

1st March 2024

PANUI #24/05

PIPIO

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Kura Tuatahi o Piopio



In this week's NEWSLETTER

This Weeks News
What's happening...
Happy B'day

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Interschool
Swimming Sports**
Fri 8th March

**Teachers Union
Meeting**
Fri 22 Mar @ 12.25

PYSC Meeting
Tue 26 March @ 6.30pm

**Good Friday/Easter
Tuesday**
Fri 29th Mar - Tue 2nd April

Last day Term 1
Friday 12th April

Tēnā Koutou,

Yesterday (Thursday) we were really excited that we had every child at school. Because full attendance doesn't happen very often, we took the opportunity to take a photo of the whole school. At present we have 130 students at Piopio Primary, with a number of new students starting over the next few weeks. We love having new tamariki join our kura and I know our Piopio community will make their whānau very welcome.

You may have noticed the post on our school Facebook page on Wednesday regarding roller skates at school. If your tamariki are bringing roller skates to school they must wear a helmet when using their skates. This is to minimise the possibility of head injuries. There is a designated flat area for the tamariki to be using their roller skates on.

On Wednesday night, the first board meeting for 2024 was held. At the meeting I presented the 2023 end of year data report. The highlight of the report was the progress that has been made in reading, writing and mathematics since 2021. In reading 10.5% more students are achieving at or above their expected curriculum level, in writing 17%, and in mathematics 14% more tamariki achieving at expected curriculum levels. These are significant increases over 2 years. This does not happen by chance. It takes a village to raise a child and it is the same for educating a child. Teachers, support staff, the board, PTA, PYSC and very importantly whānau all have an important role in supporting student progress and achievement. Thank you for all that you do. I am very excited to see what we can achieve together in 2024.

I understand there have been some questions and discussion regarding the composite classrooms that we have this year. There were several reasons this decision was made. Firstly was high numbers of students in years 4 and 6. If we had straight year group classes some classes would have 30 students and others would have 20 students. By having year 5/6 classes we started 2024 with 25 students in each class. This was the same for the year 3 and 4's. In year 4 there would have been a large class and year 3 smaller. Instead there were 24 students in each class at the beginning of 2024. Having composite classes also gives us the option to have classes that have a balance of students that support learning and behaviour and when new students enrol at our kura we can decide the best fit for them. Teachers are used to teaching composite classes as this is normal throughout primary schools nationally. It doesn't matter if classes are a straight year group or composite, there is always a wide range of learning abilities and maturity levels. Teachers group students to meet their needs and learning is targeted for their next learning steps. I am happy to answer any questions you may have. There are no silly questions and I am always happy to stop and chat.

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I want to clarify which classes are in which team. Rooms 5, 6, 7 & 4 are all part of the senior school. I wish we could have 4 classrooms physically together instead of 3 as this would be ideal having the whole team together. In the junior team is rooms 9, 1 & 2 and again it would be lovely to have the 3 classes physically next to each other. This isn't the case, but they are all part of the junior team. We are hoping as the year progresses names will be created for each team to give them their own identity.

On the afternoon of Friday March the 22nd teachers are attending a Paid Union meeting in Te Awamutu. As part of their collective agreement they are entitled to 2 paid union meetings a year. This means we will have a skeleton staff remaining at school. We are asking that if you are able, could you please pick your tamariki up at 12:25 on this day. Tamariki that remain at school will participate in different activities and buses will be running. Thanks in advance for your support.

Thank you to everyone who has been helping to prepare for our swimming sports. These events take a lot of time to organise and this commitment and effort is appreciated. I hope the tamariki all share their highlights for the day with you. I will share my highlights in the newsletter next week.

Have a great weekend!

Ngā mihi nui
Sue Coyle
Principal

100% ATTENDANCE!!!!

130/130 students!!!



A P P L E P I E

ROOM 9
&
ROOM 1



Apples from our school garden



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CONGRATULATIONS

Amaiah Brown
Hope Heald
Ruby Mouat
Max Carter
Tyler Brice
Liam MacLachlan

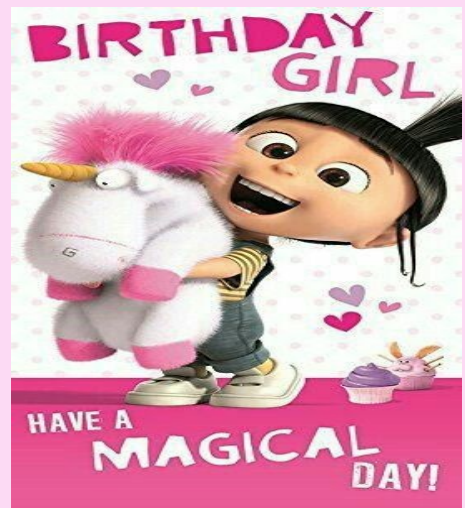


Who were all
"Caught Being Great"
Over the past week



Ben & Nina Gread
Makin Rangatao

Who joined our school this
week



Happy Birthday to..

Ria Maguire

who celebrated
her birthday
during the week

Book Club



Orders Closes -15th March

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**Parents use the Book
Club LOOP system.**

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REMEMBER

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



Staff Carpark

Please **DO NOT** use the staff carpark as a drop off / pick up zone in the mornings and after school as this causes disruption to our busy teachers / staff. Thank you for your co-operation.

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TUESDAY 6.30PM TE KUITI

THURSDAY 6.15PM PIOPIO



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