



# NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 - Week 10  
Monday 8 April 2024



Kia ora koutou katoa,

We have had a great start to 2024 with lots of new students settling in well to PC. Year 9 Noho at Maraeroa Marae were a real highlight. It was great to meet so many whānau at the evening meals and at goal setting day. Our roll remains steady with over 600 students.

Attendance has really improved this year and we hugely appreciate family support with getting students into school on time every day. It makes all the difference to their learning. Uniform is also improving. Please ensure that students leave home in school uniform trousers, shorts, skirt or lavalava and a school uniform warm top or black rain jacket.

Congratulations to all our seniors from last year on their NCEA results! Porirua College results went up in 2023 with particular success at Year 12 and 13. We are really proud of the effort put in by ākonga, teachers and families to make this happen. If we can keep up the improvements in

attendance this year, our seniors will do even better in 2024.

The upgrade to our school gym is finally starting with work beginning over the holidays. This does mean that we have to live without a gym for the rest of this year, which will be a real challenge for PE and Sports. It also means that the back basketball court has been brought back into use for classes and can no longer be used as a carpark.

Students who bring cars to school will have to park off site now as we do not have enough parking spaces. Students who bring cars onto the school grounds at any time will need a permit, which we are discussing at an assembly with them. Thanks for your support to ensure that students are driving safely and do not have other students in the car when they are on a restricted licence.

Enjoy the school holidays and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 29 April.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Ragne Maxwell  
Principal/Tumuaki

## Uniform

One of the expectations at Porirua College is that all students are smartly dressed in full school uniform every day. PC Pride!!



A large range of options are available from Schooltex found instore and online at The Warehouse.



## Save the dates

**Friday 5th April - Last day of Term Colours Day early finish 12:40**

**School Holidays 15th—26th April**

**Monday 29th April—First day Term two**

**Wednesday 8th May - Māori whānau night**



## Introducing our new staff

### Mrs Lisa Page



Hi, I am Lisa Page, teaching part time in Science and helping in the Language and Culture section of the school. I am also a published author as of last year and hoping to get book 2 of the series out later this year. Our school library has two copies of my book for the students to borrow. It is called Just a Family Friend.

### Whea Louise Carter



Nō Ngāti Raukawa au.  
Ko Jesse rātou ko Mahe ko Niko āku tama  
Ko Hiwa-i-te-rangi tāku mokopuna.  
Kei te Whanga o Tītahi mātou e noho ana  
Tihei mauri ora!

I have lived in Porirua for over 20 years and this is the first time I have worked in Porirua. I'm loving the opportunity to work in my own community, having previously taught on the Kāpiti Coast and in Wellington City. In my down time, I like to stay as active as I can, going to the gym, playing tennis, paddling (waka ama), and tramping. But really, most of my free time revolves around entertaining my grandson and supporting my sons in their endeavours!  
Ko tāu hoe, ko tāku hoe, ka mānu to waka!

### Ms Izzy Lewis



I'm Izzy and new to the K2K space. I have come from years of working with children, youth and adults with many different approaches. I spend a lot of time at work (or college), but also spend time gaming, training & teaching martial arts, hanging out with my cat, and of course my partner and kids. My door is usually open, even when its closed.

### Miss Yasmin Mackenzie



Kia Ora, I am an English teacher in Rangituhi house. I love painting in my spare time. I am also Turkish, so if you ever want to learn a few words hit me up :)



### Ms Sherri Burgess

Kia ora, My name is Sherri Burgess

I am Porirua born and bred. I attended Corinna Primary School, Brandon Intermediate, Titahi Bay Intermediate and also attended Mana College. Outside of Porirua College, I also work as a personal trainer. I have worked in the Health and Fitness industry for well over 5 years. I run my own Bootcamps for women based in Titahi Bay - Mana Wahine Fitness. Focusing on women at a Beginner to Intermediate level of Fitness and training them through a Maori Holistic Lens.

Growing up I have been involved in numerous sports teams. I grew up playing Softball, Rugby League, Tag/Flag and Basketball, I like to say socially - but I am a very competitive person by nature when it comes to sport. On a Saturday you will catch me in the blue and white jersey playing for our Norths Women's Rugby team, and on a Sunday I wear the Maroon and gold colours, playing for the Valkyrie women's Rugby League team.

I am a mother to my 3 beautiful children, Allise (13), Sophia (11) and Leroy (10) and our Staffy fur baby - Maya. My children are all equally as sporty and competitive as their mother.

When I am not playing, I am coaching our Porirua Under 18 girls Basketball team alongside my partner - who is also a PE teacher at Aotea College. Both myself and my partner love to travel. Recently we travelled to Europe - spending the majority of our time in London, Italy, Spain and the Netherlands.



## Chromebooks

Some of your rangitahi will have Chromebooks at home that they would like to use at school. At the start of Term 2 ask them to bring their Chromebook to Mr Topp and he'll organise to get it on the school network so that they can use it in class.

Do any of our current or ex students have a loaner chromebook at home? We would appreciate any chromebooks, chargers and bags being dropped back to the school office—no questions asked, so that we can count how many chromebooks we have and ensure they are available for all our students. We really appreciate your support with this.



## Absences

Please let us know as early as possible if your child is going to be absent from school by phoning 237 5465, leave a message on the answerphone, or txt ph 027 237 5465. Absences can also be logged through the KAMAR student portal.

Come along to our Māori whānau night on Wednesday 8th of May at 5:30pm in

Wairere Whare. There will be kai and kōrero. Bring the whānau!



## Level 2 Geography trip

The level 2 Geography class visited Tongariro to investigate changes in vegetation, climate and soil across the Taupo volcanic zone. Even though the weather was not ideal, the students managed to explore the environment and collect a lot of useful data which will go towards their first geography assessment.



## 200 History trip

These are photos from the HI 200 History trip to Waiouru. Our students interviewed a veteran of the Vietnam war and even got to try some soldiers rations cooked on camping stoves.



# STARs Student Leadership Camp



A group of our Year 12 student leaders went away to El Rancho in Waikanae. The location of our camp allowed our students to walk to the beach making the most of the surroundings, getting to know each other and grow whanaungatanga. During this camp, the students developed self-confidence, team-building, and leadership skills.

They participated in various activities, from kayaking and rafting to archery and rock climbing. Many of our students had to face and overcome their fears.

We saw our students grow and support each other and demonstrate strong leadership skills during their time away. We look forward to watching these year 12 students step into leadership roles in the future.

We would like to thank Cathy Tia and the Graeme Dingle Foundation for this opportunity.



## Sports update

Term 1 2024, what a blast of sport we've had at P.C. Our most popular sport in summer is Volleyball with 4 teams competing each week. We had senior students volunteer to coach our Junior teams. It was fantastic to see their leadership, commitment and communication skills broaden with having this new responsibility. All the teams did well, with our Junior Boys finishing off the season coming 2nd in Div 1 in the Northern Zone. The athletics team who qualified for Regionals were treated to quality personal training by international and multi award winner Mikayla Sola.

A big highlight for the Sports Faculty this year were the single day tournaments, Senior Ki o Rahi, Flag, Tennis, Rippa Rugby and 3x3 Basketball Regional tournament. Some of the sports the students hadn't played before but our students are gifted with athletic ability and were able to quickly adapt to the new games. Many onlookers complimented the students on their style of play and finesse.

A big thank you to the coaches, and managers who gave up their time to invest in our students. We look forward to the Winter Sports program as a lot of our teams have been in pre-season training for a few months.





## Events Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31 <sup>st</sup> MARCH	<b>1<sup>st</sup> APRIL</b> X Week Easter Monday	2 X Week Easter Tuesday	3 X Week	4 X Week	5 X Week	6
7	8 Y Week	9 Y Week	10 Y Week	11 Y Week	12 Y Week Last Day of Term 1 Colours Day	13
14	15 School Holidays X Week	16 School Holidays X Week	17 School Holidays X Week	18 School Holidays X Week	19 School Holidays X Week	20 School Holidays
21 School Holidays	22 School Holidays Y Week	23 School Holidays Y Week	24 School Holidays Y Week Simply Dental Onsite	25 School Holidays Y Week Simply Dental Onsite	26 School Holidays Y Week Simply Dental Onsite	27
28	29 1st Day of Term 2 X Week	30	1 <sup>st</sup> MAY	2	3	4



## Fares for u25s are changing, starting 1 May 2024

We would like to inform you that the government has made the decision to withdraw the government funding for the age-based concessions that have been in place since 1 September 2023. As a result, fares for children aged 5-12 and young adults under 25 years old will automatically return to the standard price fares from 1 May 2024. The current age-based concessions are funded by the government.

### What's Changing for Students From 1 May?

**Under 13 Free Pass (5-12 years)** - Free travel ends, and **50% off adult fare** applies on all Metlink services.

**Child Fare (13-18 years or still in secondary school)** - 75% discount off adult fare ends, and **50% off adult fare** applies on all Metlink services for children aged between 13 to 16 years old (or older if still at secondary school).

Children over 16 who are no longer in secondary school will **no longer qualify** for this concession and will need to buy a [Red Snapper card](#), and the full adult fare will apply unless they are eligible for another concession.

**Te Hunga Whaikaha Total Mobility** - Free travel ends for 5-12-year-olds and 75% discount ends for 13-18-year-olds. **50% off adult fare** now applies for these groups through the Accessible concession.

Children must tag on and off using their Te Hunga Whaikaha Total Mobility card **ONLY** to travel on the Accessible Concession. The Green Snapper Card will no longer be required for travel, removing the hassle of carrying two cards.

To be eligible for concessions, a student must use a valid Red or Green Snapper card with the appropriate concession loaded.

On ferry, the concessions are available on a child ticket and can be paid for with cash or EFTPOS.

Children are still required to tag on and tag off the bus or trains using their Snapper card, to avoid being charged default fares.

*\*Some exclusions apply (including Metlink on demand services and Te Hunga Whaikaha Total Mobility taxis) and concession discounts are based on the full adult fare with applicable discount during off-peak hours.*

We strongly encourage all students (including Te Hunga Whaikaha Total Mobility card holders) to [top up](#) their Snapper cards to ensure they have enough credit.

For more information, visit [metlink.org.nz/fares](https://metlink.org.nz/fares) or contact us on 0800 801 700.

[Top Up Your Snapper Card](#)