

PIOPIO BirdTalk

BI MONTHLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER COVERING PIOPIO, ARIA & MAHOENUI DISTRICTS

RUGBY TALENT LEADS THE WAY

Making headway in a once male dominated sport, former Piopio College student Dr Farah Palmer has made history in her recent election to become the first ever women on the New Zealand Ruby board.

As an athletic student Palmer enjoyed most sports at the college during her attendance, however it wasn't until she found her niche in women's rugby during her university years, that her talent developed.

Her appointment to this board is one of many roles Palmer has contributed to sport and is a true reflection of her talent and strength at this level.

This also follows the launch of the renamed Women's Provincial Rugby Championship, the Farah Palmer Cup. Having played 35 test matches for the Black Ferns and represented Otago, Waikato and Manawatu at provincial level she is one of the most iconic figures in women's rugby.

In consideration of acceptance, Palmer

commented: "It's very humbling to have the competition named in my honour. I had to have a real think about accepting it because rugby is a team sport and there are lots of women and men who have gone before me that really helped women's rugby develop. But then I thought it is a great honour and I am happy to be acknowledged



DR FARAH PALMER

this way."

Her sporting accolades cover many years and highlights include; the role as captain for the Black Ferns women's rugby in the World cup winning in 1998, 2002 and 2006. During this time Palmer was also named Maori sportsperson of the year in 1998 and 2006, and IRB International Women's Personality of the year in 2005 and notably in 2014, she was

inducted to the World Rugby Hall of Fame.

With rugby and sport at the forefront, commendation and recognition as an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2007 and induction to the Wall of Fame at the University of Otago's School of Physical Education in 2006 are highlights in her career.

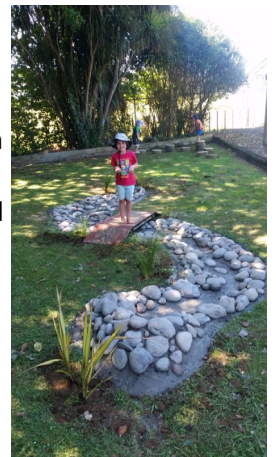
As a senior lecturer in Massey University's School of Management and director in the university's Maori business and leadership centre, her knowledge and expertise is well respected and this has been shown through the acknowledgment from provincial union rugby levels in her nomination also. It is noted her exceptional playing career and support in rugby at all levels is identified as her strength. With roles held in the Maori Rugby Board, New Zealand's Rugby Committee and work for World Rugby, her perspective and insight will undoubtedly be an asset and in particular to Maori rugby in her position on the New Zealand Rugby board.

BACK TO NATURE WITH KIDS PLAY

In time for the return of preschool children, Piopio Playcentre has brought nature to the playground. Created with the help of many local trades people and parents, a natural riverbed for the children to discover the theories of water and science, has been constructed. "Creating the area was like being a 4 year old again", one parent joked. The arrival of a new mud play kitchen will adjoin the riverbed ensuring these children will explore and get their hands dirty. Learning through play and experiencing the value of this is important for preschool children to grasp early stage development milestones.

During Playcentre Awareness week, the centre will hold an open day to all preschoolers and families wishing to explore the new playground and play areas.

MONDAY 6TH MARCH @ 9.30AM.



ELEANOR LAVER

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FOR HIRE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Aria

2-Day Trail Ride



St Helens Domain, Kumara Road, Aria (half hour south of Te Kuiti)
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Sat & Sun

18 & 19

Feb 2017

3x 40km loops 1.2km moto x track Kid's track

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Kids (13yrs & under) \$15/day, \$25/weekend
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- Tracks open 9:30am on Saturday, no briefing, rolling registration
- Camping: \$5pp for weekend (available from Fri night)
- Dinner: Adults \$15, Kids (12yrs & under) \$10 (Sat night)
- Helmets compulsory
- All day BBQ - licensed bar - Eftpos available
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- No dogs permitted

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SENIOR CITIZENS

We have a meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at 10 am. Following this, a cuppa and DVD or a guest speaker is planned.

All senior citizens are most welcome to attend.

We have had some interesting ideas for visits once the weather improves so if you are interested, please make contact with us.

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3 LITTLE BIRDS . . .

News from the Fat Pigeon, Crafty Pigeon, Owls Nest & Night Owl

NIGHT OWL: We have updated our menu summer slightly, adding a couple of favourites ... T-bone steak and confit duck to name a couple.

Don't forget we are available for your function; family get-togethers, birthdays, weddings and anniversaries. We have also hosted kids birthdays which have been a hit! You are welcome to bring blow-up castles etc to put out the back ... and because it's all fenced it is a safe play area for the littlies. We have set kids buffet menus to choose from, so please contact us for your child's next birthday.

Otherwise, we hope to have some entertainment in the coming months ... once everything settles down after the festive season!

FAT: The café is rocking along as usual. As you can imagine, it has been super-busy over the

holidays so thank you all for your patience and continued support.

CRAFTY: Lucy and Carly have been re-organising in the Crafty, and it looks absolutely amazing – well done ladies!

Exciting new arrivals are hitting our shelves ... Grish has been busy unpacking and pricing, so pop in and see her and take a look.

OWL'S NEST MOTEL: Zoe has welcomed guests from around the world who absolutely love the motel and our village. We have a number of weddings coming up so the motel will be filled to capacity on a number of days, which is great to see.

Also, we have added the 'Big Nest' to our rooms, which is the small house on the south side of the motel. This sleeps up to five and has its own kitchen and lounge. If you have family or friends coming to visit, the 'Big Nest' may be just the ticket! *Take care, enjoy the sun and we hope to see you soon.*



Welcome to Te Kuiti Travel



We are set and ready to fire -

Melanie's South Australian Foodie tour is all go. I would like to share some info gleaned from my recent Sydney cruise.

- Cruises are a cash-less society using a cruise debit card for all transactions. If you do not have a credit card you can activate your on-board account by a minimum cash deposit, which varies between cruise lines.
- The night before, you receive a daily schedule of the following day's events – salsa lessons, Broadway shows, tutorials, day excursions...
- You have to check which cruise lines allow alcohol to be brought on board for private consumption.
- Stay in touch with home by purchasing internet plans – warning, they can be pricey.
- ATM facilities are available on board all ships
- All dining on board is included in your fare, from a variety of buffet to a la carte, as well as beautiful specialty restaurants for a reasonable charge.
- For more tips I am having a *New To Cruise*, Information evening Thursday 23rd of February at 5.30pm.

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This year we are starting the year with seven classrooms and around 150 students which is due to climb throughout the year. While it hasn't been the best summer so far we are hoping for some fine weather to start the term off with. Once again swimming will take up a major part of the start of the term with daily swimming planned, we also have some water safety lessons occurring as well. At the end of last year we held our end of year assembly and

prizegiving which was well attended by the community, we congratulated our prize winners, bid farewell to our Year 6 students and outlined our plans for 2017. We have senior camp booked in for the start of term 2 for our year 5 and 6 students, so fundraising will be a big part of this term for many students. We also have some others trips being investigated as part of our water study called Te Awa, which plan to be exciting.

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PROJECT PIOPIO TRUST REPORT JANUARY 2017

Project Piopio Trust (PPT) have two major projects still to complete in 2017:

- the shelter for campers in **Tui Park**
- the entrance, landscaping and information Boards around the new public toilets in **Kara Park**.

Despite our efforts to apply for funding for these projects, we were unable to raise sufficient funds to complete them both fully in 2016.

We still need to raise more funds to make the finishing touches to the **Tui Park shelter**. The building needs another coat of sealer and we still have 2 large tables and seating to

install. This will be a priority for 2017.

The overall plans for **Kara Park** are as follows:

Step 1: The gardens and front entrance to the toilets. The remainder of the work and planting here will be completed within the next 2 weeks.

Step 2: Three new information boards to showcase the area, (framework designed by Trudy Denize- to be in keeping with her design for the toilet block), will be placed at the front of the toilets: one either side of the toilet entrance in the pebble-filled boxes and one to the right of the toilets.

Step 3: A winding concrete path will lead from the toilets to the café bridge

Step 4: A garden will be made to allow access to, but disguise, the

large array of inspection lids to the sewage tanks etc.

Step 5: to tidy up/replace the front fence along Kara Park

Fortunately, the evening we hosted with Al Brown in October raised a sufficient amount of money for us to begin Step 1, tidying around the toilets in Kara Park, ready for the holiday season. We have been working with Waitomo District Council on this project, with both planning and funding. We designed the landscaping to fit in with the thick chunky timber, rhyolite boulder/rural type theme we have running through the town already. Kevin Hall built the gardens for us, Dave Tapara did the concrete work and we sealed all of the redwood timber ready for the gardens to be completed. WDC have provided the topsoil, plants and labour to complete the work in the garden area.

A big THANK YOU to these people for helping us achieve this first step. We have had some very positive comments from passers by already.

PPT—Nicky Atkinson, Barrie Tatham, Kirsty Reeves, Lynn Merchant, Melanie Simpson.

All over New Zealand communities are taking ownership of reducing and preventing family violence. Family violence happens in homes, in neighbourhoods and in communities. Crisis services such as Police and social services which support victims and perpetrators usually get involved after violence has happened.

So communities have a significant role to play in preventing violence and making it **not OK**, just as they have with smoking and drink driving. Families can declare themselves violence-free and adults can look out for and protect children in their neighbourhood and community.

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VANBEEK DESIGN

The 2016 Local Body Elections have been and gone. With Lorrene Te Kanawa not standing again in the Urban Ward, an election was required and the new face at the Council Table is Janene New who you will have noticed on the back page of the December 'Waitomo Way'.

The Waitomo Way also advised that the development of the draft Exceptions Annual Plan 2017/18 is now underway. The Annual Plan is the budget and physical work plan

for the year 1st of July to 30th of June, and is the basis for striking the Rates for that year, after it has been approved by the Auditors.

We are required to produce a Long Term Plan (LTP), which is basically 10 Annual Plans combined together, and the last was for the 2015 – 2025 period, with a full review required every three years.

The first year of the 2015 – 25 LTP (the 2015/2016 year) was the budget that set the Rates for the 2015/16 year. If the budgets for the second and third years need changing, as they invariably

do, we have to go through the Exceptions Annual Plan process, which we did for the current year, and are now doing for the coming 2017/18 financial year. In the 2017/18 year we will start the cycle again, reviewing the LTP so it will become the '2018 – 28 Long Term Plan'.

It is complicated, so if you want anything clarified, please contact me.

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NOTEWORTHY NEWS FROM ARIA SCHOOL

Happy 2017 everyone!

Welcome to a new staff member!

We welcome Miss Sarah O'Connor to our staff. Sarah will be teaching our New Entrant – Year 2 class.

After completing her teaching degree Sarah travelled extensively in Europe before teaching last year in a Hamilton Kindergarten. This is her first year in a primary school. Sarah

has a farming background (Te Kawa) and is flatting in Te Kuiti. Sarah is a very passionate and talented dancer and we are all very excited about her joining our team here at Aria School.

Aria Two Day Trail Bike-Ride – don't forget our major fundraising event of the year during the weekend of 18th/19th February. Full details in the advertisement included in this Birdtalk.

The **SENIOR CITIZEN** group wish to thank their members who contributed to our recent fundraising efforts.

Special thanks must go to the people in our community who helped us by buying our goods and donating raffles. We have been very fortunate to receive several monetary donations as well. We are now in a healthy position financially and will continue to maintain this by further fundraising in the future.



Exercise sessions have begun again on Thursday mornings at 9:30 and Housie is played in the afternoon beginning at 1:00pm. A special thank you to June O'Donoghue who has led the exercise sessions for years. Come along and Sit and be Fit! Please come along and join in.

We do welcome new members – Subscriptions are \$15 per year.

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