

# Piopio College

Te Kura Tuarua o Piopio

## Newsletter



Panui 2 — 1 February 2018

### COMING EVENTS

1-2 February

- First Aid Course for Seniors
- Student Leadership Training

5 February

- Teacher Only Day

6 February

- Waitangi Day

26 February

- Class & Individual Photos
- Y10 Vision Screening

### FINANCE OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Friday  
10.15am to 10.30am

Monday/Wednesday  
12.45pm to 1pm

Tuesday/Thursday/Friday  
12.35pm to 12.50pm

### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday — Thursday  
10am to 2.30pm - Term only  
[library@piopio.school.nz](mailto:library@piopio.school.nz)

### PIOPIO COLLEGE

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### PRINCIPAL/TUMUAKI

Johan van Deventer  
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Tēnā koutou te Whānau, o Te Kura Tuarua o Piopio

I would personally like to welcome all students back to school, and am excited at the prospect of lifting the bar for our students this year. We have a solid BOT and a full staff complement as well as a positive roll growth as we already have 182 students enrolled and are still taking inquiries. Compared to last year we grew from 168 to 173 by December 2017. I want to recommit myself and my staff to being the best we can and to always look at what we can do to support and promote success for our students!

We also welcome new teachers Mrs Maryann Symonds, Lyanne Walker and Te Ura Karati to our team and our parent elected members Doug Burnell and Marie Te Huia-Warren bring a diverse background to join the Board of Trustees.

On a property note, many infrastructure improvements were completed last year and this year has already seen a significant carpark upgrade with the bus bay resealing project, phase 1 of painting school buildings has been undertaken and we will see phase 2 later in the year leading into 2019. During the break a number of trees were also felled in preparation for our gym refurbishment. When this has been completed we will be replanting native evergreens.

Our senior leadership team are currently undertaking leadership training with Waikato Institute of Leisure and Sports, who specialise in leadership programmes in schools, and a number of students are also undertaking first aid training.

I am sure it is going to be a great year and together we will achieve many milestones and continue growing wonderful lifelong learners.

### Teacher Only Day Monday

Please note there will be no school on Monday due to a district wide Teacher Only day. All staff will be attending a Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) workshop in Te Kuiti. Waitangi Day follows the Teacher Only Day so we expect to see all students at School on Wednesday ready to start their timetabled lessons.

### Powhiri

A big aroha to those parents and caregivers who supported our powhiri on Wednesday and a warm welcome to our new students and their whanau.

### Nga mihi

Johan van Deventer  
Principal/Tumuaki



### GUIDANCE COUNSELLING SERVICES

Due to resourcing issues, counselling services provided by Otorohanga Support House will no longer be available at our school. Students who wish to see a counsellor can still do so by directly contacting either the Te Kuiti Community House or the Otorohanga Support House.

### CONTACT DETAILS

It is important that the school has up-to-date contact details for your child. If you have moved recently or you have a new phone number, please phone the office to update this. It is also a requirement to have a copy of your child's birth certificate. If you have not yet provided a copy to the school, please ensure this is done in a timely fashion.

### MUSIC LESSONS AVAILABLE

Piopio College is a member of the Itinerant Music Teacher Scheme. Under that scheme, students have a great opportunity to learn to play string, brass and woodwind instruments or voice during school time – the lessons of 25 minutes are free of charge and the only cost is the hire of the instrument. Mr Chris Nation is our string/ guitar teacher and comes on Monday mornings. Mr Duncan Bower is our voice tutor and comes on the Monday afternoons. Mr Barry Cullen is our brass and woodwind tutor and comes on Thursday afternoon. If you are interested in learning through the ITM come and see Mrs Turner.

**Noelle Turner**

### OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

All library books that weren't returned last year need to be returned ASAP. No books will be issued to you if you still have an overdue book. Please have a look around your home and return as soon as possible. Invoices will soon be sent out for replacement copies.

### PRIZEGIVING SPONSORS

We are very grateful to these people and organisations that sponsored awards for the 2017 Prizegiving.

Waikato Graduate Women Educational Trust; PhotoLife Studios; Te Kuiti Altrusa Club; Waitomo News; Office Max; Mrs Valerie Killery; Te Kuiti Place-makers; Piopio Lions; Corey Barnsdall Builders; North King Country Family Support; Piopio College PTA; Piopio College Trust; Maniapoto FM; Smart Plants.

### FIREWOOD FOR SALE

Piopio College had a contractor fell some Oak trees in January and orders are now being taken for firewood and mulch.

Please contact Gary on 027 306 8661 for firewood orders (\$70 per cubic metre) and phone Alida in the College office for mulch orders (\$45 per cubic metre).

### BASKETBALL TRIALS

The 2018 WCBA basketball rep trials will be held on February 10 and 17.

### 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.



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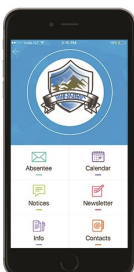
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