

Piopio College

Te Kura Tuarua o Piopio

Newsletter



Panui 3– 21 February 2020

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 25 February

* Yr 12 Tramp Pungarehu

Thursday 27 February

* Piopio College Swimming Sports

Friday 28 February

* PPTA Union meeting

* PTA Meeting College Staffroom

Monday 2 & Tuesday 3 March

* Student, parent, teacher 3 way conferences

Thursday 5 March

* School Photos

Friday 6 March

* Junior Interschool Swimming Sports Te Kuiti

Tuesday 10 March

* KC Athletics Te Awamutu

Tuesday 19 March

* Piopio College Athletics

Friday 20 March

* KC Swimming Sports Taumarunui

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FINANCE OFFICE HOURS

8.45am - 1.45pm

LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday to Friday (Term only)

10.00am to 2.00pm

library@piopio.school.nz



<https://facebook.com/groups/590941524589572>

Kia ora whānau,

This term our focus is on Hauora/Health and as such, we compiled a list of all known service providers in our district. We have done so in order for you to have easy access to contact numbers and hope that you find it useful. Included in our mail is a fridge magnet for your personal use.

On Thursday afternoon staff spent time with some of our whānau over a kai and shared local history and knowledge. It was fantastic to hear their korero and share time with them. A special thank you to Keith Ikin and Whaea Muiora Barry for their kōrero to our staff.

Don't forget to book a slot for our student, parent, teacher 3-way conferences on Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 March. To book in some time with your child/ren's teachers going to <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au> and use the event code 34aab.

The screenshot shows the 'School Interviews' website for '3-way interviews Term1 2020'. The page has a green header with a 'HELP' button. A sidebar on the left contains navigation links: HOME, EVENT, TEACHERS, AVAILABILITY, PARENTS, KIOSK, SCHOOL SETTINGS, CONTACT US, and LOG OUT. The main content area features a green banner stating 'Bookings are now open.' Below this, it says 'Now bookings are open, you need to tell parents about them.' There are two bullet points: 'For printed newsletters, they need to go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the event code 34aab.' and 'For emails and websites, include this link: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=34aab>'. Below the text are six icons with labels: 'New booking', 'Find parents', 'Teachers', 'Availability', 'Print timetables', and 'Close bookings'. On the right side, there is a summary box with 'Bookings: Open', 'Event code: 34aab', 'Teachers: 15', 'Parents: 0', 'Bookings: 0', and a 'Booking link' button.

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Ngā mihi

Johan van Deventer

On Friday 28 February P.P.T.A members will be attending a paid union meeting on-site at Piopio College. Normal classes will be running until lunchtime (12.30pm) and then an alternative programme will run in the afternoon.

Students are expected to attend morning classes, but if students are able to be collected, or to walk home, they may do so with caregiver's permission.

Please complete the Return Slip at the bottom of page 3 and send it to the Piopio College Office.

Level 1 Science - Clambering in Karst Country

When you are studying the forces and processes that shape the surface of the Waitomo area, what better place to learn than out amongst it all. It has been said of the outdoors: "This is what education is about. This is where real learning takes place." Our Level 1 Science students had the opportunity to experience just that on Tuesday's trip up the Mangaotaki Road to Warrick and Suzie Denize's farm, at exactly the place where Bill Burnell spoke those words.

The focus of the visit was to make drawings and notes on the surface features of the area, in preparation for next week's assessment. Incredible bluffs, weathering, erosion - observations were made, examples were sketched, and descriptions recorded, resources for the written assessment accumulated. After checking out the huge oyster fossils it was back into the vans and heading back for the cave experience

Parking at the exit to the cave on Andrew and Tracy Neal's property meant a good walk across farmland where the typical karst country was evident with sinkholes (tomos) and rocky outcrops. A short walk along Wilson Road and we were ready at the cave entrance. The first part of the cave was a bit of low crouching and wet feet (for most), then opening up to more upright walking in the now very shallow stream. All the typical features were present: stalactites, stalagmites, glow worms, eels, boulders that had fallen from the cave roof.

The final section was a low overhead crawl through mud and water with the occasional bang on the head from stalactites growing down longer over time. Just before the exit was a colony of cave wetas, some unmoving, others scurrying into hiding, all with long skinny legs.

A bit of a wash down in the final pool to remove mud and we emerged into daylight with a few aches, pains, bumps and bruises.

A trip like that beats book learning any day. Special thanks to the landowners who allow us access to these incredible resources on our back door step!



Jessie James has taken it upon herself to strive for excellence in the Athletics scene. Last year she was given the opportunity to receive coaching sessions from NZ Athletics coach Earl Crowley in Papamoa.

Today was the first of many and she thoroughly enjoyed the session.



Learning some new skills to enhance her throwing ability. Earl mentioned that Jessie has excellent power and with a few more tweaks will be easily throwing in the mid 30's.

Jessie is looking forward to the upcoming athletic meets. March will be a busy month for this young athlete.

Y11/12/13 Soft Materials Fabric

Soft Materials offer a range of free fabrics to choose from for senior students. However, some students prefer to purchase their own fabric. We are happy to assist them in doing this online. This cost will be charged to your school account or you can purchase fabric yourself. Please talk to your child about the different options available. Any questions please contact the school.

College Bucket hats and caps are now available to purchase from the Office, \$15.00 each.

Pony Club North Island Show Jumping Champs were held during summer holidays at Leamington Cambridge. Te Kuiti and Districts Pony Club team finished 2nd place over all.

The team included students and past students of Piopio College
Tessa Bradcock, Shelby Carey, Sophia Smyth, Clay and Stormy Harris. Congratulations!



Sports Corner

Kia ora whānau,

Our sports calendar is filling up quickly and we are excited to start it off with a bang with our School Swimming Sports next Thursday. Students have completed their entries during whanau time, see our program for the day which will be posted on our Facebook page early next week. Please note that the program is a guide and some events may not start perfectly on time. Students please remember to come dressed up in your whare clothes, bring a couple of towels, extra clothes, a sunhat, sunscreen, a packed lunch, water and your whare spirit! There will be food available to purchase as well as the Waka Ama Team are fundraising for their up and coming season.



School Athletics is our next major school event. Please note the change of date below due to a clash with the McQuilkin Cup.

We would love and welcome whānau help whether that be timing, measuring, helping set up, driving students to our regional events to name but a few. If you are available on these dates and would like to be a part of these awesome days, please contact me.

I am currently putting together a Year 7 and 8 Swimming Team to head to the Waitomo Inter-Schools. This is for competitive swimmers only. If you missed the meeting at Interval this week please see Mrs Thomas ASAP. A letter/permission slip will be heading home for students to complete and bring back. There is a cost of \$3 per event (4 events max) plus \$5 transport.

Netball Trials for all teams are being held on Wednesday the 4th of March from 3.30-5pm and we are looking forward to getting the season started. Thank you to Gina Draper who even though she is on Maternity Leave, has offered to take charge of once again.

A big thank you to Daniel McLachlan who is running Basketball modules every Wednesday afterschool for our students.

A Soccer Muster was held today to register interest. If you missed this meeting please see me.

We are still looking for an under 13 rugby coach. Contact me or Ben Draper who is in charge if you are interested.

There will be a Hockey Muster next Tuesday at lunchtime so if you are interested in playing at any level, please come to the Gym at Lunchtime.

Lucy Thomas, Sports Coordinator

Email: lthomas@piopio.school.nz Phone: 07 8778 173



Up and coming sporting events at Piopio College

Thursday 27th February - Swimming Sports, Piopio Pool

Wednesday 4th of March – Netball Trials for all teams / year levels

Friday 6th March - Inter-schools Waitomo Primary Swimming Sports (Year 7-8), Te Kuiti Aquatic Centre

Tuesday 10th March – King Country Athletics, Te Awamutu Stadium

Tuesday 17th March- McQuilkin Cup Girls 7s Rugby

Thursday 19th March – School Athletics, Piopio College (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

Friday 20th March – King Country Swimming Sports, Taumarunui High School

RETURN SLIP– PPTA Teachers Paid Union Meeting. Friday 28 February 2020

Student names:

Will be

staying at school until 3.30pm

will be collected by caregiver or their delegate at lunch time (12.30-1.15pm)

will walk to their own home or one their caregiver arranges

Signed parent/caregiver _____

N.B If caregivers decide not to send their child to school on that day please contact the office directly, **before** the 28 February on 07 8778173 or admin@piopio.school.nz

PIOPIO COLLEGE After School Learning Hub

Starts Wednesday 26 February for 6 weeks
3.05-4.30pm in the Hallam Learning Centre

Why? To help individuals reach their desired academic goals and get into a regular pattern of doing homework early in the year and before the winter sport season sets in.

What if I don't have any set homework, can I still attend? Yes you can as the supervising teachers will guide you with appropriate pre-learning, to prepare you for topics and skills coming up

YEARS
7-13

Please bring a food item or a coin donation for our shared kai from 3.05 pm - 3.30 pm and any set homework

Please get a permission letter from Mrs Baker at the front office and take it home and get it signed. Together with Health & Safety requirements this will help us to see if we need to organise transport home for anyone

We would love a couple of parents to help out with the setting up of the food and drinks, as well as any others happy to work alongside students. Any other ideas would be welcomed too.

Please don't hesitate to ring the school office (Ph: 877 8173) for further information

Wande Ebofin (HOD Maths & Teacher of Digital Technology)/Marina Rauputu (Y9 Maths/Science/Ag Hort/Gateway)

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PTA Meeting on Friday 21 February
3.30pm in the College Staffroom.
Everyone welcome.

Room 17 has now been lifted and is on its way to Morrinsville.



Annual General Meeting

North King Country Junior Football
Monday 24 February 2020 7.00pm
Otorohanga Football Club - Alex Telfer
Drive, Otorohanga Enquiries to Emma Telfer etelfer@kiokio.school.nz or nkcjfootball@gmail.com

King Country Junior Hockey

DEVELOPMENT HOCKEY 2020 MUSTER

All interested Year 7 to 8 players wanting to join the King Country Development Hockey Squad to further develop their skills and experience full field hockey should come to our muster.

Muster Dates - held at Te Kuiti High School

- ⇒ Thursday 12th March at 3.45pm
- ⇒ Another Muster to be confirmed

What to bring: Mouth guard, shin guards and hockey stick.

The Development Squad practice once a week on a Sunday and play games in the Waikato Competition in Hamilton on Friday nights, times vary.

Any year 5 and 6 interested in improving their hockey skills are welcome to attend the muster and trainings.

Competition starts on Friday 1st May and runs through until Friday 28th August.

For more information please contact Trudy Denize on vbeekdesign@gmail.com



STOCK SCHEME



A big thank you to
Brendan and Trudy Denize
for grazing stock for our
stock scheme.



If you or someone you know can:

- Graze a beast for the PTA:
 - Donate a calf and graze it
 - The PTA provide you with a reared calf to graze
 - Purchase a calf and the PTA reimburse you the cost
- Donate a calf to be grazed elsewhere

Please contact:

Lisa Lyford – 021 115 1189
Scott Lyford – 027 228 6284
lyford1@xtra.co.nz
Stock Scheme Co-ordinators

We want to increase the funds they provide, making the benefits to the school and our children greater!

Doctor Amy Kempthorne	Te Kuiti Medical Centre 07 878 7878	Available at Piopio College	Tuesdays 10.30am to 11.30am
Whitney Te Wano	WDHB - Public Health Nurse	Available at Piopio College	Mondays 12.30pm to 1.30pm
Please make sure you let admin staff know if you would like to see the doctor or nurse at the College – 07 8778 173			
Youth Intact (Youth Support Worker)	Youth Support Worker	Louis (Lou) Bell	021 0237 4562
Youth Justice		Kat Watkins	021 220 0576
Youth Alcohol & other drugs Practitioner		Kevalena Rata	021 256 5636
Whanau Ora – Tamariki/Rangatahi	Mental Health Whanau Ad- vocate	Morgan Muraahi	027 549 6037
Oranga Tamariki Ministry for Children	Social Worker	Aaron Fereti	07 957 1213
Tamariki/Rangatahi	Mental Health Social Worker	Pania Naqarase	021 0237 4546
Tamariki/Rangatahi	Mental Health Occupational Therapist	Emma Smith	021 0237 4566
Lifeline	0800 543 354	Or free text 4357 (HELP)	
Suicide Crisis Helpline	0508 828 865		
Depression Helpline	0800 111 757	Or free text 4202	To talk to a trained counsellor about how you are feeling or to ask any question
Youthline	0800 376 633	Or free text 234	Or email talk@youthline.co.nz
Kidsline	0800 534 754		For young people up to 18 years of age

NEED TO TALK?



**free call or text
any time**

We're here. [Free call or text 1737 any time](https://www.youthline.co.nz), 24 hours a day. You'll get to talk to (or text with) a trained counsellor. Our service is completely free.

- Are you feeling anxious or just need someone to talk to? **Call or text 1737**
- Are you feeling down or a bit overwhelmed? **Call or text 1737**
- Do you know someone who is feeling out-of-sorts or depressed? Let them know they can call or txt 1737