

Āria Primary School



* Newsletter *

MONDAY 20TH JULY 2026 - TERM 3, WEEK 1

Tēnā Koutou Katoa!
Welcome to Term 3

PRINCIPAL NEWS

We all look forward to seeing those cheery, refreshed faces ready to launch into another busy term.

- * **Parent Interviews...** Mid year assessment folders and written reports were sent home at the end of last term. If for some reason you have not received yours, please contact the office immediately.

Interviews will follow in the next two weeks - if you require one please contact your child's teacher directly. Feel free to phone the office and make a suitable time now.

- * **School Photo Day...** is this Thursday, 23rd July. Photos will begin **first thing in the morning**.

Sibling Photos Sibling photos will be taken from **8.30am**. If you would like your children to have a sibling photo and have not yet returned your form, please complete and return the attached sibling photo form as soon as possible.

Hockey Team Photos Hockey team photos will be taken at approximately **10.00am**.

Please ensure all hockey players are wearing the **correct uniform**:

- Black shorts
- Blue and white hockey socks

Please note: If players are not in the correct uniform, they will be unable to be included in the team photo. Hockey shirts will be handed out on the morning of Photo Day and **must be returned immediately after the photos have been taken**.

Ordering Photos

All photos will be ordered **online**. After Photo Day, you will receive an email with your child's unique key code, which you can use to view and order photos.

- * **Production Progress...** Two performances on Thursday 20th August, mark on your calendar now. We are contemplating an extra performance on Wednesday 19th at 11am due to the anticipated audience numbers.

Every day in weeks 4 and 5 will involve **whole** school practices at the hall and it is extremely important that your children are present. If you know your children are to be absent during this time please contact me as soon as possible. It is very hard to practice when students are absent, especially those with major roles.

I will hopefully sort all costumes over the next week. Children should be working hard on their lines and we start script reading in class this week.

Senior students will start working with room 2 and 3 to teach them the dances.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3

Board Meetings 2026
Monday 10th August 2026
Monday 14th September

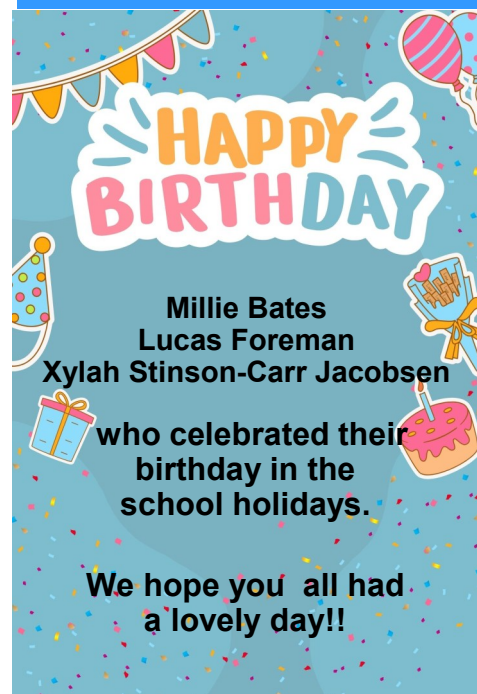
School Photos
(Class, Individual & Hockey)
Thursday 23rd July

Piopio Primary
Sports Photos
(Rippa Rugby, Netball & Football)
Friday 24th July

School Production
Thursday 20th August

Daffodil Day
Friday 28th August

Last Day of Term 3
Friday 25th September



PRINCIPAL NEWS CONTINUED/...

- * **Matariki**... Thank-you for supporting our children to celebrate Matariki last term. A beautiful sunny day and good Kai and conversation made for a great day to be together.
- * **ERO Visit**... As part of our usual cycle of reviews we have a visit from reviewer Clyde Pearce on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. If you have any questions or would like to know more about this review please feel free to contact me.
- * **Board Meetings this term**... Monday 10th August and Monday 14th September at 6.30pm. All welcome as usual.
- * **Principal Appointment**... There has been some pleasing interest in the position and the applications close on Sunday. Graeme Hammond, our Board Presiding Member will keep you updated on progress.
- * **Pua Rito Kapa Haka**... We have been very fortunate to be invited to this Te Nehenehenui initiative over 4 consecutive Tuesdays in August, starting 4th.

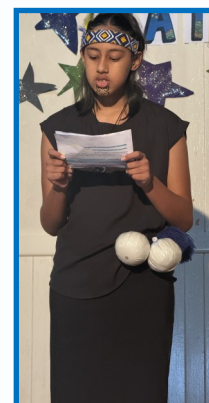
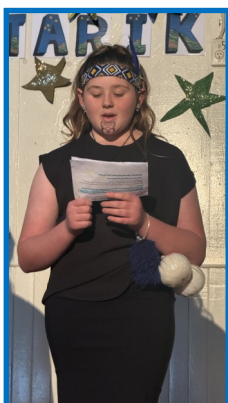
Each week will be led by different kapa haka tutors, bringing their own expertise and teaching style. The sessions have been intentionally planned to build on one another across the four weeks, so regular attendance is encouraged to ensure tamariki experience the full learning journey.

This programme is designed for all participating kura to come together as one group. There will be no age group splits, as the learning is intended to be shared collectively across all taura.

Sessions will be 2 hours long and we will transport all Rooms 1 and 3 students, leaving school at 9am and returning for lunch. If you would like to join us please let me know.

IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILDREN TO ATTEND PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP.

Have a great week, ngā mihi - Pam Voyce

**Matariki - Kapa Haka Performance**

– PRINCIPAL –

ĀRIA PRIMARY SCHOOL (U2) - KING COUNTRY, WAIKATO



Āria Primary School is seeking an inspiring, community-focused leader to join our small rural school as Principal. Located in the heart of the King Country, just 10 minutes from Piopio and 30 minutes from Te Kūiti, Āria Primary School offers a unique leadership opportunity for someone passionate about rural education and making a meaningful difference in the lives of tamariki.

Āria Primary is a U2 rural school with a strong sense of whānau, community, and connection. Our students enjoy a supportive, inclusive environment where they are known, valued, and encouraged to achieve their best. Our community is proud, resilient, and actively supports the school.

We are looking for a motivated and visionary leader who will:

- Foster a positive, inclusive, and engaging learning environment
- Build strong relationships with students, staff, whānau, and the wider community
- Promote high-quality teaching and learning
- Embrace the character and opportunities of rural education
- Lead with integrity, innovation, and care

This is a wonderful opportunity to lead a small school with a big heart, in a supportive and welcoming rural community.

A school house may be available.

Position begins at the start of the 2027 school year.

Applications close 4.00pm 26 July.

**Please request an application pack and forms from:
petergall@edsolnz.co.nz**



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PIPIO
 YOUTH SPORTS
 COMMITTEE

Students to remain
 in class until their
 team has been
 called over the
 speaker

PHOTO TIMETABLE

Friday 24th July

Football- 12.00pm

FOOTBALL TEAMS
 *5 teams

Rippa - 12.20pm

RIPPA TEAMS
 *2 teams

Netball - 12.30pm

NETBALL TEAMS
 *2 teams

**TIMES ARE
 APPROXIMATE &
 MAY CHANGE -**

**We appreciate your
 flexibility**

Important information

- All children will be issued an online code to order photos.
- ALL players **MUST** wear their correct playing uniform (uniform will be provided to teams on the day)
- Please bring **BLACK SHORTS & SOCKS**
- All teams & coaches meet 30 minutes before their photo slot to get ready - meeting place to be confirmed!



JUNIOR SQUASH COACHING



Term 3 Aria Squash Club



Registration to
 Layla Benton-Todd: 0211006647

**Monday Afternoons
 Starting from 3:30pm**

Session times will be made based on ability

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



**PIOPIO AMATEUR
 SWIMMING CLUB**

SECRETARY WANTED!

CONTACT NOW



**Alisa Houghton
 027 320 7499**

The Piopio Amateur Swim Club is looking for a new Secretary to join our friendly and supportive committee.

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

- Approximately 4 committee meetings + AGM per year
- Basic administrative and communication tasks
- Plenty of support and guidance provided

BONUS: By taking on the Secretary position, you will be guaranteed a place for your child/children in our Learn to Swim programme.

If you would like more information or would like to express your interest Contact Alisa now.

We would love to hear from you!