



# NEWSLETTER

## Porirua College

TERM 3, Week 2, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### Deputy Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa



Welcome back to Term Three. I hope you all managed some time to relax with whānau over the school holidays and/or Matariki weekend.

It was with real PC Pride that we unveiled the first of three pou, Te Pou o Hine Awhinanui o te Manaakitanga, on Monday morning. These pou represent not only the core values of this kura and our kahui ako

(Voice, Action and Identity) but also the aspirations and tūpuna of Mana Whenua and our wider community.

This term is an important time for all ākonga and particularly our senior students, as they work hard to achieve their goals with the end of the year fast approaching! Term Three is busy with the continuation of winter sports, Te Kiwa Nui, and language weeks amongst other things.

To support our ākonga manage all of this and still achieve their academic goals, we are hosting a follow up Goal Setting Review Day on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July. Please make the most of this opportunity. You can book a 20 minute interview online at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) using the code 'faf98'.

### Up coming key dates

**Goal Setting Review Day** - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July

**Staff Only Day** - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July

**Cook Islands Language Week** - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

**Te Kiwa Nui Dress Rehearsal** - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 6pm in Whiti te Rā (School Hall) gold coin entry

**Te Kiwa Nui Festival (Polyfest)** - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August

**Whānua Hui** - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August from 5 to 6pm in Rangituhi House

**Subject Selection and NCEA information Evening** - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August from 3:30 to 5pm in Rangituhi House

**Simply Dental Onsite** - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Ngā mihi nui, nā

Chris Wood  
Deputy Principal

### Te Pou o Hine Awhinanui o te Manaakitanga

The 1<sup>st</sup> of our 3 pou was unveiled at the start of term 3. Our pou is named Te Pou o Hine Awhinanui o te Manaakitanga. This is te pou tuakiri o te tangata. Hine te Awhinanui is a tupuna from this area, known for her generosity and healing.



## Changes to NCEA Level One in 2024



In 2024 NCEA Level One will have the following changes:

- New Achievement Standards will be used and most standards will be worth 5 credits
- Most school subjects will offer 15-20 credits
- Students must also gain Literacy and Numeracy to gain NCEA

NCEA Level One can be gained in two ways

1. 60 Credits and gaining the new Literacy and Numeracy co-requisite standards.

Or

2. 80 Credits including 10 Literacy and 10 Numeracy credits from standards completed in Te Reo Māori, English, Mathematics and other specific standards.

NCEA Level Two and Three remain unchanged in 2024

More information will be provided over the coming months in the following ways:

- PC Newsletter
- Email
- Facebook
- Learning Conferences with Learning Coaches and subject teachers

You can also read more about these changes here :

[About NCEA](https://ncea.education.govt.nz/about-ncea)

⇒ <https://ncea.education.govt.nz/about-ncea>

[Change Programme](https://ncea.education.govt.nz/what-ncea-change-programme)

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### Subject Selection and NCEA information Evening

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August from 3:30 - 5pm in Whiti te Rā

Please RSVP to the school office for catering purposes

### Te Kiwa Nui (Polyfest)

Our new name Te Kiwa Nui was gifted to us by mana whenua, Ngāti Toa and it holds deep cultural and symbolic significance.

Te Kiwa Nui derives its name from the ocean that connects all Pasifika peoples to one another. Whether from Melanesia, Micronesia or Polynesia, Te Moana Nui a Kiwa represents the vast expanse of water that unites our diverse communities. It symbolises the shared heritage, traditions and values that bind us together as one extended family across the Pacific.

For Porirua, the significance of Kiwa is further emphasised by its reference in the full name of Mana Island, which is situated off the west coast of Porirua. To the people of Ngāti Toa, Mana Island is known as “Te Mana o Kupe i Whakawhitia mai te Moana Nui a Kiwa ki Aotearoa.” This name pays tribute to the great legacy of Kupe, a Polynesian explorer who embarked on a remarkable journey across the vast waters of Kiwa to reach Aotearoa, New Zealand.

By adopting the name Te Kiwa Nui, we honour our collective heritage and the historical narratives that connect us. It serves as a reminder of the ancestral voyages, resilience, and the bonds that tie our Pacific communities together. This name change signifies our commitment to celebrating our shared identity, fostering unity, and embracing the diversity within our Pasifika community and Porirua City.

### Te Kiwa Nui

**Dress Rehearsal** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 6pm in Whiti te Rā (School Hall) gold coin entry.

**Te Kiwa Nui Festival** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August from 9:30am to 5pm at Te Rauparaha Arena.

Get your tickets from the Arena or online at Ticket Space:

- <https://tickets.ticketSPACE.co.nz/tickets/te-kiwa-nui-2023>
- [Contact@tekiwanuifestival.co.nz](mailto:Contact@tekiwanuifestival.co.nz)





## Staff Changes



### **Introducing Ms Sarah Hurrell**

Kia Ora everyone

I have been telling all my classes this week that I was born at Kenepuru Hospital many moons ago, so I really am a Porirua girl.

We travelled the country with Dad's job in the Ministry of Works when we were young and then settled on the beautiful Kāpiti Coast. I attended Kāpiti College and then worked locally for a couple of years, before moving into the big city, flatting with my twin sister and working in many office jobs. I trained as a primary teacher at the age of 30, and worked as a teacher aide at Wellington High, did some long term relieving at Wā Ora Montessori School in the Hutt and tutoring at Kip McGrath (I love variety). I never got quite enough contact hours to register as a teacher. In 2003 I got married to Martin Hurrell who I met at the Rock Church and subsequently went back to an office environment to save for a deposit on a house. I left Dulux on maternity leave. When Liam turned five in 2012 I started teacher aiding at the Wellington Seventh Day Adventist Church and (apart from 6 months at Mana College in 2018) worked there until the end of term 2, this year. I did a variety of jobs there over the years. Over the last four years I have pulled out maths groups and trained as a Maths Support Teacher, completing several post-graduate maths papers as part of the training. In term 4 last year I joined the Porirua College team as support staff, working with the English Language Learners, which was a real privilege.



I started teaching this term and have a year 9 and year 10 Maths class, a year 9 Social Studies class and a year 9 Dance class. I was heavily involved in drama/dance/pantomimes in my 20s and also led the dance/drama group at Wellington Elim church back then for a year and a half. I have just joined the City Fitness Gym for the Zumba classes and somehow will fit in biking and horseriding (as I own my own horse) as well.

I feel very supported in my new role which speaks of the calibre of teachers at PC.

### **Introducing Ms Hayley Balmer**



Hi my name is Hayley Balmer. I have just joined the staff at Porirua College and will be supporting students with Literacy as well as doing some relief work. My last role was Children's Pastor at an Anglican Church. I am excited to be returning to teaching this year. I have a wide range of teaching experience from Early Childhood all the way through to adults and everyone in between. I started my teaching career in Zimbabwe. In my free time I like to read and do baking with my grandchildren. I also enjoy gardening while listening to audiobooks. I am looking forward to getting to know the Porirua School Community. Thank you for making me feel so welcome.

### **Introducing Ms Men lang Zungling**

My name is Men lang Zungling. I am from Myanmar AKA Burma, and have been living in New Zealand for 16 years. I have three sons, two are attending Tawa College and my youngest son goes to Postgate School. I am looking forward to working with PC whānau. Thank you.



### **Farewell from Ms Dawngi Hualngobochu**



As you all have heard, my last day with PC is Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> July.

Before I leave, I want to let you all know how much I've enjoyed my time working for Porirua College. This is an incredible place, and I feel fortunate to have been a part of it for these past years. I have enjoyed getting to know students and parents and I will be looking forward to see them in the Porirua community. It's been a pleasure working with each one of you, and I wish you all nothing but the best.

## **Attention to Parents and Caregivers**



### **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.**

## **Vaping Petitions**

If you are concerned about this ever evolving and increasing epidemic, please help protect our rangatahi by sharing this information among your school and wider community.

1. Signing these two petitions:

- Parliamentary petition <https://petitions.parliament.nz/2a168fb2-ec46-478c-52f5-08db2efc521d>
- Change.org petition [www.change.org/vapefreekidsnz](http://www.change.org/vapefreekidsnz)

2. Joining and sharing Vape Free Kids NZ and/or sharing the petitions

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/vapefreekidsnz>

3. Writing a letter to your local MP or the Minister of Health (we can provide you with a template)

Thank you

Below are a few resources to check out and if you want to join the cause or can help in any other way please let us know.

### **How to talk about Vaping**

[https://parentingplace.nz/resources/how-to-talk-about-vaping?](https://parentingplace.nz/resources/how-to-talk-about-vaping?fbclid=IwAR3MFCAUvU4hUI_TNWOE5y1OhO0QRjhcTM9rQED9BETPpZbhss7bPN4PwOI)

[fbclid=IwAR3MFCAUvU4hUI\\_TNWOE5y1OhO0QRjhcTM9rQED9BETPpZbhss7bPN4PwOI](https://parentingplace.nz/resources/how-to-talk-about-vaping?fbclid=IwAR3MFCAUvU4hUI_TNWOE5y1OhO0QRjhcTM9rQED9BETPpZbhss7bPN4PwOI)

### **Protect Your Breath Campaign**

[https://www.protectyourbreath.co.nz/?gclid=CjwKCAjwjMiiBhA4EiwAZe6jQ5G-EgVbG4oC4VjawahvzC-fR8qcHW8dlcDGpuLYLIUJrnTbaXpLRRoCHhwQAvD\\_BwE](https://www.protectyourbreath.co.nz/?gclid=CjwKCAjwjMiiBhA4EiwAZe6jQ5G-EgVbG4oC4VjawahvzC-fR8qcHW8dlcDGpuLYLIUJrnTbaXpLRRoCHhwQAvD_BwE)

### **Don't get sucked in**

<https://dontgetsucked.in.co.nz/>



Ngā mihi

Charlie Christe

## **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

Visit our website: <https://poriruacollege.school.nz/> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Porirua-College-106614949374053/>  
64 Driver Crescent, Cannons Creek, Porirua 5024 Phone: 04-237-5465



## Whānau Hui



Porirua College is part of the Active As Project. We have been given \$100,000 per year for 4 years and are in the process of designing what the project will be. Our next step is to get the voice of rangatahi and whānau.

Active As is a new project between regional agencies and Sport New Zealand Ihi Aotearoa (Sport NZ) that focuses on enhancing rangatahi wellbeing and learning by supporting secondary schools and wharekura (schools) to provide quality active recreation and sport opportunities. The project aims to:

1. Enhance the wellbeing of rangatahi through physical activity.
2. Increase the physical activity levels of rangatahi, particularly those that are less active.
3. Demonstrate the value of physical activity to educational priorities.

Ngā mihi nui



**Kai**  
will be  
provided

**THUR 27 JULY, 6PM**

**PIO TEREI**

**FOR WHĀNAU,  
PARENTS, AIGA ACROSS  
PORIRUA EAST**

### **BUILDING AN AWESOME WHĀNAU**

- What kids are struggling with and how to fill them up
- The importance of aroha and firm foundations and the mana of a parent
- Value of talking with your whānau and how and when to correct them
- The importance of fun and humour and keeping an eye on your kids
- Supporting your whānau to be well and stay safe online

**FOR MORE INFO**

**FREE** tickets available through your child's school - **places are limited**



Porirua College auditorium, Driver Crescent, Cannons Creek

**Please contact the  
school office to book  
your place 2375 465**