NEWSLETTER

Week 4



Bookfair
Mon - Fri
16–20 November

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Athletics Day
Friday
20 November

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Interschool Athletics
Friday
27 November

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Kia ora e te whānau,

Today we supported **Gumboot Friday**, a fantastic initiative that raises awareness and support for youth mental health. It was great to see so many of our tamariki wearing their gumboots, and we received a wonderful number of gold coin donations. Thank you to Whaea Maki for organising this event for our kura.

What a fun night we had at the **disco** on Wednesday! It was lovely to see so many tamariki dancing, having fun with their friends, and enjoying some kai. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the **PTA fundraiser**, and a special thanks to **Mel MacDonald** and her **committee** for all their hard work behind the scenes. The money raised will go directly towards our new senior playground.

Yesterday, we held our school **high jump competition**. Well done to everyone who participated, and congratulations to our place-getters. It was fantastic to see so many of our tamariki giving it a go and challenging themselves. Thank you to **Mrs Hesp** for organising and running the competition.

Our class structure for 2027 is as follows:
Room 3: Year 0/1 – Whaea Niki and Miss Witherick
Room 1: Year 2/3 – Miss Stokes
Room 2: Year 2/3 – Mrs Bryant
Room 4: Year 3 – Whaea Fiona
Room 7: Classroom Release Teacher – Mrs Bailey
Room 6: Year 4/5 – Mr Southam
Room 5: Year 5/6 – Whaea Linda
Our specialist roles for 2027 are:
SENCO: Mrs Price
CRT (Classroom Release Teacher) **& Enviro Leader:** Mrs Bailey
Specialist Literacy Teacher: Mrs Keeling (while Sue is on leave during Term 1, Miss Sicely will be in this role)
Specialist Mathematics Teachers: Miss Witherick and myself
Deputy Principal Release: Mrs Alcock
In Term 2, we will open a New Entrant class in Room 9 for students enrolling from that term. We are currently finalising class lists and intend to share these with whānau before the end of the year.

Room 7 is looking forward to their trip to **Kelly Tarlton's** next week, and I am really looking forward to joining them. We greatly appreciate the support our whānau have given to make this experience possible. I know we are going to have a wonderful time.

I hope you all enjoy reading your **child's learning story**, which will be published this afternoon. I have had the pleasure of reading all of the ākonga learning stories and have been impressed by the wide range of learning experiences that have taken place through the Technology learning area. Remember to leave a comment or emoji so your tamariki and their teacher know you have read and enjoyed it.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Ngā mihi nui
Sue Coyle
Principal

WHAT'S ON : ROOM 5

TERM 4 EDITION

LEARNING, GROWING AND PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE!

It has been a busy and rewarding year in Room 5! Our Year 6 learners have worked hard to develop their skills, grow in confidence and take greater responsibility for their learning. Across the curriculum, we have focused on building strong foundations, challenging ourselves and developing the independence and resilience needed to succeed as lifelong learners.

SMART ASSESSMENTS: CELEBRATING LEARNING AND NEXT STEPS

Our SMART Reading, Writing and Mathematics assessments have helped us understand what students know, what they can do independently and where they need further support or challenge. These results, alongside our everyday classroom observations and other assessments, help guide our teaching and identify each learner's next steps.

In Reading, we continue to strengthen foundational skills, including decoding, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension, so students can confidently understand and think critically about increasingly challenging texts.

In Writing, students are developing their ability to organise ideas, write clearly for different purposes, use accurate spelling and punctuation, and edit their work to communicate effectively.

In Mathematics, we are building fluency with number knowledge and basic facts while developing the ability to apply strategies, explain mathematical thinking and solve problems in different situations.

Every learner progresses at their own pace. Our focus is on celebrating growth, strengthening essential skills and helping students become increasingly independent and confident learners.

TECHNOLOGY: CREATING, DESIGNING AND PROBLEM-SOLVING

Our technology learning has been a highlight, with students exploring two exciting projects. In our resin coaster project, students designed beach- and bush-inspired themes, bringing their creativity to life through colour, natural elements and individual designs. They explored the design process, made decisions about materials and worked towards producing a finished product they could be proud of.

Our SPIKE LEGO project challenged students to think like engineers! Through building, coding, testing and improving their creations, students developed problem-solving, logical thinking, collaboration and perseverance. These hands-on experiences helped students understand that learning often involves trial and error, learning from mistakes and finding new ways to solve problems.









GETTING READY FOR YEAR 7

As our Year 6 students prepare for their transition to College, we are encouraging them to develop the learning habits that will help them succeed in a new environment. These include being organised, managing their time, following instructions, asking for help when needed, working collaboratively, showing respect and taking responsibility for their learning.

We want our students to leave Piopio Primary knowing that it is okay to make mistakes, that challenges help us grow, and that persistence and a positive attitude can make a real difference.



HOW CAN YOU HELP AT HOME?

Small, regular activities can make a big difference!

- Build foundational skills: Encourage daily reading, practise spelling and basic facts, and talk about what your child has learnt.
- Extend learning: Discuss books, current events and everyday problems. Encourage your child to explain their thinking, compare ideas and find different ways to solve problems.
- Build independence: Encourage your child to organise their belongings, manage simple responsibilities, meet deadlines and have a go before asking for help.
- Celebrate effort: Praise persistence, curiosity, improvement and the courage to try something challenging.



NGĀ MIHI – THANK YOU, WHĀNAU!

A huge thank you to our Room 5 parents, caregivers and whānau for your ongoing encouragement, support and involvement throughout the year. Your partnership makes a valuable difference to your child's learning and wellbeing. Together, we are helping our tamariki build the knowledge, confidence and skills they need for the next stage of their learning journey.

We are proud of how far our learners have come and look forward to seeing them finish their primary school years with confidence, pride and a strong sense of achievement!

"Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui. Continue to be strong, courageous and resilient. He waka eke noa – we are all in this together."

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa,
Whaea Linda

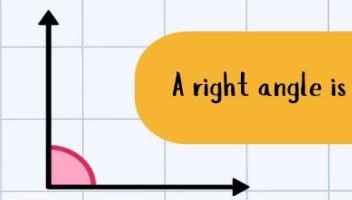




ROOM SIX

All about angles

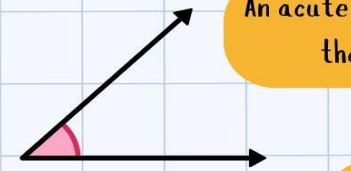
Room 6 has been learning how to estimate and name angles. We have learned how to use a protractor correctly to measure and draw angles.



A right angle is 90°



Angles on a line are 180°



An acute angle is less than 90°



Angles at a point are 360°

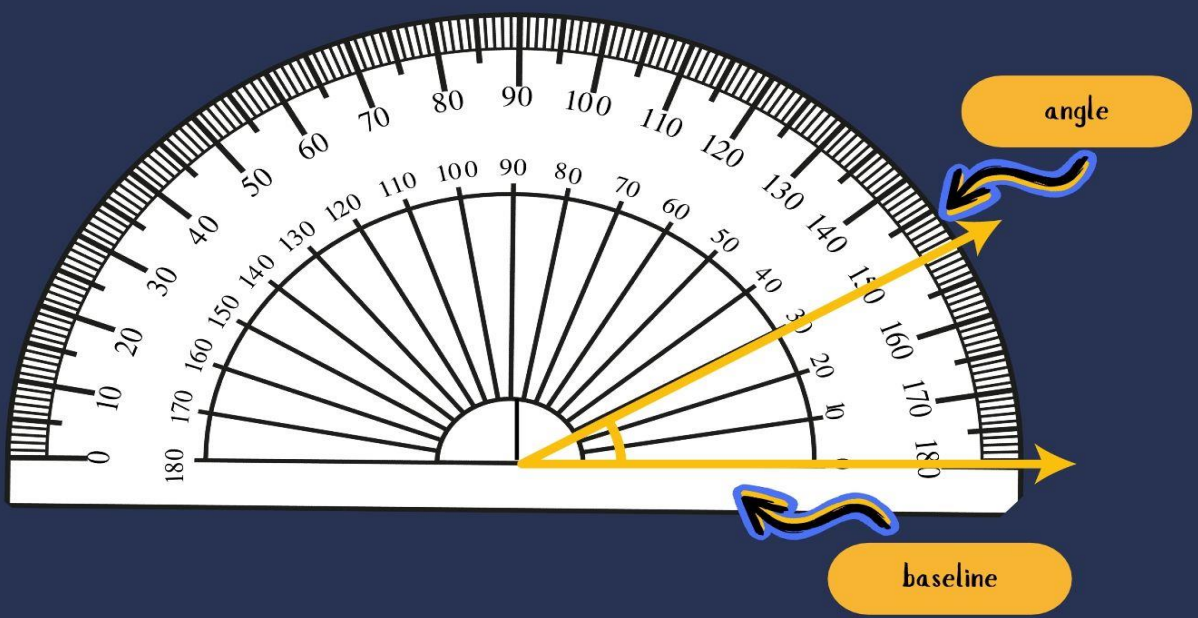


An obtuse angle is between 90° and 180°



Reflex angles are greater than 180°

Can you read the protractor to measure this angle?



NEON party

PIOPIO PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION





The Piopio Primary PTA would like to say a massive THANK YOU to everyone who came along to our fundraising disco and helped make it such a fantastic night!
It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces, happy kids and families coming together for a great cause. We hope all the children had an absolute blast, enjoyed the music, dancing and fun!
We are so grateful for the amazing support and generosity shown by our school community. Whether you came along, helped out, donated or supported us in any way, it is very much appreciated.
We will share the final fundraising profit in next week's newsletter. Every dollar raised will go towards the upgrade of our school playground, helping us create an even better place for our tamariki to play, explore and enjoy.
Thank you again for making the night such a success. We couldn't do it without our wonderful school community!









NOTICE BOARD

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

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning

Quinn Havea
Caleb
Pizimolas
Olivia Parkes
Ariana Khin

Weekly Winners
Congratulations!

2025 TROPHIES

Please return all 2025 prize giving trophies to the office ASAP



RELIEF CLEANER wanted

We are currently on the hunt for a reliable relief cleaner to join our team. If you're interested or would like more information, please pop into the school office or give us a call.

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GO BUS NEEDS YOU!

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Term time only - school holidays off
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Class 2 License preferred but not essential
You'll Need
*A clean driving record and full NZ driver's license for 2 years
*To pass police vetting and Medical checks
*Reliability, patience and a friendly attitude

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KOTAHITANGA – WE ARE UNITED
RANGATIRATANGA – WE ARE LEADERS
WHANAUNGATANGA – WE ARE CARING
MANAAKITANGA – WE ARE RESPECTFUL
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AIM HIGH – WHAKAARA KIA MATAARA



NEW TO THE COMMUNITY OR HAVE A CHILD TURNING 5 IN 2027?
COME CHAT AND SEE WHAT OUR SCHOOL CAN OFFER
IF YOU KNOW YOU ARE JOING OUR SCHOOL AND HAVENT CONTACTED US PLEASE DO ASAP

WE OFFER –

- Small class sizes, dedicated new entrant room
- we don't charge school fees
- Two swimming pools
- Well- resourced library
- Enviroschool
- STEAM
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- free school lunches

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rangihuia Tarrant
Luke Rangatao

WHO CELEBRATED THEIR BIRTHDAY OVER THE WEEK