



Piopio College

Newsletter

Te Kura Tuarua o Piopio
Panui 2 • March 2023

Term 1 2023
7 Feb to 6 April 2023

Coming Events

Thu 6 April
Last Day of Term 1

Mon 24 April
TEACHERS ONLY DAY

Tue 25 April
ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)

Wed 26 April
1st day back for Term 2

Mon 1 May
TEACHERS ONLY DAY

Doctor - Every Monday (1-3pm)
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From the Principal's desk...

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Te Kura Tuarua o Piopio

This term has been a very busy one as we have grappled with a number of key initiatives that continue to extend our Kura forward and ensure that our students are provided with amazing opportunities to grow and learn.

I would like to extend a huge congratulations to our students and staff for the outstanding mahi over the course of the term. Student learning and achievement has remained at the centre of our focus as we continue the great work in building and developing a curriculum that ensures every student's pathway is catered and authentic. Senior student courses have been an important area of focus and the opportunities to take subjects which we would normally not be able to offer has been a huge benefit this term. Student behaviour has been very positive and I thank students for all that they are doing to make this Kura so special.



I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Mr Greg Londt who leaves us this term after a brief time with us. We have valued the contribution he has made to the life of our Kura and the impact he has made on the achievement of our students. He is moving to the South Island with his family and we wish him every success on this new chapter. Mr Alan Ford joined us earlier this term and has made a fantastic start in the area of maths and science. We also look forward to welcoming back Mrs Petra White who joins us in a part-time role teaching math and hospitality starting in term 2.

The winter term sees the start of another busy time as sport and teaching and learning remains a key focus. We thank whanau for your support. Students arriving at Kura, well presented in their uniform and ready to learn goes a long way in creating the right learning environment. Next term will As a staff we wish all students and their whanau a wonderful holiday break and we look forward to seeing you all at the start of term 2.

"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

TERM 1... done and dusted!!!

Students have had a busy term, a Leadership course for our Student Leadership Team, Year 12/13 camp at Raglan, Waitomo, King Country and Waikato Swimming competitions, King Country and WaiBOP Athletics and a few EOTC (Education Outside The Classroom) classes for Outdoor Recreation and Year 9 & 10 students, and, our new kaiako and some ex students performed at Te Matatini.

just a few of the happenings that we have managed to get photos from for Term 1.



Year 10 - Food Technology

As part of our Year 9 and 10 cross-curricular ocean theme, we discussed and researched fish/ika that reside in the Mokau area and then cooked snapper and chips. Lots of hands on learning that relates to our local moana.



Also part of our Ocean theme, we have been exploring different ways we can prepare and cook seafood that we could catch and/or gather from the Mokau area, a delicious Seafood Chowder!



Head Students attend Headz Up conference



On Monday 20 February our Head Students attended the Headz up conference at Waikato University. Our leaders spent the day rubbing shoulders with other head students from across the Waikato/Bay of Plenty as well as leadership work shops and listening to keynote leadership speakers.

Our students had an amazing day and what I took out of it was that 'our students can achieve absolutely anything, we just need to provide them with opportunity'

Ryan Smith, Jadalee James, Ava MacKenzie, Jorja Knox

Te Matatini



Matua Amai, Ricci, Gillie



Ricci & Bobby

On Thursday 23 February around the kura, our staff and students watched in awe as Ngā Pua o Te Kōwhara performed. It was an amazing performance and we are so proud of Matua Amai, Bobby, Gillie and Ricci.

A big mihi also to ex pupils Ria Rauputu and his son Tūkaha who also performed in te rōpū Ūtanganui representing the Aotea iwi



Tūkaha



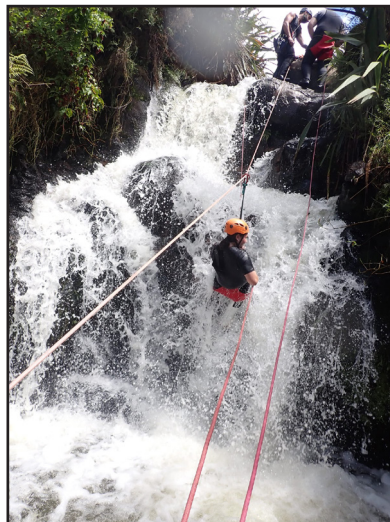
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Year 12 & 13 Leadership Camp

Early in the Term our Year 12 and 13 students took part in our re established leadership camp where we took them to Raglan to develop their leadership portfolios for 2023.

Our theme for these portfolios is 'How can we leave the kura better than we found it'. Students worked hard in the classroom but also spent some time team bonding. They were an amazing group and it was a privilege to work with them.

B & G Draper.



Swimming and Athletics

King Country Athletics

9 March - 16 students participate at the King Country Athletics competition. Our students performed exceptionally and we came away with some great results.

Quinn Rogers - 1st Junior Boys 1500m
Hunter Rogers - 1st Junior Boys 3000m
Kenny Robinson - 2nd Junior Girls High Jump
Korvell Young - 3rd Intermediate Boys Shot Put
Rhythm Croft - 3rd Junior Girls Javelin

These were our podium finishers however we had plenty of 4th placings too!

The above students had the opportunity to represent our kura at the Waikato/Bay of Plenty meet at Porritt Stadium.



Waikato/Bay of Plenty Athletics

21 March - four of our students headed to Hamilton to compete at this meet. Our students were definitely introduced to the next level of athleticism within this sport.

Quinn & Hunter Rogers competed in the long distance running events. Quinn finished 13th in the 1500m and Hunter finished 7th in the 3000m.

Korvell Young competed in the shot put event and threw a personal best!

Rhythm Croft competed in the javelin event and narrowly missed out on qualifying for the North Island championships. An up-and-comer and one to watch in the future.

King Country/South Waikato Swimming

24 March - 5 students went through to Taumarunui to compete in this event. The students represented the kura with a high level of passion and pride.

Caitlyn Cody placed: 1st - Intermediate Girls 50 Breaststroke; 2nd - Intermediate Girls 50 Freestyle; 3rd - Intermediate Girls 50 Backstroke; 3rd - Intermediate Girls 25 Fly; 3rd - Intermediate Girls 25 Free

Olly Bevege placed: 3rd - Intermediate Boys 25 Freestyle; 5th - Intermediate Boys 50 Freestyle
5th - Intermediate Boys 50 Breaststroke

Noah Brownlie placed: 9th - Intermediate Boys 50 & 25 Freestyle

James Hill placed: 2nd - Junior Boys 50 Backstroke; 5th - Junior Boys 25 Breaststroke; 6th - Junior Boys 25 Backstroke; 8th - Junior Boys 50 Freestyle

Keanu Edkins placed: 1st - Junior Boys 100 Freestyle; 3rd - Junior Boys 25 Breaststroke; 3rd - Junior Boys 50 Breaststroke; 3rd - Junior Boys 50 Freestyle



Waitomo Swimming

10 March - We had 21 students represent the kura at the annual Waitomo Interschool Swimming.

Once again our students performed extremely well receiving multiple ribbons for their races. Congratulations to everyone for their efforts today!!

We dominated the mixed senior relay taking away 1st place Well done to Kasey, Miriama, Leo and Deekin for their efforts in this event.

We joined forces with Aria & Piopio Primary to compete in the grand relay event. Where both teams won their races too and took away the shiny red ribbon. Ka rawe!



Congratulations and well done for representing the kura with so much pride and passion!!!

Waikato/BOP Agrikids competition



Three teams of budding young farmers entered the Waikato/Bay of Plenty regional agrikids competition to test their farming skills and knowledge.

Congratulations to Tana, Tyronne, Cole and James for giving it a go as well as Lachlan and Lynden for their 11th place out of 25 schools.

A big thanks also to Steph Brough and Lisa Lyford for their work with making this happen.



Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC)

Year 9 and 10 academic fieldtrip to Mōkau to add some practical relevance to our 'Ocean's' theme for Term 1.

Students and Staff had an absolute blast working through bivy building, fishing, scavenger hunt at the museum, history tour of Maniaroa and some sand sculptures.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!!

Monday 24 April (First Day of Term 2) - **TEACHER ONLY DAY, SCHOOL CLOSED**

Tuesday 25 April - **ANZAC DAY (Public Holiday), SCHOOL CLOSED**

Wednesday 26 April - **SCHOOL OPEN AS NORMAL**

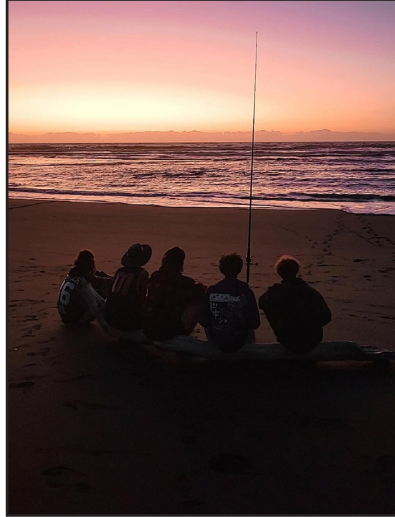
Monday 1st May - **TEACHER ONLY DAY (ACCORD DAY), SCHOOL CLOSED**

Accord days are to support significant changes in curriculum and assessment. These teacher only days will provide schools with dedicated time to understand, prepare and engage with changes across The New Zealand Curriculum refresh, the redesign of Te Marautanga o Aotearoa, and shifts to strengthen NCEA.

EOTC continued

Level 1 Outdoor Recreation camp assessment complete. This assessment involved planning, preparing and participating in an overnight camp.

A massive thankyou to Mark and Wendy Smyth for their continued support of our trips with letting us access their property.



Outdoor Recreation class, overnight tramp assessment.

This trip was inspired by Mr Bill Burnell to Leitchs Clearing. Fantastic two days with fantastic people.

