

Big winners at AIMS games

WOW, what a week! Now that we as the AIMS Games committee have had time to reflect and catch our breath, we would like to take the time to acknowledge some of our volunteers and sponsors.

Firstly, a huge thank you must go to Franky Bourke, Lulu Hussey, and Andrew Thomas for taking the role of coaching on board. Your time, effort and guidance was greatly appreciated and we know that our students have gained many skills due to your support and knowledge.

Then we move onto our parents who volunteered throughout the week or before the event taking on various roles such as co-coach, camp mum/dad, taxi, cook, cleaner, manager, the list goes on. Thank you so much for stepping in and taking such good care of all the students within the various codes.

To all the parents/whānau at home as well, thank you for ensuring your child attended trainings, was provided with the equipment and necessities they needed to be able to do their best for the duration of the tournament.

Lastly to our students, each and everyone one of you, thank you for representing Piopio College, your whānau and the Piopio community with so much passion, pride and pure enjoyment. We are immensely proud of the way you displayed our school values. I know that you all had many challenges throughout the week and the best learning will come from those moments. We know that this experience will be a long lasting memory and one you won't forget anytime soon.

It is also important for us to

acknowledge our sponsors who contributed in some way or another. So thank you to the Piopio College BOT, Number 12, The Pinetree Trust, Piopio Pantry and lastly the Piopio Community Recreation Centre. Thank you for your generosity and providing for our students to help them experience this amazing opportunity.

It's time now to reflect, regather and prepare again for the 2024 games. No doubt it will be bigger and even better again!

Ngā mihi,

AIMS Games committee: Gina Draper, Mandi Butler and Michelle Carter.

OVERALL RESULTS:

Rippa Rugby: Placed 19th out of 50.

Futsal: Lost their final to Awakeri School 4-0.

Squash: Isaac Carter placed 16th, Leo Carter placed 25th & Logan Lyford 42nd out of 50.

Badminton Singles Girls: Miriama Newton placed 1st in Division 3; Eleanor Laver made the quarter finals in Division 3; Jasmine Stone made the semis finals in Division 6; and Sophie Parkes finished her pool play in Division 4.

Badminton Singles Boys: Rewi Tane made the quarter finals in Division 4; and Nahvaea Nathan finished his pool play in Division 6.

Badminton Doubles: Miriama & Eleanor had a close encounter in the Division 2 semi final; Sophie & Jasmine made the quarter finals in Division 4; and Rewi & Nahvaea finished second in Division 4.

Cross Country: Makenzie Grainger finished 94th and Mac Carter finished 98th.



Badminton team: Mirama, Eleanor, Jasmine, Sophie



Futsal team



Rippa Rugby team

Domain gets an upgrade



AS MANY of you will have seen if passing the Piopio Domain recently, it has an upgrade with the fencing looking very sharp.

From the clearing of invasive trees in and along the river, the cleaning of drains, the river fencing and river bank plantings.

Matt Buckley has been the driving force behind the upgrade where he worked hard to secure funding from King Country River Care and many hours labouring himself with the fencing.

Eight Mile farms supplied machinery and staff member Murray Mortensen to clear trees and drains to enable the fencing to start.

All the work completed was carried out by local contractors .

The fencing by Kevin Hall Fencing with assistance from local volunteers Marley Pirika-Sargison, Phil Brodie, Shane Neill, Jenelle Coxall, Tony Schrafft and Ed Buckley.

The river bank plants were brought from Wai Ora River Care based in Piopio and completed most of the planting.

Piopio College year 9 and 10 Ag class students completed the plantings and received some education from Wai Ora River Care on the benefits of the plantings.

Chris Clapcott spent two days carting

away the trees removed from the river banks.

Members of the local equestrian groups spent half a day in the rain picking up branches and stick left behind from the tree removal with the use of tractors from Bradcock contracting and DR Drainage.

DR Drainage supplied a tractor to complete metalling of gateways and levelling.

A shout out to King Country River Care for their financial assistance in making this upgrade possible.

The Piopio Domain Board greatly appreciated the donations and assistance from local contractors and individuals donating machinery/product/time to enable the completion of the upgrade namely:

- King Country River Care.
- Matt and Olivia Buckley – Eight Mile Farms.
- Murray Mortensen.
- Roy and Kelly Williams – DR Drainage.
- Aaron and Maree Bradcock – Bradcock contracting.
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Piopio Fruit & Veg Stand



ALMOST prime time for planting out our summer vegetable gardens, hooray! If you have a glasshouse trust it is bustling with seedlings to be planted out Labour Weekend. And we've all learnt the hard way about jumping the gun on planting too early, haven't we? If you still need to learn that lesson, go ahead and plant earlier. Mother Nature typically hits us with a frost just before Labour Weekend to remind us who is in charge. This year she may decide to take pity on us but it's hard to know either way.

We will be doing the annual seedling heirloom tomato extravaganza once again just before Labour Weekend. I need to query followers on our FB page whether stand supporters prefer to do "click and collect" inside our front gate again or distribution out at the stand, so keep an eye on the page if you're keen. After a certain

point the plants I have left get put out at the stand anyway; because, and I know it's hard to believe, I can't spend all day on tomatoes.

This year the varieties on offer are Oxheart, Purple Cherokee, Black Cherry, Black Krim, Pink Berkeley Tie Dye, Vintage Brandywine, Green Zebra, and "Big Heirloom." The latter is a lucky dip and includes Super Steakhouse, Oxheart and Vintage Brandywine me thinks. The tomato season last year was so mixed that I simply didn't keep track of varieties as I saved seeds, just saved them from the best tomatoes.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions/issues. Contributions of surplus to the stand would be welcome. Lemons going to waste? They would be gratefully appreciated. Updates are posted pretty much daily on our FB page.



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Election Debate held in Piopio

KING COUNTRY River Care (KCRC) held a candidate's debate early in September in Piopio, and hope residents left a little more informed ahead of this year's election.

Candidates were treated to a full house at the Fat Owl, with close to 120 people in attendance.

The community heard from current Tararua- King Country MP and National candidate Barbara Kuriger, as well as Labour list MP Angela Roberts, former Federated Farmers president Andrew Hoggard who is standing for ACT in Rangitikei, and independent candidate Bill Burr.

Each candidate was asked to prepare a 10-minute address which focused on their parties' ideas and solutions for rural and farming communities.

Max Lamb, Te Kuiti based lawyer chaired the debate, which was followed by a 30-minute Q&A session from the floor.

Reon Verry, Chair KCRC says, "KCRC wanted to host this event as there is so much going on in terms of policies and regulations that could have a material impact on farming, which then flows through to our communities. Rural communities, farmers and all primary industries are facing increasing challenges. This event aimed to provide our community with the opportunity to learn more about some of the parties standing for election, their policies and how they plan to solve and work with rural communities to ensure they continue to thrive."



FROM LEFT: Max Lamb, Angela Roberts, Andrew Hoggard, Barbara Kuriger, Bill Burr



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Dancing success for Caitlyn

CONGRATULATIONS to Caitlyn Cody on achieving 80 to 84% in her recent dance exam. This is an outstanding result. This is the final level in jazz and the average age for girls to be sitting this exam is usually around 17 to 18. The examiner's comments on Caitlyn's results card read, "that she is a conscientious hard working young lady." We are super proud of you Caitlyn.



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KC River Care Update

AT OUR recent AGM Reon Verry has been re-elected as Chair and Mat Sheriff as Treasurer. We welcomed two new committee members: Russell Profit and Charles Taituha. The committee would like to thank Martin Coup and John Reeves for their contributions. John retired from the committee at the AGM and Martin earlier in the year.

Election Debate

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our election debate. It was a full house, and the audience were treated to candidates' views on a whole range of topics as well as rural/farming issues. (See separate story in this issue).

Farm Plans

We know there's lots of uncertainty about the recently announced requirements for Freshwater Farm Plans. We're working with QCONZ and Waikato Regional Council on a digital Freshwater Farm Plan tool that will allow farmers to complete these plans themselves for a low-cost annual subscription. There is still work to be done and we're grateful to the farmers participating in the pilot project. We hope it will be ready to go next year and are planning to run workshops to support farmers to get these plans in place.

Phillipa Cameron

We're excited to bring Phillipa Cameron, otherwise known as the face of

Instagram account 'What's for Smoko' to Piopio in November for one night only. Phillipa is a station cook on her husband's family farm, a mother and author. Join us for some delicious food (from her books) and a glass of bubbles as we head into Christmas.

Phillipa Cameron, Tuesday 28 November, 6pm – The Fat Owl, Piopio.

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Exhibition Celebrating - The Past Leads Us Forward

At Piopio Primary School this year, the concept for learning has been 'The Past Leads us Forward'. During this learning the tamariki have learnt and shared more about their stories, and been to visit some significant places in our area. In Addition to this learning, tamariki have become more technologically capable. They have learnt to code and use programmes to share their learning.

To celebrate their learning achievements each class created an exhibit so they could share their ideas with their whānau and the wider community. Each class developed a different theme for their exhibit. This did not happen on purpose. Through discussion as new learning occurred, tamariki in each class were interested in a different aspect of our past.



The junior classes focused on Kupe and Te Wheke and the journey to Aotearoa. Dioramas were built, showcasing their special place. There were also waka built and beebots (robots) programmed to show the journey Kupe made from Hawaiki. The year 4 class were really interested in the contribution men in the community played during the World Wars. Their display had a military flavour, with videos and stories.



One of the senior classes focused on life in the 1940-50's. They created dioramas and websites to share learning about transport, entertainment and food. To access the websites you needed to scan the QR code. The other senior class created newspapers that reported on the potato blight, signing of the covenant and Paemako School's first bus along with other interesting local historical information. When visitors viewed the newspapers they thought they were from the 1800's as the tamariki had aged them to look historic.



Āria School celebrates Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

From September 11-18, as a country, we celebrated Te Wiki o te Reo Māori.

At Āria School all our students start the day celebrating and learning te reo Māori in the library for a 30-minute Te Ao Māori session exploring and practising the reo and listening to traditional stories related to our area, among other things.

Our tuakana-teina (Tuakana-teina is a concept from te ao Māori and refers to the relationship between an older (tuakana) person and a younger (teina) person) groupings give all students a chance to be supported to practice their reo daily. This is an amazing way to start our day and always starts and ends with a karakia (blessing) for a happy and fulfilling school day ahead.



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THE Mōkau Museum – established by the Tainui Historical Society in 1985 – and its team of volunteers collect, preserve, document, research, and display natural history and cultural heritage artefacts from the wider Tainui region.

The Museum Committee commissioned Taranaki builder Aaron Collins Builders Ltd to construct an accessibility ramp and accompanying roof structure following an extensive design and planning process. However, unexpected additional build and architectural costs have exhausted the project contingency.

Mōkau Museum Chairperson Murray Seamark explains, "The old building facades were rotten, the power supply rusted out and the building boundary was different to what is documented in the plans, which resulted in more design and foundation works."

"We need to raise an additional \$50,000 by December to complete the project, and we need the help of our community.

"Contributions from major and ongoing sponsors are fixed, and while we're grateful for their support, we've exhausted these funds.

Seamark continues, "Our community museum punches above its weight. Many of the taonga in the museum have been donated or are on loan from local families and it's our duty as Kaitiaki to ensure we're able to continue to preserve, care for and share these precious taonga with our community."

The current refurbishment project will enable people of all abilities access – opening the museum to a wider audience – in addition to revamping some of the existing displays.




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Mokau Fishing Club news



Hello all,

Well the weather has got warmer with settled spells, enabling some to get out on the water or get the line wet on the beach, with the evenings stretching out. Some good fish out there if you get amongst it and some having better luck than the whitebaiters from all reports.

Our AGM was held on Saturday, October 16, followed by a great turnout for our BBQ. We had some slight changes with the committee, with Dion standing down from president but remaining on the committee, I just want to thank you Dion for your time as president; you have done a great job over the years, and also thank you for staying on the committee.

This has seen myself, Wal Death, nominated for President for this coming season, with Phil Guddop moving into Treasurer, Max Lovell staying as secretary, and Kev Proffit still Club Captain. All other committee members remain the same apart from two new members putting their hand up to join; welcome Krystal & Roger Murray. As always, don't be afraid to put up your hand to help out! You don't need to be on the committee and we are always grateful for those people that do – it's very much appreciated.

A few changes on the tech front, we have set up and invested on a website and this will now be used to enter all comps and season memberships. You can also purchase clothing/merchandise. This is moving with the times and will make it a lot easier for the committee to run competition days and manage memberships.

If you are not computer savvy, find someone to help you out or get in touch with one of the committee members and they will assist you. Take a look at the website www.mokaufishingclub.co.nz – we would love any photos you have going forward that you may get of those great catches or moments – so send them in.

Our email address has also changed to mokaufishingclub@gmail.com.

Not long to go until our annual Ice Breaker Competition on October 21 and 22 (Labour weekend). Thank you to Hynds for being the major sponsor again. As normal, plenty of prize categories so get amongst it. Information and entry online

www.mokaufishingclub.co.nz

As some are aware, the channel has moved in the river and the bar changed, so make sure you check this out before you go out. So current markers for channel are useless. Hopefully a good flood and currents in right direction will see it return to normal route.

Well that's enough from me, we look forward to seeing everyone at the Ice Breaker Comp Labour weekend. Spread the word to your friends and family to come along.

Cheers, Wal.

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Youth Activities

Aria Playcentre
Hannah Bodger-Kearns
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Aria Toy Library
Librarian: Karen Jones
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Aria Primary School
(07) 877 7857

Curious Keas Preschool
Stephanie Brough
(07) 877 8224

Kohanga Piopio
(07) 877 8185

Mainly Music
All Saints Church, Moa Street
Music and movement for children 0-5yrs & caregivers.
Thursdays @ 10am
Alyson Singleton
(07) 877 8840

Piopio Playcentre
Nicola Kloeten
M: 027 696 0598

Piopio Primary School
(07) 877 8103

Piopio College
(07) 877 8173. Meeting rooms available for hire

Community

Piopio Police
07 877 0490

Crime Stoppers
0800 555 111
We live in a great community so let's stop these few who are taking from us. E: Tony.schrafft@police.govt.nz
www.crimestoppers-nz.org

All Saints Church Co-operating Parish of Piopio, Aria & Mokau
Main Road, Piopio.
Worship service 10am

Community Fruit & Veg Stand
Karen Barrett (07) 877 8012
E: struanfarm@gmail.com

Housie
Thursdays 1pm Senior Citizen's Room All welcome.
Paddy Coffin (07) 877 8367

Justices of Peace
Vikki Hall (07) 877 8058
Clive Fredericks
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Piopio Garden Circle
Visits are 3rd Thursday of every month except January & August
Gillian Hooper (07) 878 7880
M: 027 345 9603

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Opportunity Shop/ Mustard Seed
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Piopio College Community Library
(07) 877 8173
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18 Aria Road

Senior Citizen's Organisation
Meetings first Tuesday every month, 1.30pm. All welcome.
Wendy Weinberg
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The Old Piopio Post Office Art Gallery
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Piopio and Districts Museum
Mark Verry (07) 877 8842
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Piopio Market Day
3rd Sunday of each month
Grace Cortes Montecinos
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Piopio POP (Tui Park)
Waitomo District Council
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Key for toilet available from the Cloverleaf tearooms or Snow Nicol

Sports & Recreation

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President Mark Anderson
(07) 877 8950
Secretary Lee Alcock
E: ariasquash@gmail.com

Light Horse Club
President Helen Potter
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Line Dancing Club
Linda Oliver (07) 877 8313

Piopio-Aria Golf Club
Hamish Roach
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Piopio Bowling Club
Nigel 027 255 0898 or
Wendy (07) 877 8686

Piopio Community Sports (Rukuhia Domain)
Tony Schrafft Tony.schrafft@police.govt.nz

Piopio Rugby Club
President Peter Hurley
(07) 877 7577

Piopio Swimming Club
Matt Carter M: 021 569 311
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Pony Club
President Olivia Buckley
Secretary
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(07) 878 7182

Tennis Club
Reon Verry (07) 878 8678

King Country Hunt
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027 577 7881

Trail Bikes & Moto Cross Track
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Kim Tatham (07) 877 8820

Waitomo Aero Club
Pete Voyce (07) 877 8254
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Fantastic fun in Fiji



ON August 29, 10 Piopio College students made their way to Fiji for a cultural trip alongside Mr and Mrs Draper and Mr and Mrs Muraahi. For some of these students it was their first time on a plane. They were fully immersed in the culture of this trip as they had the opportunity to explore local markets, indulge in local Fijian cuisine, experience church life, and form genuine connections with locals within the villages. Let's just say there was minimal down time as we made every moment count as we wanted to experience what this beautiful country had to offer.

Some highlights from the students were engaging in small sports games with the local children, being shown around the local school by our personal tour guides (cute village children), participating in the cultural welcoming ceremony, and having the opportunity to experience real life skills such as airport navigation.

On behalf of the Fiji Cultural Trip staff and students this trip would not have been possible without the support of many local businesses. Thank you for your generous offers to ensure our students were given the most incredible week and looked incredibly smart.

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We look forward to planning and gathering insights as to what our 2025 tour will involve. Watch this space!

Bula Vinaka - Ben & Gina Draper and Paiaka & Ashley Muraahi.

**28TH OCTOBER 2023
PIOPIO
HALLOWEEN
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