

# NEWSLETTER

## Week 4

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Year 3 & 4 Excursion**  
Aria Production - Porridge

**Wednesday**  
**19 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**

**Piopio's Got Talent**

**Friday**  
**18 September**

# PIPIO

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

PANUI #25 | 14 August 2026

Kia ora e te whānau,

This week, a large number of our tamariki competed in our **school chess tournament**. The tournament has grown from our weekly chess club sessions, and it has been wonderful to see so many students involved. The winners from this week will compete again next week, with the overall champion being crowned after the final round. Thank you to Whaea Fiona for organising the chess club each week and coordinating the tournament. This is another great example of how our staff go above and beyond for our tamariki. Through chess, students are learning valuable skills and strategies that will support them in all aspects of life.

This week, our **Year 5 and 6 tamariki** took part in **Rippa Rugby** sessions with the King Country Development Officer. The skills they are learning will help prepare them for the **Rippa Rugby Tournament** on Tuesday, 25 August. Thank you to the whānau who have offered transport and support with coaching. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

I also received an email this week from the **Minister of Education**, Erica Stanford, informing us that we are one of 500 schools selected to receive **solar panels**. We are very excited to be part of this project, as it will help **reduce our energy costs** while providing a real-life context for our tamariki to learn about sustainable energy and how electricity works. Information from the Ministry of Education indicates that we can expect the solar panels to be installed within the next two to three years.

The tamariki participating in the **2026 Music Festival** have their first practice in Te Kūiti on Monday. Thank you to the parents who have offered to transport students to the practice. Your support helps us keep travel costs down. **If you have not yet responded to Miss Stokes' Hero message, please do so urgently.** Whaea Linda will accompany our tamariki to the practice at Te Kūiti Primary School.

Today, I am looking forward to spending time with the tamariki who have won **"Principal Time"** with me. At our Friday assembly, students who have earned **200 Dojo points** get the opportunity to spin the reward wheel. Some of the rewards include free time, sitting on the bean bags during assembly, a book, or Principal Time. So far in 2026, 17 students have won Principal Time. We usually share some kai, play games, and chat about what is happening both at school and beyond.

Remember, whānau are always welcome to join us for **assembly on Friday afternoons at 2.00pm** in the MPR. It is a wonderful time to celebrate student successes, share learning, and sing waiata together.

Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi nui  
Sue Coyle

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PRIMARY SCHOOL



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# TERM 3 BOARD UPDATE

Kia ora whānau,

We are pleased to welcome **Pippa Boothby** and **Mania Muraahi** as our two new Board members. Thank you to them both for committing their time and energy to our kura. We also welcome **Cheryl Gapper** as our new Board Secretary, supporting the Board with meeting minutes and administration.

## **Where to next after our community consultation?**

Following our consultation in Term 2, our focus now turns to using what we heard to help shape the future direction of our school. Over the coming months, we will use your feedback, alongside information about how our students and school are performing and Ministry of Education priorities, to develop our new Strategic Plan.

Put simply, strategic planning is about deciding where we want our school to go, why we want to go there, and what we need to prioritise to get there. We will identify a small number of important goals that reflect what we want to protect, where we want to improve, and what we want to achieve for our tamariki. We will keep you updated as this work progresses.

## **A big thank you**

There is plenty happening around school at the moment, with kapa haka, choir, speeches and more alongside everyday teaching and learning. Thank you to school staff for the extra mahi that goes into making these opportunities possible for our tamariki.

We also appreciate all the volunteers working behind the scenes, including MYSC organising Pet Day, PYSC organising Touch and Miniball, and our PTA fundraising for exciting projects that benefit our tamariki. These opportunities take a lot of effort to make happen, and we are grateful to everyone who contributes.

## **Keep in touch**

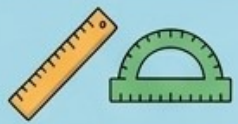
You are welcome to communicate with the school at any time. We always appreciate hearing positive feedback and knowing what is working well. If you have a concern or complaint, we also have clear processes to ensure these are raised with the right person and handled appropriately. Our complaints policies and other school policies and procedures are available on the Piopio Primary School website: <https://www.piopioprimary.school.nz/useful-policies-and-procedures/>

Ngā mihi,

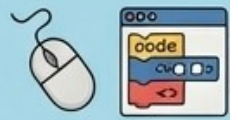
## **Piopio Primary School Board**

Laree Rauputu – Presiding Member  
Sue Coyle – Principal  
Kelsey Karaka – Parent Representative  
Fiona Merrie – Staff Representative  
Petra White – Parent Representative

Latisha Dennis – Parent Representative  
Pippa Boothby – Parent Representative  
Mania Muraahi – Parent Representative  
Cheryl Gapper – Board Secretary



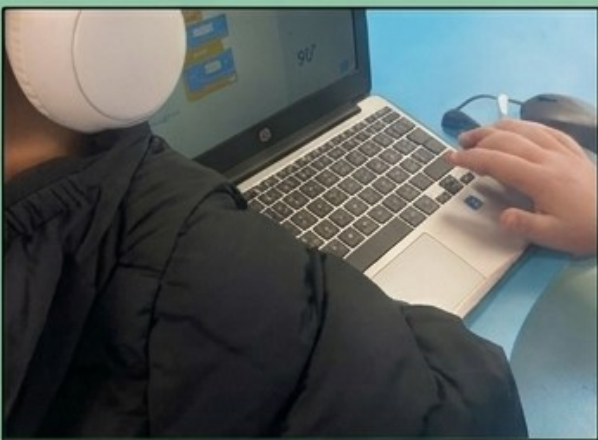
## ROOM 7: FROM GEOMETRY TO CODING!



Room 7 has been learning about geometry. We have been learning how to measure angles, draw them and how they relate to 2D and 3D shapes.

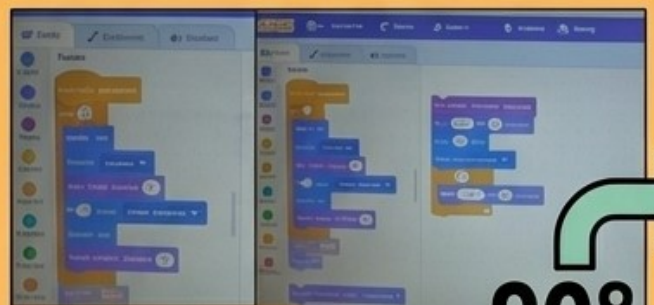
### OUR APPLIED LEARNING:

From workbooks to Chromebooks!



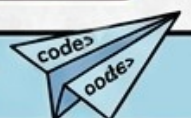
From our new knowledge, we have started to apply this to a computer to code our instructions.

### OUR CODE IN ACTION:



90°

We can make sprites turn 90 degrees and move around using our own instructions.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## OUR WAIATA

• PIOPIO PRIMARY SCHOOL •

## OUR KURA WAIATA

### LYRICS...

Down Piopio Road where the paddocks shine  
Kids in gumboots line up in time  
Mums and dads wave from the fence-line gate  
Little hands up high ready to create

We bring our voice  
We bring our heart  
One school, one crew  
Right from the start

Leaders, respect  
Caring, united  
Leaders, respect  
Our hearts are invited  
We stand together  
We rise together  
Piopio Primary  
We grow together  
Leaders, respect  
Caring, united

Maniapoto roots in the morning air  
Every child knows their ideas matter there  
Try, then try again when the day feels tough  
Curious minds are strong enough

We listen close  
We choose what's best  
Responsibility, resilience in the test

Leaders, respect  
Caring, united  
Leaders, respect  
Our hearts are invited  
We stand together  
We rise together  
Piopio Primary  
We grow together  
Leaders, respect  
Caring, united

Voice by voice  
the circle grows  
Different paths  
but one school knows  
Be inclusive  
make room for all  
When one reaches out  
we all stand tall

Leaders, respect  
Caring, united  
Leaders, respect  
Our hearts are invited  
We stand together  
We rise together  
Piopio Primary  
We grow together  
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We grow together

## LEADERS, RESPECT, CARING, UNITED...

### MEANING OF OUR KURA WAIATA

This waiata (song) is about who we are as a kura (school) and how we help each other learn, grow and succeed.

#### Verse 1

The waiata starts by painting a picture of life in Piopio. We arrive at kura ready to learn, create and have fun. Our whānau support us and we come to school excited for the day ahead.

#### Pre-Chorus

We all bring something special to our kura. We use our voices, share our ideas and show kindness. Even though we're all different, we're one team from the very beginning.

#### Chorus

The chorus reminds us of our school values:

- **Leaders (Rangatiratanga)** – We make good choices and set a positive example.
- **Respect (Manaakitanga)** – We treat people, places and things with care.
- **Caring – (Whanaungatanga)** – We look after ourselves and others.
- **United – (Kotahitanga)** We work together and include everyone.

When we support each other, we all grow stronger together.

#### Verse 2

This part reminds us that our school is proud of its Maniapoto connections and that every child's ideas matter. It teaches us to keep trying when things are difficult and to be curious learners who never give up.

#### Pre-Chorus

We listen carefully, make responsible choices and show resilience when challenges come our way.

#### Bridge

Everyone belongs at our kura. We may come from different backgrounds and have different strengths, but we make room for everyone. When one person succeeds or needs help, we support each other as a team.

#### Overall Meaning

Our waiata is about belonging, kindness, leadership, respect, resilience and teamwork. It reminds us that every student matters, every voice is important and that at Piopio Primary we learn, grow and succeed together.

#### Our interpretation:

*"Our school is a place where everyone belongs, everyone matters and by working together we can all learn, grow and be the best we can be."*





# NOTICE BOARD

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

**P B 4 L**  
Positive Behaviour Learning

**Eruta Taie**

**Eva Robertson**

**Sierra Kendrick**

**Marley Langlands**

**Hope Heald**

**Weekly  
Winners**  
Congratulations!

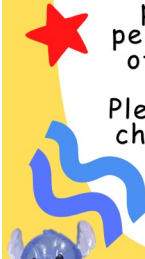


## PERSONAL TOYS AT SCHOOL

If our tamariki choose to bring personal items to kura that are not required for their learning, they do so at their own risk. Our kura and staff cannot take responsibility for personal belongings that are lost, damaged or misplaced.

As with Pokémon cards and other personal items, tamariki are not permitted to trade, swap or sell any of their belongings while at kura.

Please have a conversation with your child so they understand our school policy.



## COLLECTABLES



Merehuia Young Stock Club



## CALF CLUB DAY 2026

TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

ENTRY PACKS  
ARE NOW  
AVAILABLE  
FROM THE  
SCHOOL OFFICE



WINTER IS HERE...

## GET YOUR UMBRELLA



available at the school  
office

PIPIO PRIMARY PTA

**\$40**





# NOTICE BOARD



#### SEASON STANDOUTS:

Anja - Sportsmanship  
Chloe - Most Improved  
Lily - Best Defence  
Eva - Best Attack  
Marley - MVP

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PANTHERS WHO WON THEIR NETBALL FINALS!

The Piopio Primary School Panthers played Pukenui Development last night in the C Grade Final and came away with an impressive 14-3 victory!

The Panthers have had an extremely positive and undefeated season, taking home not only the C Grade Championship, but also the C Grade Goaling Cup!

A huge congratulations to Eva, who was selected by the Maniapoto Netball Centre as the Most Valuable Player for the final game! The coaches, players and parents are all absolutely stoked with the girls' amazing season and championship win. What a fantastic achievement!

A very special thank you to Dee for all the time, commitment and dedication she has put into coaching the team throughout the season.

**CONGRATULATIONS PANTHERS - WHAT A SEASON!**



#### PLAYERS OF THE DAY:

Peyton & Marley



Toy Libraries  
Play is the way!

## Aria Toy Library Open Day!

Come & see what the Toy Library is all about & enjoy a complimentary hot chocolate.

Moa Street,  
Pio Pio

Saturday  
15<sup>th</sup> of August  
10am-12pm

All Welcome!

We hope all our current members will join us too!

Memberships are \$20 per term or \$60 per year for unlimited toy hireage

# MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY 28TH AUG

\$5 ENTRY

FUN, FAMILY FRIENDS GOOD TIMES!

PIOPIO MEMORIAL HALL

6:00PM START

MOVIE PLAYING: TOY STORY 5

BRING YOUR OWN BEAN BAG OR CHAIRS

HOT FOOD, POPCORN & DRINKS AVAILABLE

GLOWSTICKS FOR SALE FOR THE KIDS!

ALL AGES WELCOME!

ALL KIDS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Grab your crew, a comfy seat and enjoy  
**A FUN NIGHT OUT!**

# 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<br>e.g. poultry, cats, etc.<br>(no dogs) | 😊            | 😊                       | 😊                      |



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