

Piopio College

Te Kura Tuarua o Piopio

Newsletter



Panui 13 — 3 May 2018

COMING EVENTS

4 May

Young workers resource centre Tutors P1 & P2

9 May (Wed)

- **"This is me" Workshop**

13 May (Sunday)

- **Swimming Club AGM & Prizegiving**

14 May (Mon)

- **School Show: Kahurangi - Matariki**

18 May (Fri)

- **Y11-Y13 Waikato University Open Day**

21 May (Mon)

- **School Cross Country 1.25pm**

23 May (Wed)

- **University of Canterbury Information Evening**

- **PPTA Paid Union Meeting**

24 May (Thur)

- **King Country Secondary Cross Country, Piopio Domain**

25 May (Fri)

- **Waitomo Cross Country - WINTEC Open 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

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Kia Ora Whanau,

Term two has begun with a very busy break behind us and I welcome all the students back and hope they had an excellent time off.

For our senior Head Students it was a bit less relaxing as both Paige and Ryan were guest speakers at the Waitomo District National ANZAC services as well as our local Piopio Community service and our very own school ANZAC Assembly.

I am both humbled and extremely proud of the dignity and insight displayed by both Ryan and Paige – truly an excellent job done.

Unfortunately, Ryan was too unwell to do his speech at the school assembly but he was happy for me to read it on his behalf.

A huge thank you to Aria & Piopio Primary schools, who attended our ANZAC assembly. We hope to include these students into the future ANZAC assemblies and I hope they would actively participate with items such as poetry, narratives and songs. We look forward to next year's event.

PAID UNION MEETING

PPTA has called for a Paid Union meeting at 1:30pm in Hamilton on 23 May 2018. All PPTA members have the right to attend these union meetings.

However, we envisage running normal classes until 11am. There will be non union teachers available and a specific program for the students who cannot go home after 11am.

In conclusion, we want to focus on academic achievement this term, as well as prepare for the Matariki Celebration's at the end of term 2, so we will be raising expectations for our students to fully participate and engage this term.

No reira, tēnā koutou katoa!

Johan van Deventer

Principal/Tumuaki

Highlights from our ANZAC Memorial Assembly



Sports draws & results

DRAW



Thursday, 3rd May

Netball:

- C4 — PPCA vs St Jo's A at 4.00pm
- C3 — PPCA vs PP Panthers at 4.40pm
- C3 — Piopio College A vs TKHS A at 5.20pm
- C4 — PP College Development vs Flames at 6.00pm
- C3 — Piopio College A vs Waitomo at 6.40pm
- C5 — PP College Development vs TKHS B at 7.20pm
- C4 — Piopio College A vs Piopio Rugby at 8.00pm
- C5 — PP College Development vs Royalans Gold at 8.20pm

Saturday, 5 May

Rugby: Piopio 1st XV vs Te Awamutu at Piopio College at 11am

Tuesday, 8 May

Hockey: PC Red vs TKP Lightning Sticks at 3.40pm at TKHS

Wednesday, 9 May

PC Black vs Kiokio Hat Tricks at 4.20pm at TKHS

PIOPIO DENTAL - IS YOUR CHILD DUE FOR THEIR YEARLY DENTAL CHECK UP?

Is your child Year 9 and above and under the age of 18? Piopio Dental have received a grant from Wrigleys to further improve the quality of preventative care we will provide for your child/ren. Piopio Dental provides dental care for all of the family, free dental care for children under 18yrs, ACC and WINZ treatments (T&C apply).

Care for all primary and intermediate children is still provided by the School Dental Therapist. Please give us a call to make a booking or feel free to pop in. Located at: 2 Kawana Street, Piopio, Phone 07 877 8864.

BUILDINGS FOR REMOVAL/ DEMOLITION

Piopio College seek expressions of interest for the removal or demolition of two Prefab buildings and the Caretakers house. Could make a fantastic hunting shack, bach or storage rooms. Can be uplifted and transported off site, or demolished and materials salvaged. Please submit your expression in writing **ASAP**, outlining your interest. For more information contact Ian Small via the College Office on 07-8778173, or email: admin@piopio.school.nz.



2018 Maniapoto Maori Trust Board Primary & Secondary School Grants Years 1-8 & Years 9-13

Applications open Monday 5 March 2018
and close Friday 29 June 2018.

Are you or your children registered with the Maniapoto Maori Trust Board (MMTB) Tribal Register? If so, parents can make application on their children's behalf for the Primary and Secondary School Grant.

If you have affiliations to Rereahu-Maniapoto iwi, but have not yet registered, you can download registration forms from the website www.maniapoto.iwi.nz. **You and your children must be registered to be eligible for this grant.** Forms can also be collected from the school office.

Payment of this grant will be made directly to your child's/ children's nominated school account. **Payment will not be made to a personal bank account.**

It is highly recommended that parents/caregivers make contact with schools to discuss where you would like this grant to be used to benefit your child/ren.

If you have any further queries, you can contact Marissa Campbell at MMTB directly on 0800 668 285 or (07) 878 6234 or email tribalregister@maniapoto.co.nz.

**Ā muri kia mau ki tēnā, kia mau ki te kawau mārō,
whanake ake, whanake ake**

FLU INJECTIONS

Te Kuiti Medical Centre staff will be here at Piopio College to administer flu injections on Thursday 10 May 10.30am - 12.00noon, located in the Music Room at the Rec Centre for people with a number of chronic medical problems. This includes people with asthma on registered preventative puffers (orange, purple, green).

ATTENDANCE

At Piopio College we value attendance. By law you are required to let your school know if your child/ren is absent or late. Please remind your child/ren to sign in at the office before they go to class if they are arriving late. We have a number of ways you can notify us of absences. Please phone the school on 07 877 8173, email eharris@piopio.school.nz, or log your absences via the Skool Loop app.

NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Piopio College newsletter is published each Thursday. It is available on our website www.piopio.school.nz, you can choose to receive it via email, and our students are also given a copy every Thursday to take home. If you are not currently receiving the newsletter and would like to be added to the email list, please email library@piopio.school.nz.

THE GREAT KIWI COMPETITIONS

The University of Canterbury is offering your child the opportunity to participate in the Great KIWI English, Mathematics and Science competitions. These competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students based on the New Zealand curriculum. The competitions are administered by the Centre for Evaluation and Monitoring (CEM) at the University of Canterbury. The competitions are open to all Year 5–10 students in English, Mathematics and Science. Students can enter in one or more subjects. The competition provides teachers, parents and students with an independent, comprehensive record of a student's performance in key school subjects. The supervised online tests will take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 2. Certificates will be sent to all participating students and prizes will be awarded to top students.

Payment must be received by the College by Monday 21st May. Each subject entered costs \$8.50.



The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an independent, skills-based assessment programme which recognises and rewards student achievement. The programme has been running for more than 30 years. Every year 1 million student entries are accepted from over 6 300 schools in Australia and New Zealand annually. Students from over 20 countries participate in ICAS each year.

Piopio College students have the opportunity to enter these external tests and sit them at the College. They are best attempted by students who are academically able. The following tests are available:

Subject	Available to	Fee	Closing date	Test date
Science	Years 7-13	\$ 12	Mon 30 April	Tue 29 May
Spelling	Years 7-8	\$ 14	Mon 14 May	Wed 13 June
Writing	Years 7-13	\$ 22	Mon 14 May	Thurs 14 June
English	Years 7-13	\$ 12	Mon 18 June	Tues 31 July
Mathematics	Years 7-13	\$ 12	Mon 18 June	Tues 14 August

It should be noted that these tests are sent to Australia to be marked and in previous years there has been considerable delay in receiving firstly the results (via an online portal) and then another delay until the certificates and official results sheet is sent. I have a few previous years' test papers which the students can borrow to help them prepare. Practise papers with answers can also be purchased online. Please send the appropriate fee(s) into the College by the closing date listed if you wish your child to enter these competitions.

If you have any queries about either the Great Kiwi or ICAS competitions then please contact me.

Caroline Foss

WINTER UNIFORM

Winter is on its way! **Now** is a good time to check what uniform your child/ren have, and purchase what you need for the colder months ahead. Uniform items are available from The Warehouse in-store and now online at <https://www.thewarehouse.co.nz/c/schools/piopio-college>, giving parents the option to have items delivered to store or home, and the option to Part Pay their uniform.

We also have Piopio College jackets and beanies available for purchase from the College Office. Please contact our office for enquiries on 07 877 8173 or email admin@piopio.school.nz.

FEEDBACK

At Piopio College we strive ourselves on being a community orientated school. We value your feedback and love to hear from you. You are welcome to call in at anytime for a visit or chat. Some feedback suggestions: Would you like a newsletter weekly or fortnightly? What would you like to see more of in your newsletter? Any questions on uniform or stationery? Help us to keep the lines of communication open. Give us a call, make a time to catch up with your child's whānau teacher or the Principal Johan van Deventer, on 07 877 8173 or 0800 240 173, or email admin@piopio.school.nz.

TIMETABLE

Right: Our scheduled timetable days for Week 2, of Term 2.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Day 6	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4

YEAR 9 AND 10 - GARDENING COMPETITION WINNERS



Left:
Year 9 Ag students Kaleb West and Blair Carter with Mrs Rauputu, with their winning vegetable garden.



Right:
Alicia Keightley and Rebekah Knox - winners of the Y10 gardening competition with the judges - Mr Vundy and Mrs Rauputu.



Left:
Mr Vundy hearing the back story to the gardening efforts of the Y10 students.



Right:
Y9 winners with Mr Draper.

MOTOCROSS SUCCESS

A big congratulations to William and Toby Macdonald, along with Te Kuiti High School student Samantha Kelly, who came in third place in the teams Secondary School Motocross Champs, out of 59 teams! Well done!

THANK YOU TO:

Thank you to the Caren Herman & Dean West whānau for the donation of three chickens that are now comfortably settled in to the high fenced enclosure near the Horticulture area. An extra-special thank you too, for the bag of grain feed and a plastic barrel to store it in. We look forward to some eggs in the Spring!

A huge thank you to James Hicks, father to Kaylen Tattersall for making these fantastic guitar racks for the Music department. Such an awesome job!

Thank you to Owen Harrison at Hynds for the donation of a concrete trough to use as a raised bed garden. Special appreciation for the delivery and placement of it. We're looking forward to filling it with non-oxalis soil! We'll get that up and running in the Spring.





Join us for OPEN DAY 2018

This is your chance to spend a day on our Hamilton campus, explore study options, chat to our staff and students, win lots of cool prizes, and get a taste of Waikato student life.

Friday 18 May
9.30am-2pm
Hamilton campus

Check out waikato.ac.nz/go/openday for more information and to register.

Where the world is going
waikato.ac.nz



COMING UP FOR YEAR 11-13 STUDENTS

The University of Waikato will be hosting their annual Open Day on Friday 18 May at their Hamilton Campus. Open Day is the perfect chance for students thinking about Waikato, or that have not been to the University to explore study options, to chat to the staff and students and be immersed in the lovely campus, there will also be lots of cool prizes.

All Year 11-13 students are welcome to attend this Open Day. If you are interested, please register with Mrs Harris at the College office **ASAP** so the relevant paperwork can be filled out. Please note, if you complete the paperwork for this day and then pull out, you will incur travel costs as spaces are limited. We will be leaving in the school van at 7.30am to arrive at the start of the Open Day.

See Mrs Harris at the Main Office, phone 07 877 8173, or email admin@piopio.school.nz.



Join us for **OPEN DAY 2018**
Friday 18 May, Hamilton campus

Register now

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION EVENING - 23 MAY 2018

The University of Canterbury | Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha (UC) invites students from our school and their families to attend its Waikato Information Evening on Wednesday 23 May.

The evening is a great opportunity for senior secondary students and their parents to learn more about the range of qualifications UC offers, to hear from leading academics and get key questions answered about:

- Scholarships
- Accommodation
- Student Support
- Degree and course information

Anyone considering university study in 2019 or 2020 is welcome at this free event, so register online to find out everything you need to know about life and study at UC.

Register at: www.canterbury.ac.nz/events/tours-and-events/info-evenings/. The UC Information Evening starts at **6pm on 23 May** at Claudelands Event Centre (corner of Brooklyn Road and Heaphy Terrace), Hamilton.

For further information please contact Mrs Rauputu or Mrs Harris on 07 877 8173.

WINTEC OPEN DAY - 25 MAY 2018

WINTER have their Open Day on Friday 25 May, at City and Rotokauri Campus, Hamilton, from 9am - 1pm. You'll be able to chat to tutors about your study options and what different subjects are on offer for you. In some cases you'll also have the chance to try out an activity. Since the Open Day is all about your future, they are taking it a step further and bringing in a line-up of graduates doing interesting things in the industry, so you'll get to see just where a Wintec qualification can take you. While on campus, you can check out the areas that interest you, talk to current students and tutors, enjoy the entertainment and activities, and find out what your own next steps are to get enrolled at Wintec.

For further information and to register your interest please contact Mrs Rauputu or Mrs Harris on 07 877 8173.

SITUATIONS VACANT

KIWISPORT ACTIVITIES & SPORTS COORDINATOR

Reference 2018-006

Piopio College is looking for a person passionate about sport that will run lunchtime activities and undertake the Sports Co-ordination team. This is a part-time position commencing Term 2, 2018.

We are a Positive Behaviour 4 Learning (PB4L) school and seek staff who can strongly align to the principles of PB4L.

Please submit a covering letter, quoting reference number, and current CV to the Principal, Piopio College [18 Aria Road](http://18AriaRoad), Piopio 3912, or email principal@piopio.school.nz.

Applications close **Thursday 10 May 2018**.



YEAR 7 & 8 PARNELL EXCHANGE FUNDRAISING:

Kia ora,

To help subsidize our exchange with Parnell in Term 4, Year 7 & 8 are selling the fabulous Entertainment book.

You can either purchase directly off of a student, contact me on 07 877 8173, email sbodger@piopio.co.nz, or go online.

Thanks for your support!

Mr Steven Bodger and the Year 7 & 8 students

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Every sale contributes to our fundraiser, so purchase yours today!

DODGING BOMBS, SNAKES AND LEECHES, ALL IN A DAY'S WORK FOR FORMER PIOPIO COLLEGE DUX



*Former Piopio
College dux
Patrick Turner in
the gold anomaly
he found in Laos
near the Vietnam
border.*

Stuff.co.nz

Patrick Turner spent last year in the jungles of Laos along the Ho Chi Minh trail dodging unexploded bombs and fending off green vipers and leeches.

He found an untapped source of gold near the Vietnam border, so he named it Tikitiki, after the road he grew up on in Piopio.

Two days after the discovery, he cut 27 leeches from his body - far short of his record of 48 leeches in one day, though.

Travelling to remote jungles might be a bucket list wish for some, but for Turner, it's all in a day's work.

The exploration geologist hails from a tiny rural settlement about halfway between New Plymouth and Hamilton.

He was the 2007 dux of Piopio College.

"The variety of opportunities available at a small country school with less people to go around means that there are plenty of opportunities to take on various roles and responsibilities," Turner said.

"Being at a small country school did not hinder any chances for tertiary education."

Ten years on, 29-year-old Turner has done what 18-year-old Turner said he would do; get a double degree at the University of Canterbury - a Bachelor of Science, majoring in geology, and a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in French, Spanish and German.

He then went on to complete a master's degree.

Turner works on a variety of projects within Australia and Laos and is based in Christchurch but travels frequently.

In 2017, while in Laos, he was the Geological Team Leader for a greenfield and near mine exploration programme.

The work involved the determination of targets, drill hole targeting, logistics, organisation, supervision and sampling of rock chips, stream sediment, soil samples, geological trenches, mapping and interpretation of geophysics survey.

When Turner's not in the bush or the jungle, he's in either Christchurch or Australia.

"At the end of 2011 I picked up a graduate geologist/environmental scientist position at CRL Energy, which is based in Christchurch, and worked between 20 hours a week to fulltime until the end of my master's degree."

He spent six months working at CRL Energy before taking on his current role in May 2016 at Terra Search Ltd based in Townsville, Australia.

"My fiancé (now wife) at that time had a good job in Christchurch and has remained there whilst I gallivant around Australia and Southeast Asia for work."

Turner said if there was any advice he could offer students, especially those nearing the end of their high school years, it's to be aggressive and not to sit back and wait for things to happen, but to "make them happen".

"Take responsibility of your actions or inactions. Don't blame others for where you are or what you are doing, take ownership of your situation and keep moving forward."

- DONNA-LEE BIDDLE
Stuff.co.nz, May 1 2018