

NEWSLETTER

Week 9

UPCOMING EVENTS

Matariki Celebrations

Thursday
25 June

Last day of Term 2

Friday
3 July

First day of Term 3

Monday
20 July

Photolife Sports & Class Photo's

Friday
24 July



PIPIO

PRIMARY SCHOOL

PANUI #18 | 19th June 2026

Kia ora e te whānau,

Today we have 32 tamariki competing at the annual Āria Orienteering Day. It is wonderful to have fine weather for this event, which historically doesn't often happen. We thank Āria School for hosting, and I look forward to hearing how our tamariki get on. Thank you also to Miss Stokes for once again organising our teams.

Next Wednesday (24 June) is our monthly Board meeting. These are held in the school staffroom, commencing at 6pm, and the public is always welcome. The Board is currently developing our strategic plan for the next three years, with input from our community. Following our recent community hui, the Board is preparing a survey to be sent home to all families. Please keep an eye out for it — we truly value your feedback on what you want for your tamariki and their school experience.

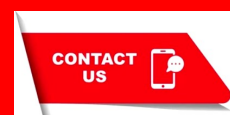
The finishing touches are being put on mid-year reports. These detailed reports include information on your child's achievement in reading, writing, and mathematics, their next learning steps, and ways you can support learning at home. For tamariki who have not yet been at school for one full year, the report format is slightly different, as teachers cannot make an overall judgement until that one-year point. These reports instead provide a clear picture of current learning in literacy and mathematics, next steps, and how you can help at home. All reports include a general teacher comment, a principal comment, and your child's attendance rate. Reports will be published on Hero at 3.30pm on the 3rd of July.

I am hearing lots of excited tamariki talking about their class Matariki displays. We are really hoping all our whānau will be able to join us for hāngī, view the classroom displays, enjoy some beautiful waiata, and watch our kapa haka rōpū perform. We will begin eating at 12.30pm. Thank you to everyone for your support — we are always humbled by the aroha we receive from our community.

Enjoy the weekend!

Ngā mihi nui
Sue Coyle
Principal

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WINTER / HŌTOKE IN THE GARDEN

with the CRT classes

Winter / Hōtoke has arrived, and our garden has started to slow down for the colder season. We recently had a very heavy frost, and the children were amazed to see what looked like "glass" on the bird bath!

Our little gardeners have been busy harvesting mandarins, planting spinach seedlings, and sowing peas and beans. They have also noticed that the grapevine looks "dead", which has led to some great learning about dormancy and the life cycles of plants. Even though it is winter, there are still plenty of insects to discover, especially on the citrus trees. A praying mantis has become a particular favourite, sparking lots of curiosity. We are investigating why insects are on the trees, whether they are helpful or harmful, and what role they play in the garden ecosystem.

To help build healthy soil, the children have been collecting lawn clippings and leaves, and we were lucky enough to receive some horse manure. These materials will help nourish our garden and support future growth. There is always something to discover in our garden, even during the colder months!



SPORTS

BOARD



SATURDAY 20TH JUNE

Piopio Crusaders vs Coast Snappers U7 (Waitomo)

Piopio Titians vs OJR Wasps (Scoreboard)



FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

Juniors Year 1 & 2

Piopio Minors vs Otewa Man U
@ 3.40pm - F8

Piopio Minors vs Oto South Green
@ 4.05 - F9

Piopio Sparrows vs STJR Pods
@ 3.40pm - F11

Piopio Sparrows vs Kio Kio Knights
@ 4.05pm - F12

Juniors Year 3 & 4

Piopio Hawks vs TKP Chargers
@ 3:40pm - F4

Piopio Hawks vs CPS Whana Nui
@ 4.05pm - F4

Piopio Fantails @ Kio Kio Jets
@ 4.35pm - F5

Piopio Fantails vs TKP Racers
@ 5.00pm - F4

Junior Year 5 & 6

Piopio Tuis vs TKP Pacers
@ 4.35pm - F18





NOTICE

BOARD

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



Rico Simpson
Ruvan Thakur
Briley Grainger
Emma Neil
Jasmine Ratcliffe

Weekly Winners
Congratulations!

WELCOME to our **SCHOOL!**

Rangihua Tarrant

WHO JOINED OUR KURA THIS WEEK

Kia ora e te whānau,

IMPORTANT DENTAL NOTICE
Dental School Bus – Contact number:
021 487 914

<p>During Term 1 school holidays, the dental school bus (currently at Te Kūiti Primary School) will remain open Monday to Friday 9am - 3pm.</p>	<p>The bus will be in Te Kūiti till end May - June, then move on to Ōtorohanga (location to be confirmed).</p>	<p>Whānau, please take this opportunity to call in or text the mobile number to book your Tamariki in for their yearly dental concerns *o</p>
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Jane (Dental Therapist) and Wendy (Dental Assistant) are here to support the dental health of all Tamariki, **FREE till the age of 18 years.**

"Supporting good oral health for tamariki helps build strong foundations for lifelong wellbeing."

PIOPIO'S GOT TALENT

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

SHOW YOUR SKILLS!

Singer? **DANCER?** Musician?
Magician? **COMEDIAN?**

★ Share your talent! ★
★ ARE YOU READY TO SHINE? ★

Time to **COLLECT Yummy stickers** for our School's share of

\$200,000

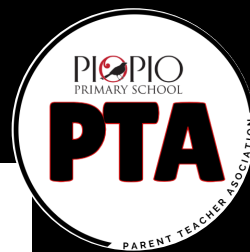
SPORTS GEAR

Download extra sticker sheets at yummyfruit.co.nz

EAT YUMMY APPLES & BRING YOUR STICKERS TO SCHOOL!

P.T.A

Parent Teacher Association

A green and yellow graphic for a PTA update. It features a Piopio Primary School PTA logo in the top left corner. The main text is 'PTA UPDATE' in large white letters, followed by 'NEW Senior Playground Planning' in yellow. Below this is a paragraph of text, a student feedback quote, and a thank you message. At the bottom, there are three small images showing different playground equipment designs: a swing set, a climbing structure, and a slide. The background is decorated with yellow flowers and a paper airplane.

PTA UPDATE

NEW Senior Playground Planning

The PTA is excited to be working towards providing a new senior playground for our school over the next 18 months. As part of this process, we will be surveying our senior students to find out what they would like to see included in the new playground. We want to create a space that is engaging, inclusive, and beneficial for children of all learning styles and abilities, while also providing opportunities for challenge, growth, and skill development.

Student feedback will play an important role in helping us design a playground that meets the needs and interests of both current and future students. We also value input from our parent community, so if you have any feedback or ideas you would like to share, please let us know.

All upcoming PTA fundraising initiatives will be directed towards this exciting playground project. Every contribution will help us move closer to creating a lasting asset that can be enjoyed by generations of Piopio Primary School students.

Thank you for your continued support of our fundraising efforts and school community.

A graphic for the PTA Committee. It features a photograph of children playing on a colorful rainbow parachute on a grassy field. Below the photo is a Piopio Primary School PTA logo. The text 'PTA COMMITTEE' is written in large, bold letters. Below this is a list of committee members and their roles. The background is decorated with yellow and green wavy lines and a small Piopio Primary School PTA logo.

PTA COMMITTEE

Mel MacDonald (*Chairperson*)
Hannah Youngman (*Secretary*)
Emma-Jane McKinney (*Treasurer*)
Sue Coyle (*BOT Rep.*)
Layla Todd (*School Rep.*)
Jason Ballantyne (*Stock Scheme Co-ordinator*)

COMMITTEE

Hannah Moorhouse
Tara Mouat
Jessie Loomans
Latisha Dennis
Ganeet Kaur
Verena Bradley

KINGS SEEDS FUNDRAISER

Reminder that your seed order forms need to be returned to the office by Wednesday next week.

24/06/2026

COMMUNITY

Pānui

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Arts & Crafts at
SHOPPINGTON



FREE
 instore fun
 for kids!

Get creative these holidays!

ANY WEEKDAY THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
10AM - 2PM
SHOPPINGTON TE KUITI

A FEW QUICK THINGS TO KNOW:

- Activity takes around 20 mins
- Kids must have a supervising adult
- One activity per child
- Ages 4-14 years
- FREE!**

COME CREATE, MAKE & HAVE FUN!

FOR MORE INFORMATION
 07 878 6622

Rangitoto Teachers Present...
MIDWINTER MATARIKI FESTIVAL




Stargazing Telescopes · Fire Dance · Astrophotography Tutorial · Kids Scavenger Hunt
 Waitomo Choir Concert · Bonfire · Cake Auction · Student Productions · Food

4:00pm	Student Productions
4:15pm	Planet Cakes Auction!
4:30pm	Scavenger Hunt Prizes
4:45pm	Fire Dance
5pm	Telescopes and Astrophotography Station Opens
5:05pm	Live Music Starts
5:45pm	Waitomo Choir

JULY
THURSDAY 2 4PM-6PM
2026

Rangitoto School, 949 Rangitoto Road
 \$5/ Ticket: Cash sales on the night or Bank transfer, reference: Name and Email
 Bank Account: 02-0448-0029581-000
 Family Friendly Community Event



JUNIOR SQUASH COACHING

Term 3
Aria Squash Club

Registration to
 Layla Benton-Todd: 0211006647

Monday Afternoons
 Starting from 3:30pm
 Session times will be made based on ability

Come along and try this fast, fun, and exciting sport!
 Racquets & balls provided

TRY IT. PLAY IT. LOVE IT.
Aria Squash, St Helens Domain Aria

MATARIKI KIDS MOVIE NIGHT

COME CELEBRATE THE MĀORI NEW YEAR WITH US HERE AT THE CLUB!

FRIDAY 10TH JULY 2026
6:00PM ONWARDS
MOVIE PLAYING ON THE BIG SCREEN
DINNER BOX - \$10
GOODIE BOX - \$5

LANTERN LIGHTING IN THE PADDOCK (WEATHER PERMITTING)
 PLEASE BRING WARM CLOTHING.

MATARIKI COLOURING COMPETITION
 WINNER DRAWN ON THE NIGHT!

FUN, PRIZES & GOOD TIMES FOR THE KIDS!

BRING THE WHOLE WHĀNAU ALONG FOR A FUN-FILLED EVENING AS WE CELEBRATE MATARIKI TOGETHER!

EVERYONE WELCOME!