

# Piopio College

## Welcome to 2010

Issue 1



We trust you have had a peaceful, relaxing, enjoyable holiday.

The College opens for another year in just over a week. The information in this newsletter is intended to help you prepare.

### **The school year begins for ALL STUDENTS on Wednesday 3 February at 8.30 am**

The school will be open Mon 25 Jan – Fri 29 Jan and on Tue 2 February, for senior students who need to discuss or confirm their subject choices for 2010.

#### **STAFF**

We are currently advertising for a teacher to take on the role of Year Leader (Y7 & Y8). Applications close on Friday 29 January.

As we are fully staffed, the appointment will be made from within our existing staff.

#### **BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS ...**

##### **OPTION CONFIRMATION**

Students in Years 11, 12 and 13 are asked to ring and confirm the option choices they made at the end of 2009. A copy of their choices and the 2010 option structure are included with this letter. Senior staff members are available for interviews from Mon 25 Jan.

##### **GATEWAY PLACEMENTS (Y12 and Y13)**

Students in Y12 and Y13 who said they wanted a Gateway (work experience) placement in 2010, must contact Mrs Rauputu before school starts. You need to have thought about what work opportunities you would like to try.

Mrs Rauputu will be at school each morning next week. Ring the College and when prompted, dial 213 to be connected to her office.

We would like all options confirmed by Tue 2 Feb.

#### **Can you help?**

We have two German student teachers, working at the College from 20 February until 21 March.

We are looking for a host family for one of the students for those four weeks. Please contact Mr Day if you can help.

#### **COLLEGE UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop is open on weekdays between 8.00 am - 4.00 pm (closes 1.00pm on Fridays).

#### **THE FIRST DAY**

Returning students who attended Piopio College in 2009 are to go to the Assembly Hall at 8.25am

Students who are attending Piopio College for the first time in 2010 are to go to the Library.

If the weather is fine, the pōwhiri to welcome our new students will be held in front of the Wharekura. Mrs Oram, Mrs Mc Iver and Mrs Rauputu will accompany and support the new students.

Parents, whānau and members of the local community are welcome to attend.

If it is wet, the pōwhiri will be in the Hall.

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

**Senior students (Y12 and Y13) are required to wear dress uniform for the pōwhiri.**

Black trousers / skirt,  
White shirt / blouse,  
College Tie  
(optional- available from Mrs Windsor - \$15)  
Black shoes or sandals

Mufti may be worn for the remainder of the day.

#### **WHAT TO BRING on the first day**

Writing materials (Pen and paper)  
A lunch (The canteen will be open)  
Togs and Towel  
Classes will begin from period 3

#### **PRIZEGIVING SPONSORS**

We are very grateful to these people and organisations that sponsored awards for the 2009 Prizegiving

Mrs Dorothy Carter  
Mrs Valerie Killery  
Mr Brian Tegg  
Te Kuiti Altrusa Club  
Konica Minolta  
Piopio Lions Club  
Waikato Graduate Women Charitable Trust

## BUSES

Contact Mr Hallam if you require further information.  
School: (07) 877 8173 Home: (07) 877 8384

## OUR TIMETABLE

### Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri

0820 - 0830	Staff briefing
0830 - 0835	VF Roll check
0835 - 0935	Period 1
0935 - 1035	Period 2
1035 - 1100	Interval
1100 - 1200	Period 3
1200 - 1300	Period 4
1300 - 1345	Lunch
1345 - 1405	SSR
1405 - 1505	Period 5

### Wed

0820 - 0830	Staff briefing
0830 - 0835	VF Roll check
0835 - 0935	Period 1
0935 - 1035	Period 2
1035 - 1100	Interval
1100 - 1200	Period 3
1200 - 1220	Interval
1220 - 1300	Assembly
1300 - 1405	Lunch
1405 - 1505	Period 5

## ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY

We encourage 100% attendance. One characteristic of successful students is that they attend school regularly and punctually.

If a student is going to be away, please ring Mrs Coffin at the College (877 8173 ext 235). Extension 235 has an answer phone.

If you ring early, please leave a message on the answer phone. We need to know

- Who is going to be away
- The reason why they're away
- How long they're likely to be away

Mrs Coffin, our Attendance Officer will ring and check if we have not heard from you.

**The first bell rings at 8.25am. We expect students to be in their vertical form room by 8.30 am.**

**Students who are persistently late will be required to make up time.**

## STATIONERY

All families were sent stationery lists at the end of last year. Once you've worked out what you need, shop around for the best bargains. As we cannot compete with the very low prices offered by the big stores, we are no longer operating a stationery shop.

The College will hold a small stock of basic exercise books, pens, pencils, rulers and erasers in the Main Office. Students will be able to purchase these items at interval and lunchtime.

There are dozens of identical stationery items in the school for the first few days, so please make sure that your property is named before you bring it to school.

## CALCULATOR PURCHASES

If you are buying a calculator for your children from somewhere other than the school, please ensure that it is a **Scientific Calculator** as these have all the required functions.

## MONEY

If students need to bring large sums of money or valuables to school, these should be handed to Mrs Baker, at the start of the day, for safe keeping.

## BUILDINGS

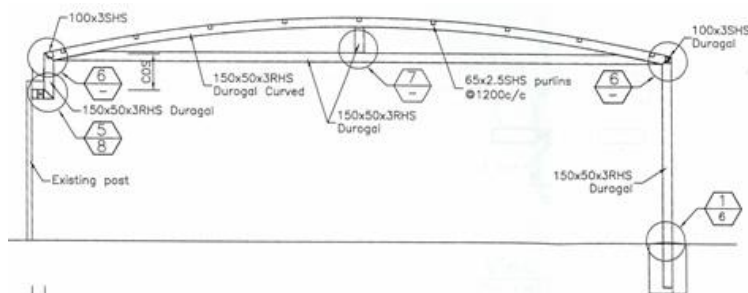
The roofs of the B block classrooms have been re-painted.

The interior of the Home Economics room has been remodelled during the holidays.

The Art Room has been re-painted, and new display boards installed.

The tractor shed is almost complete. One of the first tasks for the carpentry class this year will be to lay a concrete area in front of the shed.

The Student Centre is all set to go. As soon as the steel beams are delivered, the contractors will build the structure. It may not be ready for the first day of term, but it will be built soon ☺



## Reminders – to help you avoid conflict 😊

### UNIFORM

We have a smart, practical uniform. It attracts lots of positive comments, from our own community, from visitors and from others when we travel away.

If you are unsure about our uniform requirements, please ask for a copy of our information sheet.

### Shoes, Hats and Jewellery

#### Shoes

Your footwear must be plain black polished leather. Shoes and sandals with coloured flashes, logos or coloured soles are not allowed.

Suede shoes and bedroom slippers are not part of the uniform dress code.

Sandals must be either the roman or slave style and be worn with the back strap in place.

#### Hats

Students in Y7 – Y11 may wear a plain white or red or black baseball cap or sun hat (no visible logo).

*Beanies (and other varieties of woolly hats) and bandannas are not part of the College uniform.*

#### Jewellery

Students in Y7 - Y11 may wear

- a wrist watch
- plain keepers or studs in pierced ears

*No student (including those in Y12 and Y13) may wear jewellery in any visible body piercing other than in their ears.*

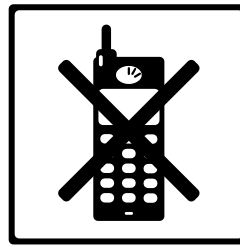
Students may negotiate with Mrs Sheeran or Mr Hallam to wear a pendant of personal cultural significance. This may be approved, provided it is concealed beneath the student's clothes.

Students found to be wearing non approved jewellery items will be required to remove them for safekeeping.

### We can help

We are able and happy to assist parents/caregivers with the provision of uniform items in times of crisis or need. A quiet word to Mrs Sheeran or your child's Vertical Form teacher is all that is needed.

## CELL PHONES



Students are not allowed to use cell phones at school during the day. If it is necessary to bring a cell phone to school, for example to arrange transport home after a practice, it must be handed in to the College Office at the start of the day.

The phone may be collected at the end of the day.

## LEAVING SCHOOL DURING THE DAY

Students are expected to stay in the College grounds throughout the school day.

Those who have a genuine reason for leaving, such as a medical or dental appointment during the school day, should bring a note signed by a parent / guardian. The request should be handed to the College's Secretary, Mrs Alida Baker, as soon as the student arrives at school.

Any student leaving the grounds for any reason must see Mrs Sheeran, Mr Hallam or Mr Day before they leave. The student and a senior staff member will sign the exeat book before they leave and the student will sign in when they return.

All other appointments and business should be arranged outside of school hours.

Students are not permitted to go to town for lunch.

## USE OF VEHICLES

Senior students may apply to bring a vehicle to school. Application forms are available from the College Office. Other members of an approved student's family may be carried with prior parent / College consent, if the student's licence allows. Any breach of the conditions imposed will result in removal of all vehicle privileges. We work closely with the local Police to help maintain high driving standards by our students. Contact Mr Hallam for more information.

## VISITORS

All parents and visitors to the College are required, on arrival, to report to the main office. We do not allow 'social' visits from friends or acquaintances during the school day.

Occasionally we are asked if a student from another school can come to Piopio College with one of our students and go to class. For reasons of safety and liability the answer is "NO".

## PERSONAL POSSESSIONS

Students are not allowed to bring portable electronic devices or other valuable equipment to school. No liability or responsibility is accepted by the College for such items.

## SCHOOL FEES & CHARGES

We have enclosed a sheet that sets out the various course fees and charges for this year.

The voluntary activity fee helps to provide:

- a wide range of equipment for general use at lunch times and school sports
- to help pay some of the affiliation and registration fees our students face
- to provide hospitality for visiting teams
- to provide equipment, materials and koha for our cultural group Whakatipuranga Hou
- the Combined Schools Symphonic Band
- visiting drama productions.

The other fees provide materials that the College issues to students throughout the course of the year.

We are very appreciative of the high level of support in paying these fees and charges.

## NZQA QUALIFICATION ENTRY FEES

Students in Y11, Y12 and Y13 have to pay qualifications entry fees.

The Ministry of Education has set a standard fee of \$75 for each student in 2010, regardless of the number of credits they are entering.

We will be collecting the fees, on behalf of NZQA. Please ensure that the full amount is paid no later than the last day of Term 2.

Please contact Ms Lee if you have any questions about exam entries and fees.

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Piopio College is a member of the itinerant music scheme. Students have a great opportunity to learn string, brass and woodwind instruments free of charge, during school time. The only cost is the hire of your instrument.

Ms F Wolstencroft, our Brass and Woodwind tutor will come on Mondays.

C Nation who teaches string instruments (including guitar) will be here on Tuesdays.

## SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Yes – there will be a school play this year.

We'll have a meeting and start auditions on Monday 8 February.

The play will be on stage at the end of June.



## MUSICAL INSTRUMENT HIRE

Piopio College has some instruments for hire. Students pay a deposit. This will be refunded at the end of the year when the instrument is returned. There is also a term fee of \$25.00 for Brass and Woodwind and \$10.00 for string. Register your interest with Mrs Noëlle Turner as soon as possible.

## 2010 TERM DATES & HOLIDAYS

### Term 1

Wednesday 3 Feb to Thursday 2 Apr

### Holiday

Friday 3 Apr to Sunday 18 Apr

### Term 2

Monday 19 Apr to Friday 2 Jul

### Holiday

Saturday 3 Jul to Sunday 18 Jul

### Term 3

Monday 19 Jul to Friday 24 Sep

### Holiday

Saturday 25 Sep to Sunday 10 Oct

### Term 4

Monday 11 Oct to Friday 10 Dec  
(last day for students is Thursday 9 Dec)

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

The College will also be closed on the following days.

Queen's Birthday	Monday 1 June
Labour Day	Monday 26 October

This year, Auckland Anniversary and ANZAC Day fall in the school holidays. Waitangi Day falls on the weekend.

## TU TANGATA

The Tu Tangata programme brings adult volunteers into the school to work with students who need support in the classroom.

You would have the opportunity to help our learners, and maybe learn something new for yourself.

If this interests you, and you can spare a little time each week, please contact us. We are very flexible and will arrange a programme that fits in with your other commitments.

Mrs Sheeran would be very pleased to hear from you, and explain how the Tu Tangata scheme works. Give her a call on ext 204.

## PIOPIO COLLEGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 1 2010

<b>Week -1</b>	
Mon 18 Jan	Office and Uniform Shop open Senior students start option confirmations
<b>Week 0</b>	
Mon 25 Jan	Senior students continue option confirmations
<b>Week 1</b>	
Mon 1 Feb	Auckland Anniversary holiday. College closed.
Tue 2 Feb	Staff Meetings Senior students option confirmations. Interviews if needed
Wed 3 Feb	Pōwhiri for new students and staff <b>All students at school</b> Teaching programme begins
Thu 4 and Fri 5 Feb	Workplace First Aid course for senior students
<b>Week 2</b>	
Mon 8 Feb	Auditions start for College production
<b>Week 3</b>	
Sat 20 Feb	German teacher trainees arrive
<b>Week 4</b>	
Thu 25 Feb	College Swimming Sports
Fri 26 Feb	Class, Portrait and ID photos
<b>Week 5</b>	
Mon 1 – Fri 5 Mar	Y13 sailing experience
Fri 5 Mar	Science Roadshow at Piopio College
<b>Week 6</b>	
Mon 8 – Fri 12 Mar	ERO review
Thu 11 Mar	Halogen Young Leaders Day
<b>Week 7</b>	
Mon 15 Mar	Y7 Girls HPV vaccinations
Mon 15 – Fri 19 Mar	Y11 study camps at Kawhia and Te Kauri Lodge
<b>Week 8</b>	
Mon 22 – Sun 28 Mar	Maadi Cup Rowing Championships (Lake Ruataniwha)
Tue 23 Mar	College Athletics
Sat 27 Mar	King Country Cycle Challenge
<b>Week 9</b>	
Thu 1 Apr	End of Term 1

### DID YOU KNOW?

All students are given a copy of our weekly newsletter at SSR on Friday.

The newsletter is published each Friday on our website, as a PDF file.

You can find it at <http://piopio.school.nz/news.htm>

If you have a forgetful son or daughter, you could add this site to your Favourites or ask us to e-mail the newsletter home each Friday ☺