



NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 - Week 4
Thursday, 15 August 2024



Kia ora koutou,

Te Kiwa Nui was last Friday and was awesome! We had 9 groups out of the 25 that performed and they all did themselves, their families and their school proud. The group leaders, whānau and teachers who supported them put so much time and effort into creating those polished performances. It really was a festival that showcased our rich cultures.

Now that we have those polyfest credits safely completed, senior students need to go all out for their last 10 weeks of classes to get the rest of their NCEA credits. All levels need 60 credits plus literacy and numeracy (10 x level 1 credits each). You can see where students are at on the Kamar portal. We will be running

mahi tahi for the first three days of the holidays again and there will also be some extra courses that students can sign up for.

On Wednesday 21st August we have our Goal and Pathway Review day. Hopefully you have already signed up to come in to meet with your child's Learning Coach to look at how they are progressing and to start thinking about subject choices for 2025.

Last week we celebrated Cook Island Language week with a flag raising with the community and a wonderful performance of dance. Meitaki ma'ata to all those who came along to help us celebrate. We are looking forward to the other language weeks coming up during the term, with Tonga Language Week next week. We always start with a flag raising at 9am on Mondays and you are very welcome to join us.

Kia pai ō wiki,
Ragne Maxwell
Principal/Tumuaki

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, 21 August: Goal and Pathway Review Day

Friday, 27 September : Last day of Term 3

Monday, 14 October : 1st day of Term 4



Sunset Special

Now officially professional musicians after their gig at Pataka in the weekend. Sunset Special filled the whole hour and put on a great show. Great finish to a massive week.



Hauora Ko te Hapori course

As part of the Hauora Ko te Hapori course, students will spend 3 or 4 sessions this term playing with and teaching tamariki at Toru Fetu ECE...just down the road from school. This week we had our first session and our rangatahi were just amazing!! Everything from play dough to sandcastle making, painting to musical performances! It was just amazing to see the tender and carefree sides of our taiohi as they played with our under 5's, speaking in their own languages with them! Now our rangatahi will plan specific sessions that they will lead the tamariki through, using all of their 'pūkenga' (skills and abilities) to grow manaakitanga.



Lost Property

We have accumulated lots of lost property on the shelving in the corridor by the student reception area. If you have lost any items of clothing, shoes etc, please come and have a look through. We also have smaller items, jewellery, keys, earbuds etc in the office. Any items not collected by the end of the term will be donated to a local charity shop.



Student Absences

We need to know about all absences on the day, to be sure all our students are safe. Please let us know as early as possible, if your child is going to be absent from school by doing any of the following:

- ♦ Logging into the KAMAR student portal.
- ♦ Texting 027 237 5465.
- ♦ Emailing absences@pen.net.nz.
- ♦ Ringing the school office ph 237 5465 — after the tone, record the student name, year level, reason for absence and your name. Please speak clearly.
- ♦ Coming in to the office.
- ♦ Writing a letter explaining the reason for the student absence that they bring with them upon their return to school.

Texts/emails are sent out to caregivers around noon for all unexplained absences. We appreciate a response with an update on why the student is away.

Sports Update

Winter Sports is nearing the end of its cycle. The few teams we had this season have had the biggest impact to date. Our 1st XV Boys rugby team have had an outstanding season, playing for the Beard Trophy, Co-Ed Cup, and finishing 4th in Division 2. They also have a Quad series in Winter Tournament Week, where we hope to get some wins to send the seniors off in Porirua College style.



Our Senior Boys Basketball team have made the top 4 in Division 2 and are playing their semi final this Friday. They continually show resilience and grit, during their games. Preferring to claw back and fight out of the corner than be chased down. Win or lose they have adjusted maturely to all the changes endured without a gym to train in.



Sports Update continued

Our Senior Girls Basketball team started strong and with good intentions. The team is young so they will bounce back into the groove next year. A couple more games before they wrap up their season.



As a late addition, the Senior Girls Badminton team are closing out their season in Northern Div 2 zone. They continue to win most of their games and are locked in to play the senior tournament.

Some senior girls have combined with Bishop Viard to create a senior girls rugby team. They travelled up to Whanganui on Monday for a Catholic Quad Tournament. We will continue to support and monitor their progress.

Summer Sports will be advertised shortly, keep an eye on our Porirua College Sports Facebook page and on Kamar.



MacDiarmid Institute annual Discovery Camp and NanoCamp - Applications now open!

Our annual all-expenses paid DiscoveryCamp and NanoCamp programmes will run in January 2025, with **NanoCamp 2025** taking place in Ōtepoti Dunedin, 20-24 January, and **DiscoveryCamp 2025** taking place in Ōtautahi Christchurch, 19-23 January.

NanoCamp and DiscoveryCamp for current Year 12 and 13 secondary school students are hugely popular and highly contested. The four-day, all-expenses-paid residential programmes give students the opportunity to learn about nanoscience through lectures and lab experience with MacDiarmid Institute investigators. DiscoveryCamp - Te Tohu Huraina - is designed specifically for Māori and Pacific Island students, while NanoCamp is open to any students with a strong academic background and passion for science.

Applications for DiscoveryCamp and NanoCamp 2025 are now open and will close on 25th August 2024. In order to apply, students simply need to visit our website at: <https://www.macdiarmid.ac.nz/what-we-do/into-the-community/discoverycamp-and-nanocamp/>. From there they will be able to get further information and make an application.

Please note that applicants must be in year 12 or year 13 at the time of application. If you or your students have any questions regarding the camps or the application process, please do not hesitate to contact us at macdiarmidnano-discoverycamp@vuw.ac.nz.

Ngā mihi nui

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The MacDiarmid Institute
DISCOVERYCAMP
Te Tohu Huraina
19-23 JANUARY 2025
ŌTAUTAHU CHRISTCHURCH

Hosted by the MacDiarmid Institute, DiscoveryCamp is a four-day residential lab experience with top scientists, completing hands-on investigations into a range of topics such as electron microscopy, laser physics and nano-electronics, for current Year 12 and 13 Māori and Pacific Island students with a passion for the sciences.
Experience science in a fun, hands-on environment and work with some of New Zealand's top researchers!

ALL FLIGHTS, ACCOMMODATION, MEALS & FUN ACTIVITIES ARE FULLY PAID - IT IS FREE!
Places are strictly limited and strongly contested
For more information and to apply head over to:
<https://www.macdiarmid.ac.nz/news-and-events/events/discoverycamp-2025/>
Contact us: macdiarmidnano-discoverycamp@vuw.ac.nz

HURRY! APPLICATIONS CLOSE 25 AUGUST 2024

Together the challenges facing New Zealand and the world today - clean water, renewable energy, climate change, and 3D printed new materials and new technology based on those materials that haven't been discovered yet. That's what the MacDiarmid Institute does. We are New Zealand's best scientists, engineers and educators, united for a common goal: to make, understand, and use new materials to improve people's lives.

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We are excited to announce a transformative opportunity for the parents at Porirua College. UniMinistry Foundation and Metavision Institute are offering a 6-week online course designed to equip parents with the skills to effectively support their teenage children through the critical transition towards high school completion and university life.

Sync& Support - Emotional Wisdom and Intelligence for Parents with Teens

Communicating with and Supporting Your Teenage Child: A 6-week Online Course for Parents delivered by real people in real time.

Why This Course is Essential

By enhancing your communication and coping skills as a parent, you will empower your teen to navigate life's challenges with confidence and resilience, fostering success in their personal, relational and academic spheres. By developing these abilities, teenagers build stronger, more trusting relationships with others, setting the stage for a successful and fulfilling future.

Understand Their World: Gain insights into the challenges and pressures faced by teenagers today. Learn how to empathise with their experiences and perspectives.

Enhance Communication: Discover practical strategies to improve your communication skills. Learn how to have meaningful conversations that foster trust and openness.

Support Their Growth: Equip yourself with the tools to support your child's emotional and academic journey. Help them develop the confidence and resilience needed for success.

Workshops are delivered via Zoom and run for 90mins, 7pm AEST Tuesdays from 29 October to 3 December 2024.

To book, visit our website: <https://uniministry.com/event/sync-support-emotional-wisdom-and-intelligence-for-parents-with-teens/>

Sign Up Today: Spaces are limited, so secure your spot now!

By understanding, communicating, and supporting effectively, you can help your teenager navigate this important period with confidence and resilience. Start your journey with us and transform your family dynamics for the better.

Questions? Email us at ask@uniministry.com

