



Piopio College

Newsletter

Te Kura Tuarua o Piopio
Panui 1 • February 2023

Term 1 2023
7 Feb to 6 April 2023

Coming Events

Thu 9 March
KC Athletics

Fri 10 March
Waitomo Swimming Sports

Tue 14 March
Waikato Athletics

Thu 16 March
PPTA Strike Day

Mon 20 March
Y7 Vision Testing
Y9 Vision & Hearing Testing

Fri 24 March
KC Swim Sports

Doctor - Every Monday (1-3pm)
Physio - Every Wednesday (10a-2p)
Nurse - Every Thursday (11am-2pm)

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WELCOME BACK!!!

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Te Kura Tuarua o Piopio

It is with pleasure that we welcome all students back to the start of 2023. We welcomed our new Year 7 students and Staff with a pōwhiri on Tuesday 7 February. Welcome back to Staff and a special welcome for new staff joining us for 2023. Matua Amari Tahu joins our Te Ao Māori department. He brings a key strength in working with junior students as well as a passion with Māori performing arts. Mr Alan Ford who will join us at the beginning of March as our new Head of Science and Mathematics. Whaea Amana Barnsdall takes on the role of Te Ao Māori and we look forward to her strengthening Te Reo and Tikanga at our kura. Ashley Muraahi returns to the Junior cohort after being away on maternity leave.

The 2023 school year has started very well and it is encouraging to see how quickly the students have settled into their learning especially, our Year 7 students who have made an excellent start at Piopio College. We have adjusted the timetable structure to ensure that students will be more settled and also have greater opportunities to build strong learning behaviours. We have worked hard to provide senior students with learning that is carefully planned and designed to meet their specific needs and pathways.

Our year 12 and 13 students have just completed a leadership camp and I know that they have been ably supported by our two head students, Ava MacKenzie and Jadalee James and also our deputy head students, Jorja Knox and Ryan Smith. There are a number of initiatives planned for 2023 to provide leadership opportunities for all of our students as we grow our leaders of tomorrow.

As I move around the local community it is pleasing to see the students actively involved both within the school and out in the community. The recent adverse weather has not been easy for many and it is noticeable just how much everyone looks out for each other. It is a great community and one that we can all be very proud of. At our kura we remind students of the important values of Manaakitanga, Rangatiratanga, Whānaungatanga and Kotahitanga and encourage these to be displayed outside of the school as well as within. The well-being of all is very important and these values are a cornerstone of this.

We are keen to work together and I would like to thank parents and whānau for ensuring that students are dressed in school uniform, arrive promptly to school and are well prepared for their learning at Piopio College. Together we will make a real difference to the opportunities that our young people, your children have before them.

"Kāhore taku toa I te toa takitahi, he toa takitini"
(We cannot succeed without the support of those around us)

Ngā mihi nui
Rakesh Govind
Principal/Tumuaki



Meet our new staff members joining us this year



Alan Ford
HOF Mathematics and
Science

I am currently enjoying the role of Hapū Leader for Paepae Roa – a house/whanau group – at Rototuna High Schools in Hamilton (it has a roll of over 2000 students). I also teach Science in integrated modules – two subjects taught together – with a co-teacher. It has been an exciting time of growth.

I used to teach Science, Math and HPE at Te Kuiti High School. Also Te Kuiti is where I grew up, so I am really excited to come back to Maniapoto. I like how this community is so rich in knowledge and learning opportunities. I enjoy how supportive of our kaupapa the community is. Most of all I love how the rangatahi here have been raised to have a real practical and curious nature and learn best when challenged this way.

I have a very strong interest in all sports and outdoor activities. I am always eager to be involved in any event or activity that supports the wider community and adds to school culture. This is my home and where I hold my head up high. I want to give back to the community that means the most to me. I look forward to contributing to the learning environment of Piopio College.



Amai Tahu
Maori Performing Arts Teacher

**Ko Kahuwera, Ko Herangi ngaa maunga
Ko Mokau te awa**

**Ko Napinapi, Ko Mokau Kohunui, Ko Maniaroa ngaa marae.
Ko Ngaati Waiora, ko Te Rahurahu, Ko Kinohaku ngaa hapu
Ko Amai Tahu tooku ingoa.**

I have been in performing arts for nearly 20 years, I have recently (2021) graduated with a bachelors of primary school teaching. I have been involved with many waananga maaori, and am looking forward to coming home to share my experiences with everybody.



Whaea Mandi Barnsdall
Te Ao Māori Teacher

***E rere ana aku mihi ki a koutou katoa
Ka tū tonu aku maunga ko Kakepuku, Kahuwera, Aorangi, Ko Herangi
Ko Waipa, ko Mokau e mirimiri ana te whenua
Ko Ngāti Maniapoto te iwi
Ko Ngāti Paretekawa, Ngāti Waiora, Ngāti Te Paemate aku hapū
Ko Tainui te waka
Ko Mangatoatoa, Napinapi, Mōkaukohunui, Te Paemate aku marae
Nō konei ahau, Piopiotanga o te Riwai
Nōreira, Tēnā tātou katoa***

I have lived in Piopio for most of my life. This is where I call home, my ukaipō. My whānau have grown up in this area. Together with my husband Corey, we have raised three children who have attended Piopio College. Our daughter is currently attending.

I have had 19 years teaching in Te Rohe Pōtae, King Country in both primary and secondary schools covering a range of specialist subjects. One of the subjects I am most passionate about is te reo Māori. My latest teaching experience was in 2022 teaching te ao Māori at Piopio College.

I have been privileged to have had the support of many local identities, kaumātua and kuia throughout my teaching career. Support, I do not take for granted but acknowledge their desire to share their own experiences and knowledge of te ao Māori in a bid to develop my personal growth of mātauranga Māori. There are many aspects of te ao Māori I enjoy, both theory and practical. I look forward to supporting our rangatahi and others to explore and embrace.



Tessa Lyon
Learning Assistant

My name is Tessa Lyon, I am very excited and privileged in having been appointed as a learning assistant and specialist teacher position here at Piopio College.

I have been teaching for the last 29 years, teaching and supporting children and students from ECE level right through to college years. I am a passionate and dedicated teacher. I endeavour to support and guide students in a positive and empowering manner, so that each and every student can eventually believe in succeeding.

I am happily married and have three grown up children, twin boys and a girl. In my spare time, I enjoy walking along the beaches, looking for small treasures that I could add to my small collection. I love to sew and enjoy creating jewellery and other small craft projects, I can also speak fluently in French.

I look forward to meeting and working with the entire Piopio College Whanau; students, teachers, whanau and the wider community.

Ko koe kei tēnā kīwai, ko au kei tēnei kīwai o te kete
You carry your handle and I'll carry my handle , of our kete



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Industrial Action – PPTA Teachers’ Strike on Thursday 16 March 2023

The PPTA has advised the Piopio College Board that its member teachers at our school will be taking strike action on Thursday 16 March 2023.

The Board has carefully considered the availability of non-union teaching staff, and unfortunately decided that we can't provide normal instruction during the strike so the school will officially be closed for instruction for the whole day.

Accordingly, it's important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your children under 14 years of age. If you are unable to make suitable arrangements for your children please call or email (admin@piopio.school.nz) so we can organise supervised activities. (Please note – this option is only available to students under 14 years of age).

Health Services

Dr Bronwyn Campbell holds a student health clinic at the College on Monday between 12.30pm-2.30pm. Any student may consult Dr Campbell on any health issues. Parents are welcome to accompany their children.

Karen Thurston is our Public Health Nurse, and she holds a health clinic on Thursday.

Aneeka Davids from Focused Physiotherapy is at school on Wednesday.

Students should see Mrs Baker if they want an appointment to see the doctor, nurse or physio.

These services are free and confidential.

ORIENTATION DAY

We welcomed our 2023 Year 7's for orientation, where they experienced being at the 'big' school' without being daunted by the large number of older students or the fear of getting lost.

Other than a few senior students to assist on the day, it was only Year 7's and staff. The days involved meeting Homeroom teachers, attending a few Technology workshops, some Physical Education and Te Ao Māori, meeting The Principal and other staff, hearing a little about what students can expect to hear, see and do at Piopio College, and having a good look around Piopio College.



... boxes made in Technology Hard Materials



... baking in Food Technology



... printing in Art



... end of the day product

SWIMMING RESULTS 2023

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Sub Junior Boys	Mac Carter	Fred Carter	
		Deekin Ratima	
Sub Junior Girls	Eleanor Laver	Charlee-Ray Hill	Charley Carter
Junior Boys	Keanu Edkins	Isaac Carter	Leo Carter
Junior Girls	Kasey Hiriaki	Miriama Newton	Putiputi Barnsdall
			Sophie Parkes
Intermediate Boys	Olly Bevege	Korvell Young	Lynden Brough
Intermediate Girls	Caitlyn Cody	Bella Larsen	Elana Laimbeer
			Leah Brownlie
Senior Boys	Justin Laimbeer		
Senior Girls	Jadalee James	Alexa Hancock	Ava MacKenzie

Whānau Relay Winners
- SKI

Grand Relay Winners
- Kahikatea

Staff vs Year12/13 relay Winners
- STAFF/PARENTS

Overall Whare results
1st - Kahikatea
2nd - Kauri
3rd - Rata
4th Kowhai

