

NEWSLETTER

Week 11

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 #20 | 3rd July 2026

Kia ora e te whānau,

This week I have had the privilege of spending time in Singapore with 40 Waikato principal colleagues. The purpose of the trip was to explore the impact of Singapore's education system on curriculum design and delivery. We had the opportunity to visit six schools, the Ministry of Education, and the New Zealand High Commission.

Singapore is a very diverse country with an education system that is strategically planned, well implemented, and highly successful. We visited a range of schools, including public schools, private international schools, and an all-boys Anglican school. All but the private international school received public funding. Like New Zealand schools, these schools teach a national curriculum, while individual schools retain some flexibility in how it is implemented.

Interestingly, at the end of Year 6, students sit a national examination that influences their future educational pathway. However, this approach is evolving, with many schools embracing a more holistic view of student success.

We had the opportunity to observe mathematics, English, and Mother Tongue language lessons. Most classrooms had 30 to 40 students with one teacher. In the majority of classrooms, students sat in rows while teachers provided instruction from the front. Chromebooks were shared rather than being allocated on a one-to-one basis.

The temperature during our visit was around 32°C with very high humidity, yet classrooms did not have air conditioning. Another noticeable difference was that students had very few resources available when working through mathematics problems and completed most of their work in small exercise books.

Reflecting on what we have at Piopio Primary, we are certainly fortunate to have the learning environments and resources that support our students. Over the term break, I will continue to reflect on our new curriculum and review some of the key learnings from Singapore.

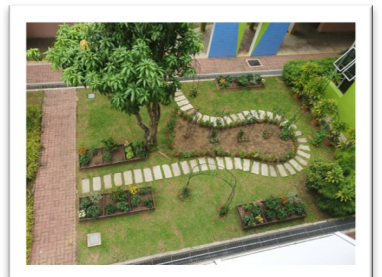
I would like to thank Whaea Linda and Whaea Fiona for leading the school in my absence, and the rest of the staff for their support. The staff at Piopio Primary are dedicated and incredibly hardworking. I am sure you will agree that they deserve some well-earned time with their whānau during the term break.

Today, mid-year reports will be published on Hero. Please take the time to read these informative reports. I hope they help you understand what your child is achieving, their next learning steps, and how you can support their learning at home. We will be holding parent interviews early in Term 3.

Please enjoy the holiday break with your tamariki. I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 20 July.

Ngā mihi nui
Sue Coyle
Principal

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A Public School Grounds in Singapore

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BUSES

MAHOENUI/AWAKINO



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We would like to inform you of some upcoming changes to one of our school bus routes.

Following approval, the bus route has been **extended to include the Awakino area**, allowing Piopio College students from this area to access school transport.

These changes will take effect from **Monday, 20 July 2026**, the first day of **Term 3**.

Please note:

- All other pickup and drop-off times for this bus route will remain unchanged.
- For student safety, **all morning pick-ups travelling north** will take place on the **left-hand side of the road**, and **all afternoon drop-offs travelling south** will also occur on the **left-hand side of the road**.
- There is also a change to the **Mangaoronga Road** afternoon route. Students who were previously dropped off on Mangaoronga Road will now be dropped off at **Tōtara Road** instead.
- Students and families are asked to use these designated pickup and drop-off locations when boarding and disembarking from the bus.

Families affected by these changes have already been notified.

If you have any questions about the new route or your child's bus arrangements, please contact me at the school.

Thank you for your continued support as we implement these improvements to our school transport service.

Ngā mihi nui,

Sue Coyle

Principal

Piopio Primary School

“MATARIKI”

CLASSROOM DISPLAYS



KAI - HANGI



KAPA HAKA



"KŌTIRO MĀ"



"TAMA MĀ"

SPORTS

BOARD



SATURDAY 4TH JULY

Piopio Crusaders vs OJR Bombers
(River Feild)

Piopio Titans vs TKP Sharks U7's
(TKP Rec 1)



FRIDAY 3RD JULY

Juniors Year 1 & 2

Piopio Minors vs Piopio Sparrows
@ 3.40pm - F12

Piopio Minors vs Oto South Orange
Flame Kickers
@ 4.05 - F13

Piopio Sparrows vs Otewa Man U
@ 4.05pm - F11

Juniors Year 3 & 4

Piopio Hawks vs TKP Racers
@ 3:40pm - F5

Piopio Hawks vs TKP Strikers
@ 4.05pm - F4

Piopio Fantails @ TKP Strikers
@ 3.40pm - F4

Piopio Fantails vs Kio Kio Jets
Game Cancelled

Junior Year 5 & 6

Piopio Tuis vs Otewa Chelsea
@ 4.35pm - F16





NOTICE

BOARD

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

REMINDER

TO PACK A CHANGE OF CLOTHES

WINTER IS HERE!



Our grounds can be wet. Please ensure your child has a **change of clothes** in their bag.



This will save you the inconvenience of having to bring **dry/clean clothes** into school.



Thank you for your support!

WELCOME to our SCHOOL!

Jan Lem-Ew

WHO JOINED OUR KURA THIS WEEK

P B 4 L
Positive Behaviour Learning

Chloe Finn

Chase Dawson

Maisy Thomas

Tiana Pikia

Rasheda Holland-Phillips

Weekly Winners
Congratulations!



PIOPIO AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

SECRETARY WANTED!

The Piopio Amateur Swim Club is looking for a new Secretary to join our friendly and supportive committee.

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

- Approximately 4 committee meetings + AGM per year
- Basic administrative and communication tasks
- Plenty of support and guidance provided

BONUS: By taking on the Secretary position, you will be guaranteed a place for your child/children in our Learn to Swim programme.

If you would like more information or would like to express your interest Contact Alisa now.

We would love to hear from you!

CONTACT NOW



Alisa Houghton
027 320 7499

TERM 3 BUS ALTERATIONS



IMPORTANT REMINDER



PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO ARRANGE ANY BUS ALTERATIONS FOR TERM 3.



ALL BUS ROLLS HAVE BEEN RESET AND ANY PREVIOUS CHANGES HAVE BEEN CLEARED.



WE ARE STARTING WITH A BLANK SLATE FOR TERM 3, so if your child requires any regular or ongoing bus alterations, these must be provided to the office before the start of term.



PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to ensure bus rolls are accurate and up to date.



Thank you for your cooperation.



Students to remain
in class until their
team has been
called over the
speaker

PHOTO TIMETABLE

Friday 24th July

Football- 12.00pm

FOOTBALL TEAMS
*5 teams

Rippa - 12.20pm

RIPPA TEAMS
*2 teams

Netball - 12.30pm

NETBALL TEAMS
*2 teams

**TIMES ARE
APPROXIMATE &
MAY CHANGE -**

**We appreciate your
flexibility**

Important information

- All children will be issued an online code to order photos.
- ALL players **MUST** wear their correct playing uniform (uniform will be provided to teams on the day)
- Please bring **BLACK SHORTS & SOCKS**
- All teams & coaches meet 30 minutes before their photo slot to get ready - meeting place to be confirmed!

