

NEWSLETTER

Week 10

UPCOMING EVENTS

Last day of Term 2

Friday
3 July

First day of Term 3

Monday
20 July

MYSC - Meeting

Monday @ 6.30pm
20 July

Photolife
Sports & Class

Photo's
Friday
24 July



PIPIO

PRIMARY SCHOOL

PANUI #19 | 26th June 2026

Kia ora e te whānau,

What an amazing day we had on Thursday acknowledging and celebrating Matariki.

The learning our tamariki engaged in was hands-on, collaborative and meaningful. All classes took part in preparing the vegetables and making the stuffing, and the classroom displays are outstanding — truly child-centred and full of creativity.

A large crowd gathered as the stones and kai were placed in the pit. I can't thank Rob Young and Jade Heald enough for all the mahi they put into prepping the hāngī, teaching the tamariki, and cooking on the day. We are incredibly lucky to have their skills in our community.

A huge thank you also to Whaea Linda, who once again led, organised and supported our kura to create displays, sing waiata, and prepare our kapa haka rōpū to perform. We simply couldn't have our Matariki celebration without her care, knowledge and skill. Thank you to everyone for the donations, help on the day, and contributions that made this special event possible.

Parents dropping tamariki off in the bottom carpark will have noticed that the large pothole has disappeared. I'm not sure who is responsible for repairing it, but I want to sincerely thank our "roading fairies" for looking after our kura. Your kindness is truly appreciated.

Today, as part of our community consultation, the eldest tamariki in each whānau will be bringing home a survey from the Board to support the development of our strategic plan for the next three years. Please take the time to complete the survey and return it to school. If your whānau returns the survey, each child in your family will receive 2 dojo points. Surveys need to be returned by **Friday 3 July**. We really value your feedback — it will help shape the direction of our kura.

Enjoy the weekend!

Sue Coyle
Principal

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ORIENTERRING RESULTS



YR 4 - GIRLS

 **PETANI** **4TH PLACE - 29MIN**



YR 5/6 GIRLS

 **EVA** **1ST PLACE - 27MIN**

 **RUBY** **2ND PLACE - 28MIN**

 **BRILEY** **3RD PLACE - 31MIN**

 **ROSIE-LEE** **5TH PLACE - 33MIN**



YR 5/6 BOYS

 **ANGUS** **1ST PLACE - 16MIN**

 **KOBY** **2ND PLACE - 22MIN**



TEAM BLUE - 1ST PLACE

TEAM ORANGE - 3RD PLACE

 **EVA**

 **RUBY**

 **THEO**

 **BRILEY**

 **ROSIE-LEE**

 **LILY**

 **ANJA**

 **DAMO**

 **RICO**

 **MAX**

 **KAILEIGH**

 **COOPER**

 **RILEY**



2026

ROOM 7

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

PIOPIO SCHOOL CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

Room 7 Conquers Nationwide Maths Mountain!

A Story of Resilience, Determination, and Kotahitanga

Written by Mr Southam, Room 7 Class Teacher

For the past 10 days, Room 7 has been locked in a fierce, high-stakes national battle participating in the GrowingMinds Times Table Challenge. The aim: become fluent in multiplication and climb a virtual mountain together.

Every child earned points contributing to our total. Every day, we watched our placement live against hundreds of participating schools across New Zealand. When we started, we were 230th. A few days later, we were 24th... the excitement was real, the challenge was tough, and the goal was close.

230th

STARTING RANK

100%

FLUENCY REACHED

3rd

FINAL NATIONAL RANK

Climbing the Leaderboard

Not even a CRT (Classroom Release Time) day stopped this class. Before the morning bell, students were furiously tapping away on their devices, working on speed and accuracy to beat other schools. Suddenly, we hit 12th place overall for all participating Year 4 classes in New Zealand! Hundreds of schools, hundreds of participants. But 12th place wasn't good enough for Room 7.

"We have to push to get into the top 10!" said Zion.

"We can do it, team!" encouraged Anakh.

"Let's do this!" said Mr Southam.

An Outstanding Display of Kotahitanga

We pushed hard. There were tears, "I give up" moments, and "I'm not good enough" doubts. I watched as one student closed his Chromebook, convinced he couldn't do any more. Another student quietly sat next to him... "Need some help?" they asked.

They worked together. The students at the top of our leaderboard walked back down to hold the hands of those needing support. The class came together, determined to reach the top. **No person left behind.** They motivated each other, persevered, and pushed through. By Day 9, the impossible happened: **We were in 1st place!** We hit 100% fluency, but our points were vulnerable to a late surge.

The Final Standings

On Day 10, we were bumped down to 3rd place by a wave of rival points. In between looking at our Matariki displays and smelling the school hāngi in the air, we gave a final, massive push, smashing out another 900 points as a class. But was it enough?

GROWINGMINDS NATIONAL FINAL STANDINGS (YEAR 4)

RANK	SCHOOL / CLASSROOM	FINAL POINTS
1st Place	St Joseph's Catholic School (Fairfield)	25,222 pts
2nd Place	Matawai School	2,795 pts
3rd Place	Room 7, Piopio School	2,242 pts

While 2nd place was tantalizingly close at 2,795 points, our hearts are completely full. Our tight-knit class in the King Country town of Piopio took 3rd place across every single participating school in New Zealand, standing tall against massive city schools and private academies. I think that is pretty darn special. As their teacher, I witnessed huge resilience, determination, and an outstanding level of Kotahitanga (unity). Well done, Room 7! You are absolute champions!

SPORTS

BOARD



SATURDAY 26TH JUNE

Piopio Crusaders vs TKP Sharks U7 (Piopio)

Piopio Titians vs TKP Panthers (Piopio)



FRIDAY 25TH JUNE

Juniors Year 1 & 2

Piopio Minors vs TKP Shooters

@ 3.40pm - F10

Piopio Minors vs TKP Lasers

@ 4.05 - F11

Piopio Sparrows vs Otewa Everton

@ 3.40pm - F13

Piopio Sparrows vs Pukenui

Pukekoes

@ 4.05pm - F13

Juniors Year 3 & 4

Piopio Hawks vs CPS Whana Teitei

@ 3:40pm - F5

Piopio Hawks vs Kio Kio Phoenix

@ 4.05pm - F5

Piopio Fantails @ Otewa Liverpool

@ 4.35pm - F4

Piopio Fantails vs Oto South White

@ 5.00pm - F4

Junior Year 5 & 6

Piopio Tuis vs STJR Vikings

@ 3.40pm - F18





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

Willow Barnsdall

Rosie Barnsdall

Sienna Haumaha

Emmy Todd

Rangihuia Tarrant

Lachlan Finn

Ariana Khin

Weekly Winners
Congratulations!



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

Kia ora e te whānau,

IMPORTANT DENTAL NOTICE

Dental School Bus – Contact number:

021 487 914

During Term 1 school holidays, the dental school bus (currently at **Te Kūiti Primary School**) will remain open **Monday to Friday 9am - 3pm.**

The bus will be in **Te Kūiti** till end **May - June**, then move on to **Ōtorohanga** (location to be confirmed).

Whānau, please take this opportunity to **call in or text** the **mobile number** to book your **Tamariki** in for their yearly dental concerns 🦷💬

Jane (Dental Therapist) and Wendy (Dental Assistant) are here to support the dental health of all Tamariki, **FREE till the age of 18 years.**

"Supporting good oral health for tamariki helps build strong foundations for lifelong wellbeing."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lincoln Hawkless
Chase Dawson
Chloe Brooks

WHO CELEBRATED THEIR BIRTHDAY OVER THE WEEK