



Clay clocks up the wins



CLAY HARRIS, from Mokaiti, is this year's winner of the Fonterra Young New Zealand Rural Sportsperson of the Year. The NZ Rural Sports Awards were held in early March at the Awapuni Racing Centre.

The 21-year-old has an outstanding resume in shearing, competing in 13 finals in the 2022/23 season, winning in ten of them. Notably he secured 4 consecutive wins at prestigious events including the Otago Shears, the Southern Shears, the Golden Shears, and the NZ Shears; a remarkable achievement rarely witnessed in the sport's history.

He has also triumphed internationally, with victories in the UK and commendable results in Australia.

Clay's journey in shearing began as a junior competitor in 2019, rising through the ranks to take out Junior and Intermediate classes.

He has been recognised as one of the sport's most promising talents, due to his consistent success and dedication to his craft.

He has aspirations of setting a World Record and joining the ranks of Open-Class shearers, and we have no doubt he will get there. All the best Clay!



Clay Harris receives his award; and hard at work.



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A lifetime of giving

Patricia Finlayson (Budge)
nee Ludbrook
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PATRICIA was born on the Ludbrook family farm "Tupe Tupe" in the Bay of Islands.

The second of five children of Cecil and Margaret she had a halcyon childhood, riding horses, swimming in rivers and playing with the myriad of cousins living on surrounding farms. She met her future husband, John Finlayson, at a northland sports day where they were both competing. One came first and the other second - I can not divulge which!

Married at 20 and a mother at 21, John and Budge enjoyed farming out of Whangarei where they had so much family support.

It was a major leap of faith therefore, when they moved to a remote King Country farm at Aratoro in 1956. Though they missed their families terribly they quickly made new friends in the valley and neighbouring district. John and Budge loved the hill coun-

try farming and were very proud of the stock they produced and the improvements they made to the farm while there.

Ten years later the opportunity arose to move to Piopio.

They purchased a farm from John's uncle Jack Hobson. Many may not know that John's grandfather first owned this same farm so Joy and Pete Hurley are now fourth generation there.

Budge was soon immersed in her new community and served it well for over 50 years. The family were all incredibly proud when she received a Lifetime Achievement award in 2018 for services to the Waitomo District. Thanks to the ones who nominated her despite her reluctance to be singled out.

For many years until it closed, Tokanui Hospi-

tal was the closest cause to Budge's heart. Her darling son Charlie was a patient there for over 30 years. As well as her weekly visits to spend time with him, there were monthly visits with Church Guild members taking afternoon tea for staff and residents. Each year she hosted a Christmas party at her home and organised bus trips to Aria where students from Piopio College would come out to mix

with patients.

Budge was extremely fond of many of the long term patients and they would always be very excited to see her.

Piopio All Saints Church has been a massive part of Budge's life in Piopio. Budge was a member of the parish council and a member (including President) of the Ladies Fellowship Guild. She was heavily involved in the amalgamation of the three Piopio churches.

She was a mainstay on the hospital and Hillview visiting rosters. She also co-founded the women's prayer

chain which operated 5 days a week for 30 years. I well remember her hours spent on the phone each morning at 8 am. Her daughters were just praying their names did not feature that day.

Budge enjoyed being part of the congregation attending Sunday services in the church she loved, with the church family she loved.

In recent years a lazy boy chair has sat near the front reserved for her.

When it came to the Piopio township Budge was something of a force majeure.

Some years ago it was looking unloved so she organised the painting of the buildings along the main street to lift the image of the town.



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If a job was too big for her alone she would rally the troops – saying no was never really an option.

She co-founded the Mustard Seed opportunity shop and was convenor for many years. Funds raised were returned to the community.

Back in the day she was nearly always on duty at the Piopio saleyards when sales were held. The kitchen ladies made and sold food to the hungry farmers, stock agents and truck drivers. Another way to fundraise for the community.

She helped coordinate Mainly Music for many years including catering for the children and parents. It became an important place for young mums to meet up and socialise.

It is fair to say not much happened in Piopio Budge did not have a hand in over the years.

The ANZAC service, the Flower Show, supporting whanau at local marae, helping new immigrant families settle here, providing a listening ear to those going through hard times,

Where there was a need Budge could invariably be found giving whatever help she could.

So yes, Budge loved serving her community but that is only one half of her story.

This mother of ours also knew how to have fun.

In the 60s Budge and John purchased a bach at Cooks Beach where family and friends holiday to this day. Many friends and extended family have enjoyed sojourns there.

Every summer holiday Budge would be busy feeding hungry mouths during the day but after dinner was her time. If you were feeling strong you would join her for an evening march to the Purangi and back. She definitely was not one for a leisurely stroll.

In the 1980s they bought their first yacht 'Hot Canary', followed by 'Bristol Fashion' in partnership with Bruce Williams. Happy days! So many good

holidays were enjoyed and Budge loved being on the sea.

She was a strong swimmer and I can still see her diving gracefully from the side of the boat. As well as coastal cruising around New Zealand they spent time sailing around Fiji and Tonga.

Then there were the parties. Budge brought people together at any and every opportunity.

Birthdays and anniversaries were special to her. For the big ones the northerners would make the long trek



south. Local friends would be summoned. The parties would start quietly enough while guests caught up on each others news, then sister Jinny would open up the piano, the singing would gradually become louder, the songs raunchier, action songs would soon follow and before you knew it a Northland vs King Country scrum had set in the middle of the lounge. Budge loved entertaining and seeing everyone having fun.

She was a natural sportswoman; good at virtually everything she tried.

She loved horses and was a founding member of the King Country Hunt. If you could keep up with Budge you were doing very well. She was elected a life member and was Patron

for many years. She will be sorely missed at the annual hound auction where between her and John they purchased enough hounds over the years to start their own Hunt. Often knowingly or unknowingly bidding against each other.

Budge was also pretty good at golf and tennis.

She was very involved setting up the Piopio/Aria 18-hole course and over the years served as President, Secretary and club captain. With the Piopio tennis court just down the road she enjoyed Club days and giving her daughters the run around whenever they played her.

Budge was a regular at the Piopio gym – so much so that during the COVID lockdown they sent a rowing machine to her house so she could keep up her exercise.

Keeping in touch with people both near and far was always a top priority for Budge.

She wrote maybe a million letters in her lifetime... to her family up north, to those overseas or when she was overseas, and to her daughters at boarding school. Every week to every daughter over 16 years.

She had beautiful handwriting right up to the end. There was no fear of NZ Post going broke as long as Budge was alive.

In April of this year Budge made a special journey back to her roots in the Bay of Islands. Her life going full circle.

There was a week-long reunion for descendants of Henry Williams, her great great grandfather, who had arrived in Paihia 200 years before.

She stayed at Tupe Tupe, the farm where she was born. While there she saw and spent special days with her siblings and almost every one of her Ludbrook nieces and nephews.

It was also a final farewell to her relations on the Finlayson side all based around Whangārei. She saw both her sisters in law and every niece and nephew. Not bad going for a 92 year old with terminal cancer. Where did she get the energy?

People were her fuel and love was her oxygen.

Piopio Fruit & Veg Stand

IT'S BEEN an incredibly bountiful period in the Piopio Community Stand this past month thanks to your veggie gardens and orchards.

Plums, apples, peaches, quince, chiles, zucchini, squash, kamokamo to name some of the wonderful home grown produce contributed by our community. I don't know about you, but I'm amazed how much fruit just one tree can deliver for a family when it decides it wants to do so.

The transition from summer to autumn/winter in the veggie garden has begun. I've roasted the last batch of heirloom tomatoes for the freezer, saving seeds in the process for next year's crop, of course! Started planters of spinach, silverbeet, Cavalo Nero, spring onions, and Italian parsley in the glasshouse, netted beds for broccoli seedlings to protect them against those dreaded white butterflies, weeding where I'm go-



ing to plant Torpedo and Cylindra beetroot. Trying to start shallots and Pukekohe "long keeper" onions from seed for planting out in the onion and garlic patch, something I haven't done before. And keeping an eye on the kumara and pumpkins/butternuts so they're harvest-

ed at just the right time. Seed garlic and shallots get planted out May/June. Conventional wisdom has always been to plant on the shortest day, but people are now planting earlier to avoid rust, something we fortunately haven't had to contend with as yet. The bed is getting a rotary hoe and feed ahead of planting. This time of the year "multi-tasking" is the name of the game.

Many thanks for your continued support and contributions of home grown surplus. It takes time to pick things and drop them off, this I know. But it makes a huge difference--people are amazed



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by the quality and quantity of what we share. Yes, generosity still exists in this crazy world.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions/issues. Updates are posted pretty much daily on our FB page. And lastly, we're always needing clean ice cream containers and containers returned. And with winter comes jam making and the need for small, clean jars. With thanks!

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LTP in the pipeline

THE Piopio Cosmopolitan carpark improvements have been completed and looks great as you enter our town. Some footpaths have also been upgraded.

The Council has been busy with the Long Term Plan, developing the Consultation Document. This will be available online on the Council website and physical copies will be available at PGG Wrightson Piopio. Consultation opens on April 16 and closes May 17. Please note there will be a drop-in centre held on Monday, April 29 in the Piopio Hall from 11.30am to 1.30pm to discuss the Long Term Plan.

Council has also spent considerable time discussing upcoming rates. An option we are considering is introducing a targeted rate for forestry blocks to recuperate for damage done to roads during harvesting. Council is fully aware of the impact that rate increases have on ratepayers budgets.

Please continue to be on the look out for water leaks and notify Council so that these can be remedied and treated water is not wasted.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any concerns or queries you might have.

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KC Rivercare update; winter's coming

WE HOPE you're enjoying this autumn... winter sure feels like it's on its way.

We are underway planning and booking events and field days for the year – as always open to any ideas you may have – contact us at kcrivercare@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page.

Future opportunities in Hill country – Carbon, Natives, Collars on Cows was held March 18 with a great turnout from around the area. Presentations covered ETS, Forestry and Land Use by Phil Orme and Lucy Cronin from Halter. ETS discussions covered advice and opportunities with plenty of audience engagement around future forecasts, planting methods and grazing opportunities. This was followed up by Halter - introducing their Beef Model. We discussed benefits including pasture utilization, training timeframes and animal health developments. Thank you to Rotowai Angus - Allan and Natasha Cave for hosting the day, and to our sponsors ANZ and PGG Wrightson Piopio.



Upcoming Events:

Our Land and Water – Food, Farming & Freshwater Roadshow will be coming to Te Kuiti late May. Presenting local scenarios with practical applications, speakers will look to cover water quality, land use and the current challenges to the NZ export sectors. Keep an eye out for details and RVSP's in April's Newsletter.

Exploring Carbon Neutral pilot days are in development for late April through to June located on the three pilot farms around the region.

Social events are very important to us all, before winter gets

here – we are looking to capture an evening event in Aria. Watch this space. Suggestions of inspirational speakers gratefully received!

Memberships – if you know of any new farms in the area keen to be a part of our organisation please get in touch. Companies and businesses keen to support via our associate memberships please also reach out. Event sponsorship is a great way to show support behind our farming community.

Freshwater Farm Plans (FW FP)

KCRC are waiting on confirmation of funding to support a series of workshops and associated resources over the next 18 months. We will let our community know as soon as we have more information.

We plan to support farming businesses with existing Plans to upgrade those with required information and will also support those who have yet to start a Farm Plan.

More info is on the WRC website here: www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/community/your-community/

for-farmers/freshwater-farm-plans/

Our next committee meeting is mid April so get in touch if you would like to attend or there's something we need to discuss.

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All welcome to ANZAC assembly

THE programme will be similar to last year. Those who wish to march are to assemble at the St John Rooms at 10.45am, service to follow at the cenotaph at 11am.

Moa Street will again be closed to through traffic, thanks to Waitomo District Council and especially Vinni and Vibhah Rao (STEMS) who make a considerable contribution in planning and time.

All past and present servicemen/women (all services) are

invited and urged to participate in the parade which is open to everyone.

Organisations, families and individuals are welcome to lay wreaths during the wreath laying ceremony.

Two waiata are the same as last year, the beautiful and very fitting He Hōnore and Te Aroha. School students are learning these but need all the help they can get on the day. They are easy to find on Google!

Following the service refreshments will be available at the Piopio Cosmopolitan Club.

We welcome contact from any present or past service personnel who may be living in the district and would like to be involved. For further information contact:

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Playcentre celebrates 60 years

PIOPIO PLAYCENTRE has had a great start to the year! We got some exciting new toys for the children to explore with including a new climbing set, as well as a range of costumes which have allowed the children to extend their imagination. The 'Bob the Builder' outfit has been a real favourite over the past month.

In March we went and visited the Kiwi House in Otorohanga which was a highlight for the children. The kiwis were out and about, and we were lucky enough to see three of them. And of course, a stop at the Buzzy Bee playground was a must!

We also farewelled the Waugh family whose youngest daughter has started at Piopio school this term – what a great transition Piopio Playcentre has been for them. We want to thank Nicola again for her massive contribution to Piopio Playcentre over the

years.

If you are also wanting a great place for your children to learn, grow, and develop relationships prior to starting school then you're more than welcome to come along. All families are welcome with children aged 0-5 years. Our sessions are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9.30am - 12noon during the school terms. Our children are currently enjoying playing with water, sand, paint, playdoh and on the bikes and swings!

This year celebrates 60 years of Piopio Playcentre and we are looking forward to celebrating a free fun day out on Saturday, May 18. All families are welcome to attend. We plan to have a BBQ, bouncy castle, and lots of fun play areas set up. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Piopio rugby kicks off April 6

THE LOCAL rugby season kicks off on April 6 with Piopio travelling to Taupo to play Tongariro United.

The boys have been training hard and have had good numbers attending with a number of very promising young players coming on. This bodes well for the coming season and the future of the Club.

We are excited with the prospect of three Foote brothers playing for Piopio this year. Caleb, Lachie and Ollie have all been at training and ready to go!

Carl Carmichael is again coaching the squad.

The Club is looking for a Secretary and also someone to apply for funding. There is a possibility these could be paid positions, so if you are interested please get in touch with President Pete Hurley 021 117 2973.

Future projects at the Club include upgrading the clubrooms with a new outdoor verandah area.

The club is also looking for farmers to graze stock and if you are able, we would love to hear from you. John Reeves is the contact person for this and can be contacted on 027

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Our first home game is against Taumarunui Eels on the April 13, so come along and support the boys!

We look forward to seeing you all during the season and appreciate the wonderful community support we receive.

2024 DRAW:

- April 6 vs Tongariro away
- April 13 vs Eels at home
- April 20 vs Taupo Marist away
- April 27 vs Taumarunui Districts away
- May 4 vs Taupo Sports home
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A coastal settlement 79km south-west of Te Kūiti and 98km north-east of New Plymouth.

Awakino is on the banks of the Awakino River, which rises in the Hērangī Range. Traditional Māori pā sites were clustered along the coast around Awakino.

The anchor stone from the ancestral Tainui waka is on the grounds of Maniāroa marae near the settlement. In 1854 the government purchased almost 6500 hectares of Māori land around Awakino. Because the King Country was closed to Europeans between the 1860s and the 1880s the land was not surveyed until 1883 and was only made available for settlement in 1893.

Farming, flax processing and sawmilling were important early industries in the district. Ships plying the North Island's west coast called in at Awakino. Coastal shipping declined in the area after the bridge across the Mōkau River opened in 1927 and Awakino was no longer used as a port.

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New display at Mokau Museum

YOU ARE INVITED to view a new display featuring Tongaporutu bone carver Mike Brown, and the impact he has had on the bone carving community by initiating and organising the annual Firstgas Mokau Bone Carving Symposia.

The display chronicles the resurgence of bone carving in Aotearoa New Zealand, and the particular part the symposia have played since their inception in 2017.

The first symposium attracted 12 carvers but now regularly attracts 60+ carvers from all over New Zealand and a handful from Australia. Now smaller regional groups are springing up and meeting regularly for teaching and friendship. The mentoring, upskilling and encouragement that these groups provide, is resulting in a marked improvement in both quality and quantity of carving.

Mike's own bone art is unique as you will see Mike is following original design inspiration. His signature piece is the stingray but most of his other work is abstract, imbued with meaning and spirit.

The 'Holes series' speaks of the heart as a portal into our soul. The 'Trees series' depicts the source of our strength as unseen like the roots of a tree which sustain the foliage. The 'Pasifika series' describes life on our beautiful islands and the motifs associated with our South Pacific ancestors.

Mike is also the author of 'bonecarver007', a book that was launched at the recent Easter symposium.

Copies of Mike's book are available at the museum for \$35.

NEW ART EXHIBITION MOKAU MUSEUM AND GALLERY

Open from 1st March to 17th April 2024.

Come and see the exceptional work of two local artists in this, their inaugural public exhibition.

Simon Brown – Photography has always been an interest for Simon but in recent years it has become a passion. Simon uses polycotton canvas framed in locally made band-sawn timber tub-frames, making ideal fixtures for the modern home or office. This tasteful collection includes a wide range of local and national subject matter. Each piece has been chosen because of the story it tells, the feedback received and the joy they have brought to Simon personally.



Susan Greenwood-Praat - Susan's paintings are acrylic on canvas or board and consist of vibrant colours intuitively applied with a sense of energy. She finds Mokau a fantastic place to live with lots of lovely people and places to explore for inspiration. Susan



endeavours to make people smile when viewing her art and hopes to capture their imagination. Her goal is to create pieces that will add more energy and colour to the homes they live in. "Life is too short not to have some form of art in your life"

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Piopio Berry Orchard visit

OUR Level 1 and 2 Hospitality students visited the Berry Orchard recently, as part of their up and coming fruit and vegetable unit.

Students learnt about a variety of fruit, the growing and harvest process and what happens behind the scenes before it hits the table.

We will follow up at school with preparing dishes with the beautiful produce.

A big thank you to Mike and Angela Roy who showed us their beautiful business, shared their passion and mahi and the ice cream shout at the end.

It is so amazing to have this business right on our doorstep that we can relate to learning that is happening in the classroom.

*Ngā mihi
Lucy Thomas*



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Tongariro Crossing

Tongariro Crossing complete!

Ngā mihi nui to Ngāti Tūwharetoa for welcoming and having us in your absolute jewel of whenua, as well as Renee Pari, Grish, and Aaron Bradcock for helping us make this amazing trip possible for our ākonga.

An even bigger thanks to the students themselves for making the trip an amazing experience for all – you all nailed it!

Ben Draper

Caitlyn breaks 3 records



CAITLYN Cody continues to excel in the pool! Recently she broke three records in the 15-year-old girls age group at the Piopio Swimming Club, club night.

The records achieved are listed below:

- 100 IM held by Kim Alcock since 1989
- 100m Back held by Sasha Irwin since 2001
- 100m Free held by Catherine Pickering since 1991.

Congratulations Caitlyn – we are extremely proud of you and these achievements!



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Learning by luging

OUR SENIOR Physical Education class explored the various tracks available at the Rotorua Skyline Luge last month.

The rangatahi and kaiako showcased various tactics and implemented various strategies to ensure they made it successfully down the track (although this failed on a few occasions).

A great reflection and gives us some fabulous evidence to use in their upincoming essays that they will now construct on their experiences related to risk analysis.

Also a big thank you to Mr Draper for joining us and transporting our rangatahi to and from the activity.

Ngā mihi, G Draper



Carving it up

WELL DONE to the year 9s who have started carving their bas relief hebel stone sculptures.

We have spent time developing our design ideas to do with nature and us. The carvings are coming along well.

Tino pai year 9s!



Clockwise from top left: Putiputi and Miriama; Addison; Rawiri; Blair.



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Inter-school swimming success

WHAT an amazing day at the Waitomo Inter-school swimming meet held in Te Kūiti last month. The students displayed excellent skills, determination and awesome sportsmanship.

The students all came away with at least one placing and we dominated in the relays, taking away 1st place in the senior relay, and 1st and 2nd place in the grand relay where we combined with our neighbouring kura Āria and Piopio Primary.

Super proud to be part of such a wonderful day!

Kia pai te wiki, no doubt there will be some tired tamariki who are deserving of a sleep in.

*Ngā mihi,
G Draper*



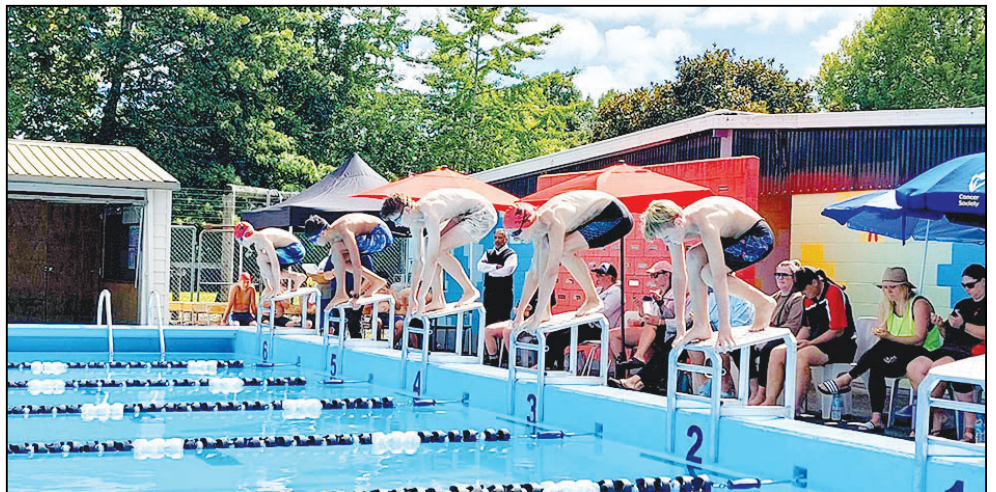
Swimming Champs Titles won

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who had a successful day in the pool recently. The hard work that has occurred behind the scenes was evident on the day!

The day would not have been possible without the help of our amazing volunteers who gave up their time to assist with timekeeping. Thank you very much: Emma Thompson, Lisa Lyford, Renee Pari-Parkes, Donna Pari, Steph Brough, Kimberley Cody, Amy Carter, Ashleigh Webster, our fabulous Year 12/13 students, and lastly the staff who were also present.

Congratulations to Kauri whare who retain the swimming title for 2024.

The teachers also took the title again.



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Mokau Fishing Club news



HI EVERYONE,

Hopefully you're making the most of what good weather we are getting – it seems like winter is on the way with dark mornings and a chill in the air.

We have had a couple of months of average weather for boat fishing, but we managed to get the Ladies Day in, and it was great to see the ladies enjoying the day with plenty of fun.

Sponsors Day was also another great day with a lot of fun had by all – we had some great feedback from those who attended. Big thank you to skippers and helpers that made the day successful.

It seems the marlin are out there, just needing a decent weather window to have a crack. As far as I'm aware, no one has tagged or brought a marlin over the bar so still a chance

to get out there you "game fishers" and take out the trophy.

I have heard that there is some good fishing from the beach and plenty of fat kahawai in the river.

Our summer comp finishes on Monday, April 1 (this day inclusive). We plan to hold our "summer comp" at the end of year prizegiving on Saturday, April 13 followed by BBQ dinner.

Remember, for this prizegiving you must attend to get your prize – except for children.

Hopefully between now and Easter Monday will allow us all to have a good crack to get amongst some fish.

Look forward to seeing everyone at prizegiving.

*Good luck,
Wal*

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Kohanga celebrates 40 years

ON November 23, Piopio Kōhanga Reo celebrated its 40th birthday with celebrations that included 100 guests, a bouncy castle, face painting and of course plenty of kai.

One of the highlights was the planting of a new kōwhai tree, intended to replace one planted many years earlier by Te Arikinui, Dame Te Atairangikaahu.

Chairperson Whaea Ramona Waho described the day as, "A beautiful occasion, and something worth celebrating."

Guests included the first kōhanga babies, now turning 40 themselves.



CELEBRATIONS!

(clockwise from right):

Kadilay Winikerei enjoys the face painting;

Maadi Waikura Jacobs and Flora Tane;

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