

Āria Primary School



* Newsletter *

MONDAY 17TH MARCH 2025

TERM 1, WEEK 7

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Tēnā Koutou Katoa! Welcome to Week 7 of Term 1 2025!

- * **Room 2 Open Afternoon...** It was great to see so many caregivers in Room 2 on Friday afternoon. The feedback would indicate that meetings like this are most useful for sharing information about what's happening in our classrooms and having all those questions answered.

Our next gathering for Caregivers will be at 2.00pm on Monday 31st March, starting in the library (kai provided).

- * **Artworks for Piopio...** All classrooms have started their pictures with some urgency as these need to be completed by end of term. The results will all be framed and mounted on walls in Piopio for everyone to see.
- * **Kākano Class...** Feel free to pop in to see Whaea Nicky's Kākano class in the art room. This class is to prepare children for classroom learning. All New Entrants will start school in this class and when they are ready they will transition to Room 2. During the day they will be visiting Room 2 to take part, with Whaea Nicky's support, in activities such as Hauora or shared story. Miss Hurley will be teaching the group on Mondays and Tuesdays, Whaea Nicky on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- * **Bike Ride Debrief Meeting...** Tuesday 18th March, 7.00pm at the St Helen's Domain (Squash Club) - all welcome
- * **FYI Concerns and Complaints Policy (attached)...** From time to time I will include important policies with the school newsletter.

This week I have included the Concerns and Complaints Policy. When concerns arise it is a good idea to address them early, usually with a chat with the relevant teacher or person concerned.

All our policies are available on the school website for quick reference www.aria.school.nz

Ngā mihi and have a great week,
Pam Voyce

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1

Board Meetings 2025
Monday 7th April
at 6.30pm - all welcome

Āria Bike Ride
Debrief Meeting
Tuesday 18th March
7.00pm
St Helen's Domain
(Squash Club)

Meet the Staff
Monday 31st March
2.00pm - 4.00pm

Last Day of Term 1
Friday 11th April

First Day of Term 2
Monday 28th April



Please notify the office
with a reason why:

Ph: (07) 877-7857
✉: office@aria.school.nz

Use the form on the Skool
Loop app - this is emailed
directly to the office.



Information Sheet on Vision and Hearing Checks in School

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing problems.

Which children are routinely checked?

- Children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check
- Children absent from previous visit, require rescreens or follow up
- New Immigrants
- Year 7 student's vision only

If there is a genuine hearing concern, parents/caregivers or teachers may request a hearing check - NB parents must consent to this. The Vision Hearing Technician will only be able to undertake a maximum of 5 screens on any visit. If there is a concern regarding vision, parents/caregivers are encouraged to seek advice from an optometrist. A subsidy is available for families/whanau that have a Community Services card or High Use Health card.

What tests are carried out?

Ears

- Audiometry (hearing test)
- Tympanometry – middle ear function test (only carried out when hearing test is not within a normal range)

Eyes

Long distance vision tests – not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test

NB All of these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.

The Vision Hearing Technician will:

- Notify parents/caregivers of all test results
- Enter results on Ministry of Education database (Enrol)

The Vision Hearing Technician will obtain personal details from the school ie; names, date of birth.

If the technician needs to contact parents/caregivers following the visit, addresses and phone numbers will also be required.

Our Service may share this information with other health professionals involved in the children's care.

If any parents/caregivers **do not** want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for their vision or hearing, they should let the school know.



HONESTY AWARDS

The following children have found money on the school grounds at some point and have handed the money into the office.

We are very grateful for the honesty of these students in handing in money that doesn't belong to them.

Cody Darke
Karta-Belle George-Winikerei
Hunter Cox

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

Book club issue #2 2025
www.scholastic.co.nz/LOOP
(then select Register)

Parents use the Book Club LOOP system.
Register and select Aria

Orders are open until:
Friday 11th April 2025

NO CASH ORDERS TO SCHOOL

ĀRIA TWO DAY BIKE RIDE DEBRIEF MEETING

Date: Tuesday 18th March 2025
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: St Helen's Domain (Squash Club)

ALL WELCOME


AFTER BUS SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

If your child travels on the Mokauiti Bus or on the Piopio Van and collect your child from school can you please let a staff member know so they can be crossed off the Bus Roll.

ĀRIA SCHOOL VALUES

A ttitude	-	I always do my best.
R esilience	-	I am motivated and confident.
I ntegrity	-	I am honest, kind and caring. I treat all people with respect even when they are different from me.
A ccept responsibility	-	I am organised and on task.

I AM AN ĀRIA STUDENT



**PIOPIO JUNIOR RUGBY
2025**

⚡ UNDER 9s & UNDER 11s
TRAINING + TACKLE CLINIC ⚡

WHEN: Wednesday 19th March (Next Week!)
TIME: 4pm
WHERE: Piopio Rugby Club

Calling all Under 9s & Under 11s players – come join us for a fun and focused training session combined with a tackle clinic to sharpen your skills before the season kicks off!

Whether you're new or returning, this is a great opportunity to build confidence, improve technique, and have a blast with your teammates!

Don't miss out! See you there!

KURT HOUGHTON 027-274-3918

**HOCKEY COACHES
NEEDED FOR 2025**

Keri Alcock will make contact with all hockey whānau via messenger 😊




Piopio Youth Sports >

🔒 Private group · 124 members

Please join this Facebook Group for Piopio Youth Sports.

All notices and updates are put on this page.



ARIA SQUASH CLUB

TERM 2

YEAR 5 & OVER

JUNIOR MUSTER DAY: Tuesday 8th April 3:30-4:30
Or contact Michelle Carter: 021 596 101

Monday Afternoons
3:30-4:30 Beginners
4:30-5:30 Intermediates

Come along and try this fast, fun, and exciting sport!
Racquets & balls provided

TRY IT. PLAY IT. LOVE IT.

Aria Squash, St Helens Domain Aria


NETBALL MUSTER

Please join us for the netball muster on Tuesday 25th of March at Piopio Primary after school.

If you could please let your children know to meet us at the tennis courts after school. That would be fabulous.

We'll have a run around and make sure that the kids are in the right teams. (All children, including future ferns)

Thank you 😊



You are invited to

COMMUNITY BBQ DINNER

Thursday 3rd April

We hope you can come along, enjoy dinner on us, connect with your local community. Bring your family, farm team or neighbour.

DINNER PROVIDED TO YOU BY THE WAIKATO COLLABORATION GROUP:

ARIA COSMOPOLITAN CLUB
Kie Kie Road, Aria
Thursday 3rd April
Dinner from 6pm

RSVP TO NICOLA ALCOCK:
office@aria.school.nz
By Sunday 30th March

FAT OWL BAR AND EATERY
FRIDAY 21ST MARCH
SEATED BY 6:45PM

PIOPIO COLLEGE JAPAN FUNDRAISING TOUR IS HOSTING A

TRIVIA NIGHT

\$30 PER PERSON

TEAM ENTRIES min 6 max 8 per team
BOOK YOUR TEAM - LIMITED NUMBERS

QUIZ FUN & SUPPER + NIBBLES PLUS
COMPLIMENTARY TREAT ON ARRIVAL

\$150 MYSTERY PRIZE + BEST DRESSED INDIVIDUAL & TEAM, SPOT PRIZES & AUCTION

BOOK YOUR TEAM - DONNA 021 545026

PIOPIO COSMOPOLITAN CLUB KIDS

Wild CRITTER HUNTING

SAVE THE DATE 8-10 MAY 2025

ARIA COSMOPOLITAN CLUB INC PRESENTS

ARIA HUNT 2025

MAJOR SPOT PRIZE: HUNTING CABIN!

\$40 ENTRY KIDS: GOLD COIN

THURS 3RD APRIL - SAT 5TH APRIL 2025

MAJOR SPOT PRIZE: HUNTING CABIN WORTH \$15,000

WEIGH IN SAT 5TH APR 1-4PM
• PRIZE-GIVING 5PM
ENTRY • \$40 ADULT • KIDS GOLD COIN
ALL DAY GOLD COIN BBQ • FREE KIDS DRINKS / GAMES

Entries close 5pm Wednesday 2nd April
Enquiries to Oilly 027 444 8783 or email: ariacos@gmail.com

FOLLOW THE QR CODE OR CLICK THE LINK ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TO REGISTER.

BOAR
AVERAGE WEIGHT BOAR : \$1000
HEAVIEST BOAR : \$500
2ND: \$250
3RD: \$200
4TH: \$100
BEST TUSKS : \$300

FALLOW STAG
AVERAGE WEIGHT FALLOW STAG: Prize to the value of \$300
BEST ANTLERS: \$500
HEAVIEST FALLOW STAG : \$500
2ND: \$250
3RD: \$100

RED STAG
AVERAGE WEIGHT RED STAG : Prize to the value of \$300
BEST ANTLERS : \$500
HEAVIEST RED STAG : \$500
2ND: \$250
3RD: \$100

KAHAWAI
AVERAGE WEIGHT KAHAWAI : Full Day Tā Moko valued at \$1400
HEAVIEST KAHAWAI : \$200
2ND: \$150
3RD: \$100

KIDS HUNT
HEAVIEST POSSUM
HEAVIEST HARE
HEAVIEST TURKEY
Gold coin per child (entry to all categories)
Age 15 years and under.
Only one animal per category.
No possums with joes will be accepted.

PIOPIO COLLEGE STUDENT SPORT
Sponsored by Ben Draper
MOST IMPRESSIVE STAG HEAD
HEAVIEST BOAR

HOW TO ENTER
ONLINE: Visit our facebook page: Aria Cosmopolitan Club and click on the link/scan QR code
IN PERSON: Cash payments accepted at club bar with completed entry form (on noticeboard).
EMAIL: Email photo of completed entry form to: ariacos@gmail.com
Please make payment to: ARIA COS CLUB
02-9448-9131#00
Particulars: (Surname & Initial)
Ref: Hunt Entry

COMPETITION RULES

- Starting time of competition is 10am Thursday 3rd April 2025.
- Weigh in day is Saturday 5th April 2025 between 1-4pm at Aria Cosmopolitan Club. Prize-giving (adults) from 5pm. Kids prize-giving earlier.
- No animals will be accepted after 4pm.
- Single entry (one hunter per entry), fee \$40 must accompany entry form.
- Maximum of two (2) stags per entry.
- All animals must be wild and not farmed.
- All animals must be presented clean gutted and whole carcasses only.
- All animals must be caught within the stated times of competition.
- All animals must be caught by the person weighing in.
- No trapping of boars and deer.
- In the event of a tie, the first animal in each category weighed in collects the prize.
- All animals must be hanging at the time of prize-giving.
- Hocks must be removed from deer before presented to weighmasters.
- No decomposing animals (must be edible) or body mutilated animals will be accepted.
- Judges have the right to reject animals and Ridgeline judges' decision is final.
- Prize winners must be present to collect prizes.
- Entry fee is non-refundable.

BOAR:

- Maximum of two (2) Boars per entry.
- Boars only.
- Boars presented with nuts in.
- Minimum weight 30kg.
- Pigs weighing less than 30kg are only eligible to enter Best Tusk category.

STAG:

- Maximum two (2) Stags per entry
- Antlers may be removed for carrying but must accompany body at weigh in.
- No tag holes.
- Ears must be attached.

KAHAWAI:

- Maximum of two (2) kahawai per entry.
- Weighed on the day.
- Eyes must be visible.

KIDS HUNT:

- Gold coin per child (entry to all categories)
- Age 15 years and under.
- Only one animal per category.
- No possums with joes will be accepted.

ARIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

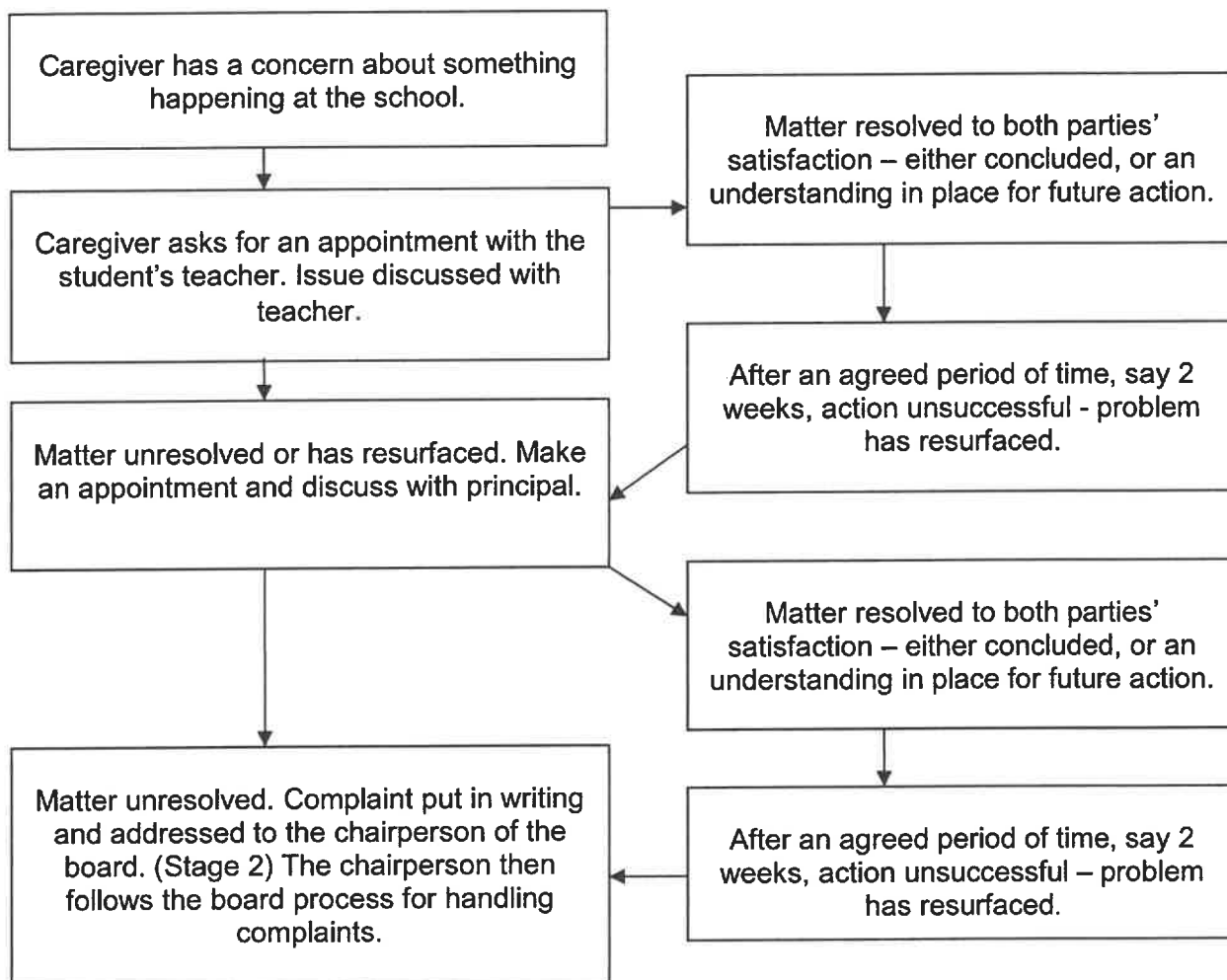
Policy Statement: CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

Nag 3: Employer (Personnel) Responsibility

The school responds to complaints in a fair and consistent manner.

Complaints Procedures:

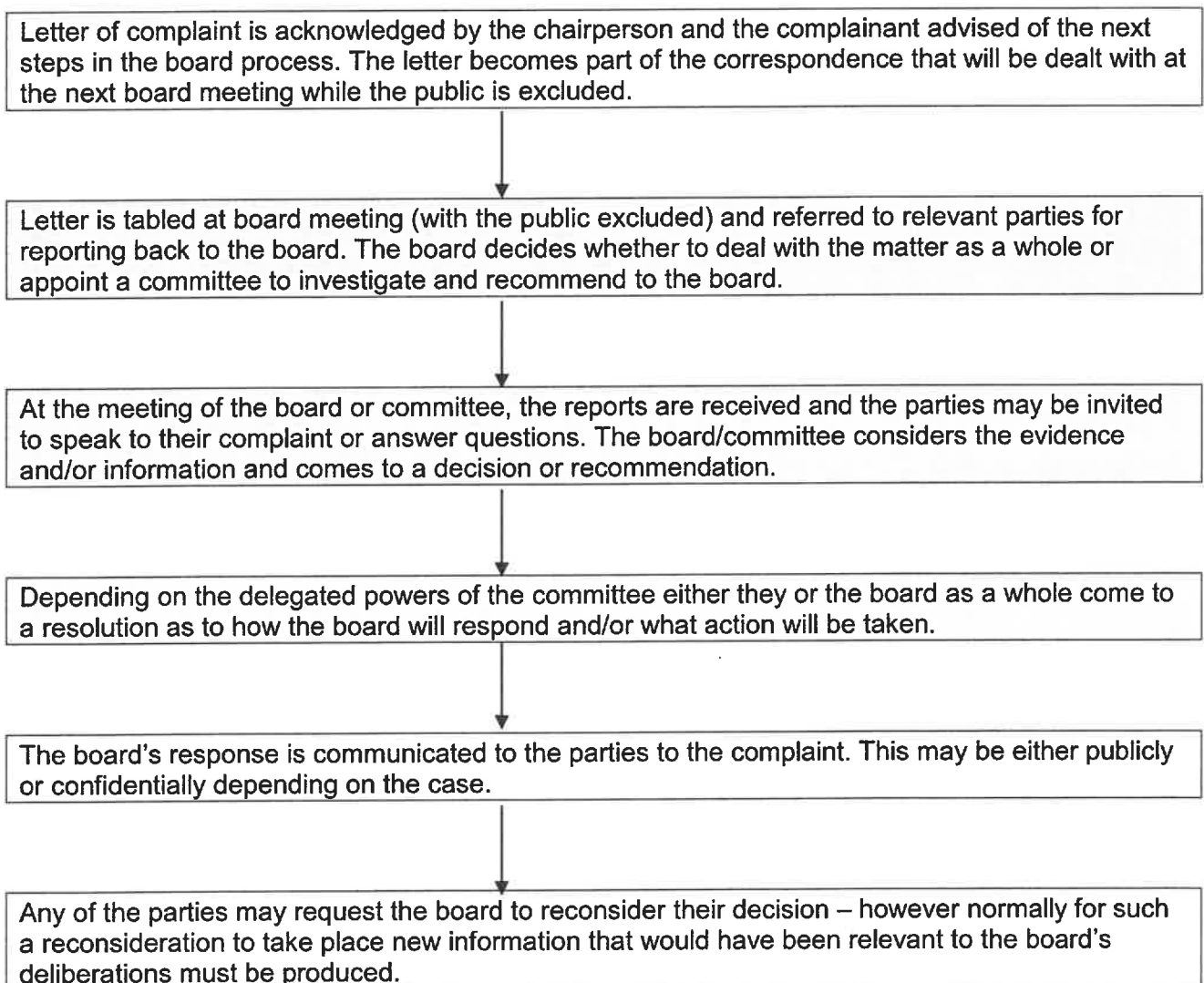
Any concern or complaint is treated as strictly confidential.




Stage one: School community process

1. While minor issues may be able to be discussed in a quick informal chat with a staff member, normally in order for both parties to give the matter full attention, arranging a time to discuss the matter is the preferred option.
2. If the complaints procedure has not been followed, the board will normally return any letter of complaint to the writer and ask that they follow the procedure first.
3. The board needs to formally receive a complaint in order to act on it. If a complaint is serious enough for the board to deal with, it is serious enough to be put in writing. If you have concerns about expressing the matter clearly in writing, please discuss the matter in confidence with the board chair (or another delegated board member) to enable them to assist you with this.
4. All parties to a complaint may bring a support person to any meeting where the issue is to be discussed.
5. Any complaints regarding the principal should be made to the principal and the Board Chairperson.

Board complaints procedure for Aria School



 – shaded area denotes “public excluded” meetings

Stage two: board process

6. Issues of a serious matter, such as allegations of physical abuse, may require a special meeting of the board.
7. All letters addressed to the chair of the board are for the whole board. The chair cannot decide independently what action will be taken unless the board has delegated them authority to do so.
8. Resolution or dismissal of the complaint must not be discussed before all the information is to hand.
9. Conflict of interest will be determined on a number of issues, including whether the complaint involves the actions of any trustee.
10. The board must exercise caution when dealing with complaints regarding staff, particularly in relation to confidentiality and the principles of natural justice. It is advisable to contact the regional NZSTA personnel/industrial adviser in such cases. The board will need to consider the relevant staff disciplinary policies, employment agreements, and expert advice from the NZSTA adviser.
11. The board recognises that not all complainants will be satisfied with the outcome of a complaint. After one reconsideration, the board, if it is confident of its decision, will refuse to enter into further discussion or correspondence. The NZSTA helpdesk can help with such a decision by giving an objective assessment of a board's processes in dealing with the complaint.
12. A complaint regarding lack of compliance in relation to an agreed complaint resolution will be treated as a serious matter and actioned with urgency as a new complaint rather than as a reconsideration of the previous issue.
13. Trustees need to be clear in their mind of the difference between a complaint they have as a parent (that is, regarding their own child) and a complaint they have as a trustee (for example, obstruction of staff preventing them carrying out board work). In the first instance they are required to follow the normal procedures and are excluded from decision making due to conflict of interest. The latter case is dealt with as an agenda item for the whole board (possibly with the public excluded).

Reviewed: August 2022
Next Review: August 2025