

Piopio College

Te Kura Tuarua o Piopio

Newsletter



Panui 8: 22 March 2019

COMING EVENTS

27-29 March

- Y10 Camp (Tauranga)

2 April

- WaiBOP Swimming (Hamilton)

4 April

- Heart of Gold—Mufti Day

5 April

- Y7/Y8 Leadership Day Centennial Park (TK)

9—12 April

- Y8 camp (Mokau)

12 April

- Last day of Term 1

STANDING TOGETHER WE ARE STRONG.



FINANCE OFFICE HOURS

8.45am - 2.05pm

LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday to Friday

10am to 2pm - Term only

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PRINCIPAL/TUMUAKI

Johan van Deventer

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2 minute silence followed by a haka to show we stand shoulder to shoulder

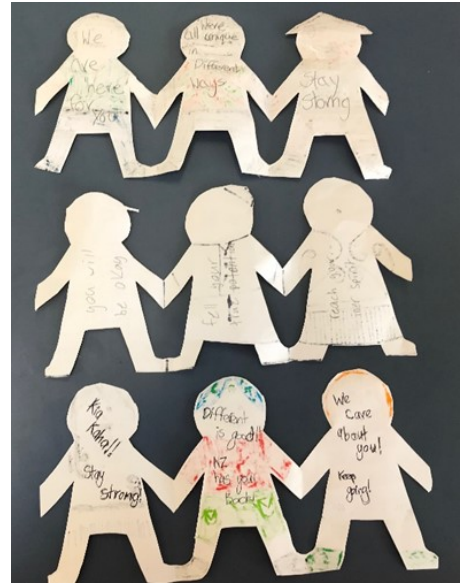
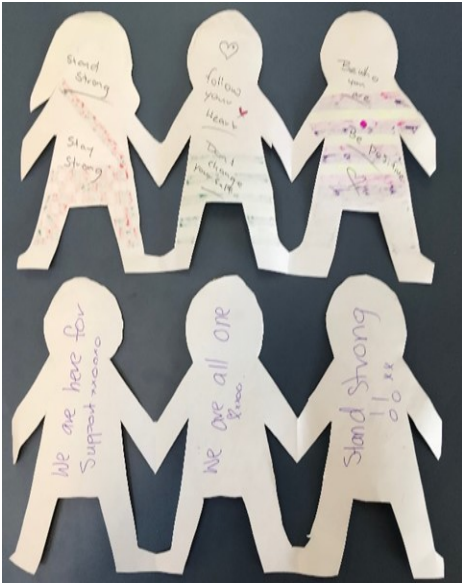
Ngā mihi nui,

Johan van Deventer

Principal / Tumuaki



After such a traumatic weekend, the year 7 & 8 students wished to share their heart felt thoughts and feelings with the people of Christchurch. We decided to take part in the paper doll chain that a couple of students have organised in Papamoa. We wanted to share some of their work before sending it away.



On Tuesday some students attended a memorial ceremony held at the Les Munro Centre for the victims of the Christchurch shootings. Nikarla Laird and Heath Barnsdall delivered very personal and poignant speeches. Fifty candles were lit, one for each life taken so tragically - brought mist to the eyes of many as they were lit and placed by primary school students, with tributes laid by many of those present.



SPEACHES

Today we heavy heartedly speak upon the tragedies that happened in Christchurch on the 15th of March 2019. On behalf of Piopio College and our community, we send our utmost condolences to the victims, their families, and the wider muslim community.

This event was a big shock to the whole of New Zealand, as it is so unusual for something like this to occur in the safe haven we and they call home. I am so saddened by the hurt and pain for those who have lost loved ones, and for those who are still fighting for their lives. I'm not going to pretend like I know the agony and harm this has caused for individuals, but the most important thing is that I and so many others will be here to support and comfort in these times of heartache.

As someone who was born in Christchurch, and lived there my whole childhood, it was very hard for me to believe that such a thing had happened in a place I have such happy memories, but the reality is, it happens. Life is so precious, but can sometimes be shorter than expected, so we have to learn to love and make the most of the time we have with each and every one of us.

I remember my afternoon clearly after being told the news about what had happened. I was sitting in a stadium at a sports game, minding my own business, living my life as usual, thinking that "this is so unfair". How is it that I can go about my life how I usually would with no worry in the world, yet there are people out there, fearing for their lives; Afraid to be in the comfort of their own homes, but also too scared to leave. Until after the game, I drove past the local mosque, and saw a crowd of people, mixed races, all together as one. Grieving as one. There were flowers a plenty across the footpath, messages of love and condolences in chalk on the concrete, and people from all ages from young children to elderly, gathered together as one.

I was instantly filled with happiness, knowing that such a hateful act, caused us to come together and unite as a whole. Not only New Zealand, but also the wider countries and continents.

As I leave now, please never forget that LOVE and Hope will always be stronger than all the hate still in the world. Let your whanau know you love them, and be kinder to one another. Kia Ora.

Nikcarla Laird.

Tena taatou, **Mā te kotahitanga**

E whai muri ai tātou.

In unity we are strong.

It is with compassion and heartfelt condolences, we stand here today as representatives of our kura Piopio College. We are here on behalf of the Staff, Students and Whaanau that make up our school community.

Tributes will continue over the coming days and these will be intermingled with many questions surrounding this tragedy. While we may not have an answer immediately, one thing is certain, our solidarity in this time of grief has been immediate.

Our hearts go out to the many Whānau who have lost loved ones and for those who are still fighting for their lives. We are sharing in your grief and hurt, and if we could hug you all, we would.

My good mate is muslim and I was upset to see him deeply affected by this sad tragedy. What he said to me was, and I quote, "When I first found out what happened I felt heartbroken, sad and angry because one of my family relatives was shot, although I was pleased to hear that he is still alive and fighting for his own life in hospital as we speak. I don't know how anybody is capable of being cruel enough to kill children and elderly as they were praying. I would never think that this would ever happen, especially in New Zealand because we are a country of peace. Therefore I am left constantly thinking to myself, what did our people do to deserve this".

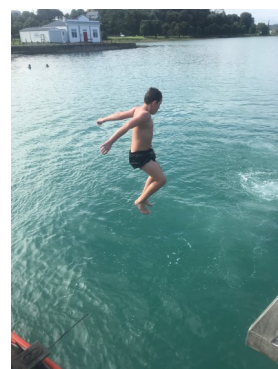
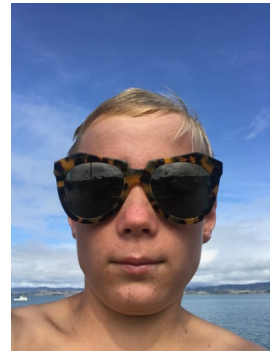
In closing, turn to someone new, reach out and offer a hand shake of whanaungatanga. Thank you for listening. To those that have fallen, may you rest in peace.

Heath Barnsdall

YEAR 7 CAMP

Last Wednesday, our whole year 7 class went to Kawhia on a bonding camp. Before we went to our accommodation, we went into Kawhia and proceeded to the playground where we enjoyed playing for about half an hour on the hamster wheel, seesaws, swings, skate park and slides. Then we headed for a twenty minute drive to Te Kauri Lodge. When we got there we put all the bags under a shelter by the dorms and our host lead us into the lounge with twelve comfortable couches and four small tables put together to make a large table. The lodge is actually used for naturists who study native trees, but lucky we weren't there for that! In the lounge there was a good stag on the wall, and on the other side of the wall it had his tail. Then we went to settle in the dorms, the boys could sleep anywhere in the boys dorm but the girls had to have a sleeping plan! After ten minutes of settling in we had to go to the kitchen to see which groups we were in. My group was called 'Wheke' and we were on dinner and dishes. We made lasagna then went swimming and jumping off a pontoon. The next day we had to put our shoes on because we were going on a bush walk. We headed over to the bush walk sign to take a photo for part of our William Pike challenge. We also took photos along the way. As we walked, we looked at all the native trees and listened to all the birds and their songs. On the walk I fell over in the mud. When we got back we washed off and went to the beach for a swim and we went fishing and were doing bombs off the wharf and buried each other in the sand. Towards the end Miss Hely, Mrs Anselmi and Mandi Butler jumped in off the wharf and I took photos on Mrs Anselmi's phone and wore her stylish sunnies. After three hours of fun we had to wash off and go to the lodge for tea . It started to get dark, so we went for another bush walk to see the glowworms. There was heaps of them!! They were bright!! We walked back to the lodge for the night. The next morning we had breakfast then tidied up our domes, packed up and went to the Otorohanga park followed by a quick dip at the viaduct in TK and then it was home sweet home time. Like campfires and marshmallows, we are better together!!!

By Reece Omelvena



SPORTS NEWS

Piopio College Year 7/8 Hockey Muster - Tuesday the 26th March at the Piopio Primary Hockey turf 3.30-5.30pm. If your child/ern is interested in playing hockey for the kura this year please attend this muster. If your child cannot for any particular reason please contact Gina Draper on 022 1915567 prior to the muster.

We would like to wish the following students (Leah Harre, Janey Pease and Tessa Bradcock) all the best as they represent the kura at the Waikato Showjumping championships on Wednesday the 27 March in Cambridge. We look forward to hearing about your successes. All the best girls!

We would like to wish the following students (Jessie James, Rali Hayes-Purnell and Kyrin Young) as they compete in the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools athletics championships in Hamilton on Saturday. All the best!



Wednesday at the annual school athletics we had some exceptional talent and skill set displayed. This also resulted in some records been broken. So well done to the following students who set new records for 2019.

Rali Hayes Purnell– Senior girls shot put 10.86m

Jessie James– Intermediate girls javelin 30.40m

Potahi McTainsh– Junior girls triple jump 8.29m and junior shot put 8.47m

New event for 2019– Sub junior boys/ girls shot put (new record setters)

Korvell Young– 7.03m

Abbie Blakeman– 5.77m

Congratulations! The championship and whare points will be published next week due to few events that need to be finished off.







The Piopio College branch of the Young Farmers Club is up and running again for 2019 under newly formed leadership elected at the recent AGM. Heath Barnsdall (Head Boy) is our new Chairperson and has already stepped up the momentum with a keen bunch of members from Y7 - 13, making lunchtime activities happen each week. Below are photos of some students learning and perfecting fencing knots under Heath's direction. The older boys were fantastic at sharing their skills and supporting the younger ones. Wow! All of our school values operating at once - Manaakitanga (Caring), Whanaungatanga (Connected), Rangatiratanga (Learning), Kotahitanga (United). Fantastic! (Marina Rauputu - YFC Teacher Support Person).



Congratulations to our students who have gained a place with the Korimako choir....

- Charlotte Barclay
- Korvell Young
- Caitlyn Cody
- Kelani Tapara
- Chloe Penberthy
- Nirvana Tapara
- Nikayla Tapara
- Jaimee Martin
- Kaiya Tattersall



Only 1 from year 8 have made it!

Nga mihi nui - Victoria Sammons

Congratulations to Shaun Edgerton for winning the bi-election for student trustee election.

Thank you Keegan for your time you have spent on the Board of Trustees.

New Broadband Service for Mahoenui

Jeremy Earl and Harley Cressy of Wireless Dynamics in Te Kuiti have begun work to bring a fast and reliable wireless phone and internet option to the area. It will also be available for those hard to get places around the district.

Wireless Dynamics offers - Competitive Pricing Excellent Internet Speeds Rollover Data Plans and Te Kuiti Based Customer Support.

Would you like to find out more?

Come along to the

Mahoenui Hall on

Wednesday 27th March at 7.30pm

And hear from Jeremy and Harley about their plans and if this could be a better internet option for you and your business! Example of Prices:

- * 5GB \$49.90 p/month
- * 10GB \$59.90 p/month Roll Over Data
- * 70GB \$69.90 p/month Roll Over Data
- * 200G \$89.90 p/month Roll Over Data
- * 500GB \$109.90 p/month Roll Over Data
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Student ID card \$8 each. If you wish to order one please bring money to the office. Especially recommended for senior students.

Library now open Tuesdays– Fridays 10am-2pm. We have lots of new books in now, and there some great reads in there.

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 the College **07 877 8173** 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

