

PIOPIO BirdTalk

BI MONTHLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER COVERING PIOPIO, ARIA & MAHOENUI DISTRICTS

WAITOMO CITIZENSHIP OF THE YEAR AWARD

was a surprise to Piopio resident Sheryl Johnson. Nominated by the Piopio community swimming pools charitable trust committee, Rob Hallam - Chairman and Lynne Rauputu - Treasurer, commended Sheryl on her tireless efforts; having instigated the formation of the trust and her vision to retain this valuable community asset.

Hearing of the possible closure and rising operational costs of the local school pool, Sheryl's' concerns of high drowning amongst children and the need for every child to have the opportunity to learn to swim, was held in mind throughout the project. To pursue the viability of retaining the pools within the community, a standalone trust was formed.

Whilst the pool is located on Ministry of Education land, the asset has now been placed into the hands of the Piopio community swimming pools charitable trust. With ever increasing operation costs and shortage of funding, the certainty of the pools

future is heading in the right direction; however some legality are still in the hands of Ministry of Education. Local National MP Barabara Kuriger was on hand at the recent award service and has offered her support to back the group. Several key stakeholders in the community have also offered support and the group are grateful.

Hosted at the Les Munroe centre in Te Kuiti, Mayor Brian Hanna and MC Max Lamb commented on how each individual has improved and enriched our wider community. Among the recipients for Lifetime Achievements; Sarah Ashby, Edith McIndoe and Graeme Plenderleith all had compelling achievements throughout the wider district. Similar stories were shared of the passion, energy and selflessness each nominee contributed to their own cause. Pastor Terry Bradley boldly stated "Their success is your success, by the community that

surrounds". In these words each recipient attributed their "award to those who supported them and their doing was not to be thanked but because they believed it needed to be done".

Such a true statement and one applauded by everyone in attendance.

For the Piopio district, we are fortunate to have residents whom believe in the community and what it has to offer.

Future plans hope to be known shortly, meanwhile the trust group will continue to aim for the longevity of the pools to be retained as a recreational asset for both schools, sports clubs and public swimming.



PIOPIO COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOLS CHARITABLE TRUST

Left: Lynne Rauputu, Sheryl Johnson, Rob Hallam

Soon to be INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN RIDER

Stormy Harris will join the New Zealand pony club team, to represent in the Irish tetrathlon in July.

As a Piopio College student she is in her final year and is excited of the prospects attending this demanding event. Consisting of four challenges; crosscountry, air pistol and rifle target shooting, running and swimming.

Having been recruited following the national New Zealand Pony Club Eventing Championships earlier in the year, Stormy (17) will be joined by four other competitors.

As a confident rider and representative for the Te Kuiti and Districts Pony club both at regional and national level. She welcomes the challenge and other club members are certain her horsemanship skills and ability will put her in good stead for the international event. Fitness and the right attitude is half of the journey, whilst controlling an unknown horse will be another task, but not one Stormy is too phased from.

For any young athlete, the task to raise funds is always at hand and the fundraising is well underway.

Travelling to Ireland will be a life away from her hometown of Aria, but exciting to have the opportunity to create new experiences.



Save the DATE

MAIROA HALL QUIZ EVENING

31ST July

Gather your team members

Lots of prizes

MARK 8778759

ANNUAL Piopio Primary School PTA Fundraiser RURAL ROUNDUP RELAY

DATE: 18TH JUNE—PIOPIO MEMORIAL HALL
TIME: 6.30PM - RELAY STARTS @ 7.00PM
PRIZE POOL—\$1400 CASH PRIZES
Overall Winner = \$700 + prizes
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Ticket Cost: \$15

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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.

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The Piopio Reserve at the start of Mangaotaki Road was established in 1990 in a joint effort between Piopio Primary School and the Department of Conservation. Formally a steep unkempt gully and unofficial rubbish dump, it has gradually transformed in to a well established native reserve.

I am planning a 'one off' working bee early July (possibly 3rd), mainly to pull out privit and cut vines from trees. It isn't a job for small children but otherwise anyone is welcome to lend a hand.

If you think you may be interested please give a call .

No obligation!

Jenny Brodie

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PIOPIO COMMUNITY SPORTS

Thank you to:

Ravensdown and Teresa Tarr for their donation of fertiliser for the domain.

Clive Fredericks for his time and resources to spread the fertiliser.

Trust Waikato and again to King Country Energy for their grant donations towards revamping the old shearing stand into a safe community picnic shelter.

PIOPIO MEMORIAL HALL

- Bond 160.00
- Audio Equipment Bond 60.00
- Hire (Daily Hire-age) 195.00
- Rental per hour (max 4 hours) 20.00
- Audio Equipment - Hire Fee 65.00

The below is to be booked and paid for through the Committee.

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 (dinner, side and dessert plate, mug, knife fork and spoon)

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

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SENIOR CITIZENS

Don't wait for us to come to you! We welcome everyone to join.

We have monthly meetings at our Senior Citizens' Rooms and generally have an outing during each month.

BERYL HUIA

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PIOPIO ST JOHN

January-April



A fairly busy 4 months and our frontline operational crews have been despatched to 16 medical, seven accidents and 12 road traffic crashes. For those driving through town you may have noticed the new exterior colours for our St John Stations. Over Winter there will be further internal redecoration also.

I think the highlight for us was how

many of the local students, and staff, adopted the "Go Green" challenge as part of the National St John Appeal week. The green painted or dressed pre schoolers and Primary students swarming over and around the play ground equipment was a site to behold. Senior students at the college organised an inter-house casualty scenario with the injured needing to be treated as quickly as possible. Aria school had a prolonged Q & A session followed by a time with

bandaging and sling use.

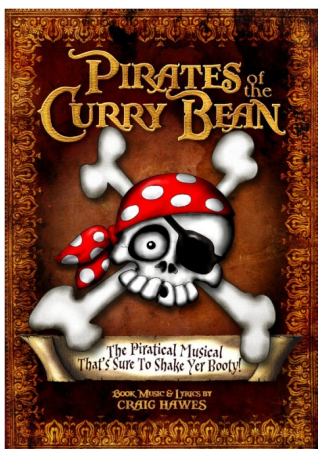
In all we benefited by just under \$1000 so thanks to those who contributed.

If you have spare time and have thought you may want to join our 8 staff give me a call or email

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MIKE JOHNSON STATION MANAGER



NOTEWORTHY NEWS FROM ARIA PRIMARY SCHOOL, TERM 2 2016



Aria School Presents – "PIRATES OF THE CURRY BEAN".

Mark the date for Aria School's annual production on your calendar now! Two performances -Matinee at 11am and evening at 7pm on Thursday 25th August in the Aria Hall. All welcome! Please contact the school office for further details or to book a front row seat!

science investigations and technology problem solving. It is a way for students to investigate and problem solve in practical situations and is open to students from year 1 to 13. Everyone is welcome to come and have a look at the wonderful projects that will be on display, it's a good chance to come and learn from our children.

The displays will be set up on Wednesday morning and judging will take place after that. The hall will be open to the public from 9:30am to 12:00pm on Thursday 2nd July followed by a prize giving. Although the projects are judged, the emphasis is on participation. For more information please phone Heather Pease 07 8778144.

WORLD VISION 20 HOUR FAMINE SLEEPOVER

This year our funds raised are

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heading for Syrian Refugees. Our contribution is essential so we thank you for supporting our children.

Life for these children is a far cry from our own living, so this allows our students to gain an understanding of the crisis this part of the world faces today.

FAREWELL and thank-you to a wonderful Teacher Aide Paula Beveridge and her family are leaving the Aria District and unfortunately that means Aria School is losing a highly valued and experienced Teacher Aide. Paula has been with us for a very long time and we will miss her terribly.

We acknowledge the wonderful contribution she has made to the students of our community and wish her well in whatever she ends up doing!

PAM VOYCE—PRINCIPAL

ORIENTEERING CHALLENGE 2016

On Friday 17th June, starting at 11am sharp, our annual interschool Orienteering event will be held at the Aria Domain. This year we anticipate in excess of 400 primary age students from year 4-8 to be competing (19 schools invited). Adult teams are always very welcome. See you there!

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SCIENCE CELEBRATION

On Thursday 7th July, Aria School will be hosting the Science and Technology Celebration at the Aria Hall which is an initiative to encourage schools to promote

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WAITOMO DISTRICT COUNCIL encourages everyone to recycle to help reduce the amount of recyclable waste going into the landfill.

By separating glass, plastic types 1 & 2, tin cans, paper and cardboard appropriately you can save on rubbish disposal costs and do your part to keep our towns and environment looking clean and tidy.

The Piopio community is provided with a weekly kerbside recycling (Green Bin) collection, a public recycling station located in Kara Park and the Piopio Transfer Station.

Using these recycling facilities comes hand in hand with the requirement to prepare and sort recyclables for



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either collection or disposal. To reduce contamination and improve recycling efficiency, wash and squash!

WASH

1. Scrape out any food remains/pour away excess liquid.
2. Rinse the container conservatively (use your sink & washing-up water).

SQUASH

1. Crush metal cans.
2. Squeeze plastic bottles flat to expel as much air as possible.

These steps help prevent contamination and makes collection and disposal more efficient.

Removing the caps and lids from plastic containers is important. Plastic caps are often made from a different polymer type, and therefore are not accepted as part of the recycling service. Too many lids will contaminate the load, so remove and throw away plastic caps where possible or re-use for another purpose (school/ preschool's use these for crafts etc).

Waitomo District Council

would like to thank the Piopio community for the efforts made to recycle correctly and to use the transfer station responsibly. Please sort and separate recyclable waste when using the Piopio Transfer Station.

**RECYCLING...
It all goes
in the same
bin mate!**



USE OF THE PIOPIO TRANSFER STATION

All people who use the Piopio transfer station must ensure that:

- All waste is separated into the recyclable refuse and residual waste categories. These are all marked with signage for easy identification.
- All waste is off-loaded at the place and in the manner directed by the site operator.
- All steps are taken to assist in the minimisation of waste.
- All reasonable steps are taken to protect the health and safety of all of those persons on site including site staff.
- Leaving rubbish outside the Piopio Transfer Station is an offence under the Litter Act 1979. This offence may lead to a fine upon conviction of up to \$5,000.

SENIOR CITIZENS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

President – Wendy Weinberg

Vice-President – Beryl Huia

Secretary/Treasurer – Rose Young

Hall Bookings – Beryl Huia
Ph 8778353

Subscriptions - \$15.00

COMING EVENTS:

Mid-Winter Lunch. 14 June at the Piopio Cosmopolitan Club. \$22.00.

THURSDAY EXERCISES:

We are using DVD's which allow you to sit or stand to

do the exercises. They allow for arthritis problems. Many are gentle stretching type exercises which you will be able to do at home to get your body going.

We finish with a cup of tea and a chat. Come along and join in.

HALL BOOKINGS:

These are down, so if you

hear of anyone wanting a venue, point them in our direction.

SUGGESTION BOX:

If you have any suggestions for activities you would like to do, please put them in the suggestion box. We like to have visits to places of interest once a month.

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PIOPIO AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUBS successful season began with early pre-season training for Club Squad members back in October 2015. We thank the support of the Waitomo District Council grants scheme in assisting with hire costs at the Te Kuiti Community Pools.

Locally our newly revived Piopio Community Trust pools, opened for our 2016 season in February, with 65 Primary School aged children enrolled in Learn to Swim, and 17 Club Squad Swimmers.

An intensive 12 lessons, impacts our Learn to swim children, seeing great advances in their abilities. A HUGE Thanks to our volunteer coaches, Bex Clapcott, Trudy Denize, Jo Alcock, Kate Carter and Sheryl Johnson. Erin Barclay and Grisial Ifin have also volunteered, working alongside these ladies to hopefully return next season and teach in our mentoring program. Thanks also to Janice Haine and Noelle Turner who have filled in when needed. Without your time, and dedication to our program, it just wouldn't be possible.

The annual Piopio Carnival was well supported with 48 swimmers from surrounding areas; Piopio, Te Kuiti,

COUNCILLORS UPDATE

The Dog Control Fees for 2016/17 were recently confirmed by Council, and published in the Waitomo News on 5 May and 12 May. Each Fee has been increased by 5% over and above the 2015/16 fee.

The Council's Revenue and Financing Policy sets out how specific Council costs are to be recovered. In the case of Dog Control (which comes under Animal and Dog Control), it states that 80% of those costs should be funded from Dog Registration Fees, 10% from General Rates, and 10% from Uniform Annual General Charges (UAGC).

The expected cost of providing Animal and Dog Control Services in 2016/17 is \$259,000, and reflects the increase in level of service over the last two years. Even with the 5%

Taumarunui and a few from Hamilton. A great success and the calibre of our local swimmers a highlight to watch.

Training camp in Rotorua to continue to learn the best ways to coach our squad swimmers, new approaches to technique and drill work was rewarding for both Trudy Denize and myself to attend. Assistance from the Piopio Charitable Trust was received and this year we aim to get a number of our swimmers attending this camp to gain full benefits also.

The links between our small Club and the greater Waikato have been the focus of Swim Waikato this year, with more opportunities for our 12 and under swimmers to compete. Winter swimmers will have opportunities to attend other meets in the greater Waikato and exposure to Olympic coaches also. So we look forward to that.

Exciting times ahead for our Club as we continue to grow, we see our Learn to Swim program feeding children into the Club squad, and the enjoyment of swimming is kept alive.

LEE ALCOCK—PRESIDENT & SENIOR SQUAD COACH

increase, registration fees are currently meeting only 66% of that cost.

I have recently received a Ministry of Transport report 'Why do People Die in Road Crashes', which analysed 72 open road fatalities involving trucks and cars, and 30 urban fatalities involving trucks and cars. Based on Serious Crash Unit reports, and survival of other occupants who were wearing seat belts, the main conclusion was that 30% of fatalities are potentially avoidable if seat belts are worn. Food for thought.

It is still a couple of months before the Government is expected to release its proposal under the Rural Broadband Initiative (RBI) and Mobile Blackspots, but I am hearing that a number of you are taking steps to improve your own situations already. If you have, or

PRIZEGIVING RESULTS

Age Group Champions

8y/o Harley Denize

9y/o Regan Bevege

10y/o Joel MacLachlan

11y/o Katie Denize

12 y/o Max MacLachlan

14y/o Reade Blakeman

16 y/o Jack Griffin

Junior Boys under 12 Regan Bevege

Junior Girls under 12 Katie Denize

Senior Boys 12 & over

Christopher Fagan-Mexted

Jack Griffin Open 25m Free, Open 25m Fly, Open 200m Free, Open 400m free

Handicap 100m IM- Katie Denize

Handicap 100m free- Max MacLachlan
Open Most improved on points - Regan Bevege

Most improved learners 9 & Under - Corban Denize

Most improved intermediate 12 and under Jessie James

Most improved senior 13 and above Christopher Fagan-Mexted

Open Most improved Breastroke Teia Blakeman

Sport Award (role model leadership) Jessie James

Sportmanship (Senior Squad)

Georgia Pari

Sportmanship (Junior Squad)

Morgan Hussey

Club Champion - Katie Denize

are planning to, could you please contact me, as our staff are keen to explore any opportunities available, to improve broadband and mobile phone services across the District.

If you want to contact me about any Council matters that concern you, please get in touch by phone or email.

Local Body Elections are coming up in October, and I will be putting my name forward for a third time.

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3 LITTLE BIRDS

You may or may not

know that Melanie has recently enjoyed a 15-day "A Taste of Italy with Chelsea Winter" tour. You've possibly seen her posts on facebook of her travels ... looks like she had an amazing time and she deserves it!

THE NIGHT OWL: It's our 3rd birthday on Sunday 12th June, so to celebrate all customers through the door on our birthday will receive a lovely cupcake to enjoy.

In addition, all Owl Club members who dine in on our birthday will receive a complimentary starter with their main. (If you haven't joined up yet, please do so by completing a form at the bar ... it is free to join at the moment and Owl Club members receive monthly specials plus other great offers).

We are running a monthly Quiz and rotating that with a monthly Karaoke. So the next Quiz is set down for Wednesday 8th June, and the next Karaoke is Friday 24th June. Half of all entry monies received for the quiz evenings will be donated to the Piopio

Volunteer Fire Brigade and Piopio St John. So you will be supporting these groups when you enter your quiz team.

For the Karaoke, first prize on each night is a \$100 Night Owl voucher. You don't have to enter – if you want to just jump up and sing a song you are more than welcome. We really hope to see you there.

But wait there's more! Sunday Roasts are back on the menu, and we will also be running a special Fieldays menu for Fieldays week (15-19th June).

FAT PIGEON CAFE: The café is like an Eveready battery ... just keeps going and going. We've had some super-busy days with lines out the door, but in saying that, with winter on our doorsteps it is slowing down as well. Because of this, our winter hours (effective from 1st June) will be Mon-Sat 7.30am-4pm / Sun 8am-4pm.

However for the week of Fieldays we will be opening earlier from 7am (15-18th June), so call in for a coffee and hearty brekkie on your way up.

OWLS NEST MOTEL: The first half of this year has seen excellent occupancy at the motel,

however with winter coming it is slowing down slightly. If you have friends or family requiring accommodation, please contact Lyn and Dave on 07 877 8767, visit our website www.theowlsnest.co.nz or email eowlsnest@xtra.co.nz

CRAFTY PIGEON: Exciting new items are arriving soon so please pop in and see Justine or Kim for the perfect gift for him, her, them and you.

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As you know after my family I am passionate about our Waitomo district, so much so it is hard to say no to requests for my help and support. I have reached the stage where I need experienced support when I am away from my office. I have much pleasure advising that Lorraine Brough has agreed to work a few hours a week for me in between enjoying her retirement. Lorraine brings her 30 years of travel experience to my business and I am confident that her professionalism will be a huge benefit to my clients.

Lorraine and Steve's support gives me the opportunity to fulfil my community engagements as well as to the time to work in my business so that I can grow and offer job opportunities to those that have seen the light and choose to live in our fabulous Waitomo District. Until next time –

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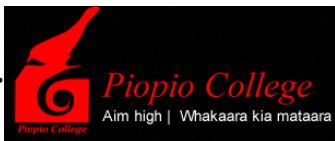
HIGHLIGHTS AT PIOPIO PRIMARY

This year we have Charlie Watson and Jada James as our head boy and girl, they are supported by a strong group of house leaders. Earlier in the year we held our annual swimming and tennis championships with Joel MacLachlan and Emma Clapcott being named our swimming champions and Atiria Barrowcliffe and Charlie Burgess as our tennis champions. Also on the note of good results, at the Waitomo inter-school swimming challenge, we gained overall top three finishes. with Joel MacLachlan, Levi Steel-Harris and Edward Buckley in a



number of races.

SWIMMING CHAMPIONS: IZZIE WATSON (RUNNER UP) EMMA CLAPCOTT (GIRL'S CHAMPION) JOEL MACLACHLAN (BOY'S CHAMPION) CORBAN DENIZE (RUNNER UP)



Tino pai to mahi, whakamihi and congratulations to:

Stormy Harris for being selected to represent New Zealand in a Tetrathlon event in Ireland in July this year; Tetrathlon is a team competition that involves riding a horse over a cross-country course, target shooting with an air rifle, running and swimming.

Puhiwaiora Ngawaka for her performance at a talent quest in Te Awamutu; Her rendition of "Say Something" by Christina Aguilera in which she played the piano and sang saw her pick up first place.

Oliver Barnsdall—National Maori Golf Championships in Taupo. He gained a top 5 finish in the senior nett, winning the senior stableford and winning the top 1st 16 senior plate matchplay, finishing 9th in the matchplay.



OLIVER WITH HIS WAITOMO TEAM MATES—MICHAEL JONES JNR, TORI VAN STRAALLEN, MICHAEL JONES SNR & OLIVER

Last term we were invited by the College to attend a cultural performance which was both a fascinating and educational experience, one which the students and staff were enthralled with. It showcased a culmination of different dances from around the world backed up with positive messages for all students.

We have just completed and opened our refurbished junior block that is now a vibrant and inviting learning space with the option to open up a connecting door between the two classrooms. Students and staff are very excited about it.

TENNIS CHAMPIONS: CHARLIE BURGESS & ATIRIA BARROWCLIFFE



With another successful year of results for our schoolwide cross country, we can proudly say our top

six from each age group attended the Rangitoto schools competition with all events returning with winners in the top three. Well done to our students. This will lead to a great build-up to orienteering at Aria school next month. Looking ahead for the remainder of the term, we have just started winter sports, kapahaka practise and the Life Education Trust is coming, speeches are being planned as well as Matariki celebrations, so it looks to be another busy term!

ROAD SAFETY... Just a reminder to all drivers when passing the school please reduce your speed. Aria road has Piopio Playcentre, Primary School and the College. Please take note between 8.15—3.30pm. Children are walking home and many cars are leaving school grounds.

Due to visual restrictions at the corner of Tui Street (corner Night Owl) and Aria / Ruru Street, this has a blind intersection and often the sun can blind drivers. Pedestrian crossings are located on both these roads, so be vigil and watch out for children.

SCOTT LINCOLN



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