



Piopio College

Newsletter

Te Kura Tuarua o Piopio
Panui 2 • March 2023

Term 2 2023
24 April to 30 June

Coming Events

Mon 5 June
Public Holiday -
Kings Birthday

Tue 6 June
PPTA Strike Action
Year 10 - Rostered Home

Thu 8 June
PPTA Strike Action
Year 9 - Rostered Home

Fri 16 June
Orienteering

Wed 21 June
Matariki Celebration

Wed 28 June
Aria School Science Fair

Health Services

Doctor
Mondays (1pm-3pm)

Physio
Wednesdays (10am-2pm)

Nurse
Thursdays (11am-2pm)

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Key Contacts

From the Principal's desk...

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o te kura tuarua o Piopio

At Piopio College, we believe that regular attendance is vital for students' academic success and overall well-being. However, we also understand that the recent industrial action by teachers who are part of the PPTA and various other factors have impacted on a number of students and whānau. Thank you for your understanding and patience. Your assistance to ensure that your children attend school regularly and arrive on time regardless of this disruption is greatly appreciated. We are all well aware that good attendance ensures that students can fully engage in classroom activities, participate in discussions, and build meaningful relationships with their peers and teachers.



In these unprecedented times, we continue to prioritise the health and safety of our students and staff. Piopio College remains committed to following the guidelines and recommendations provided by health authorities. COVID-19 continues to appear in our communities at various times. Your support in managing this at home and ensuring that your children follow the health guidelines to create a safe and secure learning environment for everyone.

The winter season brings exciting opportunities for our students to participate in various sports activities. It is very pleasing to see that students are making the most of the opportunities that we are able to provide. These activities not only promote physical fitness but also foster teamwork, discipline, and a sense of camaraderie among our students.

With winters sports and as the days grow shorter and colder, it becomes even more important for students to stay on top of their school work. We encourage students to maintain good study habits and manage their time effectively. Regular revision, seeking help from teachers when needed, and prioritising assignments will help students achieve their academic goals. Our dedicated teaching staff is always available to provide guidance and support to ensure every student's success.

As we enter the winter season, let us embrace the challenges and opportunities it brings. Together, we can make this term a memorable and successful one. We extend our gratitude to all whānau, parents, guardians, students, and staff for their ongoing support and commitment to Piopio College.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable winter season!

Ngā mihi nui
Rakesh Govind

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MiCamp Whakamaru

Earlier in the month Year 7 & 8 students spent a couple of fun-filled days at MiCamp Whakamaru. Although the weather had its 'down pours' this did not stop the juniors from making the most of the outdoors. From finding the 'Top Team' in the first day's events. Rotations on the second day, where students overcame fear of heights, let off some anger in the paintball, realised that sense of direction needs more work in geocaching and persevered through the challenging confidence course. After these bonding activities, the juniors enjoyed running and hiding in the 'pig hunting' game, a dip in the spa pool, yummy food, toasting marshmallows around the firepit and a scary night trail walk. It was a great way for staff and students to bond outside of the classroom. Thank you to those parents who sat with us when it was "light's off".



We headed off to Whakamaru on Wednesday 3rd 2023 for an awesome camp. One of my highs was walking the Burma trail, filled with screams. I liked doing the Burma trail because hearing other people scream their heads off made me laugh. It also made me excited to go in and do it. When I was walking the Burma trail Andrew crawled out of the bush and made me sprint out which was funny.

One of my lows was that I got lots of cuts and bruises, when I went in the spa or shower my cuts stung really bad. When we played the pig hunting game I ran through a bush full of gorse which really hurt. I got lots of clothes wet and muddy but it was so much fun. Next time I will bring a head torch so I can see the gorse and sharp corners!

Another exciting highlight was paintball, a game of chaos and pain. One of the rounds we played captured the flag and then every man for themselves. I was the only girl playing in my group, I was always hiding behind the green thing or this post by the bush. When the paintball hit me on the side it stung for a minute then just left a red mark, also a green stain. We wore this black helmet which stunk of sweat. Overall I think it was a fun activity.

My lucky last low was the weather. It was muggy and spitty most of the duration. I fell over more than once which was annoying. When I got home, Mum had lots of clothes to wash.

Eleanor Laver - Year 8

On the third of May 2023, Year 7 & 8 went to Whakamaru Micamp where we did lots of activities which you will be hearing about. One of my lows at camp was for paintball.

We were given helmets, slingshots, paintballs and a pool noodle. This was our flag. The aim of the game was to steal the opposition's flag without getting hit by a paintball. It was fun until it became a free for all. I couldn't even aim properly because my hand eye coordination wasn't the best and the hits were sore. I have got bruises on my arm and thigh as proof.

Another low from camp was when I scraped my knee badly and the blood stained my socks. I had to have a plaster put on three times. It was very annoying because when I had a shower it just softened it again. I am still unsure if my mum managed to get the blood stain out of my socks.

Highs

The Burma trail was pretty fun. There were parents and teachers "trying" to jump out at us to scare us. I must admit I did get scared once or twice. Luckily there were no wild pigs like the teacher had said which is a high. The girls behind us kept screaming in fright though, but overall it was fun.

My second high was when we watched a movie on the last night of camp. It was called Yes Day. It was about parents who gave their kids a yes day. A day where they have to say yes to almost everything, with some ground rules. The night was topped off with lollies, popcorn and chips.

Kaea Rauputu - Year 7

Cross Country 2023

As predicated the weather set in and created perfect cross country conditions. The students braved the rain and the wind and ran with great determination. Please see the results below;

Sub Junior Girls:

- 1st - Makenzie Grainger
- 2nd - Mariah Hall
- 3rd - Eleanor Laver

Sub Junior Boys:

- 1st - Blair Ballantyne
- 2nd - Deekin Ratima
- 3rd - Mac Carter

Junior Girls:

- 1st - Rhythm Croft
- 2nd - Jasmine Stone
- 3rd = Putiputi Barnsdall & Kasey Hiriaki

Junior Boys:

- 1st - Hunter Rogers
- 2nd - Quinn Rogers
- 3rd - Trey Mason

Intermediate Girls:

- 1st - Tessa Bradcock
- 2nd - Caitlyn Cody
- 3rd - Leah Brownlie

Intermediate Boys:

- 1st - Olly Bevege
- 2nd - Max Bevege
- 3rd - Noah Brownlie

Senior Girls:

- 1st - Ava MacKenzie
- 2nd - Shaniquae McElroy
- 3rd - Alexa Hancock

Senior Boys:

- 1st - Justin Laimbeer
- 2nd - Ryan Smith
- 3rd - Tana Bidois

Congratulations to everyone who participated! Super proud of you all!!

Whare Results:

- 4th place - Kowhai (21 points)
- 3rd place - Kauri (30 points)
- 2nd place - Kahikatea (47 points)
- 1st place - Rata (68 points)

Congratulations Rata on a fabulous effort, it just shows that participation is the key to success!!



Interschool Cross Country

Well done to all our runners and Congratulations to the following placegetters

Intermediate Girls

2nd - Makenzie Grainger

3rd - Mariah Hall

9th - Charley Carter

Intermediate Boys

1st - Deekin Ratima

4th - Mac Carter

Senior Girls

2nd - Eleanor Laver

4th - Jasmine Stone

Senior Boys

2nd - Trey Mason

4th - Blair Ballantyne

5th - Heath Cody



*Thank you,
Mrs Sheeran!*



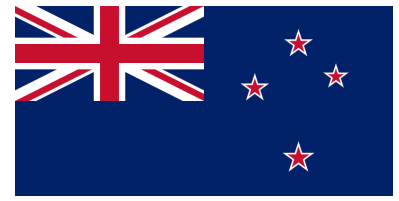
We have recently received the resignation of Mrs Louise Sheeran effective from the end of Term 2 2023. Mrs Sheeran is taking the opportunity to rest and reset and is looking forward to pursuing future opportunities.

Mrs Sheeran has been at Piopio College for 14 years as the Deputy Principal and has worked relentlessly through some trying times on behalf of the College and we thank Mrs Sheeran for her outstanding commitment to the College over that time. I am sure that you will join us in wishing her well in her future endeavours.



Piopio College

Sarah Cowley-Ross Olympian Guest Speaker

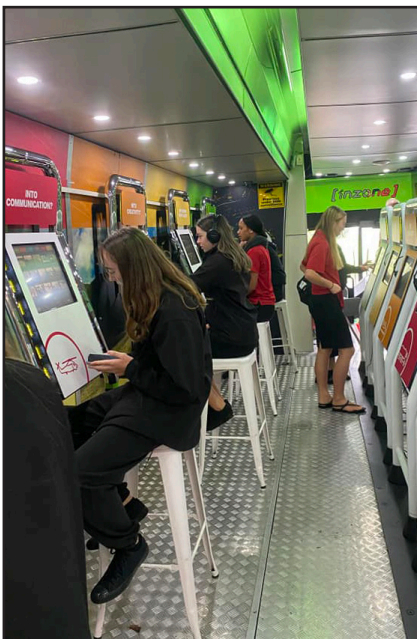


Earlier in the month we were fortunate to have Sarah Cowley-Ross speak to us about her journey and determination to become an Olympian.

She talked about her struggles and the barriers that she had to overcome. She also spoke about all the highlights she experienced through her sport/event - Heptathlon.

It was a very powerful presentation and it was a good reminder for our students that you can achieve anything you set your mind to doesn't matter what area of life it is in.

If you connect with the right people and have a positive mindset everything and anything is possible.



Some photos of recent career pathway field trips. Inzone career coaching day for seniors and entrepreneurship and mechanic/engineering workplace visits for years 9/10.

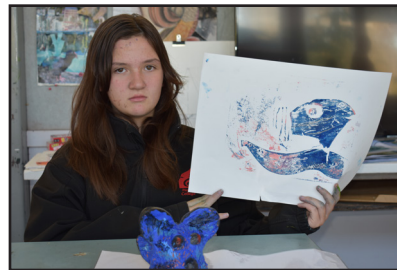


Awesome year 7s have completed their Art course for this year. They have been busy learning about drawing using shading, painting using different tones and blending to show texture.

They have also learnt about using clay and have created fantastic sculptures using the double pinch pot method. These sculptures were hand painted and taken home.

Miss McKee would like to congratulate the year 7s on their fabulous creations and development of art skills and also their awesome manaakitanga, rangatiratanga, whanaungatanga and kotahitanga while working in the art room. They were an absolute pleasure to work with.

Well done!!



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& OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

PIOPIO COSMOPOLITAN CLUB
Wild HUNTING COMPETITION
WINNERS
KIDS CRITTER category

HARE	OVERALL HEAVIEST WEIGHT
1 ST	<i>Aybel Herbert</i>
2 ND	<i>Lachlan & Logan Lyford</i>
3 RD	<i>Fred Carter</i>

POSSUM	OVERALL HEAVIEST WEIGHT
1 ST	<i>Archie Leveridge</i>
2 ND	<i>Troy Parkes</i>
3 RD	<i>Isabelle Houghton</i>

TURKEY	OVERALL HEAVIEST WEIGHT
1 ST	<i>Hunter Cox</i>
2 ND	<i>Wilson Wishnowski</i>
3 RD	<i>Nathan Haine</i>

GOAT	OVERALL WIDEST HORNS
1 ST	<i>Serome Milham</i>
2 ND	<i>Heidi Morgan</i>
3 RD	<i>Aden Bradcock</i>



Charley-Ray and Blair Ballantyne



Isaac Carter



RESULTS



BOAR	HEAVIEST BOAR	RED STAG	HEAVIEST RED STAG
1 ST	<i>Heke Nathan 77kg</i>	1 ST	<i>Isaac Carter 125.6kg</i>
2 ND	<i>Dean Aislabie 71kg</i>	2 ND	<i>Cooper Boddie 123.4kg</i>
3 RD	<i>Brett Collett 68.1kg</i>	3 RD	<i>Harry Parkes 122.1kg</i>
4 TH	<i>Jonange Te Ahuru 67.1kg</i>		

BOAR	MYSTERY WEIGHT	RED STAG	AVERAGE WEIGHT
	<i>Paul Taylor</i>	<i>Paul Taylor</i>	<i>90kg</i>

BOAR	AVERAGE WEIGHT	FALLOW BUCK	HEAVIEST
	<i>Judas Reweti 49.3kg</i>	1 ST	<i>Barry Jones 63.1kg</i>
BOAR	CLOSEST BOAR TO 30kg	2 ND	<i>Leah Knight 57kg</i>
	<i>Tyler Morris 31.3kg</i>	3 RD	<i>Jake Peterson 55.4kg</i>

BOAR	BEST TUSKS	FALLOW BUCK	AVERAGE WEIGHT
1 ST	<i>Charley-Ray & Blair Ballantyne 22 7/8</i>	1 ST	<i>Nigel Bird 49.8kg</i>
2 ND	<i>Jonange Te Ahoru 17 5/8</i>	SNAPPER	LONGEST SNAPPER
		1 ST	<i>Sean Farrelly 62.5cm</i>
		2 ND	<i>Tony Milham 60.5cm</i>
		3 RD	<i>Fabian Milham 56.5cm</i>

BEST ROAR
<i>Ben</i>

MASSIVE THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS

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COREY BARNSDALL BUILDERS
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CURIOUS KEAS
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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
DR DRAINAGE
EWEN MACKENZIE
FAT PIGEON
FERN FUEL
GLENYS MACDONALD
GRAYMONT
HEATH BARNSDALL

HILLSIDE HOMEKILLS
HYUNDAI
KLOETEN FAMILY TRUST
HEMI AND DEB LIVESTOCK
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THE LINES COMPANY
TOTAL HELIWORK
UNIVERSAL BEEF PACKERS
UP IN SMOKE
WAITE ELECTRICAL
WASHER + COLTD
WILSON DRAINAGE
WORK + SAFETY SUPPLIES

Donations made to Piopio Fire Brigade, St Johns, and Youth Group

Emergency Dental Care for Children Year 8 and below



Emergency Care for Children Year 8 and below

We would like to inform our patients and community that unfortunately Piopio Dental has made the difficult decision to discontinue the Ministry of Health Emergency Dental Contract for Year 8 and below. We can still see children year 8 and under, but it will be private treatment.

The School Dental Service, also known as Community Oral Health, is supposed to see all children Year 8 and younger annually for all their dental treatment, examinations, and preventative care. A dentist who holds the emergency contract is only there for the rare occasions that a child cannot be seen by a School Dental Therapist and has a dental emergency/toothache.

As you are aware our rural community has not received regular care for our children from this service for many years. Covid has not improved the situation. Piopio Dental opened in 2017 and since this time we have repeatedly offered to provide this routine care for our local children. It would require a separate contract. Our only option offered has been the Emergency Contract.

When we wrote to inform the DHB in January of this year that we were not continuing the Emergency Contract, we also put a new proposal to them for us to provide regular dental care to our local community. We have received no response or acknowledgement of our email.

The fees provided for the Emergency Contract do not cover the actual cost of Dental Care provided to a patient. Due to our children not having regular dental care the numbers of children requiring Emergency Care was increasing significantly in our practise. We also had invoices owing from the Ministry of Health unpaid from 4 months prior. This tough decision came down to a financial one.

Dental Care for children Year 9 till before their 18th birthday is covered by a separate contract. We can still see these children under this Adolescent contract for free dental care.

ACC covers dental injuries from accidents, sports etc. We can see a child of any age if they have had an accident and damaged their teeth or mouth area.

You can contact the School Dental Service on 0800 talkteeth