

PIOPIO BirdTalk

BI MONTHLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER COVERING PIOPIO, ARIA & MAHOENUI DISTRICTS

SCOUTS SURVIVAL HOPEFUL

To ensure the viability of the long standing Piopio Scouts, a small group of keen people have stepped up to the challenge.

In recent times Piopio Scouts has had a good following with some very capable leaders. The new committee are hoping to attract some fresh enthusiasm to restore this once thriving club.

Regional co-ordinator Jane Hansen is confident the principle of Scouts New Zealand will attract enough local members to survive.

"We equip young people aged 6 to 26 with life skills of problem-solving, teamwork, citizenship, and healthy living; and provide them with access to a large range of outdoor activities including our specialised caving, photography, flying, canoe and snow schools".

In order for the Piopio Scouts to re-establish and to provide young people with a unique opportunity to grow and develop

through outdoors-based learning programmes again, the group still needs a few more keen parents or community members to join the team.

Local youth leader Bill Wana and Piopio Primary School teacher Latara Darroch are passionate to see this take flight.

Miss Darroch joined the community this year, and has a long association with Scouts and recalls her commitment with previous clubs will bring valuable experience to our community's youth.

Whilst Mr Wana has served in the New Zealand's Army previously, his current role as Youth Aid Truancy officer drives him to create a club that will encourage our youth to learn life skills.

Other parents on board bring leadership qualities and passion for the outdoors, and value the beliefs of what Scouts New Zealand offers.

At the recent community meeting a plan was made with the first training session to run on Wednesday 11th September. *Introduction to SCOUTS New Zealand*, will be held at the Piopio Scout

Hall commencing at 6.30p.m. and will be finished by 9p.m.

VOLUNTEER AS A LEADER and get the best of both worlds: spending time with children whilst learning and challenging themselves as they progress through SCOUTS New Zealand's Leader Training scheme.

Like any community group, behind the scenes of all our Groups are committees of experienced and dedicated volunteers who act as a board. They help with the operational side of our Scout Groups, helping to ensure the delivery of our high-quality programmes for young people. This is an opportunity for business people to become involved with Scouts..

For those whom cannot commit, the opportunity to become a **SCOUTING ASSOCIATE** and you can assist at activities and events, like Mud Slide Day. As a Scouting Associate you will be kept up-to-date on events in your community, and you can choose to help out when and where you want.

For **PARENTS**, not every adult feels as though they are cut out to be a leader, but we actively encourage parents to be involved in their child's experience at Scouts. Volunteering as a parent helper is as simple as providing transport to a camp, helping out at a fundraising event, or helping with activities.

Anyone interested in a leadership position, either with the youth or as a member of the Committee is welcome to attend. Please let Jane Hansen know of your intention to attend. jfhansen@xtra.co.nz or 07 8232096 .

COMPETITION— CAFE OF THE YEAR

VOTE THE FAT PIGEON CAFE The Fat Pigeon will be vying for the coveted regional and national titles and would appreciate your

support. Details re voting will be in the café – so please come and try our signature dish *Buttermilk Pancakes served with Roasted Plums & Pears, smothered in a Spicy Plum Syrup, topped with Streaky Bacon and a side of Crème Fraiche'*



PIPIO MEMORIAL HALL

Well it's not very often I can say I was right! But Stars was a really great night! The crowd was really getting into it, the acts put on a great show and much fun was had by all involved.

We raised just over \$8000.00 from the night, which is a pretty good effort. We think we are pretty close to having enough funds to start the refurbishment so what we need now is the completed plans, then we will be gathering quotes and all things

going well starting the project soon after.

Council is really backing the refurbishment as well and are currently helping us with plans and compliance issues that come with the changes. I'm am trying to learn that plans can take some time...

It was great to have Phil Brodie and Donna Mac Donald along for our AGM and discuss plans and how everything is tracking.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those who give time and put effort into the Hall Committee.

We welcome Stephanie Brough to

the team and know she will bring heaps to our small committee.

We are looking to hold an event on the 12th of October themed "A night with the Stars". A bit of a tribute to all the people over the past six years who have got up on the stage and strutted their stuff. We will be showing via big screen the winners, bloopers, acts put together last minute etc. So it will be a chance to see some of the acts if you missed some shows. It will also be your chance to dress up as a STAR of your choice. Morty will be there to announce your arrival and you will have your photo taken. We will have more info out soon.

SOCCER IN COLUNDRA, AUSTRALIA

Thank you to my

sponsors for a great soccer trip. We flew to Brisbane and travelled north to Colundra, in Australia. We played three games of soccer.

Dio vs St patricks
Gympie
win to Dio 4-1
Dio v's St Aidens
Brisbane
win to Dio 11-1
Dio v's St John's
Nambour
win to Dio 5-0
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rain. In our spare time we visited Aussie Zoo, Dream world and had a surf lesson. This was an experience I will always remember.
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MEREHUIA YOUNG STOCK CLUB

CELEBRATING 80 YEARS

Merehuia Young Stock Club or sometimes better known at the Piopio Schools' Calf Club Day.

When: Wednesday 16th October (Yes.... first week of term 4)

Although still in the planning stage this year's important event will feature some special

events to celebrate 80 years. One event planned is for former participants or pupils; you will need to keep an ear to the ground for more details!

Another is a new section for the children.

Prize ribbons and certificates will be printed especially to commemorate the occasion.

For updates check www.piopio.net.nz. Let's get behind this day and make it a great community event.

MAN'S HEALTH NIGHT

An informative night to learn about Prostrate Cancer

THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
AT: PIOPIO COS CLUB
TIME : 7.30PM

Guest Speakers:

Dr Richard Johnson
From Te Kuiti
Medical Centre

&
A local Prostrate Survivor
Barry Stott

Light Supper to follow
For more information
Ph: Lizz 0272846653
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The original Mokau

St John building has finally been approved for an upgrade.

The new building will provide for volunteer staff to train, rest and home their vital ambulance.

In support of this, guest speaker Bill Hohepa will provide an entertaining recollection of his experiences whilst local St John crew will provide a meal for all to enjoy.

Following this, an Auction of generously donated local goods and sponsorship will be available to bid on.

FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER
@ 7PM

Lynette Adams 078778 877

COUNCIL NEWS

I'm still hearing from a few people that haven't had their road graded yet, please ring the Council on 8787800 or 0800 9324357 to lodge a Service Request, or www.waitomo.govt.nz/fixmystreet.

The Council's Tutsan spraying programme for roadsides is starting shortly, targeting all the current sites that have been identified. We do rely on landowners, and road users, to identify new

sites, so please brush up on your Tutsan identification skills, and let us know where you find any. Tutsan is also invading some of our riverbanks, and plants have been found on Mapiu Stream, and Mangaotaki River, with both feeding into the Mokau.

A big thank you to Mokau water users who moderated their water usage during the drought, and more especially over the Easter Weekend. Due to Iwi objections, we are

no longer raising the front of the existing water supply dam, but are progressing with a proposal for a new dam below the cliffs, but above the water treatment plant. I'll keep you posted on this new project.

With nominations having closed, Waitomo District will be holding elections for Mayor, Urban Ward Councillors, and Rural Ward Councillors. As advised previously, I am standing again for the Rural Ward, and would be very grateful for your support to continue as your representative.

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This article has been authorised by Phil Brodie, 112 Auahi North Rd, Piopio.



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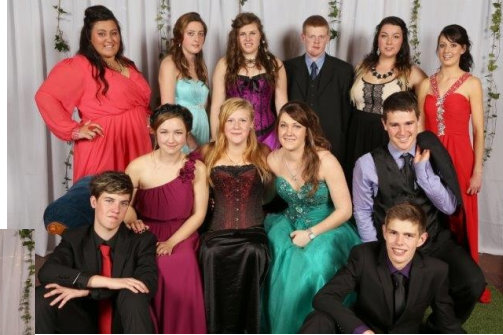
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A well organised team of Piopio College students created an Enchanted Garden for its Senior students on 10th August. Piopio College Senior Ball Committee awarded the King and Queen to Josh Te Awa & Staci Buckman, Best dressed to Jaeden Demchy & Kelly Dunphy and Prince and Princess to Isaac Griffin & Vaida Poole.



2013 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

WHO WILL YOU VOTE FOR? MEET THE COUNCIL CANDIDATES EVENING

Piopio Hall, Wednesday 11 September 2013, 7.30pm

The purpose of the evening is to provide an opportunity for Candidates to introduce themselves and their proposed policies to the public.

Candidates will be allocated five minutes speaking time followed by five minutes for questions from the public. At the conclusion of all addresses, there will be an opportunity to meet with the Candidates in an informal way so that members of the public can ask further questions. The evening will be hosted by the Waitomo District Council and will be chaired by an Independent Chairperson.

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Wairere Te Mapara
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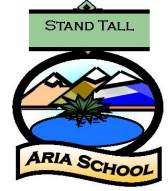
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Porridge

Don't forget that Aria School's annual production is to be held on Thursday 5th September at the Aria Hall (please see advertisement). See you there!

Wartime Memories Launch

A compilation of stories as retold by the year 4-6 students was presented to a gathering of parents, grandparents and community members on Monday 12th August. All families received copies of the collection of 26 stories of wartime experiences; some based on interviews of local World War 2 veterans and treasured family members. Guests also enjoyed an afternoon tea of student made biscuits.

Thank-you Russell

Proffit We wish to acknowledge a long time member of our Board of Trustees who left the Board earlier this year - Russell Proffit, a member since March 2006. Russell has always been fully involved in all aspects of school life from co-ordinating winter sports and attending all senior weeklong school camps

(outstanding in the kitchen) to fronting up for and often being a major organiser for fundraising activities.

Russell has held the Treasurer and Property Portfolios over the past 7 years. Russell was enthusiastic, always supportive to all staff members and 100% committed to the school in every way. He will be greatly missed on the Board.

Thank-you Russell for your outstanding contribution to Aria School.

Resource People in our Community

We need you! At a recent staff professional development day we began compiling a list of the wonderful, talented people in our community who we may be able to utilise/ support us with our teaching programmes. If you know of such people or are one yourself we would love to hear from you.

For example – weavers, artists, in fact anyone with a passion, interest or knowledge in a specific area.

Music Workshop

Another wonderful community "talent" is Beth Dalton who has worked with our students recently fine tuning their singing ready for our production. Beth also tutored a two hour music teaching workshop which

was freely available to all interested community members. We hope to repeat similar workshops in the future.



Cave Art Painting

One "Resource Person" we currently "utilise" in our school is local artist Mr Peter Holbrook. Peter has worked with my class for many years now and our latest unit of work - "Cave Paintings" will be exhibited at the Waitomo Society of Arts exhibition in the Waitomo Cultural and Arts Centre on 18/19th October. Thank-you Peter.

Teacher Aide Training

Aria School is very fortunate to have two very enthusiastic community members working within our school to complete their Teacher Aide Certificates. We wish Katrina Plowright and Mandi Butler all the best for their studies and thank



them for the contribution they are making to our children.

BP Challenge Report

A great effort from our team of 10 resulted in a very respectable 3rd place overall plus a first place in one of the four events (The Marble Roll Challenge).

This technology event hosted by Pukenui Primary in Te Kuiti involves all local schools creating structures for specific purposes out of newspaper and tape (all of a mystery nature). Unfortunately BP has pulled out of the sponsorship of this most valuable event but hopefully someone else will pick it up for 2014.

Community Consultation Evening

A very passionate and positive Piopio College Principal Mrs Julie Radice addressed us during our community consultation meeting last week. It is very exciting to hear of the positive direction that our college is taking. We all look forward to hearing of their successes and being a part of it.

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Advertising Charges

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- Classified Advertisements: \$5 per 3-line advertisement

• Package: Annual \$200. Includes six advertisements and one special 1/3 page 'My Business' article annually

Community feedback and articles are welcomed and appreciated.

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