

# Piopio College

Te Kura Tuarua o Piopio

## Newsletter



Panui 3 — 8 February 2018

### COMING EVENTS

24 February

- School Working Bee

26 February

- Class & Individual Photos

- Y10 Vision Screening

9 March

- Waitomo Interschool  
Swimming

### FINANCE OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday  
10.25am to 10.40am

Monday and Friday  
12.50pm to 1.05pm

Tuesday to Thursday  
12.25pm to 12.40pm

### LIBRARY HOURS

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

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### PRINCIPAL/TUMUAKI

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Tēnā koutou te Whānau, o Te Kura Tuarua o Piopio

We would like to acknowledge the sudden loss of James Ritchie.

The Kaiako and Taura of Piopio College want to express our Aroha and Manaaki to the whānau of James and Nadia. Many of our rangatahi have hononga (connections) to the whānau and we send our message of support, sympathy and care to each of them. May you find the strength and peace in your hearts in this time of loss.

No reira, kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui. Ngā mihi aroha ki te whānau i tēnei wā pōuri. Kei kona te aroha me te whakaaro.

A reminder to our permanent Te Kuiti bus users: The Te Kuiti bus is self-funded and it is becoming unviable to keep this service running due to non-payment issues. Arrangements for payment must be made to ensure the continuation of this bus run. Payment plans can be arranged. Please contact our finance officer Nikki Thomas to discuss this further.

We are also aiming to send out invoices by the end of February.

A reminder that students must wear the correct school uniform. Plain black hats/caps only, and no beanies during the summer months. No jandals are to be worn, however black sandals are permitted. Shoes must be all black. Gumboots and shoes with white soles or markings are not allowed.

Several students have not returned their locker keys from previous years. As a result, no locker keys will be issued until they are returned. If you have a key, please return it as soon as possible so other students can start using this service.

A working bee has been scheduled for Saturday, 24 February from 9am—2pm. We'd love to see as many parents as possible come along to help tidy up our school grounds. We will be mainly gardening and working on the environment, so please bring your wheelbarrows, chainsaws, hedge clippers and gardening tools.

Nga mihi  
Johan van Deventer  
Principal/Tumuaki



Last week our senior students completed a Level 2 First Aid Certificate through St John. Students learnt how to handle different medical scenarios and how to perform CPR in an emergency situation.

### FRUIT AND VEGES NEEDED

The year 11 Hospitality class are working on a fruit & vegetable unit this term. If you have any excess fruit and veges, donations would be much appreciated. Please leave at the school office.

*Mrs Sue Draper*

### Y8 SPELLING

I am looking for any old scrabble or boggle board games you may have at home and would like to donate to the school. These games will help and consolidate spelling in our classroom and are a great fun way to get our tamariki learning their spelling words.

*Victoria Sammons*

### Y9 ENGLISH

I have set up a Google Classroom so students can show parents what they are learning in class. Students have been sent an invitation via their school email address or they can enter the code 8t3iua7 to join the class. I went over the stationery requirements this week with the students. Parents can you please ensure that your son/daughter has: 1 x A4 refill (for tests/exams), 1 x 1B8 (for recording strategies), 1 x 1B5 (for class exercises/practice) and 1 x 3B1 (spelling).

A class newsletter will be sent home with students in the next week or two.

*Caroline Foss*

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### 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.

### 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).

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 Bouwer 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*

## Brisket on the bone

(from left)

Nicholas Karl, Hoani De Cleene, Chris Fagan and Jordan Leineweber in Y10 Agriculture working out what cut of red meat they are looking at.

The students were asked to pool their knowledge and consider what animal the meat was from; what part of the animal it is; the approximate percentage of fat content; texture of the meat. There were 5 work stations with different meat samples that students rotated around, as part of a Red Meat Industry study.

