

# Piopio College

Te Kura Tuarua o Piopio

## Newsletter



Panui 15– 24 July 2020

### COMING EVENTS

#### Mon 27 July

Loves Me Not Programme  
Y12

#### Tues 28 July

Life Education Trust Caravan  
Y7 & Y8

#### Wed 29 July

Life Education Trust Caravan  
Y7 & Y8

BoT meeting 6.00pm  
*College Staffroom - Everyone  
welcome*

#### Wed 12 Aug

3 Way Conferencing - 12pm-6pm

### PRINCIPAL/TUMUAKI

*Johan van Deventer*

18 Aria Road, Piopio 3912

07 877 8173 or

0800 240 173

[www.piopio.school.nz](http://www.piopio.school.nz)

### FINANCE OFFICE HOURS

8.45am - 1.45pm

### LIBRARY HOURS

*Tuesday to Friday (Term only)*

10.00am to 2.00pm

[library@piopio.school.nz](mailto:library@piopio.school.nz)



[https://facebook.com/  
groups/590941524589572](https://facebook.com/groups/590941524589572)

Nau mai hoki mai tātou katoa

Welcome back to school in Term Three, I trust you have all had a good rest and are ready to put the shoulder to the wheel.

### Interim Reports

We will be sending out our mid-year post Covid-19 reports to parents shortly, and then invite you to attend parent/student conferences with our teachers, to catch up and review what needs to happen for your child this year. Conferences will be held on Wednesday 12 August, from 12 noon until 6pm.

### Attendance and Engagement

We are focusing on attendance and engagement this term and I must admit that attendance is currently a big challenge for the senior students as many not only have Wintec, Gateway and Work Experience for at least one day a week, but they sometimes stay at home instead of coming to school, which means they could lose 40% attendance. This, as well as the time lost during lock down, is creating the potential for gaps to develop in learning skills and knowledge.

Students need to be at school and in classes as often as possible to successfully engage in learning and achievement. Your help and support from home would be much appreciated to ensure that the students get to school as often as possible.

### Food for Students

We are going to implement food in whanau classes for students as we have successfully received a grant to help provide healthy options to students. This strategy will support students to have a hearty meal before going into classes and a variety of healthy easy packaged food such as fruit and nuts etc will be available. The Student Council is also planning to host breakfasts during Terms Three and Four.

### Protecting Student Privacy

We are noticing that students are using Instagram and TicTok to film each other and staff doing activities and sports events. Please help us remind the students that it is against the Privacy Act to film someone without their permission and it is also illegal to distribute footage to anyone. We have had a number of incidents in the past where potentially harmful footage has been circulated on social media. If you become aware of such incidents and or footage, please inform the College as soon as possible so that we can get Netsafe to help keep our students safe from harm.

### Junior Matariki Fun Festival

A big thank you to the junior school for putting on a lovely variety show on the last day of Term Two! It was fantastic to see all the talent on display and it was a good way to end the term and celebrate Matariki post lockdown. Thank you to Mrs Sammons, Miss Butler and all the students who helped organise the event, and we also appreciated the lovely kai provided by Bonnie and her team. Ka nui te mihi

It is truly wonderful to have our students back, we also welcome back our teachers Mrs Gina Draper - who returns from Maternity leave, Miss Ashley Thompson - our new Year 7 Homeroom teacher and Mrs Michelle Carter - our new Teacher Aide. We also farewell Mrs Victoria Sammons - Thank you for your help last term.

We look forward to an active and productive Term Three.

Ngā mihi

Johan van Deventer  
Principal/Tumuaki

## Rugby Draw Saturday 25 July at Piopio College

Piopio College u16 v Taupo Combined - 11.00am *then* Piopio College u13 v Otorohanga - 12.30pm

Dear Whānau

As part of our health program we have some outside providers coming into kura to run some programs with our students. These programs are crucial to provide our students with the necessary skills to keep themselves safe.

If you feel you would not like your child to participate in the below programs or have any questions please contact me on 021 230 9261. Programme details below.

Ngā mihi,

*Ben Draper*

### Year 9 and 10 "Mates and Dates" Programme

Mates & Dates is a healthy relationship program for secondary school students – those in Years 9 to 10.

Mates & Dates is not a sex education program. It aims to reduce sexual and dating violence through teaching young people the knowledge and skills to engage in safe, healthy and respectful relationships.

### Year 12 "Loves Me Not" Programme

Loves-Me-Not uses a whole school approach and a one-day workshop for Year 12 students to explore healthy relationships and the sometimes difficult subject of relationship abuse and consent.

## SITUATIONS VACANT - PUBLICIST / LIBRARIAN

Reference No. 20/002

We are seeking an organised, proactive and hands on Publicity - Communications Specialist/Librarian to join our Support Team at Piopio College.

The main role of the Publicist/Librarian will be to ensure the positive promotion of Piopio College activities and events through Media and/or Social Media.

The role will include maintaining/promoting our:

- Weekly newsletters
- Facebook page
- Website design and maintenance
- Newspaper and BirdTalk articles
- Librarian duties

The ideal applicant will have:

- Journalism experience - preferred but not essential
- High level of written language skills
- Attention to detail
- Photography skills

Sixteen hours per week over 4 days (4 hours per day), Term time only.

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, 18 Aria Road, Piopio 3912. Applications close Friday 31 July 2020.

## MEREHUIA YOUNG STOCK CLUB—CALF CLUB DAY 2020

Students from Year 7 - Year 10 are able to enter Calf Club Day.

Calf Club Day is a PETS DAY tradition at Piopio Primary School which takes place early in Term 4. This letter is an introduction, especially for our new parents. The day is organized and run by a committee of volunteers known collectively as the Merehuia Young Stock Club (MYSC) Committee.

The MYSC Committee has agreed to allow children to compete with calves this year. There will be strict rules that need to be followed and information about these requirements will be sent out to those children who would like to bring calves.

It is time to start thinking about animals.

**Calves, Lambs or Goats must be born on or after 1 July 2020 and before 20 September 2020.**

*The birth dates tie in with Group Day rules for students who wish to go on and compete against other schools. Group Day information will come out later in Term 3.*

This table details the class of animal students may enter:

Class of Animal	Preschoolers	Primary School Students	College Pupils Y7-10
Calf		😊	😊
<b>LAMB</b>	😊	😊	😊
GOAT	😊	😊	😊
<b>HORSE</b>		😊	😊
COMPANION ANIMALS e.g. poultry, cats etc.	😊	😊	😊