

Piopio College



5 March 2010

Issue 6

Our roll at 1 March was 234. It will entitle us to extra staffing and an increase in the operations grant. That's very good news.

The Board's priorities are to appoint a full-time science teacher, and to increase support for our reading programmes.

Those changes will help us achieve our vision, which is that we should

- help everyone to achieve personal excellence by meeting the learning needs of our students.
- model and encourage values such as respect, integrity, trust, fairness and tolerance.
- develop creative young people who have the skills, attitudes and ideals that will allow them cope in a time of rapid change, and contribute to the future of our country.

Photolife Studios were very apologetic for the inconvenience caused by the late arrival of their photographer last week. The individual student and ID card photos will now be taken on Tuesday 20 April.

We have had the Fonterra Science Technology Roadshow at school today. Our Y7 and Y8 students, St Joseph's and Mapiu students enjoyed the activities and demonstrations.

David Day



COMING EVENTS

Monday 8 March

German Teacher Trainees here
ERO Review
Whānau Consultation
Public Health Nurse
KCSS Swimming

Tuesday 9 March

German Teacher Trainees here
ERO Review

Wednesday 10 March

German Teacher Trainees here
ERO Review
Parent Consultation

Thursday 11 March

German Teacher Trainees here
ERO Review
Halogen Young Leaders Day (Akld)

Friday 12 March

German Teacher Trainees here
ERO Review
Waitomo Schools Swimming
Student Health Clinic



EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE (ERO)

Two reviewers from ERO will be in the College next week. The focus for this year's review is "How effectively does this school's curriculum promote student learning: engagement, progress and achievement?"

The ERO team would welcome your input. They have arranged the following opportunities.

Mon 8 Mar Whānau meeting
3.00pm – 4.00pm in the Wharekura

Wed 10 Mar Parent / community meeting
2.30pm – 3.30pm in the Library

You are welcome to attend either meeting.

ERO will also be holding meetings with the BoT, Staff and Students.

The reviewers will visit each teacher's classroom at some stage during the review.

MERITORIOUS ACTION

Listed below are the names of students who have received acknowledgement of the many good things they have done.

Sammy Akroyd, Maggie Butler, Tayla Barnett, John Casford, Matthew Denize, Cameron Hazeldine, Ehlana Haumaha, Megan Jamieson, Shahnee Johnson, Jasmin Kennard, Priya Mudaliar, Nikita Murray, Kauri Muraahi, Hamish Neal, Star Neil, Taki Muraahi, Treyvin Osborne, Myron Rapanā-Barrett, Kate Stuart, Cody Sammons, Harriet Stilborn, Jhed Te Huia-Warren, Shayde Taikato, Sarah Weusten, Jazmin Williamson, Carly Whitehead, Courtenay Wrack, Roberta Young.

Winner of the canteen voucher this week is Sarah Weusten.

TE ARA REO (MAŌRI LANGUAGE LESSONS)

The Wānanga o Aotearoa is arranging to hold these classes all year in Piopio once they have the numbers to proceed. Instruction is 3 hours per night, once a week and is free. Please ring the office to register interest.

Y9 & Y10 INDEPENDENT STUDIES

Early next term we will be inviting students to challenge themselves and to work in our Independent Studies programme. The theme this time is "An event that changed people's lives." Students in the programme are asked to pick a topic that fits within the theme, develop a focusing question for them to answer in their study. Once their planning is signed off by the principal, they are able to work independently through the week on the project, individually or in groups of not more than three.

This year, in consultation with the whānau group I am seeking to have our presentation night as part of a Marae stay over on the Thursday night we finish. We then will have Friday to pursue activities on the Marae and I am sure there are some wonderful things to learn there.

Students are encouraged to use their own interest skills and talents to present - music, film, models, art, or whatever. A full note will be sent home towards the end of term. Those who do not wish to work independently will have a theme based, directed activity they can participate in fully.

Achieving Potential Seminars Auckland 7-9 April at Selwyn College, Auckland. Cost \$250, age 12-15 yrs. Topics covered - Advanced Word Skills, Senior Jury, Brush up your Shakespeare, Predict Catastrophe, and Human Calculator.

See Mr Burnell for a brochure, or www.holidayseminars.co.nz if interested.

Year 9/10

Congratulations Y9/10. Most of you are really going very well. I have seen some great work all over the school. Keep it up.

Mr Burnell

THE CYCLETIME KING COUNTRY CHALLENGE

Saturday 27 March Piopio College 9.30am

50, 37 & 20km events to choose from, also 10km & 13km trails for the kids.

For more information contact Cheryl Richardson 878 6640 or email cdshrich@gmail.com
www.kingcountrychallenge.co.nz

SWIMMING SPORTS 2010

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CHAMPIONSHIP PLACEGETTERS

	CHAMPION	RUNNER UP	THIRD	
SUB JUNIOR GIRLS	Hope Fraser Lyhric Ratima		Kelly Brough	
SUB JUNIOR BOYS	James Keeling*	Jack Griffin Cody Walker Troy Miller		
JUNIOR BOYS	Marcus Anselmi	Isaac Griffin	François Turner	
JUNIOR GIRLS	Carly Hesp Harriet Gaudin		Kate Stuart	
INTER BOYS	Jake Poole	Joseph Gwynn	Shane Haupokia	
INTER GIRLS	Laura Pulman	Tayla Barnett Hannah Stilborn		
SENIOR BOYS	Adrien Frenay	Jaspur Linton-McDonald Dean Rata-Hemopo		
SENIOR GIRLS	Kelsi Barnett	Shaney Dawson	Ariana Matthew	
*Record				
House Points	Blue 402	Green 418	Red 289	Gold 277
Vertical Form Relay	1 st GBA	2 nd SAC	3 rd APC	

Thank you to those parents who assisted in our sports and also those who attended and supported both our swimmers and our event even though the start times were unpredictable due to weather and school photos.

SPORT

Winter codes: Registration of Interest

On Wednesday we shall be recording the names and relevant details of all students who wish to play hockey, netball or football (soccer) this season.

This information will then assist us with our planning for coaches, equipment and training times.

Please discuss with your children the commitment required for training and matches so that Wednesdays lists are realistic and accurate.

The possible competitions are as below:

Football: Y7/8 based in Te Kuiti

Boys & Girls Secondary based in Waikato (home and away games)

Netball: Maniapoto competition based in Te Kuiti

Hockey: Secondary – Waikato based in Hamilton
Y7/8 competition to be decided by families either Te Kuiti based or Waikato Intermediate.

Questions about these can be directed in the first place to the staff member in charge or myself.

Football: Mike Johnson (provisional)

Rugby: Sue Draper

Hockey: Lee Harrison

Mike Johnson

Swimming next week

King Country Secondary School Monday 8 March in Te Kuiti. Departing 9.00am, \$5 to Mrs Turner for transport, returning in time for buses.

Waitomo Inter Primary Swimming Friday 12 March in Te Kuiti. Departing 9.00am – newsletter coming home on Monday.

FOR SALE

College Polar Fleece size 14, \$20.

Phone 877 8677 Mon-Fri.

FOR SALE

Black & tan male huntaway pup, from proven working parents (can be viewed). Lovely laid back nature, has a great voice already and is neat with kids. Must go to good working home. \$150.00
Phone Roger or Pip Bevege 877 7799.

TENNIS

Parent/Adult & Child Tournament Sun 7 March
Start time 9.30am, cost \$5 per player.

To enter phone Sue 877 8779 or
pandskeeling@ruralinzone.net