

This Weeks News What's happening... Happy B'day





Teachers Union Meeting Fri 22 Mar @ 12.25

PYSC Meeting Tue 26 March @ 6.30pm

Good Friday/Easter Tuesday Fri 29th Mar - Tue 2nd April

> Last day Term 1 Friday 12th April



## Tēnā Koutou,

Once again thank you to everyone who supported our swimming sports last Friday. The weather was perfect for the day. It was great to have so many whānau here cheering the tamariki on. All the houses put amazing effort into their chants. I might be biased (as I'm in blue house), but I still think blue house did very well! We are humbled by the support we receive from the wider Piopio community. Swimming sports was no exception, with people giving their time so our tamariki could have their races. I would like to thank and acknowledge the organisers of our swimming sports; Kim Bailey and Tisharne Sicely. The day went to plan and was a great success which is a reflection of the mahi that was done beforehand. I know Kim and Tisharne would agree we would not have such a successful day without the input and guidance of Lee Alcock. We are incredibly lucky to have such expertise on our staff.

The sausage sizzle organised by the PYSC (Sports committee) was also a great success. I believe 500 sausages were sold and almost 200 juicies. Thank you to everyone who purchased some kai. The money raised will go towards subsidising sports fees. Thank you to Lucille Woodd and Yvette Ronaldson for their organisation, the great cooks and all the helpers who helped sell. We also appreciated the use of the PGG Wrigtsons's BBQ.

We have 16 students competing at the Waitomo Interschool Swimming Sports. Thank you to staff and whānau who supported our team for the day. Placings will be shared next week.

If your tamariki have expressed an interest in playing winter sports, you will be receiving a notice with all the information needed. This year PYSC (sports committee) is becoming more digital and you will register using jotforms. All the information and instructions you need to use jotforms is on the notice.

We have appointed a new teacher for room 7. Fiona Merrie will be joining Piopio Primary at the start of term 2. Fiona brings a wealth of experience teaching in rural schools. We have also employed another teacher aide. Ieva Walters will be working in room 9 alongside Miss Sicely from Monday for the next 10 weeks. We are looking forward to having both Fiona and Ieva on our staff.

This week I have had the opportunity to spend time in some classrooms. It is always inspiring when our tamariki ask really interesting questions. The discussions and sharing they have really shows their curiosity. An example was a question from one of our room 7 tama. He asked mewhy do we have to do maths at home, when we can't ride our motorbikes at school? The tamariki all had ideas why. To be honest their ideas and reasons were much better than mine.

Have a great weekend!

Ngā mihi nui Sue Coyle

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