

NEWSLETTER

Week 6

UPCOMING EVENTS

Speech Finals
Wednesday
2 September

Piopio's Got Talent
Friday
18 September

Music Festival
Thursday
24 September

Last day term 3
Friday
25 September

First day term 4
Monday
12 October

Calf Club
Tuesday
20 October



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Kia ora e te whānau,

I have had a busy week spending time with our tamariki.

On Monday, I spent time in **Room 4** listening to our Year 3 tamariki present their **speeches**. It was wonderful to see each of them step up and speak confidently, using cue cards for the first time. This bodes well for future years and our annual speech competition.

On Tuesday, I had the privilege of accompanying our **Rippa Rugby teams** to the **North King Country Year 5 and 6 Tournament**. All teams competed exceptionally well and reached their semi-finals. The Boys' Purple Team progressed to the final and, although they were defeated, they have qualified for the Taupō Tournament, which will be held on Wednesday, 21 October.

Thank you to our coaches, **Kurt Houghton, Tom Houghton, and Dan Langlands**, as well as the many whānau members who supported the teams. A special thank you also goes to **Miss Stokes** for organising this event for our kura.

On Wednesday, we held our **Year 4, 5, and 6 Speech Competition**. All the tamariki who took part should be extremely proud of their efforts, as they spoke very well. Public speaking is a valuable skill and something that many people find challenging. Our tamariki continue to demonstrate courage by taking risks and showing resilience when faced with disappointment.

Five finalists from each year group will present their speeches at the **Finals Evening** next **Wednesday, 2 September**, at 6.30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Congratulations to our finalists: Lily Draper, Angus Cowin, Emmy Todd, Rosie Barnsdall, Briley Grainger, Jane Patterson, Marley Langlands, Koby Houghton, Anja Walters, Connor Cowin, Nia MacDonald, Hope Heald, Max Ratcliffe, Petani Rauputu, and Charlie Loomans.

On Thursday, our **Year 5 and 6** tamariki enjoyed a valuable learning opportunity when **The Lines Company** visited to deliver the **Bright Sparks Programme**. Students learned about staying safe around power lines and explored the equipment used by The Lines Company. Many of the tamariki particularly enjoyed having a turn in the safety harness.

This week, **the Ministry released a Maths Practice website** designed for whānau of students in Years 3 to 8, to use at home. If this is something you are interested in, please visit:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/parents-and-caregivers/schools-year-0-13/parent-portal/maths-practice>

The **Maths Practice Tool** has been developed by the Ministry of Education following feedback from parents and whānau who wanted practical ways to **support learning at home**. The programme is currently being piloted to gauge interest and help inform what works best for students, parents, and whānau.

Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi nui
Sue Coyle
Principal



Bright Sparks

visit to
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Yesterday, our kura was buzzing with excitement as **The Lines Company** visited Piopio Primary School as part of their Bright Sparks Programme. Our Years 5 & 6 students took part in this engaging and hands-on experience with the Bright Sparks double act, Tony G and Bayley.

Our students came prepared with plenty of fantastic questions and were eager to learn more about the important mahi involved in working with electricity. Many students enjoyed trying on the safety harnesses and testing their courage when it came to working at heights - although some were definitely happier keeping both feet safely on the ground!

The visit was a wonderful opportunity for our ākonga to explore potential career pathways while learning important messages about electrical safety.

A special congratulations to Bayley, who has been named a finalist for the 2026 Distribution Trainee of the Year Award. Piopio Primary may have just met one of the industry's future stars!

A huge thank you to Tony G and Bayley for bringing your energy, knowledge and enthusiasm to our kura. Our ākonga thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learned so much!





ROOM 4 Maths!

YEAR 2 STUDENTS

are working hard to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. They started learning how to skip count and then to relate skip counting to multiplication facts.

Rylee is working towards counting to 5 using lots of different materials.



YEAR 3 STUDENTS

have been learning lots of different things. They have been learning how to count up to 1000 in 1's, 10's and 100's. They can go forwards and backwards. Some of our learning is easy and some is difficult. They found multiplying large numbers challenging and can use different strategies to solve these problems.



COMMENTS FROM THE STUDENTS ABOUT THEIR LEARNING IN MATHEMATICS



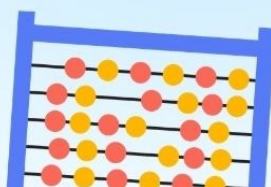
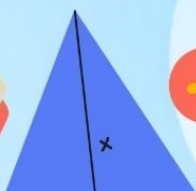
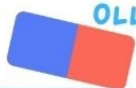
"I LIKE SKIP COUNTING IN 5'S BY MAISY, JACKSON, OLIVIA, NGATAI, MYLA, CHLOE AND OLLIE."

"WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT NEGATIVE NUMBERS SUCH AS IN COLD TEMPERATURES BY HARLAN, NGATAI, OLIVIA, RUVAN AND COEN."

"WE LIKED USING ARRAYS TO WORK OUT MULTIPLICATION, BY OLLIE, MYLA AND LOUIS."

"I LIKE LEARNING MY TIMES TABLES BY MONY, MAISY, JACKSON, OLIVIA, HARLAN, MYLA, OLLIE AND NGATAI."

"I LIKE LEARNING DIVISION BY NGATAI, OLIVIA, COEN AND RUVAN."





Prizegiving

CONGRATULATION TO OUR TAMARIKI ON
THEIR AMAZING SEASON

Under 8's

Olivia Parks - Sportsmanship

Louie Draper - M.V.P

Caleb Pizimolas - Best Defender

*Lachlan Finn - Most
Improved Player*

Under 9's

Coen Grainger - M.V.P

*Charlie Loomans - Runner-up
Most Improved Player*

UNDER 11'S

James Irwin - M.V.P

Angus Cowin - M.V.P





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

Kyah
Langlands

Braxton
Clayton-Green

Peyton
Jongen- Te Huia

Max
Ratcliffe

Liam
Southam

Weekly
Winners
Congratulations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Olivia Parkes
Louie Draper

WHO CELEBRATED THEIR
BIRTHDAY OVER THE
WEEK

WELCOME to our SCHOOL!

Mony Loy

WHO JOINED OUR KURA THIS WEEK

SPEECH FINALS

Speech finals:
September 2nd
6.30pm

Come along and support our finalists as they
showcase their speeches!

Merehuia Young Stock Club
MYSC

CALF CLUB DAY 2026
TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER

**ENTRY PACKS
ARE NOW
AVAILABLE
FROM THE
SCHOOL OFFICE**



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



NOTICE

BOARD

TOY STORY 5 FOOD

DRINKS

- Fizzys \$2 EACH
- Just Juice \$2 EACH
- Slushie \$2 EACH

TREATS

- Chicken Nuggets & Chips \$5 EACH
- Cheerios & Chips \$5 EACH
- Pumpkin Soup & Bun \$4 EACH
- Chips \$4 EACH
- Choc Bar \$2 EACH
- Lollie Bag \$2 EACH
- Popcorn (pre-packed) \$1 EACH

HOT FOOD

A huge thank you to Piopio Pantry and Piopio Foodmart for their support!

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!**

LIGHT UPS

Glo Tattoo's \$1 EACH

2 x Glo Sticks \$1 EACH

Foam Light Up Sticks

Light Up Rings \$3 EACH

Light Up Bangles

HELP YOUR COMMUNITY VOTE

Register your interest to work at the 2026 General Election.

We want people from local communities to work in voting places and help people vote.

For more information about the roles available, and to register your interest in working at this important event, visit work.elections.nz today.

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Care options for you and your whānau

There are a range of healthcare options available if you can't see your regular GP. Many are available after hours and at weekends.

Healthline

0800 611 116



- Free over-the-phone health advice 24/7 from nurses and paramedics.
 - Māori clinicians are available from 8am to 8pm weekdays.
 - You can send photos or videos to help explain your symptoms.
 - Option to ask Healthline to call you back.
- Visit healthnz.govt.nz/healthline

Online doctor



- Online or over-the-phone appointment with a doctor any time, including after hours and weekends.
- Free for children aged 13 and under.
- Low-cost appointments for ages 14-17 and Community Services Card holders.

Find an online doctor at healthnz.govt.nz/OnlineGP

Pharmacy



- Advice on medications and minor concerns including colds, rashes and itchy skin.
 - Many can also help with eye infections, urinary infections, emergency contraception, vaccinations and more.
 - May be able to provide a few days of medication if you run out and need a new prescription.
- Find a pharmacy at healthpoint.co.nz

After hours and urgent care clinics



- After hours or urgent care if your GP isn't available and you need to see someone in person.
 - For urgent medical issues including breaks, sprains, bad cuts, head knocks, minor burns, eye and ear issues, and if you feel really sick.
 - Free appointments for children and low-cost appointments for Community Services Card holders at some clinics.
- Find your nearest urgent care clinic at healthpoint.co.nz

Visit healthnz.govt.nz for health advice and information on services.