

PIOPIO BirdTalk

BI MONTHLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER COVERING PIOPIO, ARIA & MAHOENUI DISTRICTS

FLIGHTLESS PIOPIO SIGHTED ON COLLEGE GROUNDS

As you leave our village heading south on SH3, glance to your left to see Piopio's newest attraction - the outstanding limestone Piopio, a native New Zealand Thrush, set in the hillside of Piopio College.

It took weeks of preparation - planning, designing and layout trials - to be ready to begin the hard graft by a core of Year 10 students. The challenge was to get the right proportions based on the shape of the slope. Once the pattern of the Piopio was laid out using bed sheets the outline was marked using pink paint.

The students turfed the pattern, excavating approximately twenty tonnes of soil. This was replaced

with forty tonnes of crushed limestone and shaped for water runoff. Shovels, spades and wheelbarrows were the main tools, resulting in a few blisters along the way. The enthusiasm and effort shown by the students was as outstanding as the resulting image.

However this project would never have flown without Duncan Clarke and Grayden Haine from McDonald's Lime arranging the sponsorship of the crushed limestone, with Hayden Cody from Cody Haulage ensuring the three loads were delivered free of charge - a huge vote of thanks to these guys who supported a local community project.



A MAGNIFICENT PIOPIO: AS A RESULT OF THE EFFORTS OF A MAGNIFICENT GROUP OF YEAR 10 STUDENTS.

OSCAR
JOHNS,
TAYLOR
WARREN AND
CODY
MORTENSON
TAKE A WELL
EARNED
BREAK AT THE
END OF THE
DAY.



MAIN STREET— PRE-LOVED FASHION AND HOMEWARES

As one door closes another two open for Moa street. The closure of the successful Sweet Tweets cake and cute stuff shop, will re-open as Belle Bird fashion and accessories.

Once known as the old tin shed, this quaint little shop has been an icon in this town opening its doors to yet another local resident. Previously the ANZ bank, a garden shop, Homeopathy clinic just to name a few.

Like many entrepreneurs, Shelley Pudney has a

passion and following her instinct will see her bring fashion to our main street of Piopio.

Retailing both pre-loved quality designed clothing and new lines of clothing, business owner Shelley has a love for well made clothing, jewellery and hand bags.

With a range of sizes and styles of clothing, she is confident there will be something for everyone. With new lines of clothing including SAS, Fate, Betty

Basics, Zero Plus and merino clothing. Bell Birds fashion boutique may just have something a little new or used for you.



Open Monday to Friday
9am to 4pm

Further down the street, getting a little Moa 4 Less (More for less), has seen locally born and bred Cheryl Muraahi open the doors in the old Post Office building, next to King Country Honda.

A range of second hand goods, furniture, household wares, and clothing has taken home in this building.



MEMORIAL HALL TO RECEIVE FACE LIFT

Firstly I must apologise as in the last issue we were asking for people interested in taking part in a boxing event to contact us. However since then we have been informed the venue we had booked will not be made available for such an event. So at this stage the boxing evening has been canned unless a suitable venue can be found.

You may have noticed there are things happening at the hall..... Yes we have finally started our toilet upgrade, Matt Wrenn Building, Coxy's Plumbing, Ryan Todd Electrical, and Albert Tahere Flooring have started the massive task of transforming these ugly ducklings into practical, user friendly spaces.

The work is really taking shape and will be completed before our "Stars In Your Eyes" fundraiser on June 21st. So this year your Stars experience will be that much better. Speaking of Stars, Have you secured your ticket? Get in now so the girls and I don't become ticket master, buy, sell or trade the week leading up to the show! Every year we have sold out and we hope to carry that trend on.

Have you thought about putting an act in? It really is a good laugh, we would love to see some new talent. Don't be put off by not having a group together yet or thinking its too late! My group is still to come up with a song and still to start practicing! Yikes... Most groups pretty much wing it in the last couple of weeks, so get a group together and give it a go.

VIKKI WATSON

****STARS IN YOUR EYES**
21ST JUNE**



During the past year we have had lots of fun working bees with our Food Caravan, as well as having an extremely successful local Paddy's Market last year. Paddy's Market will be even more important for us this year in October, as we have missed out on a site at the Fieldays, which has been a huge source of income for us in the past.

We really need you, the public to support us at our upcoming Paddy's Market.

During the year our club has supported a variety of organisations, such as:

- Piopio Fire Brigade extension
- Tainui Pets Day
- Aria Toy Library
- Piopio Primary School sandpit
- Mokau Fishing Club - Take a Kid Fishing Day

plus many other projects, including sponsoring overseas educational trips for some of our local school students.

Highlights of our year would undoubtedly be the continual success of the Aria Sports Day on Waitangi Day. The Aria community is to be congratulated for their support of this day, followed closely by the bike ride for the Aria School. It is a tribute to the Aria community and we are pleased to be a part of this.

We have had a few changes amongst the committee, and we will see a nomination for Owen Harrison to step forward as the new president this year.

We are always looking for new members, and if being a member of the Piopio Lions Club appeals to you, please contact one of our Lions Members.

GAVIN TODD

DID YOU KNOW that the old RSA building in Weka Street is owned and maintained by Piopio Senior Citizens Inc. Income, mainly from hall hire and the very generous rental, donation from Piopio Lions, enables us to keep the rooms tidy and comfortable.

In recent years the building exterior has been repainted, ceiling batts and a heat pump installed and other basic maintenance kept done to ensure pleasant surroundings for our gatherings and for the community to hire. ****SO PLEASE KEEP HIRING IT****

We would love more Seniors to join us. A \$10 subscription will give you the opportunity to share all, or any, of the following:

- Weekly exercises
 - Weekly housie
 - Monthly meetings
- We also try to include an 'extra activity' each month. Some that have been especially popular were the:
- Paddle Boat trip on Lake Whakamaru and

- Pureora bush walk
 - Hamilton Zoo
 - Hairy Feet
 - Otorohanga Kiwi House picnic
 - Annual lunch at Piopio Cosmopolitan Club
- At home days with games, bowls and pot luck lunches are also enjoyed.

Financial members are phone when something extra is planned.

**MID WINTER LUNCH
17TH JUNE
PIOPIO COS CLUB**

The next Happening is: Mid Winter Lunch Please pre pay by 10th June. \$20 per person.

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This year marks the 50th anniversary of Piopio Playcentre. Established in 1964 it first operated from the Presbyterian church hall. Following much fundraising and a grant from the Department of Education, the Playcentre moved to the present purpose built site adjacent to Piopio Primary School.

Over the years extensions have been made and sheds have been added to store outdoor equipment. In 1995 a new playground was erected. Today fundraising continues as the committee undertakes to raise money for a shade sail to cover parts of the outdoor play area.

Continual improvements to the site is a constant reminder of the many

families whom have had connections to this Playcentre.

This early childhood centre has seen hundreds of children during its time, and the invaluable support provided for parents and families can not be forgotten. Often life long friends are made when families join and parents and caregivers alike often comment, "It's a support network for families to talk about like minded activities and family happenings."

This year we have nearly 20 families enrolled at Piopio Playcentre with 27 children attending. A number of mothers currently attending were once Piopio Playcentre children themselves!

To celebrate this commemoration, we intend in producing a cookbook with past member favourites and photos. In conjunction to celebrate the anniversary later in the year, we would be keen to hear from you if you would like to be invited to this occasion.

To learn more about what is in store to mark the Playcentre's milestone please get in touch with

**RACHAEL LAVER (NEE VOYCE)
877 8484**

BIKE RIDE SUCCESS

The Waitanguru Community thanks everyone who came along to support our fundraising bike rides in April.

Despite a foggy start, Scenic Saturday turned into the spectacular event we had hoped for, with so many people being wowed by the stunning landscapes and breathtaking views. Sunday was another brilliant day with riders from as far afield as Tauranga, Auckland and south Taranaki.

We received so much positive feedback about both days and compliments about the friendly atmosphere, great hospitality and top-class food. Many seasoned riders

mentioned that Waitanguru offers the best tracks they have experienced anywhere. We already have plans to make Scenic Saturday even more attractive in 2015 and to build on the success of our legendary Sunday ride.

The funds raised are targeted at further improvements for our Hall with a new sound system high on our priority list. To celebrate this wonderful community effort we held a thank you dinner at the Hall with over sixty people in attendance. Way to go Waitanguru!

SHONA BLUNDELL

MAINLY MUSIC TEN YEAR BIRTHDAY



TOP: FATHER AND SON - HANATAUA AND STEVE BODGER

MID: CHILDREN ENJOYING MUSIC

BOTTOM: MICHELLE CARTER WITH SAM KIRKLAND

THANK YOU



first to care

The Piopio community gave **\$170.00** to St Johns over the St John Week Appeal. This was donated to money boxes placed throughout Piopio businesses.

A Big Thank You from us.

ROSE YOUNG

TE KUITI AND DISTRICT PONY CLUB TROPHIES 2014

Key

- FYR – First Year Ridden
B - Beginner
- A & T – Attendance and turnout
I - Intermediate
- MI – Most Improved J - Junior
- MP – Most Points S - Senior

Thompson Cup – FYR (A & T) –
Molly MacLachlan

Kendrick Cup – J 9 & Under (A & T) –
Tessa Bradcock

Meads Trophy – I (A & T) –
Chloe Brown

All Rata Trophy – S (A & T)
Stormy Harris

Peter and Shirley Frost Trophy – MI B –
Tessa Bradcock

Holmes Cup – MI J – Isabel Mans/
Morgan Cryer

John Fordham Memorial Cup – MI I –
Molly Nelson/Clay Harris

Watkins Cup – MI S – Louisa
McDonald

Bending Cup – Stormy Harris
(13.84sec)

FEI Cup S – Sian McDonald

Junior Challenge Cup – MP B –
Tessa Bradcock/Leah Harre

B Johnston Memorial – MP J –
Janey :Pease

A & M Walker Cup – MP I – Molly
Nelson/Chloe Brown

Ernie Smith Memorial – MP S –
Stormy Harris

**Paul Cunningham Trophy (ODE
points winner) –** Sarah Bevege

**R Rutherford Trophy (DC choice
for leadership) –** Stormy Harris

Members have certainly enjoyed an eventful 2013-2014 season. The first of many Pony Club events was the Kihikihi Gymkhana which was well supported by our club as was the Gold Cup where 16 of our members competed and we came away with 4th prize. The grounds looked beautiful and the day ran smoothly for our Spring ODE with a lot of our members competing successfully and our team of parents working hard to make the day successful. Clay and Stormy Harris both went to the NISJ Champs as draft riders with Clay picking up four placings for his team.

In January we held our PC camp which was again hosted by the Smyths with the children enjoying lessons, games, farm and beach rides and swimming their ponies.

We have a very strong group of members who have travelled extensively to ODEs and have enjoyed much success this season. Our club had 3 riders trialling for champs and a special mention must go to Sarah Bevege who made the champs team and Sian MacDonald who was reserve.

Another exciting surprise was that Stormy Harris won the Junior

Sportsperson of the year and the club was nominated for the club of the year at the KCE Waitomo District Sports Awards 2013.

This year for the first time we entered a team in the Waitara Junior Teams event and all our riders competed enthusiastically and have gained valuable experience competing as part of a team.

Congratulations to the Timberlands team, the first time in a long time that we have entered a full team, they won the turnout prize and were 9th overall.

We had 6 members pass their D certificates in December, they were Thomas Pease, Alice Buckley, Maddy Buckley, Morgan Cryer, Tessa Bradcock and Chloe Brown.

The ribbon day was a big success and it was really pleasing to see so many Dads and Grandparents enjoying the day. For the first time we held a novelty dress up event which proved extremely popular with senior and junior riders alike.

**PROVIDED BY
HEATHER PEASE**

**SIAN MCDONALD AS A
DUCK SHOOTER**



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RUGBY SEASON ATTRACTS NEW BLOOD

Anyone who has played sport, or supported a team, will understand camaraderie is as important as winning games.

It can be the difference between a successful season and a pastime people participate on a weekly basis.

But one of Piopio Rugby Club's strengths this year is its bond throughout the team which encompasses 22 new players for the season – with a total of 28 boys.

It has been the players' ability to come together as new individuals which has created a club worth playing for, with hopes of a place in the finals at the end of the season.

Gary Jeffries and Jack Murray add to this at the team's trainings and are responsible for tactics as coaches while Jason Taitoko plays a crucial role as manager.

Kirsty McCormick's medical knowledge has been vital to keeping the players at their healthiest and has taped, strapped and iced much of the team throughout the season.

Local community generosity has also ensured the club's sponsorship for the year and will be essential in helping with upcoming projects to repair the clubrooms.

The relationship between players, management, coaches and the ever increasing sideline supporters has instilled a new found pride in the club which adds extra incentive for the team to perform well.

Although the team started the Farmlands Club Competition strong they have dropped to fifth place on the table with seven games under their belt – three wins, three losses and a draw.

They will end the first round with a must-win home game against Taumarunui Districts.

This year's club prize giving will be held on August 1 at the Piopio Memorial Hall with guest speaker former All Black and New Zealand Sevens player Eric Rush.

Tickets will be available in June from Piopio's Crafty Pigeon or contact Joy Jeffries.



PIPIO
SPORTS

CLUB

PRIZEGIVING

1ST AUGUST

**PIPIO MEMORIAL
HALL**

GUEST SPEAKER

ERIC RUSH

COUNCIL NEWS

After a second, drought induced, delay to our road grading and maintenance programme, most of our roads are showing signs of deterioration, and a number of residents have expressed their dissatisfaction to me about inaction after service requests have been lodged.

I've discussed the situation with our staff, and it appears our contractors are having great difficulty completing their work programme. Last year, outside grading crews were bought in to help clear the backlog, however, that initiative has not been implemented thus far. At this stage (May 22nd), four, of the 32 roads on the priority list have been serviced, so I fear some of our roads will get worse before they get better. Staff are using all the sanctions available under the contract to improve the situation, but success to date has been limited.

It has been suggested to some rural residents, by the contractor, that the Council has run out of money, so the

work can't be done. I can assure you that Council has all the money needed to pay for the work, required to be done, when it is completed to the contracted standard.

On a brighter note, Piopio folk will have noticed building activity at the Memorial Hall, where Matt and Cameron are making good progress with the toilet upgrade, despite uncovering a couple of unexpected challenges.

The removal of the two large trees at Kara Park, removes the threat of falling branches, not clearing a big enough site for the new toilets. Their dimensions will be 10.2m x 4.6m, based on a patronage count, although their design will allow for easy expansion, if required, in the future. Tender documents for their construction will go out shortly.

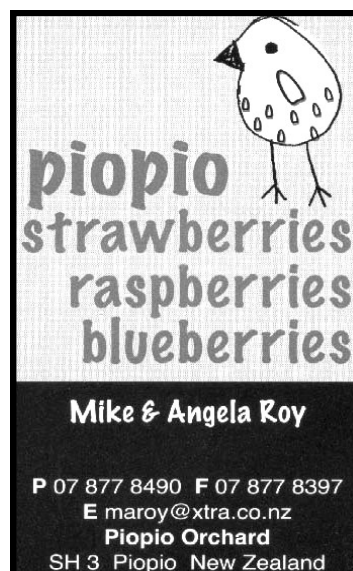
I see the Mokau/Awakino community have raised sufficient funds to allow them to commence construction of their new St Johns ambulance base in Mokau. My congratulations go to the

fundraising committee. This is another fine example of the way our small communities can work together to move mountains – well done.

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News from the Fat Pigeon, Crafty Pigeon and Owls Nest

FAT: Winter's coming, and along with it our hearty offerings of soup and chowder. We are currently working on our winter menu which will be up on the board in the next few weeks, but in the meantime please check out what's on the soup-of-the-day menu . . . seafood chowder, sweetcorn and bacon chowder, soups including ham hock and vegetable, pumpkin – warms the cockles of yer heart doesn't it? We recently held our second very successful Pink Ribbon Breakfast,

raising just over \$1500 for the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation. We must thank our very generous sponsors: Atkinson & Associates Vets, Blue Duck Station, Oops-A-Daisy, Vanillia Blonde & Carly Jane Hair & Beauty, Murray Hunt Furnishers, Pip, Jenny & Sarah Bevege, Huhu Café, DP Design (Donna Pari), Ozone Coffee, Te Kuiti ColourPlus, Brenda Warren, Crafty Pigeon, The Night Owl Restaurant, and Fat Pigeon Café. Thank you all very much. Kevin 'Morty' Mortensen (ably assisted by our very own Paora) again did a most excellent job as auctioneer, thank you.

And of course these suppliers who donated or discounted items

for our Pink Brekkie: Anchor (South Waikato Milk), Coca Cola Amatil, Nahna Fruiterer, Magills Meats, Bidvest, Piopio Berry Orchard, Ngatamahine Gold/Piopio Gold, thank you.

And finally, thank you pidgee crew for your amazing efforts behind the scenes – a very yummy brekkie enjoyed by all.

CRAFTY: Something for everyone, trust me!

New arrivals are regularly photographed and updated on our facebook page.

OWL: I know, I know . . . when's it gonna open already? Answer: Very very shortly.

Look out for a flyer in your letterbox soon for the grand opening of The Night Owl Restaurant & Bar.

JULES TAITOKO

The Controversial use of 1080 exists within in most districts. Long standing debates have occurred for many years between land owners, government departments, hunters, animal lovers and the like. Whilst this article will not side with any party, it is important our community is aware of some of the adverse side effects with real evidence.

A recently launched You Tube video by the Graf Boys was released when land owner Chris Barker and Farm Manager John Gray encountered a mob of 38 cattle broken through a fence and had

entered a 1080 poison drop zone in the surrounding bush zone of their Mahoenui property. To date two are dead, and it is unknown how many others are poisoned. Viewing the YouTube.com clip - Cattle poisoned by 1080 in Waikato, will allow you to form your own opinion. The question that remains is - What will happen to the other 36 animals? Farmer Chris Barker speaks about the incident during this video clip, but is quick not to blame any party, but more so wants to engage with contractors to discuss alternative options. If you have any thoughts or wish to talk with Chris, he welcomes your feedback. Ph 8778746.

JUSTICE OF PEACE, MARRIAGE & FUNERAL CELEBRANT

Local woman Rose Young, has been providing a service to our district for several years now and servicing the community as a Justice of the Peace, Marriage celebrant and Funeral celebrant is invaluable. As Rose no longer works at RD1 farm store it is best to arrange for documents to be verified and signed by contacting Rose and arranging an appointment.

- Witness your signature on a document.
- Certify copies of documents for you including cellphone

Local woman Rose

texts and computer displayed results.

- Complete an affidavit for you. This is a document that is sworn on oath or affirmed and is normally used in a legal proceeding.
- Complete a declaration for you. This may be a statutory declaration made under the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957 or some other statute which provides for this to be done.

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Drivers heading south of Piopio may have noticed a few changes at the Robertson property in Paemako over the past year or so: new wooden fencing along the roadside, new entrance, and major re-landscaping underway. What you may not know is that John Robertson and his wife Karen Barrett are getting ready to open Struan Farm bed and breakfast farmstay this spring, following the completion of construction on their new home.

While John and Karen have been spending weekends in Piopio for many years, Karen relocated to Piopio at Christmas to get the farmstay up and running. She has been writing a blog about the farm, their numerous projects, and rural life in Piopio, <http://www.struanfarm.typepad.com>, for several years now.

"Struan Farm is well located on the

main road for visitors exploring the Waitomo area or passing through to other destinations. There seems to be considerable demand for accommodation in Piopio, with tourists just discovering the area thanks to The Hobbit" says Karen. "The farm has been owned by the Robertson family for over 60 years. The property has stands of QEII Trust protected native bush, lots of native birdlife, easy walking along the Mangaotaki River, and established gardens with specimen trees. We're convenient for travellers wanting to relax and unwind in a rural setting, with some interesting things to see around the place, including Home Guard trenches built by Ron Bevege and Stan Neal during WW2 (something we just learned from Ron). And while we won't be advertising this, we accommodated Sir Ian McKellen and his assistant during The Hobbit shoot--

he graciously signed our guest book! So we know we have a special place to offer guests."

Struan Farm will take bookings now by advance arrangement, opens officially in spring. Accommodation options include the one bedroom Homestead, three bedroom Cottage, and rustic Jim's Hut with bunks overlooking the Mangaotaki River, best accessed by 4WD.

Website www.struanfarm.co.nz is currently under construction. Karen can be contacted at struanfarm@gmail.com or 877.8012 for more information. She also hosts knitting and craft events from time to time, see website for more information. **KAREN BARRETT**

PIOPIO WEBSITE REDESIGN

As most organisations and businesses move into the future, so too does the Piopio community website.

WWW.PIOPIO.NET.NZ

Redesigned to accommodate both local needs and to provide a directory of information for tourists and travellers. The new site will hope to

be live within a month. Web coordinators, Jenny Brodie and Donna Pari welcome any interest with ideas of photographs to include.

A key feature is the community events calendar. With many events hosted within our district, often dates clash

and the hope is for everyone to use the online calendar to view upcoming events and submit events.

Other key features include: About Piopio, Things to do and Places to stay.

If you wish to list your service or business please submit your enquiry via the website contact page.

LEFT: A SNEAK PEAK OF THE NEW SITE TO COME.



DIFFERENCE OF OPINIONS

Following a difference of understandings and clarification of facts between a community group and the Waitomo News in the April/May issue, the Birdtalk wishes to make it noted the primary purpose of this community newsletter is to share and inform. As this is a community led newsletter, we cannot be held responsible for the views and opinions expressed and have no intention to mislead our readers nor other publishers. In the event information is published and a third party requests it to be retracted, this matter must be discussed with the contributor.

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WORLD FAMOUS IN MATIERE

Country Calendar will feature Landcorp farm, Te Wharua Station on its screen Saturday 7th June @ 7pm.

Manager Micky MacDonald and staff will be familiar faces to some. Tune it to see another successful farm prosper in our district.

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Science-Energy and the concepts, or big ideas, are our focuses that we wanted our children to learn. These examples of learning, courtesy of Room 1, our New Entrant 5 year olds, and Room 5, our 7-8



year olds, cover two of those concepts.

There is a connection between mushrooms and energy and Room 1 found out this week what it was.

When you use electrical energy to heat an electric fry pan and cook mushrooms, they become hot, shrink and become soft and you can eat them.

The electricity is transferred to heat which heats the element in the fry pan which is transferred to the mushrooms, causing them to change shape and texture.

All this learning from one boy who brought a large mushroom to school and a clever teacher who saw the opportunity to add it to the learning she'd planned.

The big benefit was you can eat your experiment!

Energy makes things happen by generating forces that do work.

After their visit to the Climbing Wall in Hamilton and seeing how pulleys were used on harnesses to help keep them safe while scaling the many exciting and challenging walls, they decided to make their own mini climbing walls, complete with a miniature climber and pulley system, to demonstrate that energy can generate a force to help lift a weight, in this case themselves.

Once these are completed and working, they will show Pip and Fiona, the class teachers, that each child understands an example of the concept of energy

generating forces that do work.

An example of a climbing wall complete with climber are shown here.



ARTWORK BY POTAHU MCTANISH

Real life learning - clever children; clever teachers.

NEIL BROOKES PRINCIPAL

YOUTH ACHIEVE SUCCESS

PIPIO COLLEGE STUDENT QUALIFIES TO REPRESENT NEW ZEALAND

11 year old Shaun Edgerton qualified to represent New Zealand at the World BMX championships in Rotterdam, Holland in July.

Over Easter weekend Shaun represented Te Kuiti BMX club at the New Zealand BMX championship held at the Tauranga BMX track , he raced in 2 different classes but came away with a NZ 6 ranking in the 11 to 12 mixed cruiser class.

He was leading the race until another rider took him out and it became a race of who could get back on their bike the quickest.

Shaun has only being racing BMX for 4 years and this is the second time he has qualified to represent New Zealand at a World Championship but sadly this year its just to expensive for him to travel to Holland.

PROVIDED BY AMY MCPHEE



SHAUN EDGERTON NZ NO. 6 BMX REPRESENTATIVE

NEW PROJECTS AHEAD

Piopio Primary School has been abuzz with events, visitors, sport, and exciting learning experiences! The Education Review office has spent this past week interviewing parents, the BOT, staff and even children to get a feel of how our school is run and the important role of everyone within our school community. Thanks to all of you who participated in getting our school ready, thanks to those who toiled away at the working bee on Saturday, turned up to meetings and the powhiri, and supported in any way, it has not gone unnoticed.

The BOT are looking forward to an exciting year of new goals and projects which include a new website, introducing new E learning tools in classrooms, upgrading facilities and equipment and coming up with new and inventive ways that you are able to communicate

with us, just to name a few.

We wish to thank Tania Fagan who has been BOT Treasurer and is currently in the process of handing the reins over to Jodi Lane. Tania had gone above and beyond to ensure the schools finances and procedures are in top shape. We are looking forward to working with you Jodi and appreciate that you have stepped forward for this position.

Our children and sport coaches have been working hard to do their best this season in Hockey, Netball, Soccer, Rugby, BMX and Squash and you should all be proud of the way that you conduct yourselves and represent Piopio Primary School.

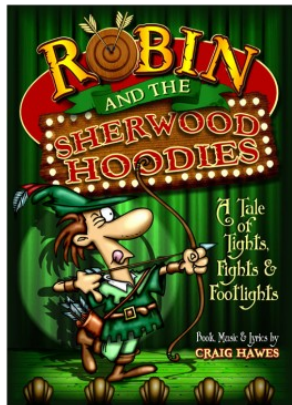
Lastly, keep an eye on our notice board at the front of the school to check what's happening in our school community. Many thanks.

PIPIO PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES



ARIA PRIMARY SCHOOL, TERM 2 2014

• Aria School Presents – “Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies”.



Journey into the depths of Sherwood Forest and discover the hilarious truth behind the legend of Robin Hood.

Follow the most outrageous outlaws in history on their side-splitting, action-packed adventure to defeat the dastardly Sheriff, storm

**WEDNESDAY
20TH AUGUST
11AM AND 7PM
ARIA HALL**

Nottingham Castle, rescue Maid Marion and overthrow King John - all without laddering their tights!

Mark the date for Aria School’s annual production on your calendar now! Two

performances -Matinee at 11am and evening at 7pm on Wednesday 20th August in the Aria Hall. All welcome! Please contact the school office for further details or to book a front row seat!

• Fonterra Milk for Schools Programme

Thanks to Fonterra and their commitment to our younger generation, Aria School will be providing cartons of Anchor Lite UHT milk every school day, for free. This milk will be chilled in a Fonterra supplied fridge and packaging will be collected and recycled into roof tiles. If you would like to find out more about the programme go to www.fonterramilkforschools.com.

• Orienteering Challenge 2014

On Thursday 19th June, starting at 11am sharp, our annual interschool Orienteering event will be held at the Aria Domain. This year we anticipate in excess of 400 primary age students from year 4-8 to be competing.

As a special CHALLENGE this year we are planning an adult (year 9+) event as we know you would all just love to get out there in the mud and show those young ones how it’s done!! Come on; phone the school now to

register your team of 6 or you can compete as an individual! See you there!

• ERO Review – a very positive experience

With our last review more than four years ago it was timely to reflect on how effectively we continue to promote student learning; engagement, progress and achievement. The Education Review Office reviewers (2) approached their task of school review in a very professional, positive and constructive manner and if you are interested in finding out more about what they do, have a look at their website www.ero.govt.nz.

• Science Celebration

On April 15th Aria School hosted the first Science and Technology Celebration. It is an initiative to encourage schools to promote science investigations and technology problem solving. It is a way for students to investigate and problem solve in practical situations. Over 60 students from 3 schools around the district took part and the judges were very impressed with the level of entries. Hopefully next year more schools will participate.

• World Vision 20 Hour Famine Sleepover –

Our annual 20 Hour Famine

sleepover is scheduled for early June and all participating students are currently seeking sponsorship for this most worthy cause. This year our funds raised are heading for Malawi where people survive (or not) on \$1.51 per day. A severe drought, a reliance on agriculture and a food crisis have put millions of people at risk of starvation. Our support is essential so please support our students if they call on you. If you would like to help or join us please contact the school office.

• Life Education Caravan Visit

Everyone knows Harold the giraffe who visits our schools every year or two spreading his messages about health and well-being. We are very fortunate to have Harold with us again this week in his brand new caravan; I think we are the second school to use this amazing resource funded by the Waipa- King Country Life Education Trust. Thank-you to the Trust and all its supporters.

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21ST JUNE

- Stars In Your Eyes
- Farmers Market 9 – 12noon

1ST AUGUST

- Rugby Club Prize Giving—Eric Rush guest speaker

20TH SEPTEMBER

- Quiz Night—Piopio Primary School

PIOPIO Playcentre Welcome to New Families in the District

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Young children and their parents/caregivers join together for a fun, thirty-minute music session, then afterwards enjoy snacks and refreshments in a relaxed setting. mainly music is an activity you and your child can participate in, from birth to school age.

Begins February 13th
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Moa St, Piopio
Thursdays 10am-11ish
Any questions to Hannah
8778094, nathannah@gmail.com
www.mainlymusic.org.nz

PIOPIO

MARKET DAY
Every Third Sunday @ month



DO YOU HAVE QUALITY UNWANTED TOYS?

If so the Aria Toy Library is in need of them.

Toys will be sorted for library hireage or for selling on as part of our fundraising.

Toy donations can be dropped off at the library any **Thursday morning** during the School term between **9.30 -11.30am.**

CONTACT KAREN
ON 07 877 8945

Thank you to those who have already donated towards our Library.

PIOPIO RUGBY CLUB

Home games are as follows:

7 JUNE v Tongariro
All games start 2.30pm

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Sunday @10am

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POSITION AVAILABLE

TE WHANAU KOHANGA REO O PIOPIO



Casual Kaimahi

- A good knowledge of te reo and tikanga māori. As a minimum should be able to kōrero with ngā mokopuna.
- Be willing to extend their reo including attending reo classes if arranged through the Kohanga
- Enjoy working with tamariki
- On time and reliable
- Be flexible
- Can work in a team and be trusted to work alone
- Be willing to be police vetted
- Have a current first aid certificate or be willing to attend a course
- Be willing to contribute to the overall running of the Kohanga by being an active whanau member

As a casual kaimahi we would expect you to be flexible in your role, your mahi could involve being on the floor with the other kaimahi with the tamariki, cleaning, driving the van, and various other duties.

Casual kaimahi may be called in at short notice to work.

Please contact
KRISTEN PARI
(OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR)
FOR MORE
INFORMATION
8778185

EM:
WHANAU@KO4DO25.
KOHANGA.AC.NZ
COME INTO: Kohanga we are situated on the Main road heading at the north end of Piopio in front of Mokau Kohunui marae.

ACTIVITIES & ATTRACTIONS

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Piopo POP (Tui Park)

Snow Nicol (07) 877 8177

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Aria Cosmopolitan Club

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Piopo Cosmopolitan Club

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CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Preschool Children

Aria Playcentre

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Aria Toy Library

Librarian: Lisa Lyford (07) 877 8186

Mainly Music

Hannah White (07) 8778084

Piopo Playcentre

Nicole Johansen (07) 8778189

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Craft Group

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Housie Afternoon (Thursdays)

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Ellie Voyce (07) 877 8148

Piopo College Community Library

18 Aria Road, Piopo

Liz Jones (07) 877 8173 Ext 220

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Ken Perry (07) 877 8035

Piopo Memorial Hall

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Tracey Neal (07) 877 8009

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