



# NEWSLETTER

## Porirua College

TERM 3, Week 7, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August



### Deputy Principal's Message

Tēna Koutou e te whānau, we have had a busy few weeks here at Porirua College and with four weeks to go in Term 3 it's only going to get busier!

Our school recently held the Mathletix competition with Kenepuru House taking out the major prizes. Congratulations, team! This week, with help from our English faculty, our ākonga will also be taking part in our annual school spelling bee. We wish everyone the best of luck and remember there are more house points on the line so try your best. Next week our senior students will sit school exams. These will take place from Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th September in Whiti Te Ra. We encourage all year 11 - 13s sitting exams to study hard and give it your best effort. It's one of the best ways to prepare for NCEA exams later this year. Coming up we also have Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori, so keep an eye out for activities and celebrations hosted by our amazing Ākonga Māori Komiti. Let's finish term 3 strong!

### Key Dates



*Friday 22nd September:* Last day of term 3

*Monday 9th October:* First day of term 4

*Friday 20th October:* Sports prize giving

*Monday 23rd October:* Labour day - school is closed

*Thursday 2nd November:* Final senior assemblies

*Monday 6th November:* NZQA exams begins

*Saturday 2nd December:* Yr 13 prom

*Monday 11th December:* Senior prize giving

*Wednesday 13th December:* Junior prize giving & last day of term 4

### Subject Choice for 2024

Students have begun the process of **choosing** subjects for 2024.

Please look to support your child to make their choices.

Subject choice booklets and other information can be found on our website: [poriruacollege.school.nz](https://poriruacollege.school.nz)

Students complete their choices using the [Kamar Portal](#) - you will receive an email explaining how to access this. You can find useful advice on supporting your child's choices on [www.careers.govt.nz/articles/8-steps-to-choosing-school-subjects-too](https://www.careers.govt.nz/articles/8-steps-to-choosing-school-subjects-too).

### Subject Choice Afternoon

On Monday 4th September 3:20 - 5:00pm we are hosting a Subject Choice afternoon in Whiti Te Ra. This is a chance for students and whānau to find out more about the subjects and pathways we offer at Porirua College.



## Tararua Trip



In August our Year 12 History and PE classes went to Masterton for a two night camp. The purpose of the camp was to study the Tararua Range, build resilience and identify health and safety hazards while completing a difficult 4-5 hour tramp. At camp all students managed to climb to Rocky Lookout in The Tararua Forest Park. Unfortunately due to the weather conditions we didn't reach Mountain House Shelter but our team of 20 showed resilience, teamwork and leadership throughout the hike. We also got to explore Masterton, enjoying Queen Elizabeth Park, their swimming pools and finished with lunch at Queensgate. All ākonga who attended the camp are now working hard on their assignments! Please check out our school Facebook Page for more photos of this awesome adventure.



## **PC Physics at Rainbows End**



Physics is a subject well known for being a lot of hard work. This year we decided to find the fun in physics, by making a day trip to Rainbow's End, in Auckland. The senior Physics students (Level 2 and 3) worked hard out of class during Terms 1 and 2 to fundraise for the trip. In class we focused on

understanding rotational motion, energy, and the mechanics of collisions.

Experiencing the massive forces involved on the rides at Rainbows End has helped us to connect real life experiences to lots of complicated physics concepts. It was a long day (the 5am start was a shock ), but well worth the effort. We definitely made memories!



Thanks to all of those who helped us along the way, especially Mr Dobson, Ms Jackson, Ms Wooldridge, Mr Topp, Ms Hall, the property team and everyone who bought a chocolate or 10!







## Te Kiwa Nui 2023

On Friday 4th August, after months of practicing, a large number of Porirua College students showcased their culture and talent at Te Kiwa Nui.

All of the students attending represented Porirua College, their cultures, and their families with pride. The performances were of a very high standard and it was amazing to see both Fiji and Niue back as performance groups this year.



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# Whiti Te Ra Fire 2023

Friday September 1st  
6pm

Porirua College hall



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