



NEWSLETTER

Porirua College

TERM 1 WEEK 9, 31st March 2022

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou katoa,



Term 1 has been a challenge for us all this year with students, families and staff isolating at home, unable to come into school. As increasing numbers of staff have to stay home, we have had juniors and seniors coming in separately so that we have enough staff to cover all the classes. There simply aren't the relief teachers available to support us and we are very sorry for the increased pressure this has put on families. We hope you are coming through this time well and that things will get much easier next term.

Many students have been working well from home doing learning on Google Classroom. This has developed their independent learning skills and resilience. We understand that this hasn't been possible for everyone though and will work hard once we have everyone back to help students catch up, particularly seniors. We will hold a follow up goal setting

day in the middle of the year so we can talk with you about how to support the students to achieve their dreams.

We have had to make some changes to plans for this year as a result of disruptions to school and Level Red restrictions. We aim to hold Colours Day at the end of Term 2. Polyfest has been delayed until Term 3, although further Covid waves could mean that we are unable to hold it this year. Fortunately, we are now allowed spectators at school sports again and have all students playing, which will be great for the winter season.

Our roll has continued to grow this year and it is great to have over 630 students and 55 teachers. Many of you have already met our great new teachers and reconnected with our outstanding long term staff. They are all working really hard to keep students connected with Porirua College and their learning, whether at home or at school. If you haven't been able to connect in person with us this term, we look forward to meeting up next term.

The last day of this term is Thursday 14 April and we start back on Monday 2 May. Enjoy the Easter break!

Noho ora mai,
Ragne Maxwell
Principal/Tumuaki

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.

New Staff



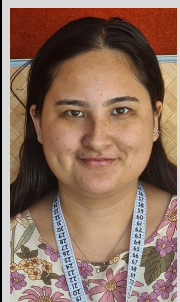
ARTS FACULTY



Deb Donnelly

Teaches Art and Photography in junior and senior levels with a specialism in printmaking. Deb has returned to secondary level teaching in 2020 after 20 years as a Visual Arts Tutor and Programme Manager at Whitireia NZ while obtaining a Masters degree in Teaching qualification from Victoria University. Deb was raised in Wellington of Eurasian family heritage and raised both her children in the Porirua region with her husband Hugh. She also enjoys her own art practice, established across design and arts media while working with local migrant arts communities. Her aim is to build community connections and record Aotearoa social histories for future generations.

MATHEMATICS FACULTY



Dave Mey-Ou

Kia ora e te Whānau,

I am Dave Mey-Ou, a new Mathematics teacher. This is my first year of teaching - I have studied in Wellington for the past four years but grew up in Whanganui. I feel connected to Cannons Creek as it is where my Dad grew up as a refugee from Cambodia. I love teaching our ākonga how to problem solve and use mathematics needed for life.

ENGLISH FACULTY

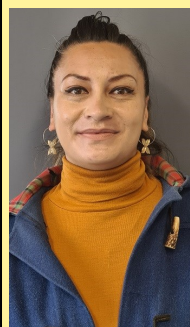


Zoe Finlayson

Kia ora!

Ko Zoë Finlayson tōku ingoa. I'm an English teacher here at Porirua College. I grew up in Whangaparaoa, Auckland but have lived in Pōneke for 6 years. I graduated from Victoria University of Wellington."

Porirua East Attendance Officers



Tamara Sei-Moana To'omaga

Iwi/Villages: Te Arawa - Ngati Pikiao, Ngati Whakaaue, Safaatoa, Lefaga, Siufaga, Falelatai, Safune. Born & Raised in the city of Opportunity - Porirua. Loves Faith, Fitness, Food, Family, Culture & Community!

Favourite foods: Definitely eggs, cream paua, taro, raw fish, garlic prawns. Oh my goodness. I'm hungry now. Lols. Inspiration: Life is good, I choose to laugh lots, forgive much and love many....

Nga Manaakitanga, Fa'afetai tele lava.



Tiatia Tua'au

Talofa lava! My name is Leaupepe Tiatia Fa'amaile Tua'au and we have been residents of Cannons Creek, Porirua with my wife and four children since migrating from Samoa about a decade ago. Recently, I accepted the Attendance Kaiawhina role for Porirua East Schools and am looking forward to working alongside our Kaiako and our Whānau to get our children back on track of EDUCATION. I have twenty years of work experience in various roles in public services and other voluntary roles in church and other community engagements. I am also currently studying towards a BCom at Victoria University of Wellington. Looking forward to the challenges ahead and do not hesitate to pull me to the side and have a kōrero, doesn't matter if you think it is worth it or not. Ka Kite!

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