

Āria Primary School



* Newsletter *

MONDAY 29TH JUNE 2026 - TERM 2, WEEK 11

Tēnā Koutou Katoa!
Welcome to the last week of term 2

PRINCIPAL NEWS

It has been a long and action packed term and the children and staff are tired and well ready for two weeks holiday.

We all wish you a safe and happy break and look forward to seeing you all back in two weeks time, ready to begin our school production "Porridge!"

Please refer to last week's newsletter for details about what's on this week -

- ⇒ Science Fair.
- ⇒ Matariki Kapa Haka performance.
- ⇒ Organising an interview to discuss Mid Year assessments that were sent home on Friday.

* **Book Fair Success!...** A huge **thank you** to everyone who supported our Book Fair this year. Thanks to your wonderful support, **\$947.00** was spent on books, which means our school has earned **\$284.00** to spend on new books for the school library. We greatly appreciate your support in helping us grow our library collection and provide even more great books for our students to enjoy. Thank you!

* **Orienteering Congratulations ...** Congratulations to Maggie Jones, who placed 2nd equal in the Year 4 Girls, Quayde Cannons, who finished 4th in the Year 5/6 Boys, and the Āria B Year 4 Team, who achieved 1st equal in the team event. Well done to you all on your fantastic result!

Wishing everyone a great week and a safe, enjoyable school holiday break.

Ngā mihi - Pam Voyce

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Board Meetings 2026
Monday 10th August 2026
Monday 14th September
at 6.30pm - all welcome

Science Fair Prizegiving
Held at Āria Hall
Wednesday 1st July

Matariki Celebrations
Thursday 2nd June at 11.00am

End of Term 2
Friday 3rd July

Big Day Out (Working Bee)
Thursday 16th July

TERM 3

First Day of Term 3
Monday 20th July

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

Piopio Primary Sports Photos
(Rippa Rugby, Netball & ...)

School Production
Thursday 20th August

A MASSIVE THANK YOU

to Shoppington in Te Kuiti

for the donation of 10 AMAZING prizes for our Science and Technology Fair.

We really appreciate your support!!



ABSENT FROM SCHOOL?

Please notify the office with a reason why:

(07) 877-7857

office@aria.school.nz

2026 Āria Messenger Page

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



Thank you for helping us keep our school community informed! ♥

ĀRIA PRIMARY SCHOOL - RESULTS

Name	Boy/Girl	School	Year	Team Name	Time (Minutes)
Harvey Deere	Girl	Aria School	4	Group 1	47
Rylee Williams	Girl	Āria School	4	Group 1	47
Ivy Darke	Girl	Āria School	4	Group 1	51
Rocky Williams	Girl	Āria School	4	Group 1	56
Millie Bates	Girl	Āria School	4	Group 1	63
Sarsha Foreman	Girl	Āria School	4	Group 1	89
Name	Boy/Girl	School	Year	Team Name	Time (Minutes)
Maggie Jones	Girl	Āria School	4	Group 2	25
McKay Husdon	Boy	Āria School	4	Group 2	37
Toby Craig	Boy	Āria School	4	Group 2	44
Elliot Cave	Boy	Āria School	4	Group 2	46
Amber Rasmussen	Girl	Āria School	4	Group 2	57
Briar Robinson	Girl	Āria School	4	Group 2	85
Nui Mclvor	Boy	Āria School	4	Group 2	DQ
Name	Boy/Girl	School	Year	Team Name	Time (Minutes)
Willow Le Feuvre	Girl	Āria School	5/6	A	54
Antonia Pardo Yanez	Girl	Āria School	5/6	A	60
Aria Buttar	Girl	Āria School	5/6	A	83
Lacey Demchy	Girl	Āria School	5/6	A	101
Kaylee Rasmussen	Girl	Āria School	5/6	A	101
Dantez Haupokia	Girl	Āria School	5/6	A	122
Name	Boy/Girl	School	Year	Team Name	Time (Minutes)
Quayde Cannons	Boy	Āria School	5/6	B	23
Dylan Darke	Boy	Āria School	5/6	B	32
Eli Le Feuvre	Boy	Āria School	5/6	B	33
Isaac Alcock	Boy	Āria School	5/6	B	45
Austin Cave	Boy	Āria School	5/6	B	45
Billie Jones	Girl	Aria School	5/6	B	48
Name	Boy/Girl	School	Year	Team Name	Time (Minutes)
Lucas Foreman	Boy	Āria School	5/6	C	34
Brayden Jones	Boy	Āria School	5/6	C	35
Hunter Cox	Boy	Āria School	5/6	C	53
Kobe Ritchie	Boy	Āria School	5/6	C	53
Taihana Bodger-Kearns	Boy	Āria School	5/6	C	74
Hatu Andrews	Boy	Āria School	5/6	C	DQ

TOP FIVE TEAMS - FOR EACH YEAR GROUP

Year 4 - Teams			
Placing	Team Name	School	Time (minutes)
1st	Compass Crusaders	Kio Kio School	39
2nd	Map Masters	Kio Kio School	42
3rd	Keas	Te Kuiti Primary	49
4th	Checkpoint Chargers	Kio Kio School	51
5th	Year 4	Rangitoto School	58
Year 5/6 - Teams			
Placing	Team Name	School	Time (minutes)
1st=	B	Āria Primary School	48
1st=	Blue	Piopio Primary School	48
3rd	Orange	Piopio Primary School	49
4th	C	Otorohanga South School	51
5th	Falcons	Te Kuiti Primary	57
Year 7/8 - Teams			
Placing	Team Name	School	Time (minutes)
1st	Eagles	Te Kuiti Primary School	33
2nd	C	Otorohanga South School	34
3rd	Raptors	Te Kuiti Primary School	35
4th	D	Otorohanga South School	36
5th	B	Otorohanga South School	39

TOP FIVE BOYS - FOR EACH YEAR GROUP

Year 4 - Boys			
Placing	Name	School	Time (minutes)
1st=	Stanley Brice	Kio Kio School	20
1st=	Finley Mora	Kio Kio School	20
3rd	Lachlan Strachan	Te Kuiti Primary School	22
4th	Wolf Walters	Rangitoto School	26
5th	Lincoln Pratt	Kio Kio School	33
Year 5/6 - Boys			
Placing	Name	School	Time (minutes)
1st	Angus Cowin	Piopio Primary School	16
2nd=	Koby Houghton	Piopio Primary School	22
4th	Quayde Cannons	Āria Primary School	23
5th	Jack Lockwood	Kio Kio School	24
Year 7/8 - Boys			
Placing	Name	School	Time (minutes)
1st	Kale Maarhuis	Te Kuiti Primary School	17
2nd	Cooper Boddie	Piopio College	18
2nd=	Bentley Jones	Piopio College	18
4th	Rex Wild	Otorohanga South School	20
5th=	Archie Mouat	Otorohanga South School	21
5th=	Brian Bartraw	Otorohanga South School	21
5th=	Lucas Parkes	Piopio College	21
5th=	Cohen Barrera Cassidy	Te Kuiti Primary School	21

TOP FIVE GIRLS - FOR EACH YEAR GROUP

Year 4 - Girls			
Placing	Name	School	Time (minutes)
1st	Maci Edwards	Kio Kio School	19
2nd	Maggie Jones	Āria Primary School	25
2nd=	Olive Morrow	Kio Kio School	25
4th	Petani Rauputu	Piopio Primary School	29
5th=	Pippa Fleming	Kio Kio School	32
5th=	Izzy Casey	Kio Kio School	32
5th	Elise Duder	Rangitoto School	32
Year 5/6 - Girls			
1st	Eva Brown	Piopio Primary School	27
2nd	Ruby Mouat	Piopio Primary School	28
3rd	Briley Grainger	Piopio Primary School	31
4th	Chloe Needham	Te Kuiti Primary School	32
5th=	Rosie Lee Barnsdall	Piopio Primary School	33
5th=	Ellie Mangles	Otorohanga South School	33
Year 7/8 - Girls			
Placing	Name	School	Time (minutes)
1st	Peata Fagan	St Joseph's Catholic School	18
2nd	Izzy Houghton	Piopio College	19
3rd=	Eden Bradley	Te Kuiti Primary School	21
3rd=	Skylar Houpapa	Te Kuiti Primary School	21
5th=	Leah Connolly	Otorohanga South School	22
5th	Willa Neal	Te Kuiti Primary School	22

ORIENTEERING IS THE BEST!

FUN • ADVENTURE • FRIENDS

Orienteering by Dylan Darke

Here here yes finally I have been waiting for ever "Aria School Year 5/6 B" please may your way to the starting line.

You may go I heard from the side of my ear. I rush to my first marker number 23 as I clip it im already 20m from my next peg clip clip clip clip as I rush to the finish line I realize I'm coming Second in my group.

Great job Dylan. my mum said.

I run to get some food at the lion caravan because my grandad is in there I get hot chips and a 2 drinks I for Ivy and I for me when the day is almost done grandad comes out and said "here is 3 hot dogs share them with Ivy and Cody" "thank you so much".



Orienteering

As Mrs Alcock calls up Aria B we all grab our maps and shoot off as fast as possible. I felt so nervous and excited at the same time.

I tried to beat my record last year. It was 2h 39mins which was very possible to beat. As I was looking for 41 it seemed to be impossible to find. I could not find it anywhere until I found it right beside me. When I got to my last marker 25 I clipped so fast, speedy Gonzalez to the finish. My time was 33 minutes, heaps better than last year. To celebrate I had so many drinks and battered sausages, then picked up some of the pegs with Quayde.

By Eli



ORIENTEERING IS THE BEST

It wasn't rainy! So the walk to the Aria squash club wasn't a wruggle at all. I kinda imagine how the schools reacted to seeing us scary along the road! Unfortunately, I didn't show up last year so I did NOT know what I was doing with the map. Thankfully, Mrs Bates was out and about to assist the kids in case we needed help, "THANK YOU MRS BATES" During my miserable start, I lost myself at least twice in the boomies track and walked past my first peg at least thirteen times.... When I was walking past the next bend, I saw Arwetel And we worked together for a little wee' bit... until I had to scurry off to do my own thing. During my painful walk to Aria school, I got to see some kids that went to choir with me! I got to catch up with them but that was until I had to ditch them to go to my LAST peg. I was kicking my feet back to the domain! Best orienteering ever!

ARIA BUTTAR 23-6-26



Isaac and I

On Friday 400 kids arrived at the domain for orienteering. It got louder and louder until Mrs Voyce called up Aria 5/6B. My heart started to pound. Isaac and I teamed up to complete the course. At the end Isaac went to 11 and I went to 34. I finished and I was so happy.

By Austin Cave

My team name was Aria 5/6B. Me and Austin Cave zoomed in the paddock. I went for 11 but I didn't find it so I teamed up with Austin. We were running up roads, jumping over rivers and fences and I picking pegs on my map. There were kids everywhere as well and picking everywhere around us. Orienteering was very fun. It was very muddy and I stepped on a little swamp under the grass and it hurt. Orienteering was still fun. I still got all the markers and I took Lockie to get his 8 markers when I had finished. I went to jump over a fence. I didn't make it over the fence. It was very fun. Elliton and I went to get muddy. I had to have a shower. My mum was not happy at all as we had to go to soccer, but mum and I went home first.

By Isaac

Orienteering

"This is great, this is the first time ever that it's been sunny for orienteering" Mrs Voyce shouts, obviously very pleased that there won't be much mud to clean up, she deafend anyone that was up the front. My group went 45th and I'm telling you now that I wasn't nervous before I found that out. When it was finally time for us to go I was so nervous. When I got my map I took off, while I was running read over it a couple times before it sunk in. This would be a piece of cake, this order was perfect. All I had to do was run a loop from the domain around to the school and back, easy right? It would be if I knew how to read a map!

After I finally got back I'd only taken 42 minutes, boom I bet my record.

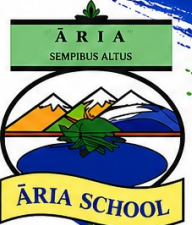
By Billie Jones



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ĀRIA HOCKEY



Congratulations to ALL our 2026 Āria hockey players! I am so proud of how you have played throughout the season. Be mega proud of yourselves. Our Āria kids sure do love their hockey & it's so awesome how many teams we enter into the local competition for our little school!

Our results for 2026...

- ★ Āria Wildcats Junior A champs
- ★ Āria Tigers Junior B 2nd
- ★ Āria Leopards Junior B 4th

Well done teams! ♥

Congratulations Wildcats for winning the final 5-1. You all played your hearts out and believed in your mates with awesome passing of the ball & teamwork! It was an exciting & wonderful game to watch. I am so proud of you all!

Thanks to our fantastic coaches and support crew for organizing, supporting and encouraging our kiddies each week. We love & appreciate your support.



Please wash and return your hockey tee to Nicola in the school office **before the end of term** ... so we are ready for hockey photos early next term!

Be proud kids ~ thank you parents.

Kind regards
Keri Alcock



– 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**



Āria Primary School
invites all whānau to...

KAPA HAKA PERFORMANCE

Thursday 2 July 2026 | **11.00am** | **Āria Multicultural Hall**

Please be seated by 10.45am (dress warmly)

This will be followed by a *shared kai* of butter chicken and rice back at school!

Feel free to bring a small plate of food to add to our shared kai.

ALL WHĀNAU WELCOME

We hope you can join us.



2026 BIG DAY OUT

COMMUNITY • CONNECTION • CONTRIBUTION

THURSDAY 16TH JULY 2026, 1.30PM
Second Week of the School Holidays

Come along and help at this years Working Bees

Following the working bees, join us for a meal at the Aria Cosi Club at 6.00pm.

Meat will be supplied by King Country River Care. Please bring a salad to share.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP, PLEASE CONTACT:

 FOR ARIA SCHOOL: Ellie Barron 027 455 5481	 FOR ARIA ST HELENS DOMAIN BOARD: Munta Nelson (Blair) 027 490 0502	 FOR ARIA SQUASH CLUB: Brian Berry 021 217 0500	 FOR ARIA PLAYCENTRE: Jorga Craig 027 354 8190
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Many hands make light work - Together we make a difference!

PIOPIO RUGBY CLUB

MATCH DAY RESULTS SATURDAY JUNE 27TH

UNDER 8'S

PIOPIO JR RFC U8'S **65 vs 70** OJR GOLDS U8'S

UNDER 9'S

PIOPIO JR RFC U9'S **50 vs 50** COAST SHARKS U9

UNDER 11'S

PIOPIO JR RFC U11'S GOLD **30 vs 25** PIOPIO JR RFC U11'S GREEN

UNDER 8'S

JACKSON STRAWBRIDGE MAGGIE JONES VINNY LE FEUVRE

PLAYER OF THE DAY
PROUDLY SPONSORED BY THE FAT PIGEON CAFE

UNDER 11'S GOLD

ELI LE FEUVRE JAMES IRWIN

UNDER 11'S GOLD PLAYER OF THE DAY
PROUDLY SPONSORED BY THE FAT PIGEON CAFE

UNDER 11'S GREEN

GUS HOLMES CASE WILSON

UNDER 11'S GREEN PLAYER OF THE DAY
PROUDLY SPONSORED BY THE FAT PIGEON CAFE

UNDER 9'S

ARI ANSELM PETANI RAUPUTU DARCY BROWN

UNDER 9'S PLAYER OF THE DAY
PROUDLY SPONSORED BY THE FAT PIGEON CAFE

MATCH DAY RESULTS 20TH JUNE

UNDER 8'S

PIOPIO JR RFC U8'S **85 vs 50** OJR BLUES U8

UNDER 9'S

PIOPIO JR RFC U9'S **25 vs 55** TKP TIGERS U9

UNDER 11'S GOLD

PIOPIO JR RFC U11'S GOLD **45 vs 5** TJR KING COUNTRY MOTORS U11

UNDER 11'S GREEN

PIOPIO JR RFC GREEN U11'S **80 vs 15** TJR ONGARUE U11

UNDER 13'S

PIOPIO JR RFC U13 **10 vs 59** WAITETE RFC U13

UNDER 8'S

NGATAI RAUPUTU LACHLAN FINN OLLIE MOORHOUSE

PLAYER OF THE DAY
PROUDLY SPONSORED BY THE FAT PIGEON CAFE

UNDER 9'S

ZION WHITE WILLOW LE FEUVRE

UNDER 9'S PLAYER OF THE DAY
PROUDLY SPONSORED BY THE FAT PIGEON CAFE

UNDER 11'S GOLD

KOBE RITCHIE KOBY HOUGHTON ELI LE FEUVRE

PLAYER OF THE DAY
PROUDLY SPONSORED BY THE FAT PIGEON CAFE

UNDER 11'S GREEN

BRAYDEN JONES CONNOR COWIN EDEN ARMSTRONG

PLAYER OF THE DAY
PROUDLY SPONSORED BY THE FAT PIGEON CAFE

UNDER 13'S

MILA ORMSBY TAINE PARI MOOKS NGATAI-BROWN

PLAYER OF THE DAY
PROUDLY SPONSORED BY THE FAT PIGEON CAFE





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

MATARIKI KIDS MOVIE NIGHT

COME CELEBRATE THE MĀORI NEW YEAR WITH US HERE AT THE CLUB!

- FRIDAY 10TH JULY 2026**
- 6:00PM ONWARDS**
- MOVIE PLAYING ON THE BIG SCREEN**
- DINNER BOX - \$10**
- GOODIE BOX - \$5**
- LANTERN LIGHTING IN THE PADDOCK (WEATHER PERMITTING)**
- PLEASE BRING WARM CLOTHING.

Fun, prizes & good times for the kids!

Aria COSMOPOLITAN CLUB

BRING THE WHOLE WHĀNAU ALONG FOR A FUN-FILLED EVENING AS WE CELEBRATE MATARIKI TOGETHER!

EVERYONE WELCOME!

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Arts & Crafts at SHOPPINGTON

FREE instore fun for kids!

Get creative these holidays!

- ANY WEEKDAY THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
- 10AM - 2PM
- SHOPPINGTON TE KUITI

A FEW QUICK THINGS TO KNOW:

- Activity takes around 20 mins
- Kids must have a supervising adult
- One activity per child
- Ages 4-14 years | FREE!

COME CREATE, MAKE & HAVE FUN!

FOR MORE INFORMATION: **07 878 6622**

WE HAVE A WINNER!

The Piopio Youth Sports Committee (PYSC) is thrilled to announce the winner of our special Mother's Day raffle! While we extended the sales period to sell as many tickets as possible to maximize support for our youth, we are now ready to announce the draw.

The draw took place on **27th June 2026**, with PYSC Committee members present (Lulu Hussey & Keri Alcock).

CONGRATULATIONS!!

The winner is ticket number **51**, belonging to **Paul Draper!**

We will be in touch with Paul to organize the presentation of their **\$250 voucher** from **Denise Langlands** of Dee's Candid Collective Photography towards a beautiful family photoshoot.

WINNING TICKET: #51
RAFFLE CLOSED

Check out Dee's beautiful work for inspiration:
 Facebook: DeeDee's Photography
 Instagram: deescandicollective

Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser and especially our sponsor, **Denise Langlands** - this wouldn't have been possible without you!

I am grandmother to the Le Feuve children and need to move URGENTLY

(my landlady needs my home for her daughter and baby).

HOUSE OR SIMILAR URGENTLY NEEDED
In Aria - Piopio area

ANY CONDITION, ANYTHING CONSIDERED

Contact **MARILYN**
 027 424 9401
 07 222 6187

Many thanks **MARILYN PARK**