

# PIOPIO

# BIRDTALK

Bi-monthly community newsletter covering Piopio, Aria and Mahoenui districts



'Saskia Watkins, 5 of Waitui Farm Piopio with her favourite Xmas book'

## WHAT'S LAME, CHEESY AND POPS? XMAS CRACKERS!



Here are the best – or should that be the worst? – cracker jokes Sigrid found on the internet.

What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney? Claustrophobia!

What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party? Freeze a jolly good fellow

What does Santa do in the garden? He 'hoe hoe hoes'!

What does Miley Cyrus have at Christmas? Twerky!

Knock, knock Who's there? Arthur Arthur who? Arthur any mince pies left?

What do vampires sing on New Year's Eve? Auld Fang Syne

What can you get if you eat Christmas decorations? Tinselitus

What happened to the thief who stole a Christmas calendar? He got 12 months

Who delivers Christmas gifts to Luke

Skywalker? Star Claus

What's the difference between Santa's reindeer and a knight? One slays the dragon, and the other's draggin' the sleigh

Why didn't the skeleton go to the Christmas Party? He had no body to go with

What did the cow say to the reindeer? Moo

*Meri Kirihimete! Safe and happy holidays to all of our readers, we hope you have your elf a merry little Xmas!*  
– Editors.



## WELCOME TO PIOPIO PRIMARY PRINCIPAL

The last half of 2019 has been one of change for Piopio Primary School. At the end of Term 2, we sadly said farewell to Mr Scott Lincoln, who took up the Principal's position at Otorohanga South School after three and a half years at Piopio.

In order for the BOT to carry out a successful, robust recruitment process of a new permanent Principal we chose to get a fixed term Principal for term 3. Mr Pat Poland of Te Pahu was available and fitted in to the role perfectly. Mr Poland's role since retiring as a Permanent Principal has been to fill in under circumstances such as these.

In term 4 we welcomed our new Principal Mr Ron Baptist. Ron has come from Waikaretu school in north Waikato, and when he started there it was a sole charge Principal's job. Under his

leadership and teaching it became a thriving two teacher school. Ron's rural background appealed to us, as did his journey through his own schooling. The way he spoke of Waikaretu as well as his journey of becoming a teacher were some of the things that stood out in the recruitment process.

It has been great having Ron start in term 4. We did wonder if a term 4 start would be a good or a bad thing, but settling in to a new role always takes time. Having term 4 to get to know how things operate at our school will help make plans for next year. The school will be in an organised positive position for 2020.

Piopio Primary's roll is looking very healthy (currently 167), and will begin the year with around 145 students.

We look forward to working with Ron

and are excited to have him leading our school.

Merry Christmas to whanau and the community, have safe and happy holidays, and we look forward to a positive 2020. *Steph Brough*



# PIOPIO BIRDTALK

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## UPCOMING Events



### CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND FAMILY SERVICES ARIA, PIOPIO AND MOKAU

#### St Barnabas Church, Aria

Sunday Dec. 8, 2019 at 3:00 pm,  
followed by children's activities, sausage sizzle and light refreshments.

#### All Saints Church, Piopio

Sunday Dec 22, 2019 at 10 am followed by morning tea.

#### St. Peter's-by the Sea, Mokau

Tuesday Dec 24, 2019 at 7:00 pm followed by light refreshments.

**All Welcome Haere mai koutou**

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**Piopio Township:**  
Owls Nest and Piopio College.

**Surrounding districts:**  
Mahoenui (Coleman's woolshed)  
Aria Cosmopolitan Club, and  
Waitanguru Hall also have these on hand.

A free App is available on google Playstore to locate machines throughout New Zealand.

## It's that time of year again, Christmas Cookies Time!

I'm Lucy Reeves I grew up in Piopio and I'm the Cookie Time Christmas Cookie Seller for the Waipa, Otorohanga, & Waitomo Districts for 2019!

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It's hard to believe, but Christmas is fast approaching.

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# WHITE RIBBON RIDERS VISIT PIOPIO COLLEGE

The White Ribbon Riders visited Piopio College on Monday 18 November ahead of White Ribbon Day (Monday 25 November) where two of the riders talked to the Yr 7-9 students about #Unspoken Rules.

The first rider discussed his history of being told to 'toughen up and boys don't cry' when he was younger.

He went on to explain how this impacted him in his teen years and as an adult. He pointed out that by pressuring boys/young men to behave in certain ways can lead to suppressed feelings which can affect relationships and sometimes lead to violence even towards their partner.

The second rider spoke more about showing respect to females and that



violence towards them wasn't acceptable.

By having the White Ribbon Riders visit and talk to the college we hope to

teach our whanau about respectful behaviours in relationships, that it is ok to feel and express emotions, that it is ok to ask for help, that it is ok to be yourself, and that violence is not ok or acceptable.

For more information and to support the #Unspoke Rules campaign please visit <https://whiteribbon.org.nz/> Claire Walton



## STOCK SCHEME



The Piopio College PTA are re-establishing their Stock Scheme.

The PTA provides additional funds towards school projects, equipment, facilities and learning opportunities that are not funded by the MoE.

By re-establishing our Stock Scheme, we can increase the funds we provide, making the benefits to the school and our children greater.

### We need your help! Can you:

- **Graze a beast for the PTA?**
  - **Donate a calf and graze it**
  - **Graze a calf provided by the PTA**
  - **Graze a calf (the PTA can reimburse you the cost of the calf)**

*We have kindly been donated 2 calves and urgently need homes for them.*

### If you can assist in any way, please contact:

Lisa Lyford – 021 115 1189  
 Scott Lyford – 027 228 6284  
 lyford1@xtra.co.nz  
 Stock Scheme Co-ordinators  
 Piopio College PTA

### A HUGE THANK YOU TO:

Daryl and Helen Henwood, Stephen Boddie, Brent and Lisa Karl and Andrew Hancock/Lynette Perrett/Nevron Farms for kicking off our scheme.

Also Progress Transport for delivering the cattle free of charge and PGG Wrightson Piopio/Allfex for donating the ear tags.



And here we are again at the end of another productive year. Our Christmas and New Year hours are:

Closed Friday 20 December at 5pm  
 Open 9.00am – 3.00pm from Monday 6 – Friday 10 January 2020

Regular hours 8.30am - 5.00pm from Monday 13 January 2020.

I will be checking my emails regularly over this period and please feel free to contact me for any last minute travel plans. Mark on your calendars Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of January when Helloworld Travel have their annual New Year Sale.

On behalf of Donna, Andre and I, thank you for your support this year. We wish you a very Merry Christmas, and a here's to a happy and healthy 2020.



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# The Latest Surplus: Update on Piopio Community Fruit & Veg Stand



As Audrey Hepburn once said, 'To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.'

The Community Fruit & Veg Stand continues to be the grateful recipient of surplus grown in our local gardens and orchards by all those people in our community who believe in tomorrow.

Plus, it's great to see those fantastic contributions of different breads and rolls continue to be dropped off, they fly out of the stand.

These past few weeks there have been a few hundred heirloom tomato plants on offer, with other veggie, flower and herb seedlings also starting to appear on

the bottom shelf. They move out quickly; thankfully the pots are returned as requested so they can be used again. Room 4 at Piopio Primary reports they are growing some tomatoes along with other veggies. They've promised to drop off any surplus left after they learn how to make pizza.

Contributors have been helping to keep something or other on offer during this lull before summer veggie gardens kick in – whether it's been that last gasp of citrus picked from the neighbour's tree, a batch of marmalade or lemon honey, avocados, rhubarb, or freshly cut herbs. This past month I stopped to check the stand and found a large box of

avocados, one with so much fruit I could barely lift it! We put this generous contribution out over four days so as many people as possible could enjoy them.

I try to let people know what's on offer daily, and when contributions are needed, via the public Piopio Community Fruit & Veg Stand Facebook page. If you have any questions don't hesitate to get in touch. Thanks for your continued support and help keeping the stand tidy—it truly does "take a village." Can't wait to see what summer brings!

Karen Barrett [struanfarm@gmail.com](mailto:struanfarm@gmail.com)

## Piopio Lions Caravan



The new food caravan has been busy in use at Curious Keas pet day, the Piopio Primary pet day and the drag races at Wharepuhunga. It will be at Curious Keas for their Christmas party, and in action on the night of the Piopio Christmas Parade.

We will soon be building a new shed to house the caravan – the proposed site at this stage is behind the Piopio Memorial Hall. A few plan issues to be sorted out.

Our Change of Officers evening was held recently, and our new President is Colin Gray.

The Club has decided to support two main projects this year. To assist young people at outdoor adventure leadership courses, and also do what we can to assist with the building of a dementia unit at Beattie Village in Otorohanga. We had three of their committee

members come to our recent tea meeting to talk to us on the progress to date and the need for this facility. They have received some very generous donations to date. The voluntary work of this committee has been outstanding. The obstacles they have had to overcome would cause most people to walk away. At this stage they have approximately \$5million and need another \$2million to complete the project.

Our Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon is being held on Saturday 7 December, starting at 11.30a.m. in the Piopio Memorial Hall. If you are aware of anyone in the district who is eligible to come (65 years or over), but has not been invited please let Stuart Darke know – ph 8776692.

We hope we have acknowledged everyone who donated livestock to our recent stock drive for the new caravan, because we were involved in various companies, we struck a few problems keeping track of who did what. If we

haven't acknowledged you and you require a receipt, please let us know. Thank you to our amazing district for supporting us in this project. Anyone who would like information on joining the Lions Club – please contact Ross Smith 027 2851703, Ken Perry 8778035, or Gavin Todd 8777700.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas.



### Your Egnog's Too Strong

If you see a fat man who's jolly and cute,  
Wearing a beard and a red flannel suit,  
And if he is chuckling and laughing away,  
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# ARIA STUDENTS VISIT THE NORTH



In mid November, 27 senior students and 13 adults spent an action-packed week in Northland, based at Marsden Bay, Whangarei.

Highlights were many and included:

A day at The Octopus Hideaway in Leigh where all students and parents snorkelled in the Goat Island Marine Reserve.

A visit to the Waitangi Treaty Grounds and Russell.

A sail on a replica sailing ship, the R Tucker Thompson, with all children climbing the rigging and having a turn at steering.

Other activities were a visit to the Matakohē Kauri Museum, Marsden Bay Oil Refinery, Leigh Reptile Park, Kelly Tarlton's Marine World and the

Auckland Stardome. We mustn't forget lots of water sliding, kayaking, driving (thank-you awesome parents!) and AMAZING fish and chips!

It was an action packed week enjoyed by all and we thank our annual Two Day Bike Ride fundraiser for funding half of the total cost.

**Pam Voyce**



# Aria School Noteworthy News

The one event that brings the whole community together is Pet Day. We were lucky with the weather again this year.

Pet Day is one of those days that cause stress levels to rise, and lots of conversations are overheard discussing the "love-hate" relationship we all have with our annual Pet Day. We would never ever see it ended and we will forever be trying to improve upon it! Calves were omitted from being present at school for our Pet day due to M. Bovis. However children were able to have a calf that was judged at the home address.

The Trolley Derby, first introduced in 2015 was a "Big Hit" again this year, with a number trolleys entered. The creations and driving skills (or lack of) again provided great entertainment for our large crowd.

Students unable to rear pets have another focus for their energy leading up to Pet Day and it's a great way to get the dads involved. Congratulations

to all students for their amazing effort with their indoor creations as well as for their months of hard work put into rearing their animals.

Judges for this year's events: Animal Judges Audrey and Bruce Bevege, Anita & Robyn Kendrick Indoor Judges Peter and Diane Holbrook, Kath Tucker & Sharon Todd, Rosalie Voyce & Rachael Laver.

Thank-you most sincerely to everyone who had input into the success of this year's Pet Day.

Pam Voyce Principal - Aria School

## Room Two Teacher Appointed

A very warm welcome to Mrs Ana Wiseman who will be joining our teaching staff in 2020. Ana will be teaching the Room 2 class and we are very fortunate to have her joining our team.

Ana is a very experienced teacher with a wide variety of strengths and we all

look forward to working with her at Aria School.

**"Rock Bottom"** – Aria School's annual production was well received by packed audiences. Congratulations to all the students and thank-you to our wider community who always support and enjoy our performances.

A special thank-you to **Creative Communities** for their generous funding and to **Piopio College** for the generous loan of lots of equipment.





Apolline Komene from Aria is hopefully going to get around to decorating this Christmas tree! She is looking forward to spending time with whanau, recharging batteries after a busy year, and getting some DIY done around the house.



Peter, Diane and Stella the Dog are celebrating Xmas with friends in Ohaupo



# ARIA TOY LIBRARY NEWS



Just a quick note to say the library will be CLOSED 24th Dec 2019 until 3rd of Jan 2020.

We are going to bug bomb the place! Also, just a reminder that I am away over the holidays, but please don't hesitate to send us a message and one of our committee members will get back to you.

When we start back next year the fees will be due also.

\$15 per term  
\$40 per year

From the committee and I we wish you all a safe and merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Lulu

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Sunday	1.00pm – 5.00pm

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# MOKAU

## Summer Events

2019/2020

### FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

**Mokau Fishing Club**  
**Corson Tyres 4-day Xmas Comp**  
 \$8000 worth of prizes, 30 categories. Non-members welcome!!  
 Earlybird draw \$200. Registrations 9-10.30 am @ North Boat Ramp. Weigh-in: 5 - 6pm Awakino Hotel.  
 Ph Wal Death 0276037255 Email wal.death@agrifeeds.co.nz

### SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

**Beach Walk** 5.30pm  
 Meet at Seaview, bring a bag for rubbish and rock collection.  
 B.Y.O. picnic snacks and drinks

### MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

**Corson Tyres 4-day Xmas Fishing Competition Prizegiving**  
 Prizegiving and BBQ, meal \$5 for non-members/non-anglers  
 Final weigh-in: 3:30 - 4:30pm Awakino Hotel

### TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER

**Awakino Hotel New Year's Band** 8pm  
 Rock Band - Head First

### WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY

**Twilight Bowls** 5.30pm  
 Come and have a social bowl with the Awakino Bowling Club  
 Every Wednesday night throughout the summer.  
 Briscoe Street, Awakino \$2 a player. Ph Gail 067529014  
 B.Y.O.

### THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY

**Walk to Mohakatino Falls** 9.30am  
 Meet at Ben Hutchinson's woolshed at the end of Mohakatino Road for a 4-hr walk. A reasonable standard of fitness required.  
 Children must be accompanied. Bring hat, snacks and water.

### SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

**Mokau Hall Open Day** 10am  
 Come and see the new gym and kitchen, morning tea provided. Ph Heidi 0276791931  
**Ratepayers' meeting** 1pm

### SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

**Rock painting - Mokau Hall** 10-12pm & 2-4pm  
 Contact Ronda Ph 0272431582

### MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

**Dimphy Sculpture Art Workshop** Bookings Essential  
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### TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

**Table Tennis - Mokau Hall** 7-9pm  
 B.Y.O. snacks and drink.

### WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

**Pre School Wheels Day** 9-11am  
 Meet at the Mokau School, bring bike and helmet, togs for bubbles and water play. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Ph Nicole 067529111.  
**Sand Sculptures Competition** 1pm  
 Meet at the Flowerpot

### FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

**Potluck Tea - Mokau Hall** 6.30pm

### SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

**Mokau Fishing Club** 9am  
**Take a kid fishing**  
 Meet at the north boat ramp, bring rod, drink and sunhat. Younger children must have parent or guardian supervision. Followed by lolly scramble and sausage sizzle at the Tainui Wetere Domain.  
 All children receive a certificate and there are some great sponsored goods for giveaway. Ph Wal 0276037255

### SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

**Family Water Day** 10am  
 Meet at Gorries' driveway, 29 Te Mahoe Road. Kayaking, paddle boarding and inflatables. All children must be supervised by parent or guardian. Picnic lunch. Ph Heidi 0276791931

### SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

**Sword and Shield Workshop** 10-2pm  
 'Capture the Flag' - A Sword and Shield-making Workshop with Peter Calkin. Held at the Tainui Wetere Domain. \$25.  
[www.natureplayadventures.co.nz](http://www.natureplayadventures.co.nz)  
**Art Workshops** 10:30-12:30pm  
 Held at the Tainui Wetere Domain.  
 Morning: Drawing \$20  
 Afternoon: Watercolour Painting \$25  
 Ph 0226477035 Bookings Essential

### WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

**Mokau Museum Walk** 9:30am  
 With the New Plymouth Tramping Club. 4-hr walk to the Lime Kiln along the Mokau river. Meet at 412 Awakino Road.

### SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY

**Mighty Mokau Bike Ride** 8am-3pm  
<http://themightymokau.com/> Contact Maree Ph 067529765



**King Country River Care**  
 Farmers taking charge of improving the environment together with the community

### King Country River Care News

KCRC wish to acknowledge the frustration a few of you are feeling with the process and level of communication from Regional Council staff around funding for riparian fencing and planting. It appears the number of farmers wanting to do riparian work was far in excess of the funding available. This is great news for how effective community catchment groups can be and how motivated everyone is to get on with doing the right thing. Moving forward we will continue to work proactively with WRC to improve understanding and communication to avoid this situation arising again.

We have been asked to gauge the level of farmer interest in accessing bulk native plants, planted in the ground (a planting team visits your farm & does the work), for riparian/waterway planting, at a maximum of \$3.50 for the next 3+ years. If sufficient interest and further funding is obtained it is likely local "not for profit" community nurseries and planting services will be developed with support from Puniu Rivercare and Raglan Harbourcare. Please reply to Anna Nelson if you are interested, with a rough estimate of plant numbers, and we will update you as more info becomes available.

Next meeting dates for KCRC are....  
 10 December; 7.30pm, Committee meeting, Piopio Cosi club.  
 11 December; 5.30pm, Mairoa Hall - Mangaotaki & Mid Mokau-Piopio Subcatchment groups.

A massive thanks to our Associate members for supporting these events - Hynds Te Kuiti, Pete Wylie PGGWrightson Real Estate, Bailey Ingham and FMG Te Kuiti - very much appreciated.

Our next committee meeting is 10 December so please get in touch if there's anything you feel we need to discuss.

Anna Nelson  
 KCRC Coordinator  
 0274900501, 078777744,  
[kcrivercare@gmail.com](mailto:kcrivercare@gmail.com)



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# PIOPIO/ARIA NURSE LEAD HEALTH CLINIC

Te Kuiti Medical Centre will be starting the Piopio/Aria Nurse Lead Health Clinic in the New Year, 2020. This clinic is to assist the Piopio/Aria community and outlying areas with better health services. It is especially for those who have difficulties with transport or health issues that can limit them getting to the Medical Centre.

This is a drop in clinic, no appointments are necessary. We can do home visits on request. Our Clinic offers: blood pressure

checks, heart checks, blood tests (NOT INR), wound care, diabetes checks, immunisations, smears, breast screening enrolments, help to quit smoking, B4School checks, sexual health screening, contraception, enrolments to the Medical Centre and anything else we can help you with. St Johns have kindly consented to us using their rooms on Moa Street for these clinics. If anyone knows of somewhere in Aria that would be suitable for a clinic could you please let us know. Our only requirements are a

room with internet access. Contact Alison 07 878787.

**Our first clinic is scheduled for:**  
**DATE: Wednesday 22nd January 2020**  
**TIME: 9am to 12pm**  
**PLACE: St Johns Rooms, Moa Street, Piopio**

To make these clinics work we need the support of the community. We look forward to seeing you there. Cherie and Alison

## BREAST SCREENING

A huge THANK YOU to the Piopio/Te Kuiti district ladies who supported the Mobile Breast Screening Caravan in September in Piopio. Altogether we screened 132 ladies, 19 of these were first timers!

It's efforts like this which enables the Mobile Bus to keep coming back to our district.

To enrol with Breast Screening it's as simple as a phone call. Ensure your mailing/phone details and place of birth are up to date and we will do the rest.

Ladies 45 - 69 years of age your screening is FREE!! Phone 07 878 7878 and leave a message at reception or speak to Alison.

Start talking with your friends, get a car load together and get screened!! The mobile bus will be in Otorohanga between 06 Jan 2020 - 31 Jan 2020.



Hi my name is Carley Simpson and I am the owner of Carley Jane Beauty. I am proudly Piopio born and bred, and I have been in the beauty industry for 8 years. After graduating from Elite International School of Beauty & Spa Therapies I started my beauty business working alongside Kim Simpson in Vanillia Blonde for several years, until Roy (my husband) and I chose to start a family, from which time I have worked from home.

We have recently moved house and have opened a brand new beauty room based at our home at 61 Kaka Street, Piopio. The new premises provide clients with more privacy, a bigger space and a spectacular view! I offer a range of treatments with my main

treatments being make up, waxing, eye treatments including lash lifts and brow henna. I also carry a range of retail products, the majority of which are natural and/or organic. I sell and use Oasis beauty products which are well known and are especially suitable for sensitive skin; and Bella Vi mineral make up. I use these products myself on a daily basis. I can also offer gift vouchers which are such a popular present and I can tailor them to your needs, so if you are ever stuck for a gift idea please message or call me and we can discuss this.

If you would like to know more about the treatments I offer or more about my retail products feel free to message or call me as well. My main set days for beauty therapy are Monday, Thursday and Friday, but I am happy to fit you in when needed as long as it fits with my family. I look forward to seeing my regulars and meeting new clients this summer !! Have a great Xmas and happy new year.

Thanks Carley

## Well Done Lynette!

Congratulations to Lynette Adams whom recently received a member of St John Award up in Auckland. Another awesome achievement for our local goodsorts.....



**St John**



Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

The team at Davis Automotive Ltd.

Closed: 21st December 2019  
Reopening: 6th January 2020

## PIOPIO COMMUNITY POOL

The Piopio Community Pools Trust is seeking a person or persons interested in working as pool maintenance/cleaning staff and pool supervisors for the 2019/20 summer season. All enquires: Sheryl Johnson 0273191336 or

Shaun Carter 021677825



# WAITOMO DISTRICT COUNCIL UPDATES

## WATER CONSERVATION OVER SUMMER

Waitomo District Council asks Piopio residents and visitors on Council's water supply for their co-operation in conserving water over the summer period. Conservation and small changes made in terms of how we use water in the home and at work will make a big difference.

Residential water use including garden watering puts extra pressure on Council's Water Supply systems especially when supply levels are at their lowest. There are lots of simple things we can do around home to conserve water.

- Turn off the tap when it's not being used.
- Remind visitors and guests that water supplies are limited.
- Promote shorter showers.
- Do full loads in the clothes washer and dishwasher.
- Use a bucket when washing boats, trailers, jet skis, kayaks, etc.
- If you have to water the garden, do it in the early morning or late evening to reduce evaporation.
- For cool drinking water, fill a jug and keep it in the fridge. Running water to cool it down can waste 10 litres a minute.
- Fix leaky taps and toilet cisterns right away – a small, regular drip can waste hundreds of litres of water a week.

WDC will post updates for all water supplies, including notices for water conservation and restrictions to its website [www.waitomo.govt.nz](http://www.waitomo.govt.nz), [facebook.com/waitomodistrict](https://www.facebook.com/waitomodistrict); and in the Waitomo News. You can subscribe to Waitomo Way and receive notifications direct to your inbox.

Visit <http://waitomoway.buzzit.co.nz/subscribe/>

To report a water leak or issue with your supply please contact WDC on 0800 932 4357. Our call centre operates 24-7.

## Household Fluorescent Tube and Eco-Bulb recycling at Piopio Transfer Station

A free recycling service for fluorescent tubes and eco-bulbs is now available for Waitomo district householders at the Piopio Transfer Station.

Fluorescent lamps contain hazardous levels of mercury. They must be disposed of carefully so they do not let the mercury escape and pollute the air and water.

WDC aims to encourage the responsible disposal and recycling of this waste type by providing this service to the community, with the support of the

Waste Minimisation Levy. The levy encourages New Zealanders to start taking responsibility for the waste they produce and to find more effective and efficient ways to reduce, reuse, recycle or reprocess waste.

Collection boxes are available at the Te Kuiti and Piopio transfer stations – please ask the Attendant for assistance with this service.

For more information please contact Parva Zareie, Manager - Waste Minimisation on 07-878-0800.

Kelly Marriott | Leader - Communications and Engagement  
Waitomo District Council

## Back in the day...24.12.36

### HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS CARNIVAL AT TE KUITI.

#### SPORTS AT PIO PIO AND ARIA.

Several noteworthy functions are to be held in this district during the Christmas holidays. The most important of these will be the Mounted Gymkana at Pio Pio on Boxing Day, the New Year's Eve Carnival at Te Kuiti and the Aria sports on New Year's Day at Aria.

#### Gymkana at Pio Pio.

This is the first year that the mounted gymkana has been held at Pio Pio. The interest in the mounted events at the Pio Pio sports has prompted the holding of this function, which should provide an interesting and enjoyable day's outing to patrons. The events are to be held on the Pio Pio Domain, which is admirably suited for this class of function, with the hill overlooking the flat providing a natural grandstand.

### 1930s

#### New Year's Eve Carnival.

Revelry and fun is to be the order for the New Year's Eve Carnival to be held in Te Kuiti. In the last couple of years both the business people and visitors have entered fully into the spirit of this function. This year even greater interest is being taken. At present the coloured lights in the business area show that the Carnival Committee has been active, but behind the scenes is the real activity at present, in preparation for the procession of decorated vehicles and fancy dresses, the Boys' Tin Can Band, the Community Sing, the Bull Fight, the Jousting Tournament, the Wrestling Contest, and last, but not least, the Grand Carnival Dance at the Ritz Cabaret.

For Christmas Eve the Carnival Committee has again invited Father Christmas along to distribute toys to the children.

#### Aria Sports Meeting.

Another function that should attract a large crowd is the Aria Sports. With a full programme embracing running, chopping, horse, children's and miscellaneous events a most enjoyable day is ensured, and the function is to be wound up with a dance in the Aria Hall in the evening.

On Boxing Day a dance which should attract good patronage is being held in the Arapae Hall. Pat O'Rourke's orchestra is providing the music.



# Piopio Christmas

TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER 2019 @ 6.30PM

Donate Now to support the Christmas PARADE and continual development of our township. Your support helps cover expenses at the Xmas parade:

- road closure
- sweets for children who participate on floats.
- prizes for floats: 1st, 2nd, 3rd in each category
  - public liability insurance
  - maintenance of Xmas lights
  - Donation to pipe band
  - Health & safety requirements

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(Receipts can be issued at vet clinic if required)

**YOUR DONATION WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED**

**FLOAT and STALL holders will need to pre-register by 20th December. Forms available from PGG Wrightsons Piopio.**

We need help to tidy the street following the parade. Please pick up any rubbish and put in the provided bins.

### CHRISTMAS STOCKING RAFFLE

We hope you can kindly contribute to our annual Christmas Stocking appeal. Each year our local businesses and community contribute an item (worth approximately \$25) for a monster Christmas raffle. GIFTS CAN BE LEFT AT PGG WRIGHTSONS

Each business/ family name that contributes is listed on the Christmas stocking and we ask local businesses to have a raffle book on display to help sell tickets. The money from this raffle is our major source of funding for the year.

CARLEY SIMPSON - 021 0424493 // SINEAD SCOTT 027 3812569

# Piopio Christmas

TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER 2019 @ 6.30PM

The festive season is upon us and Santa's Little helpers have been faced with some challenges. Whilst we do not wish to be a Grinch, we are very mindful now, as volunteers, of the significant risks and responsibilities under the Health and Safety Act, that are placed upon us in running the annual Piopio Christmas Parade.

Whilst tradition will remain, some aspects will need to move with the times.

- Santa's Little helpers will now need a **dozen extra helpers to share lollies with children** as they walk the streets, rather than throwing from floats.

[If you are age 16+ we welcome anyone willing to help make this parade happen for another year].

- To ensure all risks are managed, all float entries will now be required to pre-register before 20th December and ensure all participants on their floats are managed and safely transported. (Pick up your Registration form, so you are aware of the changes before you finish building your float. (Collect forms from Atkinson Vet clinic or PGG Wrightsons)

- Stall holders are most welcome to attend and we ask you to consider managing your site to ensure all potential hazards are identified and minimised where possible. Please email Donna: dpdesigngirl@gmail.com

- For all spectators and onlookers, we will do our best to provide a safe environment for this

tradition to continue, however we need you to play your part.

- This event will be an ALCOHOL FREE event. Parents of children and teens please be mindful of moving vehicles and respectful of others with no lollies, water balloons to be thrown.

As we are only volunteers, please help us to ensure this event can continue to happen in Piopio, we do not wish to be liable in the event of any mishaps.

*Carley, Sinead and many other elves*

[ SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS ]

# CONGRATULATIONS DRESSAGE CHAMPS



Kath Corry and Ganache MH were Elementary Champions at the recently held Auckland Premier League Dressage Championships. Ganache MH competed in four classes over the weekend, winning two, 2nd in one and 4th in another, giving her the Elementary Championship. She also won best performed Hanoverian for levels 1-3.



Piopia Swimmers recently competed in the Marlin Swim Carnival at Taumaranui on Sunday the 10th of November. Although the full force hadn't yet dusted off the cobwebs from a long winter, our team swam really well and came home with lots of age-group ribbons. The 10 year and under 100m relay (Mac- 7, Leo- 8, Isaac-9, Lachie 10) was a highlight with a full team of Carter boys winning in an exciting finish. *Kate Carter*

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# Te Kuiti and Districts Pony Club One Day Event 2019

On 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019 Te Kuiti and Districts Pony Club ran their annual fundraising event at the Rukuhia Domain in Piopio.

The event was well supported with 120 entries. The competition provided for first start event riders competing at a 50 cm level to advanced riders competing at 105 cm. There were three competition phases for each rider: dressage, showjumping and cross country. The competition attracted a large contingent of local riders, as well as riders who travelled from outside the district.

Our pony club volunteers worked very hard prior to the event to ensure our cross country course was well presented. Thank you to our small but

dedicated membership of hard working Pony Club families who help make events like this happen. The day ran very smoothly despite the damp weather, with many riders from Te Kuiti and Districts Pony Club performing well. The riders enjoyed the challenging cross country course and a high standard of competition was evident throughout the day.

Our sincere thanks must go to our knowledgeable team of officials: Bing Allen for designing the cross country, John McGiven the technical delegate and Peter Fordham the Chief Cross Country Judge. The success of our event relies on many community volunteers and the collaboration between community groups. A special thank you to Anna Nelson who co-

ordinated our event so well. Thank you also to Ross and Karen Harris who worked hard as always to have our facilities looking their best on the day. Thank you to the Light Horse Club members for all you do to support our club, and we also appreciate the efforts of Kate Carter and the Domain Board for all the good work you do to maintain the domain facilities.

Thank you also to the fantastic group of long serving pony club supporters who very generously donate their time to assist us whenever they can. Co-ordinating an event like this with such success is an achievement you can all be very proud of.

**Olivia Buckley. President of Te Kuiti and Districts Pony Club**



Tessa Bradcock and Alice Buckley



Photographs thanks to Alison Price from Spot On Photo

## PIOPIO BOWLING CLUB NEWS

The Piopio Bowling Club has undergone a transformation over the past few months. A major overhaul of the downstairs area has been followed by a spruce-up of the grounds outside and that has been finished off with a paint job for the building, including the roof. Major thanks are due to Tony Williams and his band of merry men and women for the hours of work – what a picture though!

The clubroom is available for hire, and if your group want to have a game or two of bowls, club members will happily come and show you the ropes. Please phone Mavis Proffit 8778977 for more details.

The upcoming tournament dates with sponsors for this season are:

Saturday Nov 16<sup>th</sup> – Bashers Day – sponsors: Tangaroa Whanau

Sunday Dec 1<sup>st</sup> – sponsors: Adams Contracting

Saturday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> – Cockies Day – sponsors: Barrowcliffe Shearing

Sunday Jan 5<sup>th</sup> – sponsors: Atkinsons and Associates Veterinarians

Saturday Jan 18<sup>th</sup> – sponsors: Laver Marine

Sunday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> - sponsors: Wilson Drainage and Vanilla Blonde Hair

Sunday Mar 1<sup>st</sup> – Charity Tournament – St Johns

– sponsors: Raupuha Stud and Native Plant Nursery

Sunday Apr 5<sup>th</sup> – sponsors: Tony Williams and Placemakers Te Kuiti

Previous sponsors this year include Iona Angus Stud, Hemi and Deb Livestock, Potawa Simmental Stud and Piopio Dental.

We extend our grateful thanks to all our sponsors and would love to see you for a bowl anytime – please join us on Cockies Day if you can't make it to the Bashers Day. Potawa Simmentals had two rookie players in the recent Whitebait tournament, although they didn't win they showed some skills and we can't wait to see them back again. There are some new faces on the greens and we would love to see more, just rock up anytime and we will make you welcome – young and old.

# COMMUNITY SERVICES & BUSINESSES

## LOCAL FACILITIES

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**King Country Chiropractic**  
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**Recreation Centre**  
Kimberley Cody (07) 8778700  
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## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

**Aria Playcentre**  
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**Aria Toy Library**  
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**Piopio College** (07)8778173  
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## COMMUNITY

**Piopio Police** 07 8770490  
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We live in a great community so let's stop these few who are taking from us.  
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**Piopio College Community Library** (07) 8778173  
E: [library@piopio.school.nz](mailto:library@piopio.school.nz)  
18 Aria Road

**Senior Citizen's Organisation**  
Meetings first Tuesday every month, 10am All welcome.  
Wendy Weinberg (07) 8778686

**Senior's Exercise Classes**  
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**Housie Thursdays**  
**1pm Senior Citizen's Room**  
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**Justice of Peace**  
Vikki Hall (07) 8778058  
Clive Fredericks (07) 8778048

**Marriage Celebrant**  
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0276791931

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Visits are 3rd Wednesday of every month. Gillian Hooper  
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Phone Vikki 0275095195 or Emma 0273687922

- Table \$10 per table
- Chairs \$2 per chair
- Wine flutes/glasses 50c per glass
- Tumblers 50c per glass
- Place settings \$2 per setting includes (dinner, side and dessert plate, mug, cutlery)
- Capacity 200 people

**Piopio/Paearuhe Retirement Village**  
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**All Saints Church**  
Co-operating Parish of Piopio, Aria & Mokau. Main Road, Piopio. Worship service 10am  
Reverend Jekheli Singh  
(07) 8788026

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**The Old Piopio Post Office Art Gallery**  
M: 0224370789

**Waitanguru Rural Women**  
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## ACTIVITIES and ATTRACTIONS

**Hairy Feet Waitomo**  
(07) 8778003

**Piopio and Districts Museum**  
Mark Verry (07) 8778842  
Key available from Piopio Superette

**Piopio Market Day**  
3rd Sunday of each month  
Colleen (07) 8776686

**Piopio POP (Tui Park)**  
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## SPORTS and RECREATION

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**Light Horse Club**  
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**Line Dancing Club**  
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**Piopio-Aria Golf Club**  
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**Piopio Bowling Club**  
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**Waitomo Ski Club**  
Kim Tatham  
(07) 8778820

**Waitomo Aero Club**  
Pete Voyce (07) 8778254  
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**CONGRATULATIONS**  
*Kim Tatham, Piopio Dental for her recent win of the inaugural Rural Health & Wellbeing Excellence Award as part of the NZI Rural Women NZ Business Awards.*



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