

NEWSLETTER

Week 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Ki O Rahi

Friday

23 October

Labour Day

Monday

26 October



PIPIO

PRIMARY SCHOOL

PANUI #28 | 4 SEPTEMBER 2026

Kia ora e te whānau,

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our tamariki at the annual **Speech Finals Evening**. All of our tamariki presented **exceptionally well** and should be **very proud** of their achievements. I know our judges, **Mrs Lisa Lyford and Mrs Sue Keeling**, had a very difficult task selecting the placegetters. We are extremely appreciative of the **time, effort, and expertise** they contributed to judging the speeches.

I would also like to acknowledge the **staff members who attended and supported our tamariki**. Their assistance in ensuring the smooth running of the event was invaluable. **Congratulations to our winners**, who delivered outstanding speeches that were both informative and entertaining.

A special mention must go to **Sienna Haumaha**, who was our compere for the evening. She hosted the event with **confidence, warmth, and leadership**. Sienna is an **exceptional Year 6 leader**, and we are very proud of the way she represented our kura.

Mrs Sue Keeling is a valued member of our staff and our **Literacy Specialist teacher**, who works alongside many of our tamariki to support their reading and writing development. This week, Sue received her certificate for her **newly attained qualification in literacy**. Over the past year, she has completed the **Learning Matters Intervention Teaching Certification**. This is the **highest level of Structured Literacy training available in New Zealand** and is recognised by the **International Dyslexia Association (IDA)**. Congratulations, Sue. We are proud to celebrate your achievement and the **dedication you have shown in advancing your expertise for the benefit of our learners**.

In this newsletter, you will notice that a number of **Term 4 dates** have been added. We are still finalising the **date and time of our Prizegiving**, and we will communicate these details with our community as soon as they are confirmed.

There are still **three weeks remaining in Term 3**, with a number of exciting events planned. These include **Piopio's Got Talent**, our annual talent show, and the **Combined Music Festival**. Our tamariki continue to impress us with the **incredible talents they bring to our kura**.

Enjoy the **first weekend of spring**, and I hope all of our dads and father figures enjoy a wonderful **Father's Day**.

Ngā mihi nui
Sue Coyle
Principal

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Speech FINALS



Year 6



1st - Angus Cowin
2nd - Lily Draper
3rd - Emmy Todd
Highly commended -
Briley Grainger &
Rosie-Lee Barnsdall

Year 5



1st - Anja Walters
2nd - Connor Cowin
3rd - Koby Houghton
Highly commended -
Jane Patterson &
Marley Langlands

Year 4



1st - Petani Rauputu
2nd - Nia Macdonald
3rd - Hope Heald
Highly commended -
Charlie Loomans &
Max Ratcliffe

Congratulation to all our
tamariki involved



Room 2 - Under the Sea

Room 2 has been diving deep into learning about all things under the sea! We have been learning about the fascinating creatures that live beneath the ocean's surface and thinking about how we can become kaitiaki (guardians) of our oceans and the creatures that call them home.

Our learning began with the story Undersea Adventure, where a trip to the beach leads Mihi and Bubba to make a surprising discovery and journey into a magical undersea world. However, they soon discover that this special world needs their help. The story encouraged us to think about the importance of caring for our oceans and protecting the creatures that live there.

1

We began by reading Undersea Adventure together and discussing the characters, setting and events in the story. We shared our thoughts about the undersea world and the different creatures that might live there.

2

We then talked about our favourite sea creatures and what makes each one so special. This led us to a much bigger question: How can we be kaitiaki of the sea?

The tamariki shared lots of ideas about ways we can look after our oceans and protect marine life, including keeping rubbish out of the water, looking after beaches and being respectful of the creatures and environments around us.

3

The tamariki then put their ideas into writing. Their first task was to write a draft explaining:

- What their favourite sea creature is.
- Why it is their favourite sea creature.
- How they can be a kaitiaki of the sea.

We focused on putting our ideas into clear sentences, adding detail and sharing our own thoughts and opinions.

4

Once our drafts were complete, each student worked alongside Mrs Bryant to edit, improve and refine their writing before publishing our final masterpieces. The tamariki then added their own creative touches to their finished work, using funky pens and colourful designs.

5

Room 2 is now working on creating their diorama to complete their "under the sea" journey.



We are so proud!

Room 2 has worked incredibly hard throughout this learning journey. It has been fantastic to see the tamariki developing their writing skills while also learning about kaitiakitanga and our responsibility to care for our natural environment.

Mrs Bryant is incredibly proud of the effort, creativity and super-star writing Room 2 has produced. It has been wonderful to see their ideas grow from a simple favourite sea creature into thoughtful writing about how we can all play a part in protecting our oceans.

Ka pai, Room 2!



NOTICE

BOARD

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



Teahurei
Graves-Palmer

Tiana
Pikia

Sierra
Kendrick

Benjamin
Wenzlick

Emma
Neil

Weekly
Winners
Congratulations!



Thankyou

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our
School Garden Fundraiser! 🌱

We would also like to give a special thank you to
everyone who donated dahlias, and to Karen &
John for their generous donation of tōtara and
kahikatea natives.

A very special thank you to Restore Native for
their amazing donation of 100 native trees! 🌿

We are so grateful for the support from our
community. We can't wait to see the awesome
things our tamariki will be doing in and around our
school garden.

Watch this space!

Growing our Garden, Growing our Tamariki

PIPIO PRIMARY SCHOOL POLICIES

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

STAFF PARKING ONLY

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE STAFF CARPARK FOR PICKUPS AND DROPOFFS



NOTICE

BOARD

WINTER IS HERE...
**GET YOUR
UMBRELLA**



available at the school
office

PIOPIO PRIMARY PTA

\$40

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.

work.elections.nz



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PIOPIO COLLEGE AIM HIGH I WHAKAARA KIA MATAARA

OPEN DAY

COME. CONNECT. DISCOVER.



DATE:
Wednesday
16th September



TIME:
5pm



LOCATION:
Hallam Learning Center,
Piopio College –
18 Aria Road, Piopio

- Looking for an intermediate school for 2027?
- Relocating to the Waitomo area?
- Curious about our 9/10 Junior or 11/13 Senior Programmes?

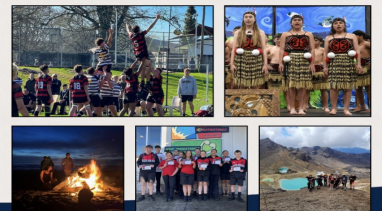
Come and meet us
to see what we have to offer!



The evening is a chance for whānau to experience our kura, meet our people, explore our learning spaces and discover what makes our school special.



We're a small yet dynamic school with a strong sense of community, where relationships matter and every child is encouraged to belong, learn and thrive.



Our aim:

**TO BE THE BEST
SMALL RURAL SCHOOL
IN NEW ZEALAND.**



BUS SERVICE AVAILABLE FROM TE KUITI!!

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.