



Newsletter

Te Kura Tuarua o Piopio
Panui 20 • 28 August 2020

Coming Events

BOT Student Representative Elections
Nominations close
Friday 4 Sept

Election Day
Friday 18 Sept

NCEA Practice Exams
14-18 Sept

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My point is ...

Jules Taitoko

FRED STOKES was my Science teacher back in the day. At one time we were learning about photosynthesis and he asked me to draw a leaf on the blackboard (which fortunately was green saving the colouring in). Being an obedient and diligent student, off I went and my leaf started to take shape. It was a piece of art really, with a stem, intricate venules and veins. About four minutes in and Mr Stokes asks (in that way only teachers can – you know the one – hurry up, slow coach!) “Haven't you finished yet?”

Well you didn't have to be a Science teacher to see I still had half a leaf to compose – after all it was a piece of art!

He duly walked up to the board, grabbed the chalk and in seven strokes (I counted them), drew the outline of a leaf, stem, and a couple

of veins (or venules, I'm not sure) off each side.

My point is: He was one of my favourite teachers because of his 'no-mucking-around', 'get-to-the-point' attitude.

And here's the thing ... I'm back at school – albeit without Mr Stokes.

I was a student here from 1983 to 1987. It was a busy, progressive school back then and it still is.

Fast forward 33 years and I'm back, in the role of school publicist.

If you are out and about attending a school event get your phones out and get clicking! I'd love your photos for use in our newsletter, Facebook page, website, possibly even in the *Waitomo News*.

Flick them through (with names if possible) to jutaitoko@piopio.school.nz

My other point is: **It's good to be back at school.**

Rainbows End trip cancelled

PARENTS, please note that the Blue Light Rainbows End trip has been cancelled this year.

Organisers do not foresee the trip this year as being a viable option due to Covid-19 social distancing – especially on buses.

There will be many disappointed students as they usually love this day and look forward to it. Students have had a rough year full of disappointments ... let's hope next year is bigger and brighter for them.

Hope you like the new layout of our newsletter

Claire Walton is currently working on a new website

Please send any newsletter items/images to jutaitoko@piopio.school.nz



Meritorious Action

Listed below are the names of students who have received acknowledgement of many good things they have done. William Bell (twice), Tessa Bradcock, Charles Burgess, Fred Brotherston, Blair Carter, Conrad Fourie, Reanna Haine, Justin Laimbeer, Jaimie Manhire, Jackson Morris, Ryan Smith, Eva Walton, Kaleb West. Winner of a canteen voucher this week is Jaimie Manhire for helping staff set up for a meeting. This merit was given by Mrs Louise Sheeran.

Year 11 update

I have been busy meeting with every Year 11 student over the last two weeks with a focus on academic mentoring and tracking achievement. I still have a few to meet with and should be finished by early next week, then I will repeat the same process, but with the Year 12s.

I have really been enjoying this work and getting to know your child a little bit more.

In my meetings with your child I have had discussions about the following:

- Goal setting (short and long term)
- Current credits
- What is needed to achieve goals or NCEA L1
- Subject progress
- Any issues
- Plan moving forward

Please take the time to have a chat with your child to find out where they are at with that learning. I have also given your child a print out of their current NCEA results as well as a print out of all the assessments they are entered into this year for each subject.

For NCEA Level 1, students need:

- at least 70 credits (changed due to Covid)
 - 10 of these credits need to be Numeracy
 - 10 of these credits need to be Literacy
- HOWEVER staff are really push-

ing a focus on quality learning instead of quantity/amount of credits. Your child should be focused on achieving everything on offer in their courses and working towards Merit to Excellence grades. This will keep their options open and set them up with key learning needed for Level 2, 3, possible career pathways and jobs to come. Staff have noticed that some students are struggling with consistent motivation levels, attitude and work ethic because of a range of issues, so keeping up these conversations around learning are really important to help guide them on the right path to success.

We have had a full Year 11 Hui with students and staff this week to let them know the learning expectations moving forward. There are only 10 weeks left of the academic year so it is essential that students are consistently motivated, on task, in classes (if they are well) and aiming high.

If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to email me on lthomas@piopio.school.nz or ring the school for an appointment.

Kind regards,
Mrs Lucy Thomas
Year 10, 11 & 12 Dean

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The speed for passing a stationary school bus that is dropping off or picking up children is 20kph in either direction

Sports Corner

RESULTS:

Thursday 20 August 2020

Netball:

Juniors: no game
Seniors: PPC Dev (16) vs TKHS A Reserve (29)
PPC A did not play and won by default

DRAWS:

Saturday 29 August 2020

Rugby:

11am at Tauhara College (Taupo),
U15/U16 XV vs Taupo Combined
12pm at Piopio College, U13 vs Waitete (**No spectators** other than parents/caregivers and no after-match food being provided)

Thursday 3 Sep 2020

Netball:

Juniors: no game
Seniors: 6.45pm Ct 5, PPC Development vs United Green
PPC A Away



Sometimes I tuck my knees into my chest and lean forward.
That's just how I roll.

I couldn't figure out why the ball was getting bigger.
Then it hit me.

Blast from the past

Excerpt from Piopio College Magazine 1982

MAKE AND MODEL

Friday 15 November became a very exciting and successful day after many hours of preparation and hard work from students of Third, Fourth and Fifth Form Clothing, compiling their skills to produce some superb garments. The season's fashions were presented by well-groomed models who could not have achieved this by themselves.

We can only thank Mrs Brickland for her many hours of time and effort. We have to mention the beautifully laid out afternoon tea and the friendly atmosphere extended by the visitors when we made our appearance to model the clothes.



PIOPIO COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ELECTION OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Nominations are called for the position of Student Representative on the Piopio College Board of Trustees

Nominations close at noon on FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2020 (Nomination forms available from Office)

Nominees need to be reasonably sure that they will be returning to school for the 2021 year as the Student Representative term runs until September 2021

All full time students in Year 9 to 13 are eligible to stand for election and to vote for the Student Representative.

Jojo Taitoko
Returning Officer

Kia ora whanau,

Students engaging and the importance of attendance

We are now more than $\frac{3}{4}$ way through school and seniors will have ten weeks left of this year. The staff are doing everything they can to help the students gain their credits and get merits and excellences when possible. What we need now is for all the students to attend school every day and give it their very best in class! Together we will achieve all our goals !!

We are aiming to ensure 95% student attendance and the average for term two was 67%. To date, the average for term 3 is 80.06% which means that on average one day per week is lost to unexplained absences.

We are improving our attendance and just need to do a little push to get us to 95%, and the juniors are doing better than the seniors.

The average for year 7-10 is 86% in this terms attendance, and the year 8 students are the best at 92.3%, well done!!

Attendance is particularly important for year 11, 12 and 13 students who have an average attendance of 70.2% this term. Come on seniors – you can do it!!

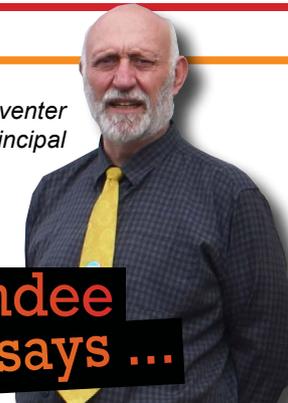
Kai for Kidz

Our Kai for Kidz initiative has kicked off this week thanks to Mrs Stockhoff and students are able to get nut bars, fruit (apples and oranges) and scroggin packs in their whanau classes every day! The food has proved popular and whanau teachers are topping the bins up every day!! Good work team!! Any donations would be welcome!

Fruit Trees

We are also looking for fruit trees to establish a fruit orchard for our community garden initiative so if

Johan van Deventer
Principal



Mr Vundee says ...

you have any you would like to donate that would be fantastic. The idea is to grow enough fruit and vegetables with the community so that our students and whanau can benefit from the gardens!

Ka Pai Whanau

A special thank you to all of you who continue to support us and work with us to improve outcomes for the students. We really appreciate your commitment and help in these trying times. If you have anything to share, we have a new Publicity Officer Ms Jules Taitoko who would love to hear from you.

HOUSE FOR RENT

Looking for a professional couple to rent our very tidy 3 bedroom single garage house in Piopio township, with large fully fenced section which needs to be maintained by tenant.

\$275 p/w.

No pets, two professional references required, available now.

Please phone Alida Baker at Piopio College 07 877 8173.

IS YOUR CHILD DUE FOR THEIR YEARLY DENTAL CHECK UP?

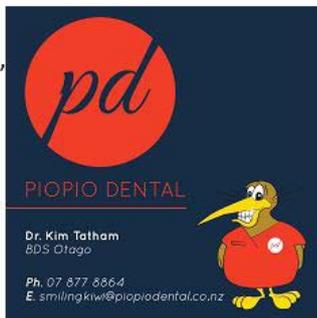
Is your child Year 9 and above but under the age of 18?

Piopio Dental provides dental care for all the family, free dental care for children under 18yrs, ACC and WINZ treatments (T&C apply) and Community Services Card holders (T&C apply).

Care for all primary and intermediate children is still provided by the School Dental Therapist.

Please give us a call to make a booking or feel free to pop in.

2 Kawana Street, Piopio. 07 877 8864



“ Don't worry about being successful but work toward being significant and the success will naturally follow. ”

– Oprah Winfrey

Have you downloaded our School app yet?

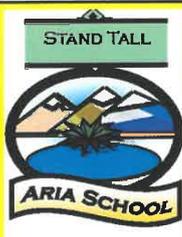
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ARIA SCHOOL SIGN CELEBRATION CANCELLED

Due to the COVID-19 Level 2 constraints (100 people at gatherings), we have made the decision to **CANCEL** next Wednesday's event.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

Pam Voyce
Principal