



COMING EVENTS

17 January
College Office open

24 January
1st BoT Monthly meeting

25 January
Staff call back day

29 January
Auckland Anniversary

30 January
Senior Subject Confirmation

31 January
First formal day and Pōwhiri

5 February
ToD for all Waitomo District schools

26 February
Photo Life Studios

2 March
Piopio College Staff ToD

Term 1
Wed 31 Jan—
Fri 13 April

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Kia Ora Whānau, we are at the start of the school year and will soon be back in the full swing of Term 1. The information of this newsletter is intended to help students and staff to prepare for the start of Term 1.

The College office will be open from 8:00am-4:00pm daily as of Wednesday 17 January. Please contact us if you have any queries, questions regarding buses, information, enrolment details or you would like to meet with Senior Leaders or Deans.

Tuesday 30 January—senior course confirmations

School begins for Yrs 11,12 and 13 on Tuesday 30 January . All Y11's must be in attendance from 10.00am-12.20pm and all Y12 and Y13's from 10.30am until 2.30pm.

A programme will be available including PE and swimming. Please bring appropriate gear if required, although students may leave once they have confirmed their courses with Mrs Draper & Mrs Sheeran. Students are not required to wear uniform.

Buses are not operating but please contact the College if you require a ride to and/or from school on that day.

Wednesday 31 January– All in uniform

School will begin for the entire school on Wednesday 31 January and will run from 8:30am until 3:05pm.

Returning Staff and Students who attended Piopio College in 2017 will meet in the Student Centre at 8:30am. The Pōwhiri for new students and staff will be at 9:15am.

All new students, staff, their whanau and friends are to meet in the Rec Centre carpark if fine or under cover by the Woodwork Room if wet.

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

We encourage anyone who may wish to attend the Pōwhiri to do so, as this is a community event and all are welcome. Following the Pōwhiri will be interval, after which a full days programme will operate. Light refreshments will be available for visiting whanau and friends in the staffroom.

What to bring on 31 January:

Writing materials (pen & paper)
Packed lunch or money for the canteen
PE and swimming gear

Thursday 1 February and Friday 2 February

- The school day begins at 8:30am
- Students are to meet in the Student Centre and from there students go to their Whānau groups
- There will be timetabled classes in which students will have the opportunity to meet their Term One teachers
- Please ensure your students have appropriate PE and swimming gear everyday
- Twenty students from Y12 will be attending a two day St John First Aid Course to be held on-site
- The Y13 extended Senior Leadership team have two days of Leadership training delivered by Sport Waikato.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

100% attendance is **very** important. One characteristic of successful students is that they attend school regularly and punctually. If a student is going to be away, we ask that you contact our Attendance Officer Emelia Harris at the College (**07 877 8173 ext 227**) and leave a message on our answering service. We will need to know:

- Who is going to be away
- The reason why they are away for coding reasons
- How long they are likely to be away
- The Attendance Officer will endeavour to contact you if we have not heard from you.

LOCKER RENTAL

Lockers are available for Students in Yrs 9 –Y12 to rent. The rental cost is \$20.00 per locker for the school year. Please contact Nikki at the Office for more information on ext 202.

STATIONERY

Stationery lists are included with this newsletter. Once you've worked out what you need, shop around for the best bargains. As we cannot compete with the low prices offered by the big stationery companies we no longer operate a full stationery shop.

The College holds a small stock of basic exercise books, pens, pencils, rulers and erasers in the Main Office, students are able to purchase these items at lunchtime and interval. Please ensure students have clearly named all stationery.

CALCULATOR PURCHASES

If you are purchasing a calculator for your student please ensure it is a **Scientific Calculator** as this has all the required functions. Senior Mathematic students have an approved graphic calculator.

USE OF VEHICLES

Senior students who have their licence 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, as long as the student's licence allows. Any breach of the conditions imposed will result in the removal of all vehicle privileges. We work closely with the local Police to help maintain high driving standards by our students.

COLLEGE DONATIONS, FEES AND FINANCE OFFICE HOURS

A list of various course contributions, fees and other voluntary donations will be sent out as soon as details have been finalised. If you wish you may set up an automatic payment on a weekly/monthly basis. For more information on this please or any other finance related queries please contact our Finance Administrator Nikki Thomas on **07 877 8173 ext 202** during the hours of **8:30am-1:30pm**.

You can expect your next newsletter at the end of week one. If you wish to receive your newsletter by email please let us know. You can contact Jenelle Burnell via jburnell@piopio.school.nz

If any of your details, contact numbers or emergency contacts have changed please let us know, it is highly important we have all the correct info for everyone's safety. You can do this by contacting Alida Baker at the office or email abaker@piopio.school.nz