

PIOPIO BIRDTALK

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

REMEMBERING MR B

When a team of locals – including popular teacher Bill Burnell – brought rowing into the College in the early 2000s, they couldn't have known how successful some of their graduates might become. Take Hannah Osborne, who won her Olympic silver medal in July. Our community was proud to say she'd attended Piopio College and that her rowing career began here.

Back then, Piopio people were determined that being in the King Country, away from suitable stretches of water, wouldn't preclude anyone from the sport. Rowing came to the College on a shoestring. Teams practiced at Awakino using old, borrowed and discarded equipment from other schools and clubs. Parents and teachers carted the boats down there in an old stock crate. Soon dozens of students had started rowing. The PRC (Piopio Rowing Club), although not an official club, first competed at smaller regattas around the north island – Te Awamutu and Clifton at Waitara. Later competition highlights included a gold medal at the North Island Club Championships at Karapiro for the Women's Novice Coxed Four.

Bill Burnell –Mr B– was among the community members who gave their time and energy to the project. He convinced many students to commit to the season and work through the resultant

tiredness, pain and blisters. He was their champion and encourager-in-chief; excited on their behalf and determined for them to succeed to the best of their ability.

One year the Piopio team travelled to Twizel for the Maadi Cup. Mr B flew to



Christchurch after his school day and, since he didn't drive, then hitchhiked the 285km to Lake Ruataniwha to support the team – just one of the stories showing his dedication to his students and to sport.

ABOUT MR B

Remembered for his laughter, bushy beard, high socks, red jumper and yellow smokers' fingers, Mr B came from a family of teachers and devoted his life to education. He sincerely believed in every student –especially the

'challenging' ones– and worked tirelessly to reach them. He encouraged them to test themselves to the best of their ability. He was always enthusiastic and full of support, even when he was new to the sport of rowing and he himself was learning. He was always full of advice – both sporting and life advice.

As a teacher he saw no reason to confine learning to the classroom when outside the school grounds there was a far richer learning environment. He organised annual treks over the Tongariro Crossing, study camps at Kawhia and outdoor education at Gribbon Road in Mahoenui.

As well as rowing, he loved cricket and was talented at the sport. 'It's not hot here, it's hot in India!' was his catchphrase when students complained about the summer heat. In the classroom, cheeky students tried to get him talking about sport – whole periods occasionally disappeared in that fashion.

At his home, along with his wife Dot, he greeted all guests with generosity and story-telling. He was a mentor to other teachers as well as to his students, and is remembered fondly by many in the community. He died in 2015 aged 64.

The first article in our new series: Inspiring Piopio-ites. See pg 3 for more pictures

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COMMUNITY MESSAGES

BURGLARS ARE BACK

Burglars have been operating in the Te Kuiti and Otorohanga areas over the last few months.

They have now made their way into the Piopia District. They are targeting motorbikes and trailers predominantly.

Take precautions that include taking keys out of bikes, having the bikes out of sight and locked away at night, trailers chained up, security lighting and dogs near where property stored.

There are lots of security cameras and trackers advertised online. For \$500 you can get a couple of cameras that send images to your phone and trackers from \$200 that cost \$15 a month to be tracked. A small cost for the hundreds of dollars of gear stored on farms.

As rural people you know generally vehicles and people in your area and get that feeling when a vehicle or person in your area doesn't match.

Take a photo or write down the vehicle registration, date and time, and forward to me.

Any little piece of information might be last the last piece of the puzzle so let the Police know.

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PIOPIO LIONS PADDYS MARKET

Due to the uncertainty around COVID the Piopia Lions Club has had to put off Paddys Market which was to be held on 9 October. We will hopefully be able to hold this later in the year. Possibly end of October - middle November. We will Keep you posted.



Piopio Dental, Rural Women and A Tale of 2 Pandemics

In November 2019 I was at the Beehive in Wellington attending the Rural Women's New Zealand Business Awards. It was quite a different setting to our usual day to day life in Piopio! Piopio Dental had won the Health and Wellbeing section of these awards. The sponsor for this section was Access Community Health.

Access Community Health is a provider of home-based healthcare and support. It was originally started and owned by Rural Women New Zealand, and formerly called the Women's Division of the New Zealand Farmers Union. In 1927 Rural Women New Zealand launched the Bush Nurse and Emergency Housekeeper Scheme. The aim was to try to reduce the hardships, loneliness, and improve the health, of women living in rural back blocks.

Sitting in the Beehive I felt quite embarrassed, I had no idea of this history of Rural Women's or that my sponsor had such close ties to the organisation. As a healthcare provider this history aligned with our all-female Dental Practice in a small rural community. There was also however another twist in this tale.

In 1918 the Spanish Flu hit New Zealand. Historic records estimate around 9000 New Zealanders died in less than two months. At this time my Great Grandparents Kate (Gran) and Jim

(Guggy) Tatham lived and farmed in Oparure. During the 1918 pandemic my great grandmother nursed and supported the neighbouring Maori family through the Spanish flu. The entire family survived. As a gift of thanks, the family gifted my great grandmother a Tiki. This Tiki has been handed down through the woman of our family since then. In 2009 it was handed on to me by my aunt. I was wearing the Tiki that night in Wellington 101 years on.

Who could have predicted, only a few months after these business awards, the world would begin to grind to a halt with our century's version of the Spanish Flu? During these challenging times I have reflected on my family history and the similarity of these 2 pandemics. What are the odds of a great granddaughter still living and farming in the district, whilst also providing a health service?

Like many small businesses in our area, we have struggled with the challenges Covid19 has brought us. We have adapted to the times to ensure that we are able to continue to provide a much-needed oral health service in our region.

We have recently installed a Nederman suction unit to remove aerosols from our surgery during and after dental treatments. This unit changes the air in our surgery 11-13 times an hour. By increasing air changes in a room, and

removing aerosols when they are produced, we are reducing the potential cross infection. As Covid 19 is primarily spread by aerosols we are greatly reducing the risks and providing better health and safety outcomes for our patients and staff.

Just like my great grandmother we are working hard to protect our staff and patients, and will continue and adapt and adopt new technologies to provide the best and safest care we can. Look after yourselves, your extended family and friends. We look forward to seeing you all at Piopio Dental.

Covid19 is a very challenging and rapidly evolving virus which has, and will, continue to change the way we live our lives. It is spread successfully by aerosols. Our world in dentistry involves a significant number of aerosols. In addition to our usual strict cross infection procedures, we have assessed other options to protect both our team and our patients.



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Pictures continued from page 1 'Remembering Mr B'

Right: Deborah Scott, Sarah Scott, Hannah Osborne, Arirana Matthews, Merepaea Matthews (cox)

Below, back row: Arirana, Deborah, Howard Matthews
Front row: Margaret Scott, Merepaea, Hannah, Sarah, Alistar Scott.
Piopio College competed in the Maadi Cup (NZ Secondary School Championships) in 2003, and 2009-2013, alternating between Lake Karapiro and Twizel down the south Island.



Below: left to right are Deborah Scott, Sarah Scott, Arirana Matthews, Merepaea Matthews, Hannah Osborne during their Maadi cup at Twizel



Playcentre

CHILDREN AND WHANAU LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER.

This week our Big Kids were lucky enough to be able to look after two baby chickens. A gold one and a black one. The tamariki were able to hold them, feed them and observe them during our morning session. The chickens were taken outside to explore the garden, while the tamariki helped by looking for worms, slugs and snails to see if the baby chickens would like to eat them.

Using some old pipes, the children thought the chickens might go through them like an obstacle course.

Piopio Playcentre is open Mondays 9-12 noon, Wednesday's Big Kids Session 9-12 noon. Aria Playcentre is open Tuesdays 9-12 noon.

Clockwise from top left: Coltyn Mackenzie, Taihana Bodger-Kearns, Ivy Darke and Dylan Darke.



PIOPIO SENIOR CITIZENS

We have a meeting once a month on the first Tuesday at 10.00am. Sit and Be Fit exercises on Mondays at 10.00am.

Housie on Thursdays at 1.00 p.m.

Yoga is available on Wednesday mornings at 8.30a.m and Friday mornings at 9.00 am.

We have guest speakers to our meetings occasionally and organize visits to places of interest.

Contact Wendy PH 8778686

The Aria Toy Library

would like to thanks Derek and Marion Kloeten for their generous donations. The toy library is an amazing asset to our community and if you would like to join until the end of the year that's easy!

Thursday 9 to 11 come on down and sign up. We have the new duplo toys in stock ready for hours of play. See you then.





Piopio Primary Board Update Term 3

Time flies when you are having fun. It's the end of term 3 already, and it only feels like yesterday that we were starting the term.

We welcomed Murray MacDonald into our school as temporary principle and now we are saying goodbye. Murray has stepped into the school seamlessly and has become well-liked by the staff, kids, and the community.

I would like to take the time to thank him for all his hard work over the term. It hasn't been an easy task having to deal with Covid lockdowns, being away from family and the many building issues. Nothing seems to be too much trouble for him.

What a term it has been. We ripped

into it with great excitement. The building project started, then stopped because of asbestos, and then stopped again because of covid, then started again after covid and the asbestos having been removed, and then stopped again due to more asbestos. I'm sure one day in the not-so-distant future I will have something positive to say about the project.

I must make a special thankyou to the kids of room 7 and Vicky Jenkinson their teacher (who also started with us this term).

They have had a very disruptive term being in and out of there class all term. They have all taken it in their stride and approached the disruptions in a positive manner, making the best of a tricky situation.

Covid also reared its ugly head again, with us having to spend 3 weeks in lockdown.

Luckily, we don't live north of the Bombay's.

A big thankyou to the staff and especially Linda who worked tirelessly to provide up to date information and distance learning packs for the kids.

Although this was a major disruption for us all, the kids seem to have come through in a positive frame of mind and it is great to see their happy faces back at school again.

There is a real nice vibe at school at the moment and I am really enjoying the positive attitude that I am seeing, great work everyone keep it up. I look forward to term 4 and calf club which is one of my favorite events of the year.

Have a great holiday and I look forward to seeing you all back well rested and rearing to go.

Thanks

Mat Sherriff

BOT Chair

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Skinny Jump is for those who do not have a broadband connection at home because cost is a barrier.

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BUILDING UPGRADE ACTION AT PIOPIO PRIMARY

Piopia Primary has an upgrade in the oldest rooms on site.

We are very excited about work starting soon and we have rescued a lot of wonderful rimu from being thrown away or wrecked. The Board of Trustees organised a working bee and board members, parents and students all took part.

Cycle skills

Piopia School is delighted to have had the cycles from YOUTHTOWN CYCLING on site. Students were very excited about opportunities to learn some of the necessary skills

and rules involved with cycling.

Interim Principal note

Kia ora koutou

I'm Murray McDonald and I'm the interim principal at Piopia Primary for Term 3. What a great school - awesome students, great teaching and support staff, a vital "get it done" board and those parents I have met have been very welcoming.

There's a lot happening here besides fabulous teaching and learning - this term has roller skates on already - zooming through. Hard to believe we're in week 2 already.

I involve myself a lot with the students in terms of additional maths, especially problem-solving and graphics. Watch the newsletter for articles. I also take a number of students for extension language and delving into semiotics, the study of signs and symbols and interpreting artistic works.

Please feel free to drop in and have a chat if you're passing :)

Thanks to Murray for his time in Piopia, this update was provided at the start of August.



Senior School Biking Sessions

This week both Room 6 and Room 7 made the most of the sunshine (plus a little bit of rain) and took their learning outside.

We learnt all about bike safety and how to have correct control when riding.

We even learnt our biking A, B, C, D and Q's!

A= air B= brakes C= chains D= direction Q= quick release



Thank you to Shavaughn, Nick and Kirsty from 'Youthtown' for helping us gain confidence and enhance our biking skills. We loved it... especially the chance to practice controlled skids!



The Latest Surplus:

Piopia Community Fruit & Veg Stand

As most will know, our community stand was closed for contributions during COVID Alert Levels 4 and 3. We're back open at Level 2+ with the addition of a QR code for scanning the COVID tracer app. Yes, we're up with the play at the Community Fruit & Veg Stand!

At the moment it's lemons, fresh eggs, jams and homemade marmalade on offer, but spring gardens are happening, with rocket, radishes, fresh herbs and spring onions not too far away. I'm starting to pot up seedling tomato plants in the glasshouse, along with pumpkin and zucchini. Trust you've got seeds for your veggie gardens ready for prime time, seed potatoes chitting, and beds well fed with compost, a bit of lime, manure, and blood and bone.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or issues. We continue to post what's on offer most days on the Piopia community stand's FB page and on Instagram @piopiofruitveg.

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3 LITTLE BIRDS . . .

News from the Fat Pigeon, Owls Nest & Night Owl and Fat Kiwi

All three businesses are open under Delta Level 2.5, and we are all abiding by the restrictions in place ie, wearing masks, sanitising, cleaning, and requesting all customers/visitors sign in using the COVID app or a register. It is unsettling times and we look forward to all of NZ opening up again and enjoying the freedom of supporting businesses who will be struggling at the moment.

FAT KIWI CAFE: Jaimee and the Fat Kiwi team are open under reduced hours of 8am to 3pm.

FAT PIGEON CAFE: The Fat Pigeon team will gauge the flow of customers on a daily basis, and decide whether to close a bit earlier depending on customer flow.

OWLS NEST/NIGHT OWL: The Night Owl is open Thursday and Friday from 4pm, and Saturday and



Sunday from 5pm under Level 2.5. The Owls Nest Motel has been open throughout lockdown for essential services workers (truckies) who require accommodation.

We are excited to announce that this business will be renamed to the Fat Owl ... we are in the process of getting a logo sorted and will go from there, so keep an eye out for the Fat Owl coming soon.

More exciting news ... Deiresa is to become a partner in this business and Melanie and Ross are very happy to be able to offer this to Deiresa as she has done amazing things there. When we are able to, we will have a small celebration to

welcome her fully into the nest.

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COUNCILLORS UPDATE

The Governments, via the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA), Three Waters Reform proposals are creating a lot of uncertainty, essentially through a lack of easily understandable information.

My take on their basic premise is to ensure the provision of high, and consistent, quality drinking water to all New Zealanders, and substantially improve the water quality in New Zealand's waterways, estuaries, and harbours, by dramatically reducing the discharge of contaminants from wastewater (sewerage) and stormwater into those waterways.

Their intention is that four 'Entities' will be established and operating by 1 July 2024, across New Zealand, to operate

the 'Three waters' in a manner that will achieve their environmental outcomes 30 years from now, 2051.

Councils are currently assessing how they presently measure up to the initial standards DIA have put out, how they will measure up in 2031 when their recently adopted Long Term Plan projects and expenditure are complete, and relating those to DIA's expectations. We will all then be in a position to provide feedback to DIA on their feasibility and/or practicality.

There is no requirement on Councils to make any decisions regarding 'opt in or opt out' at this stage. When the proposals get to the stage of Councils having to make decisions on asset

transfers or whatever, full public consultation will occur.

The Three Waters Reform proposals are part of a complex legislative reform programme involving the replacement of the Resource Management Act, passing the Climate Change Adaption Act, finalising the National Policy Statements on Fresh Water and Indigenous Biodiversity, along with a Review of Local Government. I will endeavour to keep you up to date as the journey progresses.

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Chair Report

KCRC AGM Sept 21st 2021

I'd like to thank the committee and our co-ordinators for giving their time and effort with KCRC. We have a wide range of experience and opinion on the committee which leads to good discussion. We have grown to three co-ordinators now so I would like to thank Anna, Jo and Robyn. Thanks also to our partners at MPI, BLNZ and WRC for their support, with both funding and expertise over the last year. Without their help we would not be able to deliver our main activities. Lastly and most importantly thank you to our members and community for your ongoing support.

Thanks also to Janice Haine for her role as the finance administrator. Paula Woods from Te Waitere has now taken on this role.

One of the exciting developments over the year has been the joining of the 3 Coast sub-catchments, Marokopa, South Kawhia, and North Kawhia. KCRC has contracted Robyn Williamson as a co-ordinator.

Robyn knows the area and people of the coast sub-catchments well and her role will mainly concentrate there. We are able to vary our MPI and 1BT contracts to allow us to include the Coast area in our activities. Tim Stokes, Chris Irons and Sarah Barron have joined the committee to represent these sub-catchments.

In 2020/2021 We had 113 farming members and 8 associate members, in addition to this 30 new members have joined up from the coast catchments.

Our MPI Sustainable Land Use project

12 Farm Planning workshops attended by over 100 people

37 other workshops/meetings attended by 484 people. These included Google Earth, Communications, Nutrient Budgeting, First Aid, Planting field-days, Carbon on Farm, Know your GHG number.

These workshops and meetings were delivered between March and September.

8 community wellbeing projects have been funded so far ranging from First Aid courses to planting community areas.

Our 1BT project goal is to plant 200,000 plants by winter end 2023, to create work, and involve as many farmers as possible. To June this year we have paid out \$335K to 49 farmers who have already, or plan to, plant 85000 plants. Uptake has been a little slower than we would have liked, but steady.

KCRC relationship with WRC has been enhanced in the last year by having regular scheduled meetings with them. We have had WRC staff present at various workshops throughout the year when appropriate. This has all worked well. We were fortunate enough to attend the finals of the Ballance Farm Environment Awards as one of 3 catchment group finalists. Puniu River Care won our section. Congratulations to members Murray and Janet Easton and Russell and Mavis Proffitt who both won awards on the night.

KCRC have been involved with an AgResearch SLMACC project over the last year focusing on expert input into Farm Environment Plans. Thank you to Jenny Howie and Rock Fraei for volunteering their time to be involved with this. The project has now moved to the farm of Ken and Paula Woods at Te Waitere for the next 12 months.

Three properties are involved with an Our Land and Water (OLW) project in the Lower Mokau Catchment. This involves building 3 differing sediment dams and measuring effectiveness. A field-day will be held to share results. These should be of great interest to hill country farmers in our area.

The government has requested submissions on a variety of proposed regulations for on over the last 12 months. Not many have been met with much enthusiasm by the farming community. We are facing Knowing our GHG emissions number, Freshwater Farm Planning, Winter Grazing Rules, Ute Tax, Biodiversity and SNA's. PC1 has stalled whilst trying to digest and incorporate the governments rules which it must include. We have seen whole farms in our community sold for Carbon Farming, not something I can get enthusiastic about due to the impact it will have on our rural communities if the trend grows.

I find this a somewhat bewildering time to be farming. With product prices currently strong or improving for the other white gold it is a good time to be farming but there is uncertainty around how current regulation proposals will

play out. I am glad we have KCRC to support us through some of the challenges and opportunities ahead.

All the best for the coming season.

Reon Verry

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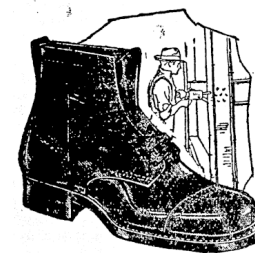
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LATE JUNE saw Mr van Deventer take leave for knee replacement surgery. Mrs Sheeran was Acting Principal in his absence.

Mr Johnny Dryden from Cruise FM visited our school and spoke to senior students about radio presenting as a vocational option to consider.

In early July, Piopio College staff became students and received a day of Professional Learning, as we continued our journey to design a place based/ local curriculum for our ākongā, our

mana whenua, whānau, kaiako and wider community. The day was stimulating and well received by those in attendance.

Matariki celebrations were planned, however unfortunately later cancelled due to a number of circumstances.

Our Broncos hockey team enjoyed a challenging season, eventually placing 2nd after a hard-fought final against TKP Quick Sticks. Well done team!

Caitlyn Cody is a member of the Imperious Dance Company and is doing

fantastic, competing around the country. She is a member of two teams: Hiphop 'Megacrew' and Jazz 'Blush'.

Ex student Hannah Osborne won Olympic silver in the Rowing Double Sculls at the Olympic Games. A production crew visited and filmed students watching her win silver (which was later televised on One News).



Early August saw the Aria Science Fair event, where our Year 7 and 8s presented their science projects. Everyone did an amazing job and we had some awesome results!

Early Term 3 Miss Ebofin left our staff to join Marlborough Girls College, and we welcomed Mrs Priya as our new Teacher of Mathematics.

Due to Covid-19 the AIMS games event was cancelled. The original proposed South Island Trip was also cancelled, however efforts are being made to reinstate this trip at a later date.

Mr van Deventer with a brand new knee, returned to school with a big smile!

Left: PPC Broncos hockey team.

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Piopio College BOT News

Tena koutou katoa.

Piopio College BOT is currently running a community consultation survey online.

This survey is to be followed up with a consultation evening on the 27th of October at the senior citizens hall 6.30pm.

During this evening a summary of the survey's findings will be presented along with further discussion to help promote the understanding our school's role within the community.

Light supper provided

Consultation by Boards of Trustees with our community is required by the MOE and an a very important part of what boards do as it allows us to try and align school values and practices to community expectations.

It is important to note that in this case "our community" does not just include parents of current students, it is everyone, iwi, employers' tertiary providers and primary schools and alike.

The survey has been emailed to our parent's

data base and is also available on the Piopio College Facebook page.

At our meeting on the 29th of September, we farewelled Kristen Pari who was our chairperson until March this year and then has stayed on as a member of the BOT to ensure a smooth transition. Kristen's knowledge of the education system and governance have been very valuable to the BOT.

We also farewelled Asha Goddard our student rep who has completed her studies and is heading to Waikato University to study engineering. On behalf of the board thanks for your time and input Asha.

Fortunately, we have a seasoned team on the BOT consisting of Ripeka Price, Doug Burnell, Amy McPhee, Ian Small (staff rep) myself and of course Johann, so it will be business as usual.

A bye election to find a replacement for Kristen will be held shortly.

We are proud that Piopio College was the only school in the Waikato

region we know of to undertake a cultural / sporting exchange trip of any significance this term by going to the South Island. Congratulations to the students, parents and caregivers who made this possible with fundraising and organisation and many thanks to the businesses who supported them through sponsorship. They are still traveling as I write, and I trust you will all have had a memorable experience.

Our Gymnasium is inching its way to completion with the new flooring locked in Auckland it is scheduled to

be laid next term. The completion of this project represents the rewards for a patient approach by the BOT working in conjunction with the ministry of education to achieve a result which is hugely beneficial to the school and wider community users.

Mga mihi maioha.

Shaun Carter

Chairperson Piopio College Board of Trustees



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Covid Vaccine Clinic at Aria School in the Library on Pet Day, Wednesday 20th October from 9-12 noon.

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For the first time in 10 years, Waitanguru have taken out their annual game against Mairoa. A nail biting 13 12 score kept onlookers on the edge of their seats all through the game. Congratulations to all players. The game took place on the 2nd of October at Tatham's.

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Aria Waitangi Day Sports Shearing and Woolhanding Show

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The Piopio College Trust Coffee Club

has now reached a membership of 45.

Two of these resulting from the last Birdtalk article A great initial response.

Target now lifted to 50 members before the end of October and 60 by year's end

College staff and Trust are currently considering what scholarships and support, other than that traditionally of Dux, Runner Up and Foundation Scholarships could be funded.

With membership of the Club having been sought from the UK, Sri Lanka, the USA and a growing number of local families and businesses, the College's Trustees are most grateful for this support.

It is todays and future PPCollege students and staff who will benefit from this support

Many thanks

Brian Tegg



PIOPIO COLLEGE

Coffee Club



You are invited to join the Piopio College Coffee Club!

By contributing the equivalent of a cup of coffee a week (\$5) or more should you so choose, you will join a growing number of ex pupils, staff, and residents who are supporting this Piopio College Trust Fund initiative.

Your enrolment will enable the Trust to support pupils in their academic, cultural and sporting development and participation by way of scholarships, grants for specialist equipment and course participation (e.g. Spirit of Adventure etc.)

The Trustees are confident that, with the anticipated response, sufficient funds will be available for other "special projects" as well as support for the professional development of staff.

As a member of the PPCCC you will receive an annual statement of income and expenditure and details of the recipients of Scholarships and grants awarded.

The Trust has embarked on this means of providing ongoing support for the College as a consequence of the miniscule returns that the \$100,000 of Trust funds now receive from our Term Investments.

Our goal is to have a minimum of 50 Piopio College Coffee Club members

We have enrolled 45 to date

Our thanks for considering becoming a member! You will be most welcome.

For New Zealand members annual receipts of your contributions will be provided for Taxation Donation rebates.

Enrolment forms are available from the College Office or by emailing either of us.

The Trust's bank account is 03-0449-0107019-01 for AP's:

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PS: Contact details of ex AFS /International students/staff would be appreciated.

John Carter
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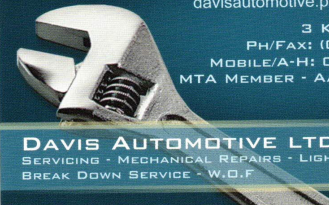
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