

NEWSLETTER

Week 1

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOT meeting
Wednesday
29 July

**Parent/teacher
conferences**
Wednesday &
Thursday
5 & 6 August

Rippa rugby yr 5&6
Tuesday
25 August

Speeches (in class)
Wednesday
26 August

BOT meeting
Wednesday
26 August

Speech finals
Wednesday
2 September

PIPIO

PRIMARY SCHOOL

PANUI #22 | 24th July 2026

Kia ora e te whānau,

We welcomed new tamariki and their whānau to Piopio Primary on Monday with our mihi whakatau. Once again, Angus Cowin spoke on behalf of the kura. We are very fortunate to have student leaders who can step up and represent our school in a wide variety of roles.

Everyone arrived at school today looking very smart and ready for school photos. The photos taken today will remain with the school forever and become part of our history. Thank you to Whaea Maki for organising photo day and to Lulu for coordinating the sports photos. It was also lovely to have the Kōhanga Reo at our kura for their photo.

There are a lot of exciting events happening in Term 3. Key events include speeches for our Year 4, 5, and 6 students (Year 3 students will also be presenting speeches as part of their classroom learning), Piopio's Got Talent, the Music Festival, and the Rippa Rugby Tournament for our Year 5 and 6 tamariki. These events sit alongside the high-quality teaching and learning taking place in classrooms every day.

You will have seen on Facebook and Hero that parent-teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday 5 August and Thursday 6 August. Interviews are 15-minute time slots, and it is entirely up to parents whether they would like their child to be part of the discussion about their learning. If you have not already booked a time, please log into the Hero app and select a suitable slot. We are looking forward to meeting with all our families.

The MYSC (Calf Club Committee) met on Monday night for its AGM. The date for this year's Pet Day is Tuesday 20 October. Information about pets will be sent out soon. In the meantime, please put this date in your calendar.

We received the provisional attendance report from the Ministry of Education during the term break, and it was pleasing to see that our regular attendance rate for Term 2 (65%) has improved on 2025 (59%). In fact, since the Ministry began collecting attendance data in 2021, our attendance has improved significantly. We really appreciate the efforts of whānau to ensure tamariki attend school regularly. Let's see if we can continue this positive trend in Term 3.

Please enjoy the weekend, and remember that if you would like to give us any feedback, we are always keen to hear your thoughts. I am always available by phone, email, or in person.

Ngā mihi nui
Sue Coyle

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What's been happening in

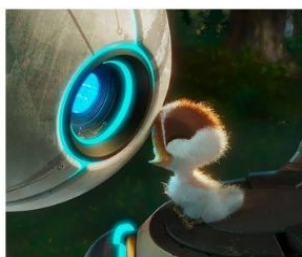
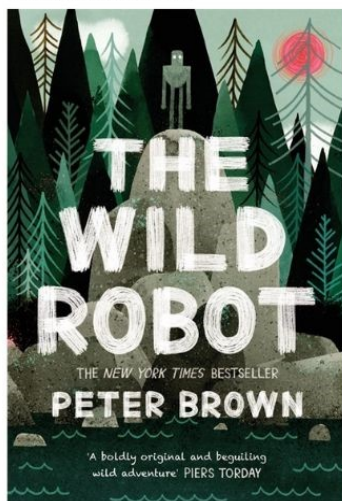


ROOM 6



THE WILD ROBOT NOVEL STUDY

Last term we really enjoyed reading the novel *The Wild Robot* together and learning heaps of new vocabulary words from it! We followed the journey of robot Roz learning how to live among and interact with the wild animals.



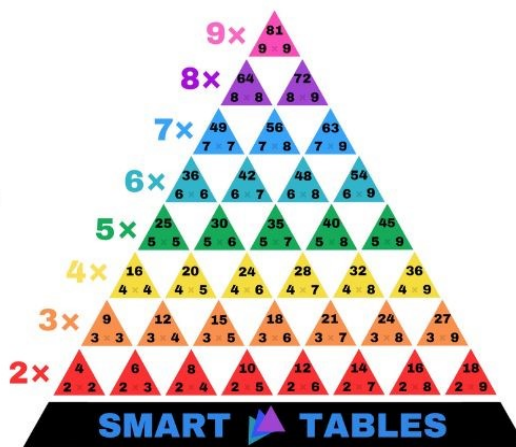
Now we're reading the sequel: *The Wild Robot Escapes*!

BAKING WEETBIX SLICE



10-DAY TIMES TABLES CHALLENGE

The smart tables 10-day challenge is designed to fast-track times tables learning. It simplifies 100 times tables into 36 facts to memorise and gives tips along the way. After the 10 days, everyone had improved their times tables knowledge!



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LEARNING

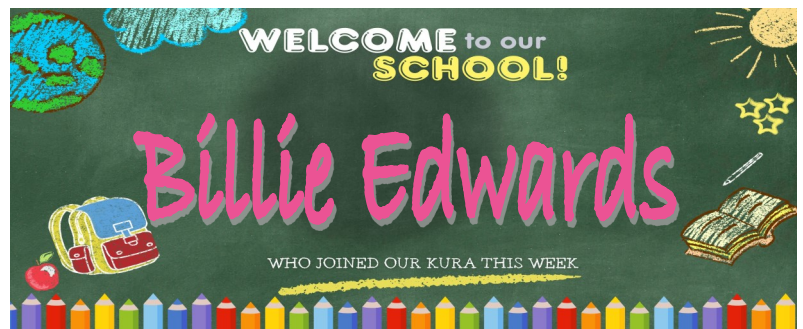


NOTICE BOARD

Please Txt/Email/phone the office by 2.45pm
if there is any changes to your child's
afterschool arrangements



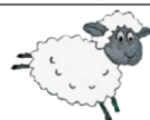
players of the day..
Sienna & Eva



QUINN HAVEA
LUCY GORDON
OLLIE MOORHOUSE
LOUIS HEALD
THEO HOUGHTON
KENDALL HIRIAKI
NELLIE ASHMAN
ISLA-MAE SIMPSON
RIHANA THAKUR
JANE PATTERSON
PETANI RAUPUTU

WHO CELEBRATED THEIR
BIRTHDAY OVER THE WEEK &
DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Merehuia Young Stock Club

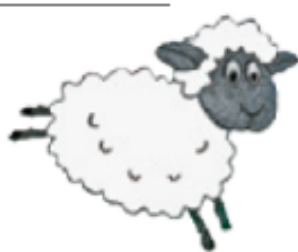


MYSC



Could all calf club trophies please be
returned to the office as soon as possible.
Thanks!

Merehuia Young Stock Club



CALF CLUB DAY 2026

Tuesday 20th October

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Calf Club Day is a tradition at Piopio Primary School which takes place early in Term 4. This letter is an introduction, especially for our new parents.

The day is organised and run by a committee of volunteers known collectively as the Merehuia Young Stock Club (MYSC) Committee.

There are three major sections for students to be involved in:

ANIMALS DECORATIVE COOKING

You will receive plenty of information throughout the term about this event.

A schedule about the decorative and cooking items will be sent home towards the end of Term 3.

It is time to start thinking about animals. Calves, lambs or goats must be born on or after the 1st of July 2026 and before 20th September 2026.

The birth dates tie in with Group Day rules for students who wish to go on and compete against other schools. Group Day information will be included in the entry packs.

This table details the class of animal students may enter:

Please note that preschoolers are not eligible to compete for trophies.

Class of Animal	Preschoolers	Primary School Students	College Students Y7-10
CALF		😊	😊
LAMB	😊	😊	😊
GOAT	😊	😊	😊
COMPANION ANIMALS e.g. poultry, cats, etc. (no dogs)	😊	😊	😊

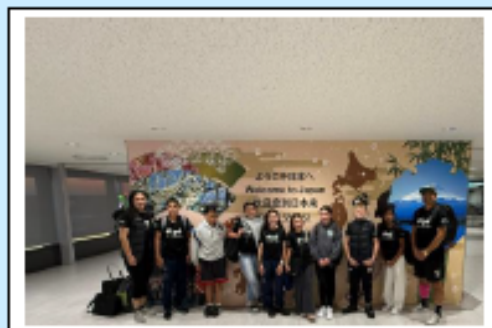


Waitomo Sister City Cultural Exchange



We are inviting current (2026) Year 6 & 7 students, their families and interested people to an information evening about our proposed cultural exchange to Tatsuno in June 2027.

To find out more join us **Monday 3 August 2026 @ 5.30pm**, multi-purpose room, Centennial Park School, 50 Te Kuiti Road, Te Kuiti



The establishment of our sister city relationship began when two fighter pilots – one from Tatsuno, Japan, Professor Kinase and Squadron Leader Les Munro, from Waitomo, meet at a World War II reunion. The two former enemies realised that both towns had several commonalities between them, the foremost of which is their fireflies and our glow worms, together with their shared war experience.

The first delegation came to Waitomo in March 1993 for informal discussions. On 30 March 1995, an agreement was officially signed at a ceremony held at the Te Kuiti Pa.

The agreement outlines key factors, the promotion of friendship and goodwill together with the endeavour to encourage an understanding and awareness of the separate cultures and the exchange of ideas between our people and communities. In 2025 the relationship celebrated 30 years.