

7th February
2025

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PIPIO
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Meet the teachers

19th Feb 4 pm - 6 pm

Board meeting

26th Feb @ 6pm

PYSC AGM

27th Feb

Swimming Sports

28th Feb

Interschool Swimming Sports

7th March

End of term one

11th April

Tēnā Koutou,

A very warm welcome to the new school year and a very special welcome to our new families. We had 2 new students start on Tuesday and have a number of other enrolments coming this term. Yesterday members of the Board, staff and tamariki welcomed our new whānau with a mihi whakatau. Thank you to Eleazar Muraahi who spoke on behalf of the kura.

I would like to acknowledge all the helpers who supported our entry for the Piopio Christmas Parade. The tamariki looked great as minions. Once again we won 3rd in the Education/club category. A special thanks to Lulu Hussey for organising the use of their ute and Cam for driving. Our thinking caps are on for this year's parade.

Over the summer break the school was given a thorough clean. We are very fortunate to have Sadie Mortensen who keeps our school clean and tidy. This gives our tamariki a learning environment to be proud of. From time to time we have additional jobs that need to be done to keep our school to the standard we want. Please keep an eye for working bees, so you can help.

I know there has been a lot of news about school lunches in the media recently. These changes do **not** affect us. We are incredibly lucky to still receive our lunches from Piopio Pantry. Sheryl does an amazing job and we are asking the tamariki for their opinions on their favourite foods, so they enjoy their lunches every day. Don't forget if you don't want your child to receive a school lunch please let Whaea Maki know as soon as possible. Alternatively if you want your child to have a school lunch each day and previously haven't been having one contact Whaea Maki in the office.

You will have received an email about our new communication app- **Hero**. This gives you information on how to download the app. Thank you to those who have downloaded Hero and have begun to use it. It will be a one stop shop- you can notify us if your child is away, visit our Facebook and website, and learning will be shared so you can see the progress your child is making. As the staff become more familiar with Hero and all it offers the more you will get to see. Another great benefit of Hero is notices for camps, class trips and sporting events will be shared from the app.

We have some important dates for you to put in your calendar; **Wednesday the 19th of February** from 4-6pm is 'meet the teacher night'. This is an opportunity for you to visit classes to say hi to the teachers, followed by enjoying a sausage sizzle. **Friday 28th of February** is the Piopio Primary swimming sports, followed by **Friday the 7th of March** the Waitomo interschools swimming sports. We look forward to seeing you there.



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Just a couple of friendly reminders- tamariki should not have mobile phones at school. If on occasions they do need a phone at school, it must be handed into the office and can be collected at the end of the day. Please park in our bottom car park rather than in the College car park. The College car park is a very busy place with buses coming and going, plus College tamariki being dropped off. We are working with Piopio College to keep everyone safe as they arrive and depart school. We thank you for your support.

Attendance is very important for your child(rens) learning. 'Regular' attendance is defined as 90% or higher. In 2025, the Ministry of Education is checking attendance daily. As a school we have very strict instructions on what we need to do if attendance falls below Ministry guidelines. Research shows that every day that tamariki is away from school has an impact on their learning and there is no 'safe' level of non-attendance. Please work with us to have your tamariki at school every day!

We are really excited with our overall concept for teaching and learning in 2025. At our planning hui we decided on the overall concept of -

Mā te rongo, ka mōhio
Mā te mōhio, ka mārama
Mā te mārama ka mātau,
Mā te mātau ka ora.

From listening comes knowledge, from knowledge comes understanding, from understanding comes wisdom, from wisdom comes well-being.

We are planning engaging activities to support learning. Keep an eye out to see how you can be involved. This concept supports Piopio Primary's vision- *Growing well rounded tamariki who reach their full potential in a safe and inclusive environment.*

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I have an open door policy and I encourage you to come and share ideas, information or ask questions. I hope you enjoyed Waitangi Day, an important date in New Zealand/Aotearoa's history.

Ngā mihi nui

Sue Coyle
Tumuaki/Principal

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WEEK 1 2025



Room

6



Room

3



Room

2



Room

4

TERM ONE

Please remember that it is compulsory for children to wear bucket hats in term one (No caps) please remember to pack a named hat daily

CONGRATULATIONS

PB4L

Rylee Boddie
Max Hawkless
Quinn Houghton
Ollie Moorehouse
Olivia Parkes

*Who were all
"Caught showing our kura values"
Over the past week*

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

Penny Youngman
Holly Englebretsen

WHO JOINED OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Happy Birthday

Sienna Haumaha
Kaileigh Holley-Brown
Elliott Kloeten
Aloraa McCarthy
Zion White
Katie Blake
Tyler Brice
Koby Houghton
Louis Khin
Marley Langlands
Rylan Pikia
Ngatai Rauputu
Tiana Rauputu
Quentin Wikaira
Damo Hunt
Elias McDougall

Who all celebrated their birthdays over the holidays

PIOPIO JUNIOR RUGBY MUSTER
14TH FEBRUARY

Hey Everyone!

We are excited to announce that the Piopio Junior Rugby Muster will take place on Friday, February 14th, at the Piopio Rugby Club!

Join us at 4:00 PM for a meet and greet, followed by some awesome games and a complimentary sausage sizzle.

This muster is for our future rugby stars in Year 3 to Year 8, with teams for Under 9, Under 11, and Under 13.

We can't wait to see all your smiling faces there!

Please scan the QR code to register your child or children to join us at Piopio Junior Rugby.

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REMEMBER

Please Txt/Email the office by **2.45pm** if there are any changes to your child's after school arrangements

