

# PIOPIO

## BirdTalk

BI MONTHLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER COVERING PIOPIO, ARIA & MAHOENUI DISTRICTS

### INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR LONG SERVING LIONS MEMBER

Receiving the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award was a moment Ken Perry of Aria prefers not to be singled out for. A member of the Piopio Lions Club and committee member for too many other groups, Ken is a man who has contributed to his community for over 35 years, and believes "it's just something you do." A humble response from a man and his family who keep giving and likes to defer the attention as he is "just one of many helpers who do their part in the community."

The Melvin Jones Fellowship Award was established in 1973 by Lions Club International Foundation to reward exemplary community services. To honour Ken for his contribution, Club President Owen Harrison presented him with a lapel pin and the Lion's Club most prestigious international award,

a wooden plaque inscribed with 'dedicated humanitarian services'.

Quite fittingly, the Aria Cosmopolitan Club hosted a crowd of 110 local people including Waitomo Deputy Mayor Guy Whitaker, Piopio Volunteer Fire Brigade Chief Officer Darren Cathie and Piopio St John President Doug Oliver. Alongside this crowd stood Kens very supportive wife Val, who too also has

backed Ken in his many projects, whilst serving St Johns as an officer for the past ten years.

Local Lions Club Secretary Gavin Todd and his committee feel this award is quite fitting considering his contribution to the many committees he has been a part of. To name a few: Aria Cosmopolitan Club, BOT and Chairman Aria School, Aria Mokaiti

Rugby Club, Aria Tennis Club, Aria School and District's 100th Anniversary Committee, Piopio Young Farmers Club, Paearuhe Retirement Village Trust board, St Johns, Piopio Aria Golf Club, Piopio College BOT, Chairperson St Helens Domain and more.

Ken is adamant he will continue as he has done, and like every other helper in this district he will carry on and help where it is needed most.



KEN PERRY RECEIVING MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP AWARD WITH THE SUPPORT OF HIS WIFE VAL.

The Waitomo District Council is calling for nominations for Lifetime Achievement and Citizen of the Year Awards.

#### LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Recipients of the "Lifetime Achievement Award" will have demonstrated outstanding community spirit, over a number of years. Through their involvement in community projects, organisations and initiatives, these people have made a significant contribution to the district.

#### CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Recipient of the "Citizen of the Year Award" will have over the past twelve months, consistently gone over and above the call of duty. This person

has demonstrated outstanding community spirit by being involved in projects and initiatives that result in positive outcomes for the district.

If you know of someone whom has committed to their group or community and deserves public acknowledgment, please contact Donna MacDonald at the Waitomo District Council.

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## PIOPIO MEMORIAL HALL

We have a few things on the go at the moment – the

first being that we are about to purchase a whole new set of cutlery, crockery and glassware. A new shelving unit to house all hired out items will also be built. As the hall is being used a bit more these days and we are constantly hiring out bits and pieces, so we have decided to now keep them separate and to have the crockery and cutlery that has served us well over the years for the use of anyone hiring the hall at no charge.

“Stars in Your Eyes” is just around the corner. We have a few acts that have put their names forward, however would like to see some different groups join in the action. We challenge Playcentre, teachers, the Squash Club, shearers and the Lions or anyone or group who is keen for some guaranteed fun to enter. Tickets will be on sale 1 May and no there will not be any international Rugby matches on in Hamilton this time!

### HALL HIREAGE

- Bond 150.00
- Audio Equipment Bond 50.00
- Hire (Daily Hire-age) 185.00
- Rental per hour (max 4 hours) 18.00
- Audio Equipment - Hire Fee 50.00

The above are all to be booked and paid for through the Waitomo District Council.

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### CROCKERY HIRE:

- Table \$10 per table
- Chairs \$2 per chair
- Wine flutes/glasses 50c per glass
- Tumblers 50c per glass
- Place settings \$2 per setting

Set aside the 1 August for a musical put on by an operatic group from New Plymouth. Viewers who have seen the show give great ratings; in fact so good you need a dance floor apparently! We will have more information in the next edition.

The old library next to the hall or the twine theatre group storage building some may recall, has recently allowed us to take over the running of this building and the contents within. The thought is to set up a costume hire store; proceeds from the hireage would be used to restore the building. Watch this space, once we have sorted through everything, we will be all go.

**VIKKI WATSON**

## PIOPIO COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- The roll is now over 200; the highest in three years
- Y7 & Y8 National Standard results for Literacy Writing 2014 have moved up **by 32%**
- 95% of our students left with either L2 or L3 NCEA in 2014
- Ben Stilborn has broken five school records at swimming sports 2015
- Demante Murray, has been chosen to represent NZ U15 Mixed Touch team
- Well done to Stormy & Clay Harris on your equestrian achievements
- ERO has complimented our school, its leadership and directions it is taking, we are now back on a normal three year cycle.
- This was the best swimming sports I've been to in my career; Student behaviour was exemplary

**EXERTED FROM  
NEWSLETTER: JULIE RADICE -  
PRINCIPAL**



Welcome to Harvey World Travel Te Kuiti Travel Talk.

It's been a month since I was in San Francisco and I had an amazing time! Whenever I return from overseas my husband's first question is always what were the people like? Those Americans, they are so friendly, funny, bold - good people. San Francisco is a very beautiful city. There are the must see icons like Alcatraz Prison, Lombard Street and the Golden Gate Bridge, but also the unexpected, that really turn your holiday into an experience - Capellino pomodoro at the sidewalk café Caffe De Lucchi, Lime Quay Pie at the Handlery, dancing at the Starlight Lounge with to die for views over the city, Cannery Row in Monterey which honours one of my favourite authors, John Steinbeck, and walking around Pebble Beach Golf Course. These are just a few of the experiences that I will remember as vividly as the famous icons. And that is what makes a holiday, visiting the icons but also those personal little nuggets of discovery that enriches your life long after the journey is complete. So if you're thinking about visiting San Fran, pop in and see me, I can share more of my trip with you and point you in the right direction.

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## PIOPIO RETIREMENT VILLAGE

### UNIT AVAILABLE FOR RENT

A tidy one bedroom unit in Paearuhe Village will be available to rent in early February. Preference will be given to people over 60 years old either presently living, or who have lived in our district, or who have family here.

Enquiries are also welcome from people who don't immediately qualify. In the situation if the unit remains vacant people under 60 may be considered on a short term basis.

Please contact either Noel Verry (President) – Ph. 07 877 8582 or Jenny Brodie (Secretary) – Ph. 07 877 8033. We welcome all enquiries.

## BEEF PRICES ON THE INCREASE AND SIMMENTAL DOCILITY TRIAL GUARANTEED

Well the big dry appears to be over, and the land is greening up. We'd still like to see some more gentle rain before things cool down to much but at least some of the pressure is off.

Congratulations to all our clients who have received great prices at sales this year. We thought the 15 month cattle were selling well, and then along came the weaner fairs. It is great to see breeders getting the

reward for sticking with breeding cows for a change and if the shortage of beef cattle continues, maybe others will consider calving beef cows in the future.

As more than one stock agent has commented, if it has Simmental in it, it's an automatic premium, especially if it's quiet. Here at Potawa Simmentals we pride ourselves on the quiet temperament of our cattle

and have been early adopters of the docility trial.

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### POTAWA BULL SALE

Tuesday 26th May

Andrew on (07) 877 8009 or your stock agent to view a catalogue.

## WDC'S 10 YEAR LONG TERM

Public consultation on the Council's 10 year Long Term Plan 2015-2025 begins on 1 April and runs through to 1 May.

The important document that supports the proposed Long Term Plan is the Consultation Document (only 28 pages), which will be available at Cloverleaf Dairy and on the Council's website [www.waitomo.govt.nz](http://www.waitomo.govt.nz).

As mentioned in the Feb/Mar Birdtalk, make sure you get a copy of this document and take the time to read it. Your ideas and feedback are important in aiding us to make the important decisions that will guide our community into the future.

We will be holding a Residents and Ratepayers meeting at the Piopio Memorial Hall on Thursday 23 April at 7.00pm. If you can't get to that don't hesitate to contact me or you can follow the directions in the back of the Consultation Document on ways to provide your feedback.

The proposal we have put together suggests that by 2025 our district will be in a much sounder position than it has been in for a long time. So please take the time to get a copy of the document, read it and pass on to us any feedback you may have.

Phil Brodie WDC Councillor

Ph 8778033

Email [brodieauahi@xtra.co.nz](mailto:brodieauahi@xtra.co.nz)

## Your feedback on the 2015-25 LTP

We are seeking your feedback on the Consultation Document (CD) for the Long Term Plan 2015-2025 (LTP).

The CD will be arriving in your letterbox soon. Inside you will be able to read about what the Council is proposing for our District and the financial impacts over the ten-year period.

The key focus for the LTP is:

- facilitating economic growth and community connectivity and development; to create an inviting community environment that will attract people to visit, live and work here,
- Maintaining services so that our District will prosper; and
- keeping a focus on financial prudence and reducing debt.

It is important that you share your views on the CD. You can obtain additional copies of the CD from: Cloverleaf Cafe, Moa Street Piopio. **Consultation runs from Wednesday 1 April to Friday 1 May 2015.**

Ways to provide your feedback:

**Write to us:** There is no set format that your written feedback must take, however you should aim to present your feedback in a way that is organised and easy to read. Feedback forms are available in the CD and you can complete the feedback form online by visiting our website.

**In person:** If you would like to provide us with your feedback in person rather than completing a feedback form or you would like to speak to us about what you have written, you will be able to talk to your local Councillors at a Council meeting scheduled for 11 May 2015.

If you require further information, the Supporting Information package is available at our website [www.waitomo.govt.nz](http://www.waitomo.govt.nz) or upon request from our main office (0800 932 4357).

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## THREE LITTLE BIRDS. .

### THE NIGHT OWL:

We extend a warm welcome to our new Head Chef,

Bubba Dean Rata-Hemopo who joined The Night Owl team in early March. Bubba was born and bred in Te Kuiti, having completed his secondary schooling at Piopio College and has worked throughout NZ in the culinary field. His most recent role was as Chef de Partie at Smith & McKenzie in Hamilton. Bubba is excited about his new role, and one of his first initiatives is to introduce a new menu, which will kick in from 1 April.

Also joining Bubba is Tayla Smith who grew up in Otorohanga. Tayla most recently worked at Strawberry Fare in Christchurch as Chef de Partie. She has also worked at Red Kitchen in Te Awamutu and House in Hamilton. Tayla loves the styling at The Night Owl, and is happy to be working close to her home.

Bubba welcomes your catering enquiries and for special occasions is happy to put together a menu to suit your tastes and budget. He will also introduce a 'Chef's Table' evening where a limited number of guests will be tabled and treated to gourmet culinary delights. More details will be available soon.

From 1 April we will also start our weekly Wednesday Quiz, so grab a team of 4-6 people. As a special treat, quiz teams will be able to purchase 2 pizzas for \$40 for your quiz table to share. Great prizes up

for grabs! Book your team in by emailing [theowlsnest@xtra.co.nz](mailto:theowlsnest@xtra.co.nz) or phone 07 877 8769 after 2pm or leave a message.

### FAT PIGEON CAFE:

We have had all manner of visitors through the café recently, including two lots of official WOMAD visitors plus the unofficial WOMAD'ers. We've had World Cup Cricket-goers, rugby fans, our regular locals . . . the list goes on! Great job pidgees for digging deep and going the extra mile when required.

Being wedding season, we (and The Night Owl) have catered for quite a few weddings recently, with more to come . . . each one is very special in its own right and we love seeing the beautiful variations on decorating, venue, set-up, dresses, colours – just lovely! Thank you brides and grooms for choosing us as your preferred caterers – we've had (and will have) a blast!

STOP THE PRESS! BREAKING NEWS! HOLD THE PHONE! We have locked in a date for Melanie's first Cooking Class - yay! . . . I see you shiver with anticipation . . . lock it in people . . . Wednesday 29 April @ The Night Owl. More details in our newsletter soon.

### OWLS NEST MOTEL:

Now, I'm sure you've all heard that this place just rocks as a wedding venue, out on the lovely landscaped lawn area but why stop there? We also have a lovely sunny room which would be perfect for a meeting. It has a large table and chairs, wifi access, tea/coffee making facilities and can seat up to 15. It opens up to an outdoor area which (weather

permitting) can also be used. And of course, catering is available – speak with Lyn on 07 877 8767 or drop an email to [theowlsnest@xtra.co.nz](mailto:theowlsnest@xtra.co.nz)

### CRAFTY PIGEON:

Melanie and Rachel (Anselmi) attended the Autumn Gift Fair in Auckland recently and have ordered more exciting new stock which is arriving as we speak, so pop in and see Carley and Justine.

There is also a sale table which features lovely items at 30% off.

THE PIGEON EXPRESS: will be out just before April, mmhmm.

### ST JOHNS AWARDS

At an award ceremony earlier this month the Waitomo Territory Manager Hugh Davison presented Piopio St Johns members Debbie Harrison with her National Diploma now qualified as a EMT, Emergency Medical Technician. Also to receive service certificates were Nicky Dingle, Val Perry, Jan Crooks, and Esther Bijenhof-Marshall. Local St John Grand Prior youth award was presented to Grace Bijenhof-Marshall.



AWARDS CEREMONIES EARLIER THIS MONTH. DEBBIE HARRISON WITH HUGH DAVISON ST JOHN WAITOMO TERRITORY MANAGER

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## PIOPIO ANZAC COMMEMORATION

A group representing various organisations and schools has formed to have a better coordinated approach to the ANZAC commemoration this year.

In brief:

Parade; Organiser Bill Wana – assemble 10.30am for 11am start. All those who wish to participate are urged to do so. Service medals may be worn by relatives. Current service men/women (all services) in uniform would be much appreciated.

Service to be similar to previous years led by the Rev Kay Taitoko and Rev Carol Handcock.

All organisations, individuals, family

groups are welcome to participate in the wreath laying ceremony. It is hoped that SH.3 through Piopio will be closed to through traffic during the parade and service.

Waitomo D.C. are erecting 18 white crosses in memory of those fallen during WW1, erecting ANZAC flags in Moa Street in early April and placing tea light candles at dawn on the cenotaph.

A window display is being organised in the 'Mustard Seed'. The public are invited to contribute poppies for this. They may be knitted/handcrafted, it really doesn't matter, and can be named with a short message.

A wall hanging containing 18 knitted poppies is currently being mounted and will be presented by Waitanguru & Districts Rural Women.

Input to the commemoration is welcomed. Our contact people are:

Overall Coordinator - Gillian Kearns (Ph 877 8836), Window display - Pat Walsh (Ph 877 8345), Pat Finlayson (Ph 877 8355); Parade - Bill Wana.

Poppies may be left at PGG Wrightson in Piopio.

PIOPIO

HISTORY  
ALIVE

## FIRST SCHOOL BUS IN NEW ZEALAND TO BE RESTORED

Making history is about to be revived, as the Piopio College Trust Fund group begin a project to restore one of the original Model T Ford school buses, the first ever to begin service in New Zealand. In 1924 the Piopio District School was elected as part of the consolidation process to run school buses. Three Model T Ford buses were delivered and transported children from surrounding schools; Te Mapara, Paemako and Arapae.

A group of local identities including; Chairperson – John Carter, Secretary – Philip Houghton, Ex Principal – Brian Tegg, Bus Expert and Driver – Snow Nicol, Bus Restoration – Max Laver, Museum & History – John Petre, Lions Club – Owen Harrison, and former bus co-ordinator at Piopio College – Rob Hallam were drawn together with the intention to locate an original bus, with the end goal being to fully restore a Model T Ford and display it within the community.

After some research and scouring the country, the group have tackled the project head on and fortunately with the support of ex Principal Brian Tegg, who has purchased the bus and with the skills of local businessman and boat builder Max Laver the restoration will begin.

The bus will be on display at the ANZAC commemorations on Moa Street, Saturday 25th April.

The Piopio College Trust Fund group are pleased to be able to begin this project, with initial funds from the Ministry of Education of \$5000. This will only cover a portion of the restoration, however now the challenge to raise additional funds is at hand. The group welcome any suggestions or support to further the restoration.

**JOHN CARTER**  
**PH 877 8290**

## THE ARRIVAL OF THE ORIGINAL MODEL T FORD INTO PIOPIO



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## TE AO HOU, THE NEW WORLD: THE YEAR 7 & 8 CAMP

During week 4 at Piopio College, Mr Bodger, Whaea Tajns, Whaea Amana and Mrs O'Halloran, led our Year 7 & 8s to 3 Marae of Mokau Kei Runga: Mokau Kohunui, Napinapi and Mokau's Maniaroa. As well as tikanaga Māori and the powhiri process, we learnt a lot of traditional practices and local history. Thanks to Hine Raumati, we were blessed with the sensational summery weather; and the tamariki were well-behaved and upheld our school values of PRIDE. Lots was learnt. Fun was had. Tihei Mauri ora!

A huge thank you to our hosts: Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou, Matua Waka, Matua Toki, Matua Peter, Whaea Lyn B, Whaea Lyn R, Whaea Jo, Te Kohnaga Reo o te whanau o Piopio; and all of your people who supported our day with you at Mokau Kohunui.

Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou,

Matua Simon, Matua Tojo, Whaea Alaina and all of your people who supported our day with you at Napinapi.

Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou, Matua Ben, Whaea Merepaea, Whaea Jess, Te kura o Mokau and all of your people who supported our day with you at Maniaroa. Nga mihi ki a koutou! We all learnt so much from you and we hope we continue to learn from you.

Thank you to the senior students who helped out: Linda, Puhi; Demante; Lorenz and Chalet. Thank you to the parents who came along to support: Cleo, Shirley and Cheryl. Thank you to the Board of Trustees, Mrs Radice, Mrs Sheeran and all the staff at Piopio College for supporting our camp.

Lastly, but certainly not least, thank you parents! Thank you for supporting this camp. The kids have cemented a place as tangata whenua, created strong bonds with each other and have developed a good understanding and appreciation of where we have come from. We also used this experience as material for a piece of writing in our literacy classes. We were working on structure and language features. We hope you enjoy the small sample a few students wanted to share. Thanks again and we'll see you soon.

**MR BODGER**

**PHOTOS:  
STUDENTS  
PARTAKE IN  
ACTIVITIES—  
WEAVING  
HARAKEKE &  
MAKING KITES**

## TE AO HOU, THE NEW WORLD. BY TYLER WISEMAN.

On the 24th - 27th of February, the Year 7s and 8s, went on camp to 3 Marae: Mokau Kohunui, Napinapi and, last but not least, Maniaroa. We all had an amazing experience.

Most of the students from the Year 7 & 8 Camp thought camp was positive. The students thought it was positive because of the passion and pride involved in it. We all learnt the Haka, "Toto Wera" and Waiata, "Ka Pioioi", which we all performed eagerly for Mr Hallam on his last day as a teacher ever! I think all Year 7s should go on this camp because it gives you lots of opportunities to feel proud.

But, on the other hand, some parts were a little negative. The Year 7 and 8s thought that there were some challenging parts. At some Marae, it was challenging because we had to sit in a hot room listening to long talks. I thought, that instead of speaking to all of us at once, they could have split us up.

However, I thought that the camp was mostly enjoyable. I enjoyed it because we weren't just doing one thing. We played lots of games and learnt a lot of history. It was fun playing, and fun to learn. I believe that our camp was a wonderful way to learn outside of the class.

## THE YEAR 7 & 8 CAMP. BY NATHAN CROOKS

We arrived to a lovely pōwhiri at Mokau's Maniaroa Marae. We took our seats and staring at the carvings, we begun to reflect over our 3 day Marae journey.

The Year 7 & 8 camp was a positive experience for everyone involved. The students found the camp positive because it was, joyful, hilarious, cheerful and all of the students showed respect. We were engaged in all of the activities and were busy at all times, with all of the workshops that were available. I loved learning the haka. I think the students found camp to be positive because they were never bored.

Another positive aspect about camp was the delicious dinner; Juicy pork and roast lamb, so tender, it was like chewing butter; and sensational sausages, snagged from the local Mokau butcher. Me, Shaun and Manukura hung around the wharekai like hungry dogs, watching Mr Bodger carve the meat. So, he gave us some bones to chew on. We felt so lucky.

I hope next year's Year 7s go on this camp, because as well as learning lots about Māori culture and history, they will have heaps of fun.

### Wayne & June Hall Painting

- Water blasting & Preparation
- Interior & Exterior
- Farm Sheds & Houses
- Reasonable rates / Quotes
- References if needed



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Thursday lunch times at Piopio Primary School over the past five weeks have been filled with thirty children busily creating inspiring Rural Themed Artwork.

The Aria Toy Library together with Project Piopio Trust are running an art competition for pre-school to Year 6 children to bring the corner of Moa and Kea Streets alive with their master pieces.

It has been a great opportunity for the children to learn alongside our very talented local artist Jo

Gallagher. She has given them demonstrations on colour mixing/ blending, proportions and textures. The children have gone back to their paintings using the skills she has shown them. We are very grateful to the generosity of Creative NZ, Arts Council of New Zealand, for the funding we have received for this project.

We have had a sneak preview of Aria Primary Schools creations, who had the pleasure of working with another local artist, Peter Holbrook. The bar has been set very high with the quality of the artwork being

amazing.

It is all very exciting and we look forward to seeing the finished work that our artists produce over the next week or two. If any children have artwork at home they would like to enter, please drop it at the Piopio Primary School office or Atkinson & Associates Vets by Friday 3 April.

**ON BEHALF OF ATL & PPT LISA LYFORD & NICKY ATKINSON**



**LEFT: CHILDREN LEARNING FROM TALENTED LOCAL ARTIST JO GALLAGHER**

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**PIOPIO BMX RIDERS RACED AT KING COUNTRY CHAMPS**



**ABOVE: CHRISTOPHER FAGAN-MEXTED**

On 21 February 2015, four local riders raced in the Te Kuiti BMX track. They are all members of Te Kuiti BMX Club and BMX NZ. On the day there were over 200 riders from around New Zealand racing, the day was great - not too hot for the riders. Yummy food, hot meat rolls with gravy and a sausage sizzle. This was a very successful day and the club's largest annual fundraiser.

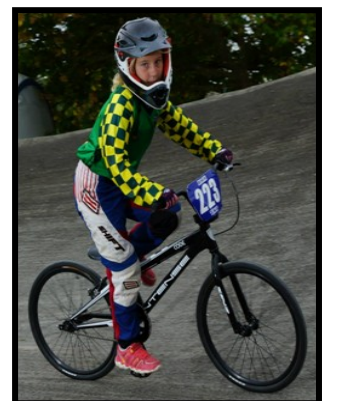
Viviana Fagan-Mexted finished 12th overall in the 9 year old girls 20", in the 12 year old boys 20" Christopher Fagan-Mexted finished 13th and Nicholas Karl finished 14th. Shaun Edgerton finished 2nd overall in the 13 year old boys cruiser class and 5th in the 13 year old boys 20" division.

Shaun has now qualified to race at the BMX Nationals in Christchurch. This will be held in April 2015.

**TANIA FAGAN**



**TOP RIGHT: NICHOLAS KARL  
MID: VIVIANA FAGAN-MEXTED  
BELOW: SHAUN EDGERTON**



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## SENIOR CITIZENS DAY TOUR TO THE TREE CHURCH

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Piopia Senior Citizens visited the Tree Church in Ohaupo on Tuesday 24 March. What a wonderful place and day out for our nineteen members.

The owner Barry Cox has spent some years clearing and replanting the three acres of grounds with all sorts of trees, each with their own character. It is only about two years into the planning and he has made a frame for trees to grow over. The picture appears to have been taken from a height, however in time the trees will fill in the space.

He originally came from Shannon and has managed to retrieve a gate, a marble slab and his own pew from the Church in Shannon (each have special meaning for him) and he has placed them in the Church. It is a labour of

love for him. It will certainly be worth a return visit in a years' time when the trees are older and the pond is full and this time we will take a picnic. The garden is open over the summer at a minimal cost. Some special people have been lucky enough to have their wedding ceremony there.

These visits are enjoyed by the Senior Citizens in Piopia and we always look forward to the next one. I think Benneydale at the Wooden Heart Café is one place we will visit over the winter.

Feel free to join us for activities - Meeting - 1st Tuesday each month, Fitness Class 10am Thursdays and then Housie at 1pm.

The rooms are also available for rental, bookings to:

**BERYL HUIA (07) 877 8353**



### PIOPIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

We hope you have a very Happy Easter and enjoy having the children home during the Holidays.

We will be open the 2nd week of the holidays, Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th, and Thursday 16th April. 10.00am – 3.00pm each day.

**By farmers. For farmers,** this workshop is hosted by ANZ and supported by the Red Meat Profit Partnership.

Speakers:

- Rob Macnab (TotalAg consultant) – Rob has 25 years' experience in the industry and will highlight the decision making of top performers – from identifying options and gathering information, to measuring success
- Tom Duncan (MyFarm) – Tom



manages the investment process for MyFarm's sheep and beef farms – from

capital raising and farm purchase, to planning and implementation of farming policies. Tom will cover the development programmes on these sheep and beef properties and the governance structures in place to plan, measure and review outcomes.

WEDNESDAY, 8 APRIL 2015  
1-3pm: The Night Owl Bar & Eatery,  
12 Ruru Street, Piopia

Now on a different note, we are desperate for someone to put their hand up to fill our Chairperson position. If you think you would like to give it a go, please let us know.

I can be reached on 8778173 Ex 220 during school hours, as can Rebecca Stubbs, same number but Ex 217, Pat Loft 8778897 (after 6.00pm). It's a very easy committee to be on, as we meet once a term for meetings, with an AGM at the end of our financial year.

I look forward to seeing you during our open time through the holidays and meeting interested candidates for the chairpersons role.

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## LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

### BIKE SKILLS PROGRAMME

As part of Bike Wise Awareness Week some of our students participated alongside the guidance of Energize Co-Ordinator Vicki Coll and Brenton Irwin, the duo had our cyclists riding up ramps, over see-saws, and zig-zagging between cones. Whilst children had the opportunity to bring their bike from home to take part, they then put their skills to the test as part of the duathlon challenge. They rode, twisted, scrambled under a net, hopped in feed sacks, negotiated two sets of closely-placed cones, dirt-tracked around corners all in the name of fun! Over sixty riders took on the cunningly designed course, not for a gold medal, or any sort of prize, but just for fun.

School Council and senior students were model citizens, helping to set up the course, acting as marshals and were there to give a helping hand to anyone younger that might have needed it.

All in all, a well-designed, carefully-managed afternoon, supported by a large group of enthusiastic parents, with no injuries to participants.

### YEAR 5 & 6 CAMP

Taking learning to another level the Year 5 and 6 children have been steadily planning for their camp to Waitetoko near Turangi in early April.

Part of this has included identifying ways to raise funds to enable each

child to attend.

The planning process and skills need to research saleable market items, creating craft items and then selling their goods has seen all children excel in their own right. The final highlight was to see their goods for sale at a market day held at school recently. All goods sold out very quickly and a whopping \$1,200 was raised in just two hours. A fine example of team work and a bright future for some entrepreneurs.



LEFT: HARLEM JOHNSTONE LEADS LACHLAN LYFORD

MID: YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP GROUP ATTEND ENERGIZE LEADERS DAY.

RIGHT: CHARLIE WATSON AND CLASSMATES

BELOW: STUDENTS SET FOR DUATHLON






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### UPCOMING EVENTS 2015

**11 APRIL**

Te Kuiti Muster

**25 APRIL**

ANZAC Commemorations

**27 APRIL**

Mapiu Community Trail Ride

**22 MAY**

ARIA B GRADE Squash Tournament

[WWW.PIOPIO.NET.NZ](http://WWW.PIOPIO.NET.NZ)

Please forward any upcoming events to the community calendar.

### ANZAC SERVICE

**SATURDAY**

**25TH APRIL**

Assemble 10:30am

Parade departs 11:00am

All those who wish to participate are urged to do so. Service medals may be worn by relatives.

Current service men/women (all services) in uniform would be much appreciated.

### HOUSIE

An enthusiastic group meet to play Housie.

**1.00pm each**

**Thursday**

**at the Senior Citizens' Rooms**

You are welcome to join us for fun, laughter and serious involvement in trying to be the winner!! Come and have some fun, along with an exchange of news and views.

### MOTORCYCLES ARE NOT ALLOWED AT THE PIOPIO DOMAIN

Please be aware that the Piopio domain is not for personal motorcycle use. The Aria bike track is your nearest riding facility and we are exceptionally lucky to have it in our district.

Kate Carter. President Piopio Community Sports Incorporated.

 Stock up on fresh raspberries and other frozen berries from the Piopio Berry Orchard.

Weather depending, likely to close for the season at the end of April mid may.

**5 April 2015**



### PIOPIO PLAYCENTRE Welcomes New Families to the District

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### *Piopio POP (Tui Park)*

Snow Nicol (07) 877 8177

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### *Cloverleaf Cafe*

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### *Fat Pigeon Cafe*

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## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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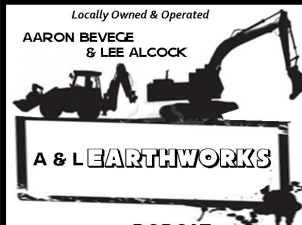
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