

Piopio College

Te Kura Tuarua o Piopio

Newsletter



Panui 5 — 22 February 2018

COMING EVENTS

24 February (Sat)

- School Working Bee

26 February (Mon)

- Y10 Vision Screening

27 February (Tues)

- School Swimming Sports

2 March (Fri)

- Teacher Only Day

12 March (Mon)

- Class & Individual Photos

21 March (Wed)

- Athletics Day

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

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PRINCIPAL/TUMUAKI

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Tēnā koutou te Whānau, o Te Kura Tuarua o Piopio

We are now well into the term and our academic programme is in full swing. We are all about encouraging students to keep the academic focus at the forefront of our mahi. Our students are currently preparing for end of term unit tests which will take place in the next few weeks. These are formative tests based on curriculum topics. They help test a student's knowledge of the material as they progress through the curriculum levels, and show strengths and possible areas for further teaching and learning opportunities.

Our head students and leaders have successfully completed their leadership training and we will soon create a Student Council. This is a great way to encourage student voice and participation, and for young leaders to step forward into this role.

A group of Y9-10 students recently participated in an 'A-OK Hero' workshop delivered by Youth Intact Services. The workshop is designed to help develop resilience to effectively deal with tough times. It covers the importance of self-protection and having strategies to manage in stressful situations; self-awareness, self-acceptance, and also being alert to someone's cry for help and how to connect them with someone who can help. Senior students will attend the workshop next week.

A reminder that a working bee will go ahead this Saturday from 9am. Jobs we need help with include hedge trimming, cutting back the Camellias, removal of dead cuttings between the shed and primary school, trimming the Cypress trees, removing Pine and privet from Wharekura area, tidying up front garden by Room 6 and the entrance by the gym, general trimming and tidying up of shrubs around school, weeding garden beds, cleaning gutters, removal of sawdust from recent tree felling, preparing the sandpits for athletics and fencing around the horticulture area. We'd love to see as many parents as possible come along to help, and don't forget to bring your wheelbarrows, chainsaws, hedge clippers and gardening tools. A sausage sizzle will be provided afterwards and the pool will also be open.

This Tuesday is our annual swimming sports and we would love to see parents, caregivers and whanau come along to support this event.

Friday, 2 March is a Staff Only Day. It is a professional learning day with the focus on improving pedagogy and student outcomes. Staff will also focus on PB4L (Positive Behaviour 4 Learning).

Nga mihi

Johan van Deventer— *Principal/Tumuaki*



Piopio College welcomes its newest teachers (from left) Teura Karati, Maryann Symonds and Lyanne Walker.

YEAR 9 ENGLISH

A class newsletter has been sent home with students this week. There is also a copy on the Year 9 Google Classroom page. Please let me know if you haven't seen it.

Caroline Foss

SUBJECT CHOICES LETTER

All senior students in Year's 11,12,13 received a letter last week outlining their subject choices and timetables for 2018. Please take the time to discuss this with your child to ensure they have selected the most suitable options for their Career Pathway. The form needs to be signed and returned to Sue Draper asap.

CREEK SWIMMING

Local students have been seen swimming in the swollen creek by the bridge next to the Play Centre. This is forbidden as it is very dangerous, especially after the recent flooding. Please contact the school or Piopio Police Officer Tony Schrafft if you see this happening.

NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Piopio College newsletter is published each Thursday. If you have not been receiving it regularly, please contact the school. It is also available in colour on our website www.piopio.school.nz. You can also choose to receive it by email. Please email library@piopio.school.nz if you'd like to be added to the email list.

REPORTS BY EMAIL

Are you interested in receiving your child's school report by email? Please email library@piopio.school.nz if you'd like to be added to the email list for school reports.

FLAT FOR RENT

Piopio township, two bedroom flat next to College. \$150pw. No pets, references required. Phone Alida at Piopio College 877 8173

WEEKEND WORK FOR STUDENTS

Students: Would you like some extra cash? The Fat Pigeon Café has vacancies for students to work during weekends. We require primarily Front of House staff, but there may be room to move into the Kitchen as well. Full training will be provided. If working in the hospitality industry is of interest to you, this could be a 'foot in the door' on your journey to full-time employment, or a stepping stone towards your goals. Either pop in and see us, phone 877 8822 or email fatpigeon@xtra.co.nz

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.

ARIA SQUASH CLUB Farmers' Tournament Saturday 10th March

A FUN FILLED DAY OF SQUASH

All you need is a pair of non-marking shoes,
and a sense of humour!



ALL WELCOME

Entries must be in by 5pm
Thursday 8 March
Phone: Toni – 027 721 4087 or
Email: ariasquash@gmail.com

OLD SPORTS UNIFORMS FOR SALE

We have a large amount obsolete sports uniforms for sale.

Great for work, sports practices, or sports teams on a budget. Prices vary from \$5 to gold coin donation. Money raised will be put towards upgrading our current sports uniforms. All gear is available to view on Friday 2 March from 5pm under the gym or you can call/text me on 027 230 6101, email cwebster@piopio.school.nz to view at other times.



Red pleated skirts in excellent condition - large number available in all sizes small to x-large; Blue pleated skirts in good condition - small number available; Rugby shorts and socks - varying condition and sizes to fit adults; Rugby jerseys - varying condition and sizes to fit adults; Football tops - varying condition and sizes; Purple/blue singlets - good condition with large adult sizes; Red singlets/yellow t-shirts/green t-shirts - primary children sizes; Red netball tops - good condition, various sizes (velcro can be removed); Black adidas tops - varying condition and sizes; Full track suits and Travel Jackets - good condition and various sizes (adult sizes).