

Clay Harris stars at the Shears

ARIA SHEARER Clay Harris has starred on the New Zealand circuit this year with an impressive list of successes at the senior level.

"He's been winning everything," said his mother Karen Harris: which sums it up.

Just a few of his victories included wins at the Golden Shears, Taumarunui, Apiti & Districts, Gore, Balclutha... and the Wairoa Shears a month ago. Then, just last week there was the senior title at Raetihi in the Wools of New Zealand, and International Shearing Series at the Waimarino Shears.

In that competition, Kiwi shearers faced off against a team of their Welsh colleagues, and came out strongly.

And he's been doing just as well on home turf – on Waitangi Day, Clay won the senior final at the Aria Sports Day.

While the visiting Mongolian shearers wowed the crowd with their meticulous scissor technique – taking perhaps twenty minutes to remove the wool from a single sheep – Clay shore ten in ten minutes in his part of the competition.

Even the miserable weather at the Aria Sports Day didn't get in his way, or anyone else's.

The former Piopio College student has found his calling.

King Country News reporter Paul Charman spoke to Karen Harris about Clay's passion for shearing: it is one that never seems to fade.

"He'll shear all day and then come home exhausted," she said.

"Even then he'll be on his phone watching videos of open class shearers who are better than him... men like Jack Fagan and Jimmy Samuels. I'll be cooking tea and Clay will be studying these top shearers and observing their technique," the newspaper reported.

All eyes will be on the young shearer at this week's New Zealand Shearing Championships in Te Kuiti... to see what he'll win next.



Clay Harris (left) with Aidan Tarrant, after the semis at the Golden Shears in March.

Maori King visits local pa

THREE wahine from Piopio's Mōkau Kohonui marae in support of Ngati Rora at Sunday's poukai held at Te Kūiti Pā. They are Glenys Ackerman, Ripeka Price, and Mandi Barnsdall.



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Piopio Anzac Commemoration

Piopio's ANZAC Commemoration will be held on Tuesday, April 25.

For those wishing to march please assemble at 10.45am outside the St John rooms on Moa Street, which will be closed to traffic this year.

The march will begin at 11am.

Current and retired Service personnel (all services), are invited to join and this would be much appreciated. (Never-mind if the uniforms don't fit any more!)

Service medals may be worn by rela-

tives.

All those who wish to participate in the march are urged to do so.

Weather permitting, the service will follow the march outside the Piopio Memorial Hall. If wet, the service will be in the hall.

All organisations, individuals, family groups are welcome to participate in the wreath-laying ceremony.

A cup of tea and light refreshments will follow. Finger-food contributions

are most welcome.

The ANZAC Parade and Service are being organised by the Waitanguru Branch of Rural Women NZ, supported by Piopio Lions.

Community input is most welcome. MC is Pam Voyce.

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MAIROA LINEDANCERS

Our annual social is to be held at the Piopio Memorial Hall on Saturday 6th May

We will (hopefully) have visitors from all over central North Island.

Start time is 11am, all finished by 4pm

The theme this year is 'Slogan T-shirt'!
Anyone is welcome to pop in for a look!

Lions update

The shed for the caravan is now in use and the caravan is finally in its new home. There is still some finishing to be done to the section.

The Fieldays in November were quite successful for the club and replenished our bank account to some extent. A big thankyou to all the groups who helped us.

We attended the Aria Sports day and although the weather wasn't the best, we had a sell out day.

We also attended a clearing sale and have recently donated money to Take-a-Kid-Fishing and the Cyclone Gabrielle Relief Fund.

Hopefully COVID is behind us and we can get back to serving the community as we enjoy doing.

Our tea meeting dinners are now being provided by Cheryl Griffin and we thank her for taking this on and providing some delicious meals.

Our recent Ladies night was well attended and our guest speaker Jo Johnston gave a very inter-



esting speech on the Farm Cadet scheme she and husband Alan are involved in. What a wonderful way to get young people interested and committed to farming and agriculture. We had a couple of possible new members attend and hopefully they had an enjoyable evening and will be back for more.

Our Paddys Market Auction will hopefully take place sometime in the Spring.

We will be attending the next Fieldays in June so will be looking for helpers again then.

Our club is always looking for new members so if you think Lions is something you could be part of, please contact one of our members.

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Our amazing small communities

FIRST of all I would like to congratulate and thank all those who donated a huge amount of time and effort to recent local events. A special thanks to our local St John and Fire Brigade members who are always available for these events.

For example Aria has had a very successful speed shear held at the Aria Club, plus the Aria Sports Day, and the Aria Community Bike Ride. This has involved a massive amount of organisation and voluntary work and is a credit to a small district.

In a lot of cases it is the same people involved in each committee.

Aria and Piopio both have Pig Hunt Competitions coming up soon.

I attended the opening of the new Gallagher Recreation Centre in Te Kuiti – what a magnificent asset this will be for our community.

Well done to the Mokau community for raising the money to complete the ramp into the Museum. What a difference this will make. This month the Gallery will be dedicated to the ANZAC's.

On Friday, April 7 the Mokau community will be holding a Pot Luck Dinner to welcome the bone carvers to the Mokau Bone Carving Symposium. I hope this goes well.

Work is underway planning rates increases for the coming year. You can be assured that Council is doing its best to keep the increase to a minimum, considering the cost increases that have been incurred.

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

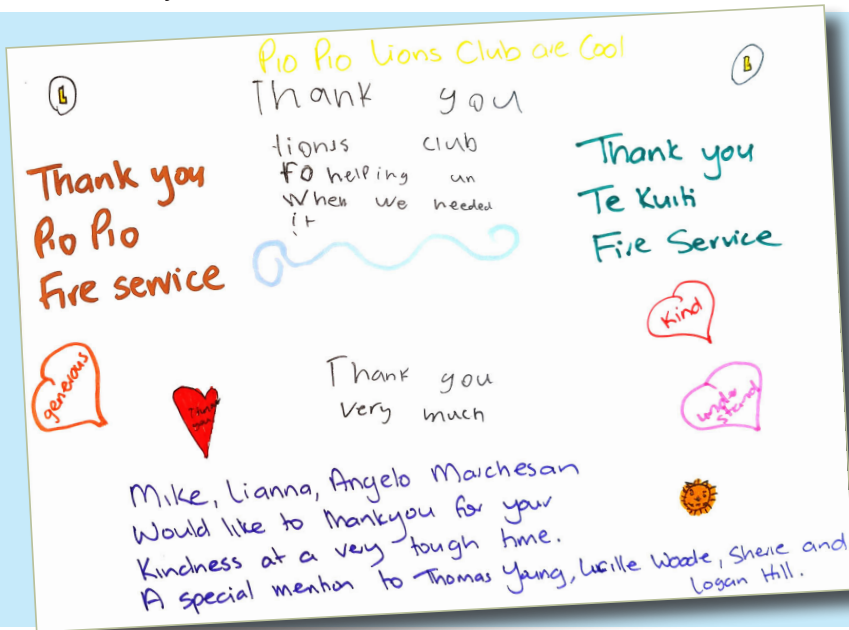
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House fire thanks

A local Aria family's roof of their home caught fire recently. Angelo Marcheson, aged 6, created this card to show the family's appreciation to those who came to their assistance and helped out, including the Piopio Fire Service, Te Kuiti Fire Service, Piopio Lions, family and friends.



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WE HOPE you're enjoying this autumn and are ready to engage with us for another year of action, events and field days. We are always open to any ideas you may have; contact us at krivercare@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page.

Listening to feedback in 2022 the two pilot project ideas currently being investigated for 2023 include the very topical issues: 'Reducing GHG emissions on farm and pathways to Carbon Neutral' and; 'Trees on Farms and the potential Carbon income opportunities'. Are you a farmer interested in participating in this project involving farm consultants and science experts? Please get in touch with Anna.

A revisit is planned to see how the SL-MACC/WRC Sedimentary Trap project is working on several local farms in Aria during the winter months. Could this be something you could implement to improve the water quality leaving your farm?

Are you planning on doing some planting this season? We have 1BT Kick Start funds for fencing and planting projects available for the final year. Also, a small block holder fund is available this winter for those without Farm Environment Plans – up to 50 plants per block/person.

Join us at the opening of the Hoare

family's new business 'Te Tawai Nursery', Rangitoto on April 27 and look over their great selection of natives. Charlie Smart will be on hand to advise on 'Right Tree in the Right Place' and WRC staff will give an update on current funding opportunities.

Learnings from the low cost "Forest Grade Natives" on farm pilots will be discussed and demonstrated at on-farm Fielddays in the next few months

First Aid courses held last year in Piopio were so popular that we are planning to hold several more in the next few months, potentially in Aria, Awakino or Piopio. Let us know if you are in

any of these areas and are keen to attend.

We will be bringing fresh water ecologist Merrin Whatley back in May/June to help us understand our water quality results and maybe do some hands-on water testing. Check out the water test results on our website (<http://kingcountryrivercare.co.nz/>).

Social events are very important to us all, especially farmers who often work alone. We received such positive feedback from those that attended the end of year show 'Life's a Bitch' that we are planning another get together mid June. Watch this space. Suggestions of inspirational speakers gratefully received!



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College students place well at athletics

WE HAD 16 students participate at the King Country Athletics competition last month. Our students performed exceptionally and came away with some great results.

Quinn Rogers: 1st Junior Boys 1500m
 Hunter Rogers: 1st Junior Boys 3000m
 Kenny Robinson: 2nd Junior Girls High Jump
 Korvell Young: 3rd Intermediate Boys Shot Put
 Rhythm Croft: 3rd Junior Girls Javelin

These were our podium finishers, however we had plenty of 4th placings too!

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Piopio Playcentre news

Term 1 has started with a bang at Piopio playcentre. We had a great time at the Piopio berry orchard. The children enjoyed walking through the orchard seeing the strawberries in the tunnel houses, the blueberries, and the blackberry plants. We learnt all about how strawberries grow, are fed and ripen. The tamariki loved tasting the strawberries and blueberries and finished it off with ice-cream tasting. YUM!

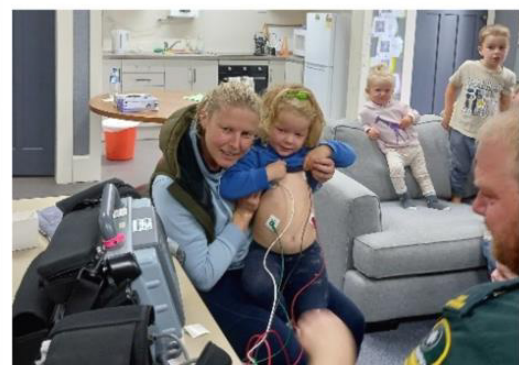
Thanks Jessie Loomans for taking the morning to show us around the orchard and letting the kids pick some of the strawberries. It is always such an exciting visit.

A couple of weeks later we were lucky enough to be able to walk down to the ambulance station and got to have a look through the ambulance. Hugo got to turn the lights and the sirens in the ambulance on which was super exciting. Two of our tamariki also got the experience of having their heart monitored with the Lifepak machine which they found pretty interesting. Olivia loved getting the printout of her heart and has been very proud showing this around the friends and family. Thanks so much to Phil Watkins for giving up his time to show the kids around the ambulance station and learn about what paramedics do. The kids and adults alike learnt plenty and had a great time.

Over the last few months we have had to replace the bark in our playground due to completely flooded in late January. We would like to take this opportunity to thank White Ridge contracting who took care of removing all the old bark and uncovered the other challenges in which they took in their stride fixed and sorted so efficiently meaning our playground now all up and running in a better state than before the floods came through.

We are so grateful for the support of the community in the form of time and learning opportunities that are available for our tamariki. It has been great having playcentre members organising great trips out of centre for our kids – it helps build their life experience, see different parts of the community and for us as parents to learn about some of our community organisations.

If you are interested in coming along to have a look at our centre and what Playcentre is about feel free to drop by in one of our sessions either Monday or Wednesday mornings 9:30am-12 during school term or contact Nicola on 0276960598.



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'Headz Up' conference

LAST MONTH our Head Students attended the 'Headz Up' conference at Waikato University.

Our leaders spent the day rubbing shoulders with other head students from across the Waikato/Bay of Plenty, as well as leadership work shopping and listening to keynote leadership speakers.

They enjoyed an amazing day and what I took out of it was that 'our students can achieve absolutely anything – we just need to provide them with opportunity.'

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From left: Ryan Smith, Jadalee James, Ava MacKenzie, Jorja Knox

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Leadership camp

PIOPIO College Year 12 and 13 students recently took part in our re-established leadership camp where we took them to Raglan to develop their leadership portfolios for 2023.

Our theme for these portfolios is 'How can we leave the kura better than we found it'.

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Yoga for connection for all walks of life

AINSLIE Speedy and Holly Koroheke are local girls who have found their passion for yoga has many other benefits, and they have shared those with our community. Here is Ainslie's story:

Yoga isn't about being flexible, spiritual or a 'green-juicer'. Yoga is a sanskrit word that means 'to yolk' or 'union' and to me it's been about connection, to self and community. It's about bringing people together.

I found yoga when my mental and physical health was at an all time low. I was super burnt out, had adrenal fatigue and experienced anxiety, depression, an eating disorder and obsessively exercised. I was a busy vet technologist and runner, but the doctors said NO MORE to exercise and stress. My body needed to calm down and rest to come back to equilibrium.

For a very long time this hurt and I felt like a huge part of my life was being stripped away from me. I was told to strictly stick to walking and yoga – the thought of slowing down or practicing Yoga was like watching paint dry.

However, I'll never forget the first yoga class I attended; I had never felt more calm and peaceful afterwards. I also loved that it was still movement (being a movement lover) but a bit more gentle. Once I tried it, it was nothing like I initially thought it would be!

I became passionate about wanting to break down this stigma that I had for so long (and knew so many others did too) and share this

gift with communities that I love.

Piopio will always hold a special place in my heart because it was this community that believed in me. It all started in 2018 when I returned home from my big OE. I moved home with Mum and Dad for a while and did a 6-month locum stint at King Country Vets (previously Atkinsons & Associates).

I'd been practicing yoga for a few years before that and so many members of the community were keen to get me to start local yoga classes.

I was super hesitant at first because I had never taught a yoga class, but they assured me that 'you know a lot more than us!' so I began teaching 2 nights a week after work. I will never forget



the first class I taught! It was so special - the multi-purpose room was full of women and men. I felt the biggest buzz after teaching and got the most amazing feedback. Some mums cried because they hadn't done anything for themselves in so long, others said after their first class their lower back had never felt so free. I knew from that day



that that's what I wanted to do. When that locum contract came to an end I'd saved enough money from teaching those classes to pay for a yoga teacher training in the Indian Himalayas. I set off to India by myself for 2 months and fully immersed myself in yoga, at its roots. It was life changing!

When I returned home I had multiple

conversations with Dad and my partner Kieran about starting a business, feeling super nervous they both fully supported me and said this is your time 'just do it'. I started as Yoga with Ainslie, before becoming I AM Yoga. I also expanded my in person classes to include an online studio which accommodates those who prefer to practice in their own homes.

Over the past few years I've completed 700 hours more yoga and mental wellbeing studies and have incorporated two local gals Chantelle and Holly onto my teaching team. We all have the same passion and values but share it differently in our classes which offers great variation for our clients.

To this day we still run in-person classes in Piopio (Wednesdays 6.45pm and Fridays 9am), Te Kuiti (Tuesdays 7pm) and Otorohanga (Mondays 5.30pm & 6.45pm).

We have people from all walks of life joining these classes and that's what makes them so special! Ages 16 to 68, men and women, people with sore knees, backs & shoulders that our highly skilled teachers are able to create modifications for, and so much more. Many farmers, shearers and builders swear by it and claim it 'fixed' their backs. If you've been thinking about coming along, please do as the only regret most of us have had is not starting yoga sooner!

I am very proud of what I AM Yoga has grown into and we have so many offerings: classes around the King Country, an online yoga studio, day & weekend retreats (go check out my first first weekend eco-escape in Waito-

mo!), kids yoga classes, 1:1's at my home studio in Te Kuiti, and small group classes, events & ceremonies. You can find out more about all of these offerings on my website www.iamyoga.co.nz or email me on ainslie.speedy@gmail.com.

Holly: yoga transformed my life

KIA ORA, I am Holz (Holly Alcock to most of you). I was born and raised in Mokauiti, attending Aria Primary then Piopio College. Fast forward to now, wife, mum of two, sports coach, counsellor, yoga teacher and more, living in Te Kuiti.

"You should come to yoga with me, my friend said". In my mind 100 thoughts were swimming, my heart was racing 1000 beats per minute and I felt like I was going to throw up.

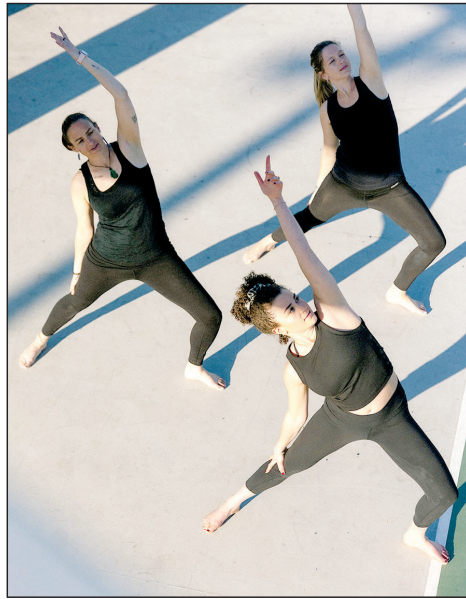
I had been experiencing severe and debilitating anxiety, rendering me powerless and often housebound, so when my friend suggested leaving the house, trying something new, with a bunch of strangers I almost said "NO" She promised we could arrive together, practice next to each other and that it would be so beneficial for my anxiety and my mental health. The past few months had been hell and I thought nothing could be worse, so why not give it a go.

I wasn't a woo woo or spiritual person, nor was I a herb tea, drinking hippie (coz thats the types of people I thought did yoga), I made a lot of excuses, like I didn't have a mat or yoga "clothing". Nonetheless I drove to my first class, and met my friend outside, was greeted by some familiar faces inside, then yoga began.

To be fair I do not remember the first few classes at all! But I moved through the motions, managed to resist the urge to run out when the teacher offered us to quietly leave if we wished, before the final relaxation and medita-

tion (funnily enough now my fave aspect of yoga).

I found myself returning each week, I noticed my anxiety present was less and less, my friend had had to stop coming to classes due to other commitments at that time, however I still made my mental health, my physical health and my spiritual health a priori-



ty. And I discovered maybe I was a little woo woo and spiritual after all.

I felt constantly pulled to my mat, that pull to calm the central nervous system and self regulate (I had no idea that's what I was doing at the time), supporting me and all aspects of my health.

I wanted to deepen my knowledge of all things yoga, I wanted to be able to delve into the how's, the why's and the what's of how this seemingly sim-

ple practice had transformed my life, my health and who I was as a person. I had zero intentions of actually becoming a yoga teacher at all!

However, in June last year I became a fully qualified 200-hour yoga teacher. Two days later, the teacher of my usual weekly class became unwell about 1 hour before class, and Ainslie was out of town and so it led me to my mat. Thank goodness for our beautiful Yoga community who have welcomed me and all that I am.

Here I am, some nearly 10 months later, my practice has further strengthened, and my teaching continues to improve with time and confidence.

It's always an honour to relief teach at "Ainslies class" as we both know how close Piopio and its people are to both of us, and knowing she trusts me to lead her classes is a special little confidence booster. Although, no pressure teaching Ainslie's Mum!

What a journey it has been so far and only really beginning. I am forever grateful for that opportunity almost 4 years ago to begin my yoga practice. My journey now sees me take the "yoga" of life off my mat and embrace the ethics and principles in my everyday life.

I am looking forward to the next part of this journey.

Te marama teitei i roto i ahau, honore te marama teitei i roto i a koe, the highest light in me honours the highest light in you.

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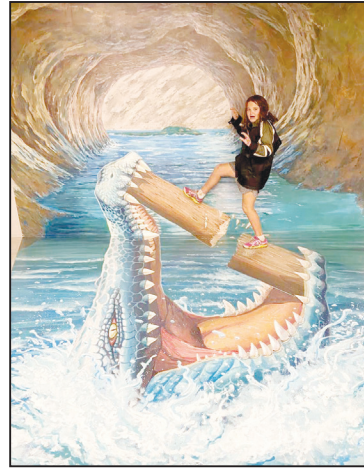
School Camp fun

ARIA PRIMARY School's senior class went to Rotorua this month for one of the school's world famous (in Aria) camps.

The group stayed at the picturesque Lakeview Bible Camp near the shores of Lake Rotorua, and enjoyed a week of all that Rotorua has to offer.

"What an amazing group of parents and children who took part in last week's Rotorua camp. Apart from some rain on day 2, the weather was perfect. All activities ran smoothly and days were very full of activities ranging from the very educational (Scion Research and Technology), very challenging (Giant Swing at Tui Ridge) to the totally fun (Luge) ones, with many being a mixture of both (Duck Tour). I would like to make a very sincere thank-you to the parents who gave their time so willingly and enthusiastically to help make the week run so smoothly," said Principal Pam Voyce.

Other activities included the Redwood Tree Walk, Gondola's, Amaze Me, Trick Art Gallery, Polynesian Spa, Paint Ball, Rock Climbing, Flying Fox, the Buried Village and Whakarewarewa Thermal Village.



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Awesome swimming sports

PIOPIO College held its 2023 Swimming Sports recently.

What an awesome day! Thank you to our amazing students who swam their absolute best – I am beyond proud of you all.

The day wouldn't have been possible without our amazing volunteers so thank you to our whānau and community members who stepped up and helped out. It was greatly

appreciated.

The results are in and the whare winners for 2023 are Kahikatea, followed by Kauri, Rata and then Kowhai.

I can confirm that the staff/parent relay team did take the title over the Year 12/13's. Thank you Kate Carter, Logan Hill and Hemi Rauputu for your contribution to our success.

Ngā mihi nui, G Draper

SWIMMING SPORTS 2023 RESULTS

Sub junior girls:

- 1st = Eleanor Laver
- 2nd = Charlee-Ray Hill
- 3rd = Charley Carter

Sub juniors boys:

- 1st = Mac Carter
- 2nd equal = Fred Carter & Deekin Ratima

Junior girls:

- 1st = Kasey Hiriaki
- 2nd = Miriama Newton
- 3rd equal = Sophie Parkes & Putiputi Barnsdall

Junior boys:

- 1st = Keanu Edkins
- 2nd = Isaac Carter
- 3rd = Leo Carter

Intermediate girls:

- 1st = Caitlyn Cody
- 2nd = Bella Larsen

3rd equal = Leah Brownlie & Elana Laimbeer

Intermediate boys:

- 1st = Olly Bevege
- 2nd = Korvell Young
- 3rd = Lynden Brough

Senior girls:

- 1st = Jadalee James
- 2nd = Alexa Hancock
- 3rd = Ava MacKenzie

Senior boys:

- 1st = Justin Laimbeer

Whanau relay winners - SKI (Mr Kishore)

Team consisted of - Noah Brownlie, Caitlyn Cody, Sophie Parkes & Kaea Rauputu.

Grand relay winners - Kahikatea



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Budding young farmers give it a go



THREE teams of budding young farmers entered the Waikato/Bay of Plenty regional agrikids competition to test their farming skills and knowledge.

Congratulations to Tana, Tyronne, Cole and James for giving it a go, as well as Lachlan and Lynden for their 11th place out of 25 schools.

A big thanks also to Steph Brough and Lisa Lyford for their work with making this happen.



Enjoyable overnight tramp

AS PART of our Outdoor Recreation class, students enjoyed an overnight tramp assessment to Leitch's Clearing.

This trip was inspired by the late Bill Burnell. It was a fantastic two days with fantastic people



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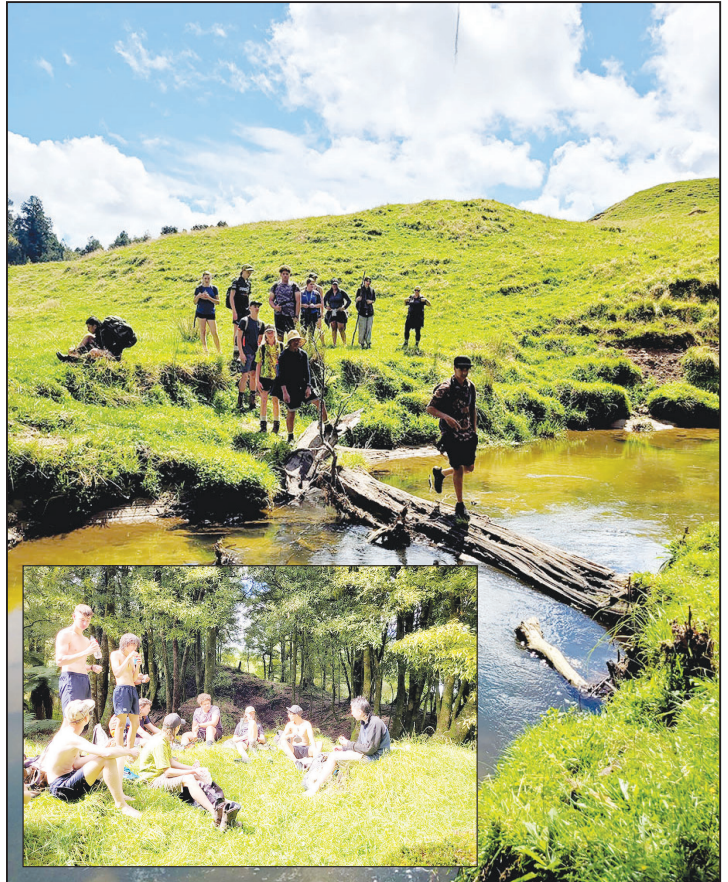
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Interschool swimming

WE HAD 21 Piopio College students represent the kura at the annual Waitomo Interschool Swimming recently.

Once again our students performed extremely well, receiving multiple ribbons for their races.

Congratulations to everyone for their efforts!

We dominated the mixed senior relay, taking away 1st place. Well done to Kasey, Miriama, Leo and Deekin

for their efforts in this event.

We joined forces with Aria and Piopio Primary to compete in the grand relay event where both teams won their races and took away the shiny red ribbon. Ka rawe!

Now we look ahead to the Waikato Full Primary Schools event in a few weeks time.

Thank you to Mrs Carter and Mrs Anselmi for taking the students. It was greatly appreciated.



Aria bike ride success

YET another successful bike ride weekend was held mid February.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of another two day bike-ride fundraiser.

We are very grateful to you all for the part you played in making this event such a huge success.

With around 650 riders each day it is indeed a huge undertaking that involves a large team of committed volunteers.

A special thank you to our land-owners; without their support we would

not be able to hold this event.

Also a huge thanks to members of Piopio St John and Dr Amy

Kempthorne for their support over the weekend.

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