

PIOPIO BirdTalk

BI MONTHLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER COVERING PIOPIO, ARIA & MAHOENUI DISTRICTS

RURAL BROADBAND FOR PIOPIO NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

As a result of frustration, expense and poor connectivity, local business owner Karen Barrett of Struan Farm, recently contacted King Country MP Barbara Kuriger to lobby the government to address the poor access for Ultra Fast Broadband, Rural Broadband, and Black Spot Mobile Areas.

In line with recent publicity from the Minister for Communications, Hon. Amy Adams, advises that the Government is to make further funding available to invest in better connectivity for New Zealand.

In an effort to explore if Piopio and districts might be eligible for this funding, a signed letter from more than 20+ local business owners and other interested individuals from Piopio and surrounding districts, was sent to Mayor Brian Hanna. A request for Council to investigate further into the limited access in the wider Piopio surrounds, including Aria, Paemako, Mangaotaki and Mahoenui areas were outlined.

Karen commented "to ensure better connectivity, it is important for our area's economic development, for rural productivity to have enhanced technology applications accessible, and for our children's education that Piopio's rural surrounds are not left disconnected."

Local Mayor Brian Hanna and staff have instigated a formal survey to gauge the issue and it's now crucial this project gets your support, as a community

voice is only as big as its need.

The Government intends to implement three programmes to further upgrade and extend broadband services and the coverage of mobile networks in New Zealand.

The programmes and funding are:

- Ultra-Fast Broadband 2 (UFB 2), has additional funding of between \$152-\$210 million and plans to connect at least 80 per cent of New Zealanders to the fibre network;
- Rural Broadband Initiative 2 (RBI 2), is a \$300 million project which aims to provide upgraded broadband services in rural areas;
- Mobile Black Spots Fund (MBSF) of \$50 million is to extend mobile services to key tourist areas and priority areas on State Highways. The Government is inviting local authorities to submit a Registration of Interest to inform which areas should be a priority for the Government's investment.

The Waitomo District Council believe that the economic and social benefits of better connectivity would have a positive impact on our communities, businesses, schools, health care and emergency services.

More often than not slow connection speeds, high internet costs and installation expenses are a barrier to using technology.

As an initial part of the rural broadband initiative, Benneydale and Aria are expected to receive new cell towers enabling wider mobile phone coverage and broadband access through the Vodafone network, later this year.

A FOND FAREWELL TO MR BURNELL

BILL YOU HAD SUCH A PASSION FOR EDUCATION THAT WENT BEYOND THE CLASSROOM. YOU ALWAYS SHOWED KINDNESS AND YOU NEVER GAVE UP ON ANY STUDENT AS YOU ALWAYS SAW THEIR POTENTIAL. YOUR LOVE FOR THE WORLD OUTSIDE MEANT SO MANY STUDENTS LEARNT ABOUT THEIR ENVIRONMENT AND WERE PROUD TO WORK FOR THEIR COMMUNITY. YOUR STUDY CAMPS MEANT STUDENTS COULD LEARN IN AUTHENTIC SITUATIONS AND YOU WERE ABLE TO ENGAGE THEM IN THEIR LEARNING. WE WILL MISS YOU MR B, BUT WE AT PIOPIO COLLEGE PROMISE TO CONTINUE WITH YOUR LEGACY.

Shared from the Piopio College School community



If you feel strongly about this and still wish to complete the survey, please contact Mayor Brian Hanna or Rachael to add your support.

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2015



Save the DATE



Saturday 1 August

One night only! Don't miss this!

Piopio Memorial Hall

Doors open 6.30 p.m.

\$30 per ticket



Tickets on sale from 1 July at Crafty Pigeon, Vanilla Blonde and PGG Wrightson, Piopio

Platters included Cash bar

All proceeds to Waitanguru Hall, Piopio Memorial Hall and NP Operatic Society

NEW PLYMOUTH OPERATIC SOCIETY are thrilled to be 'on the road' with their cabaret show "British Invasion".

A celebration of 'Hits from the Brits' from the 1960's to now show-casing some of the best music to come out of the UK from The Beatles to Adele, and Rod Stewart to Queen.

Featuring an eight member cast including ex local Angela Hill, we aim to have you singing and dancing along to the beat from these timeless classics.

It's the first time in our 63 year history that we have gone out of town to stage a show. We are pleased to be able to assist with the fundraising effort for the Waitanguru and Piopio Halls and are looking forward to being welcomed to Piopio. Get your dance shoes on and come and join us.....

'COMING SOON'

MAIROA QUIZ NIGHT Want another fun night out?

Start getting your teams organised and those thinking caps on. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON

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Saturday 27th June
6:30pm doors open
Supper provided
First in first seated
Tables of 10 available for purchase
Tickets for sale at the Crafty pigeon & Atkinsons Vets in Te Kuiti

\$25.00 PER TICKET

DJ Pete ENTERTAINMENT
Come see some new acts!

PIOPIO GARDEN RAMBLE Saturday 28 November

Piopio Playcentre promises not only a great day out, but also offers you the opportunity to visit beautiful and interesting gardens in the area which are sure to inspire. This year the event will offer a few new aspects including guest speakers and demonstrations. Watch this space for information including ticketing. The money raised from this event will go towards new play resources.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS.....

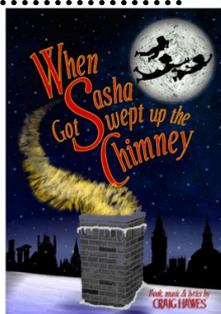
If you are interested in sharing your garden please contact .

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**FRIDAY 7 AUGUST
PIOPIO RUGBY CLUB**

Prize giving at the Piopio Memorial Hall
Tickets on sale early July
Joy Jeffries 8778875

ARIA PRIMARY SCHOOL
Production
20 AUGUST
11am & 7pm
Aria Hall



TRAVEL TALK



Welcome to Harvey World Travel Talk Te Kuiti with Lorrene Te Kanawa. I'm passionate about offering employment within our community so it was an easy fit to employ Te Kuiti local, Steven Searancke. Steven trained at Sir George Seymour Tourism School, has visited Japan and the USA and is excited to be following his passion for travel and customer service. Call in and meet Steven, he's keen to help you plan your next holiday. Last month, my husband Les and I visited the USA with a small group of people. What a brilliant trip with easy going and positive people. Las Vegas has one speed – 150 miles per hour. It was busy, unashamedly ostentatious with

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PIOPIO COMMUNITY SPORTS INC would like to extend their thanks to the Waitomo District Council for the grant that enabled new doors at the Rugby Clubrooms- it helped kick-start the rugby clubroom renovations and has been greatly appreciated. Many thanks also for the tar seal renewal on the domain driveway.

A big thank you again to Ravensdown, whom has once again donated fertiliser towards the domain and to Mac's Spreading for applying this.

Continued support and

unique sights on The Strip and Fremont Street. Grandad wearing his Borat thong is uncomfortably seared in my brain! After all of the hustle and bustle, it was a relief to grab some fresh air in the spectacular Grand Canyon as well as horse riding and a BBQ dinner at a ranch. Honolulu was the perfect, relaxing full stop. Beautiful beaches, laid back people and good restaurants. Highlights were Pearl Harbour, surreal knowing the sad history of this beautiful and peaceful spot. Also, driving Mustangs and Cameros around Hawaii, so cool! *The journey and who you share your travels with, not the arrival, matters.*

thanks to Roger Buckman for his many hours of donated time and effort in helping maintain areas of the domain.

Also thanks to Denize Plumbing for their availability and assistance at the domain. Our community is amazing in their support and this is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to the Rugby Club on painting their clubrooms and opposition change rooms, they look amazing.

KATE CARTER

EXPLORERS CONNECTION WITH PIOPIO AND DISTRICT 1882

Local artist Peter Hollbrook sheds some light on the history and travels of the Austrian naturalist, Andreas Reischek 1845- 1902 – the Explorers connection with Piopio and district 1882.

Combined with Peter's passion for local history and talent as an artist, he is working on an oil painting of Andreas Reischek in his collectors clothes, with rifle and axe, as he would have appeared on his many expeditions. This will be displayed in the Piopio Settler's Museum when completed, with photographs of local landmarks relevant to the history of our surroundings. It must be noted some of Reischeks' spellings of place names are subject to correction so allowance has to be made.

Reischek spent 12 years in New Zealand from 1877 to 1889 and returned to Vienna with a collection of 14,000 items many of which are still held in European museums.

Recently I have been reading his classic autobiography - Yesterdays in Maoriland, New Zealand in the 1880's as well as Michael King's biography of Reischek The Collector, published in 1981 which gives a view of the explorer from different angles. The controversy arises from the unauthorised removal of material by him after having gained the trust of the Tangata Whenua.

When Reischek left Austria in 1877, he had just recently married but promised his bride to return after two years; however it was another twelve years before he returned to her, still waiting for him. By now she was forty three, but two years later gave birth to their son also known as Andreas. Unfortunately he was not able to sell his collection for anything near the value he put on it and died at the age of fifty seven in obscurity, after working in a local museum as a taxidermist and general worker.

From an extract from "Yesterdays in Maoriland", "...it appears that after spending some time in Mokau, Reischek and a son of the chief Hemera te Rerehau left for a journey on horseback through the Herangi range over to the Mairoa

arriving in the evening at Te Miro-a-huiaio (Piopio).

Hemera himself conducted Reischek around the area and on the 8th April he left via Mangawhanga and Kahuwera, and after further visits to villages on the way, arrived at Otorohanga and Te Kopua on the 11th and 12th April respectively. After this trip he spent some time around Pirongia before leaving this area of the North Island."

Peter hopes this project will be of interest and that visitors will be encouraged to view the Piopio museum when enjoying other attractions locally.

ANDREAS REISCHEK—AUSTRIAN EXPLORER 1845 –1902



PIOPIO RESERVE PROJECT

As part of the College vision to be an outward looking school, the Year 9 and 10 students undertook a visit to the Piopio Reserve on the Mangaotaki Road (otherwise known as the stock route).

A community service and an opportunity for

students to 'give back' to our district. A great learning experience as students tackled the overgrown reserve, levelling and widening the tracks followed by adding a light covering of mulch to provide grip on what would otherwise be muddy surfaces. Over hanging branches and fallen trees were also removed for ease of

access.

With a sense of pride and a scenic reserve deserving of visitors, this traditional style of hard work was a challenge but rewarding all the same. To complete the project, students then extracted the learning from this mission through creative writing upon their return to the classroom.

MUSCULAR TREATS THERAPEUTIC & SPORTS MASSAGE

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I will be in your area overnight 24 - 25 June. The frequency of future visits will be driven by demand. Mobile clinic with home visits or workplace visits if required.

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THREE LITTLE BIRDS

IT'S OUR BIRTHDAYS!

The Fat Pigeon turns SIX and The Night Owl turns ONE on 12th June, so Happy Birthday to us! We'd like to thank you, the community, for all your support of both businesses and to this end we invite you to pop in (on 12th June) to the Fat Pigeon for a complimentary 'pigeon' cupcake, and later on pop in to the Night Owl to help us celebrate, with shared tapas and a slice of 'Owl' cake! See you there (or there).

Now, we all know what June brings don't we . . . the realisation that Winter is done with just rapping on the door, and has bowled its way past the gates, up the driveway and is fully ensconced in our everyday lives with a hiss and a roar, yelling: "Hello! I am Winter, I am here and I will huff and puff and blow your house down!"

On that warming note, we all know that June also brings the Fielddays. And the 3 Little Birds adjust themselves accordingly, as follows:

FAT PIGEON CAFE: During Fielddays week from Wed – Sat (10th – 13th June) the cafe will open at the earlier time of 7am, so that you can pop in, grab a coffee or sit down for brekkie on your way up. The cafe will be warm and toasty (in both senses of the word), and our baristas and breakfast chefs ready and waiting to 'barist' and to 'chef'!

THE NIGHT OWL: For the

Fielddays we have a special Fielddays Dinner Menu for you to enjoy on your way back. Even if you don't go to the Fielddays, you can pop in and enjoy it too! It will be posted on our facebook page shortly, so check it out and make a booking.

Winter Wednesdays is our latest thing people, whereby Brooke and Tayla are charged with coming up with 'themes' and advertising them on facebook. So far we have enjoyed an Indian evening with lovely butter chicken, fish korma and lamb rogan josh; an Italian evening with such delights as chicken arrabiata, tagliatelle; and there are other amazing themes to follow, every Wednesday. So you simply must visit our facebook page to see what's coming up!

OWLS NEST MOTEL: Lyn and Dave are always on hand for your accommodation needs, so give them a call on 07 877 8767 or flick an email to theowlsnest@xtra.co.nz

CRAFTY PIGEON: Carley and Justine have been reorganising the store, so pop in and have a look. And don't forget the 'sale' table which features 50% off.



TRAЕ AITKEN SMOKEFREE ROCKQUEST 2015

STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS

- Trae Aitken has been awarded the Rotary award . He has shown examples of the Rotary Club's Values and has made so much progress over the last year. With his love of learning Trae has played and sung at every event at school and his influence inspires other students to do well. He is not afraid to come out of his comfort zone and try new things and he is always willing to give his time for others.
- Shaun Edgerton who recently overcame injury and illness to be placed 7th in New Zealand BMX Championships to qualify to represent New Zealand. He refused to give up and worked hard despite the circumstances.
- Clay Harris was recently placed 8th overall in the Pony Club Champs in Fielding. He was riding for Waikato in the MT section.
- Sam Davey came 6th in the National Endurance Motor Cross racing. A quiet achiever but we want to shout out his achievement!
- Ben Stilborn NZ age group swimming championships in Wellington. He placed 5th in the 50 Breast stroke, 7th in the 100 and 200 Breast stroke for his age.
- Piopio Equestrian Team A in A Class came 2nd, B team in A/B class came 4th at a competition in Taupo recently.

ROCK QUEST TALENT

Local choice and talented Mapiu musician Trae Aitken performed at the Smokefree rock quest earlier last month. At age 15 years and attending Piopio College, Trae is regularly asked to share his talent through his song writing, singing and his ability to play the guitar. The pick for this talent show was one of his own songs 'Ruler'. Trae performance has successfully secured his spot in the Smokefree rockquest regional finals this month.

Supported by his mum, Kim Aitken, Trae will vow for his title when he moves forward to perform at the regional's in Clarence St

Theatre on June 19.

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EARNING AT ITS BEST

With 36 year 5 and year 6 Piopio Primary students during a week long camp at Camp Mi in Waitetoko, near Turangi exceeded the expectations of both students, parent helpers and staff.

To make this incredible adventure possible, everyone had pulled together in Term 1 with an amazing fundraising effort resulting in the cost of camp reducing from \$260 per student to just \$60. We want to sincerely thank everyone who helped in so many different ways with this and all of you who supported us.

We set off on Monday 20th April to the Tongariro National Trout Centre just south of Turangi. Arrival time was 11.30 and by 2.00 p.m. every student had landed a beautiful rainbow trout. The volunteer anglers and ladies made us so welcome and the educational tour was very worthwhile. That night, after dinner and games, we feasted on fresh trout cooked on the open fire followed by toasted marshmallows. A couple of rounds of Spotlight finished off our perfect start to the week.

Tuesday kicked off at 7.00 a.m with Mrs Were's Bootcamp. What a wake up call! At 9.00 a.m. the first round of organised activities started - kayaking on magnificent Lake Taupo, orienteering, rock wall climbing,

abseiling, initiatives team building and low ropes activities, Burma blindfold trail, and slug guns and archery. That evening we headed to Tokaanu for a relaxing soak in the beautiful outdoor thermal pool.

A few parents were hobbling after day two of Bootcamp on Wednesday morning! After another action packed day of activities, lodge groups began planning their items for concert night before snuggling down to watch a DVD in the evening.

Thursday was spent in Turangi. At Vertical Assault Indoor Rock Climbing, students used their skills to climb to amazing heights and overcome really tough challenges. The Genesis Energy Aquatic Centre provided four different pools with plenty of scope to swim, relax or compete on the floating obstacle course. Back at camp concert items were fine-tuned before dinner. We laughed until we cried during the concert and were so impressed by the talents and confidence of our students and helpers.

Friday tidy up was a faultless team effort and we set off early to the Volcanic Activity Centre in Taupo. A quick visit to the Huka Falls was the final stop on our amazing journey.

We were sad to say goodbye to MiCamp Taupo at Waitetoko. It is

very special place with wonderful hosts, top-rate instructors and delicious food.

Every student participated to the best of their ability and stretched themselves to do many things they had never tried before. The volunteers were outstanding and provided plenty of laughs. We all have priceless memories that will last a lifetime.

We held a camp evening at school recently which was just the perfect way to round off our adventure. Thank you so much again to everyone who helped make this possible.



STUDENTS AND PARENT HELPERS -TURANGI

VOLLEYBALL SUCCESS

continues for Olivia MacDonald as she has been named in the NZU21 Beach volleyball squad who are heading to the United States of America (USA) on the 6th of July for a Californian tour where they will play in tournaments at both Mission and Ocean Beaches in San Diego, before moving on to Los Angeles for tournament's at Huntington, Zuma and Hermosa Beaches.

Since receiving a scholarship at the University of Arizona, USA, Olivia has been fortunate to pursue her love for beach volleyball whilst studying business management.

Because of her naming in the NZ team Olivia will not be returning

to NZ over her summer break she has chosen to take on some additional classes for the remainder of May and all of June to help out with the increased work load at the beginning of the new academic year in August.

Prior to the NZ team arriving in the US she will take part in several Californian tournaments with her American roommate to prepare for their arrival as their season ended a month ago with two of their squad being named in the top four, All American Sand Volleyball ladder board.

The University Arizona Sand volleyball squad improved their position from last season to win 24 matches, with four losses.

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**ORIENTEERING
CHALLENGE 2015**

On Friday 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 (19 schools invited). Adult teams are always very welcome. See you there!

SCIENCE CELEBRATION

On Wednesday 1st July, Aria School will be hosting the Science and Technology Celebration at the Aria Hall which 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 and is open to students from year 1 to 13. Everyone is welcome to come and have a look at the

wonderful projects that will be on display, it's a good chance to come and learn from our children. The displays will be set up on Tuesday morning and judging will take place after that. The hall will be open to the public from 9:30am to 12:00pm on Wednesday 1st July followed by a prize giving. Although the projects are judged, the emphasis is on participation. For more information please phone Heather Pease 07 8778144.

**WORLD VISION 20
HOUR FAMINE
SLEEPOVER**

Our annual 20 Hour Famine sleepover took place on Thursday 21st May and all participating students successfully raised sponsorship for this most worthy cause. This year our funds raised are heading for Bangladesh. Your contribution was greatly appreciated.

**BOOK FAIR WEEK /
CHARACTER DRESS UP
DAY**

During week 5 of this term we held a Book Fair at school and during the week held a fundraiser for our most valuable Waikato Westpac Air Ambulance.

Students and staff dressed as book characters and some other odd people and donated a pleasing \$100 to be donated to the Air Ambulance Appeal. Many thanks to all who contributed and well done on those wacky creations! (Photo below).

**SCHOOL PRODUCTION
- "WHEN SASHA GOT
SWEPT UP THE
CHIMNEY".**

This show follows a young orphan, Sasha, as she and her friends are mysteriously swept up the orphanage chimney thanks to a sprinkle of magical stardust. But this is just the start of a thrilling adventure that will take them all the way to the North Pole, and change their lives forever! However, all is not well in the Frozen North and when Christmas is threatened by an evil Tooth Fairy, it's down to Sasha and her friends to save the day!

Come and join us on a magical sleigh ride that will have you laughing, crying, singing, dancing and feeling fabulously festive!

Two performances -
Matinee at 11am and

evening at 7pm on Thursday 20th August in the Aria Hall. All welcome.

Please contact the school office for further details or to book a front row seat.

**ULTRA- FAST
BROADBAND HAS
ARRIVED AT LAST!!!!**

The excitement is building as we count down to the final stage of our connection to Ultra-fast broadband.

As part of our digital technologies plan we are researching the development of a community facility which would be available to all who choose to use it.

During the day you can visit our Technology Room and make use of our computers and ultra-fast connection.

We will also have a Swap-a-Book Corner operating for adult and children's books.

If you want to know more, phone me.

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Right Photo -Back Row left to right: Bianca Alcock, Emma Alcock & Tristan Coup
Front Row left to right: Jaimee Martin, Kyrin Young & Leah Te Huia-Warren



Left Photo-Back Row left to right: Daniel Alcock, Natalie Foss, Heidi Austin, Lana Tucker & Korvell Young
Front Row left to right: Oskar Richardson-Douch, Crystal-Maree Wright-Powell & Luca Megaw-Kopua

SENIOR CITIZENS venture to the newest King Country Café, the Wooden Heart Café in Benneydale.

Memories of the once vibrant community came to mind as the group of 19 members enjoyed the service and food on hand. Local hospitality from Jenny to view the once well used Benneydale Hall with its historical display, memorabilia and local information was an memorable read for all.

Benneydale was a bustling place with lots of industry in its time, which attracted a large population. Socially sports teams – Basketball, Rugby, Netball and Softball all held their own. Unfortunately like a lot of small towns, Benneydale businesses have

closed down and the population dwindled. Whilst this may have been the sign of the times, its pleasing to see local business rejuvenating as a result of the new cycle trail development and tourist visiting the area once again.

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Luxury or just in need of some assistance, the Foot Clinic was held for the Senior Citizens with Anne & Don Lemeaux offering a morning of podiatry every 2 months Well utilised the clinic attracted about 15 people. With a morning of pampering and the delight of Scones, a real treat!! Thanks to Anne and her team for making the effort!

A big THANK YOU TO KING COUNTRY ENERGY HEARTLAND FUNDING for their generous grant to

our group of \$880.00 towards TV set and DVD Player. It has been used during exercise classes and will be used for entertainment. We are truly grateful to Heartland Funding for this grant. We must also thank 100% Te Kuiti for their generous pricing for the TV/DVD Player.



Change of Officers
President: Beryl Huia
Secretary/Treasurer: Rose Young
Hall Hire Bookings: Jennifer Kearns

Fitness Classes take place at 10am every Thursday, then at 1pm join members for Housie.

COUNCIL UPDATE

Much has already been said about the turn out we had for the ANZAC service in Piopio, so I'd just like to say a big 'thank you' to those who helped organise it and those who took part; you've done our little community proud.

Construction has now started on the new Piopio toilets with the construction crew being part of the team that has done the first stage of the Railway Building upgrade. No local tenders were received for the job.

Apart from my local responsibilities as an elected Councillor I am also on two Waikato Regional Council (WRC) run committees.

One of those is the Waikato Speed Management Group, where I represent Waitomo and Otorohanga Councils.

The aim of this group is to 'achieve a

regionally consistent approach to speed management', and my committee of eight is made up of Councillors, NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) staff, Police and AA representatives. This group is backed up by a technical team who are providing the technical advice and oversee the project work-streams.

This project is the result of the Governments Safer Journeys - 10year strategy, to introduce a safe system approach to reducing death and serious injury on our transport system.

The Speed aspect is split into; excessive speed, inappropriate speed, and impact speed and getting uniformity over all roads nationally.

We have a variety of road environments and associated speed limits, basically as a result of all the different Road Controlling Authorities (District Councils and NZTA) that have set their own speed

limits. The new One Road Classification is working toward reducing that variation also.

Police evidence has shown that a reduction in average speed of 3kph can reduce death and serious injury by 30%.

This project is just getting underway, and you can all do your bit by making better decisions while you're behind the wheel.

I'll keep you updated as this project progresses.

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TE KUITI AND DISTRICTS PONY CLUB

held their annual Ribbon Day on Sunday 17th May. It was a beautiful late autumn day after being postponed from the 26th April when the region was hit with torrential rain. A great turnout of riders from as young as five years old through to senior riders in their teens competed for the many trophies on offer. The events included show jumping, flat events and games as well as a team show jumping event and a fancy dress event which was very popular.

A big THANK YOU to Audrey Bevege and Jenny Brodie who judged the show jumping and Dot Maxwell who judged the flat classes.

BEGINNERS:
Attendance and Turnout – Tessa Harre
Most Improved – Joel MacLachlan
Most Points – Tessa Harre
Junior: Attendance and Turnout – Tessa Bradcock
Most Improved – Morgan Cryer
Most Points – Janey Pease and Tessa Bradcock

INTERMEDIATE:
Attendance and turnout – Chloe Brown
Most Improved – Isabel Mans
Most Points – Thomas Pease and Chloe Brown

SENIOR:
Attendance and Turnout – Stormy Harris
Most Improved - Jenny Bevege
Most Points / Bending (fastest) and Show Jumping – Stormy Harris
Eventing – Clay Harris
Leadership – Molly Nelson

We cater for riders who just want to enjoy their ponies and have fun with their friends through to riders who are competing successfully at a national level. Some of the senior riders have been very successful this season with Jenny and Sarah Bevege making it into both the Waikato Dressage team which competed at the national championships. Stormy and Clay Harris and Sarah and Jenny also made the Waikato eventing team and competed at the National Championships.

We hold a summer camp every year and this year we were

hosted by the Ross and Karen Harris.

The children enjoyed a range of activities like trekking, show jumping, a derby, sleeping under the stars, swimming, mud fights, shared meals, sitting Pony Club certificates and all this was crammed into two days and one night. At Pony Club children not only learn to ride but learn empathy for their ponies and how to care for them properly. They can sit certificates (if they want to) which involves both riding and horse management. We welcome all new members and if you have any enquiries phone :

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CHLOE BROWN AND MORGAN CRYER

PIOPIO TOILET UPGRADE

ESN Construction (of Hamilton) have commenced the upgrade of the Piopio public toilets earlier last month.

The project involves the construction of a new toilet facility in Kara Park. The existing facility will be

demolished once the new toilets have been completed and are operational.

WDC included a project in the Long Term Plan 2012-22, to upgrade the public toilet facilities.

The project is expected to be finished in early August 2015, weather permitting.

WOOL HANDLING, a natural talent for Sarah Hall as she placed the Best Local in the annual New Zealand Shearing championships Junior woolhandling competition, held Te Kuiti in April.

After deciding to enter on a whim, Sarah had a very brief introduction to the show rules from senior wool handlers in the Barrowcliffe shearing gang she has worked with for the past four seasons. Classifying wool blends and catching wool off the head all whilst being a first time entrant into the competition did little to phase Sarah. Judges commented her relaxed and calm approach a notable trait, considering she

was up against the current New Zealand Junior wool handler champion and other competitors whom had previously competed.

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READINESS FOR SCHOOL

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Who? Piopio Combined Transition Group (group of representatives from local pre-schools and schools)

What? Wishes to hold a 'readiness for school' evening, for those who have pre-school children.

Come along and enjoy some wine and cheese. We will have teachers from both Aria and Piopio Primary schools attending to share their knowledge and ideas.

Where? At Curious Keas Early Learning Centre

When? Thursday 4th of June at 7pm

Why? A group of preschool educators and teachers have been meeting to try and 'streamline' the transition

from pre-school to primary. This includes representatives from Te Whanau Kohanga Reo O Piopio, Piopio Playcentre and Curious Keas.

So if you are reading this and know of others who don't use any of these services and has a pre-school child that will be going to school in the next year please invite them.

This will be a 'child free event' (if you need to bring your baby for breast feeding of course that is fine). This will be an informal relaxed evening where we chat, meet your child's friends Mums (most of you know each other), and have a discussion and presentation on readiness for school.

All parents with newborn to five year olds are encouraged to attend. It's been highlighted that, 'school

readiness' doesn't just start at age four and at the table with the teachers giving 'group instructions' and doing worksheets every day. Rather that it is a process, full of rich experiences, including social competence, literacy, mathematics, science, and physical experiences.



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Since she has attended Waikato University and has been a valuable member of the Bailey Ingham team for many years.



ABOVE: BRIDGET MORGAN

Furthermore Bailey Ingham Director, Cheyne Waldron, spent several years with his family and his father John working on Waitoru Station, south of Piopio. Cheyne attended Piopio Primary School and Piopio College before moving to Otorohanga.

Sadly Cheyne's father John passed away recently after spending his final years in Otorohanga.

Cheyne is Practice Manager at Bailey Ingham Ltd and acts for a wide range of farmers and businesses. He is also well known for writing articles for the Waitomo News and is Controller of the very successful Otorohanga Summer Soccer Competition. He has been awarded Administrator of the Year on a number of occasions by Sport Waikato.

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PIOPIO RUGBY CLUB

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PIOPIO COLLEGE AND COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Piopio College and Community Library committee are looking for new members.

We are at an exciting stage in the Library and are looking forward to modernising our facilities and becoming a more welcoming and inclusive community hub.

Our next meeting will be 5.30 Wednesday 10 June

At the Piopio College and Community Library

We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions ring

Rebecca Stubbs

021 042 1124 or

Pat Loft – 027 206 9038

HOUSIE

An enthusiastic group meet to play Housie.

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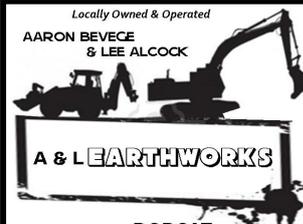
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