua College

TERM 1 WEEK 5 - 28 February 2022

Principal's Message

Nau mai haere mai ki te Kāreti o Porirua 2022!,



It is great to see all the new students, whānau and staff who have joined us this year. Due to our continually growing roll, we have many new teachers who are already connecting well with our community. It was good to meet with so many of you on goal setting day. We also have some new courses and options such as Mātauranga 'o e Moana (Pacific Arts), Pacific Studies, Printmaking, Thinking about Thinking, Lit Legends and Commerce.

However, these are also hard times for us. We are greatly sorrowed by the loss of Sam Avaigao, our much appreciated cleaner for the last 20 years. His kindness and warm smile have been a big part of our lives and will be sorely missed. Our thoughts are with Sue and all the whānau who have lost such a loving heart.

Covid has made for a disrupted start to the year with many students having to self isolate. Simpler regulations announced on Friday will make it easier for us all to be at school. You only have to self isolate now if you or one of your household has Covid. Isolation is for 10 days. Day 0 is the day of the first Covid test in your household that was positive, so long as you test negative on Day 10 and have no new or worsening symptoms. Please let us know if students are self isolating.

Thank you for getting your young people into school, in uniform showing their PC pride. Please remember that it must be uniform trousers, shorts, skirt or lavalava - no jeans. Uniform items 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.

At the moment we are not able to hold all the events we usually run at this time of the year due to Covid restrictions. We look forward to starting up parents' groups and holding meals in Houses once everything settles down. We are very available to meet with you in the meantime if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Noho ora mai,
Ragne Maxwell
Principal/Tumuaki

In Memory of Sam Avaigao

It is with much sadness that we share with you that Sam Avaigao passed away on Thursday 24th February at home with family by his side. Sam was a much loved colleague and friend and was part of our Property Team at Porirua College for over 20 years.

He was farewelled on Mon 28th February with a drive around the PC campus before heading to his final resting place. We will miss Sam's friendly face around school. Rest in peace our friend.





New staffs

Physical Education (PE) Faculty

Bailey Perez



Kia ora, Talofa lava and Mālo ni Porirua College!
My name is Bailey Perez and I teach Health & PE and Social Studies here at PC- Keneperu represent! I am of Māori, Samoan and Tokelauan descent and was born & raised in Papatoetoe (South Auckland). I love most sports, but enjoy rugby and lawn bowls the most- hit me up if you know a good bowls club! It has been a blast getting to know all our ākonga and fellow kaiako so far, and I look forward to working with you all this year!
Look after yourselves!

Laura Duxbury



Kia ora, I'm Laura Duxbury and I'm very fortunate to teach Health and Physical Education here at PC. I was born and raised in Christchurch, have 2 older brothers and have completed 4 years of study in Dunedin followed by 1 year in Wellington. I've played

many sports over the years with my main being rowing, basketball and netball and I love to watch rugby. Looking forward to the opportunity to keep meeting you all and working together!

Nicole Stuart

My name is Nicole Stuart and I am a health and PE teacher here at PC. This is my first year teaching after 4 years of study in Christchurch. I am from the West Coast of the South Island and I have played a lot of competitive basketball and netball over the years so I am looking forward to getting into those sports here at PC.



K2K Team Leader - Latu To'omaga

Tualoaina Latu To'omaga

Siufaga/Falelatai and Safa'afo'a/Lefaga

Master Educational Psychology

Bachelor of Teaching

Favourite food: Samoan food - Talo, meat, chop suey, rice

Inspirational person: My siblings - I have 7 brothers and 5 sisters

One of the best moments in my life: Achieving my masters degree!!

Talofa lava, kiaora koutou katoa. What a privilege it is to finally return to the place where I attended when I was young. Yes, I was a student here and the headboy at the time. I think 1986, wowza that was a while ago. I am the team leader for the Kanohi ki te Kanohi area which means I specialise in advocating for our students and whānau in areas such as educational needs, behaviour management, referring to appropriate agencies in our community and general support. I also support my staff - guidance counsellor, social worker, youth workers, mentors, school nurse and community doctor to ensure we have a dynamic approach to supporting our students toward positive outcomes for students and whānau. For me it's about nurturing relationships with students, building on parenting knowledge to support our whānau to continue the amazing work they do within their families. Please do not hesitate to come and say hello and introduce yourself to me and I will give you the grand tour.



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Athletics Day

The sun came out to support us for an amazing morning of athletics. In a different format due to Covid we only had the serious events and our students showed us how amazing they can be. A shout out to Rangituhi who mustered a massive group of athletes for the event!

Our athletes rotated round the field events, followed by track and final House relays. One incredible photo finish had our judges struggling to establish a winner. Thank goodness for technology and photo finishes! The senior girls showed us what whanaungatanga looks like IRL bringing the aroha and awhi to their group of athletes.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the staff who helped us get sorted and run events. We couldn't do it without you!



VAI Rewards

- ✓ Students who are spotted doing the right things and meeting the expectations may be awarded VAI Cards by staff.
- ✓ Students can put their VAI Cards in any of the collection boxes in the four houses. These cards are collected weekly and entered into Kamar as points.
- ✓ When a student has 10 cards they are entitled to a reward. These awards include headphones and canteen vouchers.
- ✓ The 2022 Reward Schedule will be up and about on walls and the PC website from the beginning of Term 1!!

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New Timetable



Periods	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday	Duration	Wednesday	Duration
MLC	Start time - 9 am	10 mins	Start time - 9 am	10 mins
	Finish time - 9.10am		Finish time - 9.10am	
Period 1	Start time - 9.10 am	75mins	Start time - 9.10 am	75mins
	Finish time -10.25		Finish time -10.25	
Period 2	Start time - 10.25am	55mins	Start time - 10.25am	55mins
	Finish time - 11.20am		Finish time - 11.20am	
Lunch	Start time - 11:20am	15mins	Start time - 11:20am	15mins
	Finish time - 11:35am		Finish time - 11:35am	
Break 1	Start time - 11:35 am	25mins	Start time - 11:35 am	25mins
	Finish time - 12pm		Finish time - 12pm	
Period 3	Start time - 12pm	55mins	Start time - 12pm	55mins
	Finish time - 12:55pm		Finish time - 12:55pm	
Period 4	Start time - 12:55pm	55mins	Start time - 12:55pm	55mins
	Finish time - 1:50pm		Finish time - 1:50pm	
Break 2	Start time - 1:50pm	20mins	Early finish at 1:50pm	
	Finish time - 2:10 pm			
Period 5	Start time - 2:10pm	55mins		
	Finish time - 3:05pm			

When a Student is Absent

We need to know about all absences on the day, to be sure all our students are safe.

If absence occurs, caregivers must inform the college by one of these methods:

- Ring the absence line on 2375465—after the tone record the name of the student, their Year Level, the reason for their absence and your name
- Send a text to 027 2375465
- Come in to the office
- Write a letter explaining the reason for the students absence that they bring with them upon their return to school
- Send an email to poriruacollege@pen.net.nz

Porirua College Parent Portal

It is possible for you to access your child's attendance and achievement data using the internet. You can do this by:

1. Going to the school website: www.poriruacollege.school.nz
2. Click on PARENT PORTAL on the Home Page
3. Enter the username and password that have been sent to you or you can ask your child to log in for you. (Please call the School Office or email jtopp@pen.net.nz if you need assistance)