

NEWSLETTER

Week 6

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kings Birthday
(School Closed)

Monday
1 June

NKC Tackle 5's

Wednesday
10 June

Orienteering - Aria

Friday
19 June

Matariki Celebrations

Thursday
25 June

Last day of term 2

Friday
3 July



PIOPIO PRIMARY SCHOOL

PANUI #15/ 29th May 2026

Kia ora e te whānau,

On Monday night I attended the PTA AGM and general meeting. Thank you to Mel MacDonald for continuing as chairperson of the PTA. Mel has a small but dedicated team supporting her to fundraise and provide resources and extras for our tamariki. Their most recent donation was 16 Chromebooks to replace broken and older models. It was also great to hear that a few more people joined the PTA team this week. The PTA will soon be sharing details about upcoming fundraising events, so keep an eye out. If you would like to be more involved in the school and feel this is a way you can contribute, please pop into the school office and we can put you in touch with Mel.

On Tuesday, Whaea Linda and Lee Alcock travelled to Hamilton with the Year 6 students for the annual National Young Leaders Day. Throughout the day, students listened to inspiring keynote speakers who shared powerful stories about courage, resilience, and overcoming fear. This is an important annual event for our Year 6 class, as we believe all tamariki are leaders in different ways.

We are always looking for ways to provide leadership opportunities across the kura. This includes our junior students, who lead the karakia at morning tea & lunchtime for kai time over the PA system. Another way junior teachers support leadership is through junior assembly, where classes take turns leading. On Thursday it was Room 2's turn. Junior assemblies are held every second Thursday at 2:15 pm, and everyone is welcome to come and celebrate their achievements. A reminder that you are always welcome at our whole-school assembly on Friday afternoons in the MPR from 2pm

We are now over halfway through Term 2, with several events still to come, including our annual Matariki celebration. Planning for Term 3 events is also underway. These include the Music Festival, speech competition, and Piopio's Got Talent. We are excited to continue offering a wide range of learning opportunities for our tamariki.

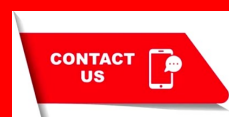
Congratulations to everyone who participated in the interschool cross-country last Friday. Our tamariki demonstrated resilience, perseverance, fair play, and sportsmanship. Well done to those who placed, and to everyone for the effort they put into the event.

Next Friday, the third learning story for this year will be published, with a focus on science. These stories have been written by our classroom release teachers, Kim Bailey and Keri Alcock. The context is learning about the environment and how to care for it. I know you will enjoy reading them.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Ngā mihi nui

Sue Coyle



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WHAT'S ON ROOM 4

Term 2 edition

WRITING is Fun

By Olivia & Harlan

We have written about an elephant long ago. We had to describe the elephant. The elephant has sharp tusks and a long trunk. We have to do compound sentences because we are in a year 3 group and are improving our writing. We are all learning to use adjectives to describe people and things. Writing is fun!



SIGN Language

By Ollie, Lachlan, Caleb, Louis & Ihaia

Ollie: We like to learn new signs.

Lachlan: We learn our hobbies in sign language. I can finger spell my name.

Caleb: I know how to sign teddy and colours.

Louis: Sign language is useful. I can sign turtle and lots of other words like sad, mad and happy.

Ihaia: I am learning to sign my name.



READING Report

Maisy: Me and my reading group are reading part 1 journals. We read something different every day.

Chloe: I like reading with Whaea Fiona and my class. I also like reading with Mrs Keeling and my group.

Makin: I read with my reading group. I like reading with my group, I am reading with Coen, Liv and Maisy.

Rylee: likes sharing books every day with Whaea Fiona.



MATH Report

By Ngatai & Quinn

We do maths in our class. It is really fun. Year 3 is starting to learn about fractions and time. Last week we learnt how to add numbers using place value. We can add 3 digit numbers and the Year 2 students were adding 2 digit numbers. After we have finished our maths we get to go on our chromebook and do maths activities.



How we show SCHOOL VALUES

By Frankie, Laney, Myla and Ruvan

RANGATIRATANGA We are leaders of our learning by working hard.

MANAAKITANGA We are respectful because we clean our school.

WHANAUNGATANGA We are caring for other people and property.

KOTAHITANGA We are united because if there is a new person in our school we would help them.



ROOM 5

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...



2026

2026 YOUNG LEADERS DAY

Our Year 6 students had the incredible opportunity to attend the National Young Leaders Day in Hamilton on Tuesday, and what a fantastic day it was! Students were inspired by a range of dynamic speakers who shared powerful messages about leadership, perseverance, goal setting, and believing in themselves. Throughout the day, our students were encouraged to step outside their comfort zones, build confidence, develop resilience, and reflect on the positive impact they can have within our school and wider community. It was a valuable experience that challenged students to think about the kind of leaders they want to be and provided them with practical tools to support their personal growth. We are incredibly proud of the way our students represented our kura and know they returned feeling motivated, empowered, and ready to put their leadership skills into action. A huge thank you to Whaea Linda and Lee for taking the group.



SPORTS

BOARD



KINGS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

No Games



FRIDAY 29TH MAY

Juniors yr 1 & 2

Piopio Minors vs Pukenui Panthers

@ 3.40pm - F12

Piopio Minors vs STJR Pods

@ 4.05 - F11

Piopio Sparrows vs TKP Shooters

@ 3.40pm - F9

Piopio Sparrows vs TKP Lasers

@ 4.05pm - F8

Juniors yr 3 & 4

Piopio Hawks vs Otewa Liverpool

@ 3:40pm - F4

Piopio Hawks vs CPS Whana Nui

@ 4.05pm - F4

Piopio Fantails @ Kio Kio Phoenix

@ 4.35pm - F4

Piopio Fantails vs TKP Racers

@ 5.00pm - F6

Junior yr 5 & 6

Piopio Tuis - BYE





NOTICE

BOARD

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

PTA

CATTLE SCHEME VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Our PTA is looking for families who may be in a position to help graze cattle for our school fundraising cattle scheme. Every bit of support makes a huge difference and helps us continue funding resources, activities, and opportunities for our tamariki. If you have spare grazing available and would like to support the school PTA please get in touch with Jason Ballantyne. 02102582142

We truly appreciate the incredible support from our school community this scheme simply wouldn't happen without you!

Piopio Primary School Board



Casual vacancy

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE X 2



Two casual vacancies have occurred on the school board for elected parent representatives. The board has decided to fill both vacancies by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancies, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Laree Rauputu (chair)

Piopio Primary School Board

lareer@ppp.school.nz

by: Friday 26th June, 2026



Happy Birthday

Sasha Jones
+
Meila Petrucci
+
Gaga Sopheak
+
Caleb Pizimolas
+
Hope Heald

Who celebrated their birthday over the week

CONGRATULATIONS

CHLOE FINN

ANJA WALTERS

YOYO SOPHEAK

JASMINE RATCLIFFE

REEF DAWSON

ISLA-MAC SIMPSON

PB4L

BOARD

Update!

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our recent whānau hui at Mōkau Kohunui Marae. It was a valuable evening of connection, kōrero and shared whakaaro as we begin planning for the future of our kura.

The Board would also like to sincerely thank everyone who supported us in holding this event. Ngā mihi nui to Mōkau Kohunui Marae for hosting us, Lyn Barnsdall for preparing an incredible kai, and to Ripeka Price, Tukemata and Lynne Rauputu, Muiora Barry, Lizzie Simon, Marina Rauputu, Whaea Linda, Mrs Bryant, and the students and staff of Piopio College for their generosity and support.

We heard many thoughtful ideas and reflections on what matters most to our community. Strong themes included belonging, communication, inclusion, celebrating culture and identity, and protecting the unique sense of community that makes our kura special.

This feedback will help guide our Strategic Planning process over the coming months. We know not everyone was able to attend, so a paper survey will also be sent home shortly to provide another opportunity for whānau voice. A more detailed summary of the ideas shared is included later in this newsletter.

Ngā mihi,
Piopio Primary School Board

Your Board:

Laree Rauputu (Presiding Member)
Kelsey Karaka (Property Officer)
Petra White (Deputy Presiding Member)
Fiona Merrie (Teacher Representative)
Latisha Dennis (Health & Safety Officer)
Sue Coyle (Principal)



WHĀNAU HUI

Feedback Summary

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent whānau hui and shared their whakaaro. Your feedback will help inform the development of our Strategic Plan for the next three years.

Key Themes We Heard:

Belonging, relationships and support

- Welcoming smiles, positive communication and feeling comfortable at kura
- Tamariki being greeted, known and understood as individuals
- Strong teacher-whānau relationships and open communication
- Supportive teachers, teacher aides and caring adults around tamariki
- Consistent routines, boundaries and learning environments
- Inclusion and understanding for neurodiverse and diverse learners

Learning, growth and opportunities

- Leadership opportunities, kapa haka, sport, camps and performances
- Karakia, school values, local stories and Māori history
- Learning experiences that are meaningful and connected to real life
- Kindness, empathy, independence and confidence as important life skills
- Greater visibility around how awards and prizegiving recognition are achieved
- More opportunities for a wider range of tamariki to shine and be recognised, including juniors and those whose strengths sit beyond sport or traditional leadership roles

Culture, identity and what makes our kura special

- Celebrating Māori culture, Te Reo Māori and commitment to Te Tiriti
- Respecting and embracing all cultures represented within our community
- Protecting the special feel of a small rural kura and strong community connections
- Valuing local history, connection to place and outdoor learning
- Maintaining traditions and events that hold significance for our school community, including the 'extras' that tamariki look forward to

Whānau voice and partnership

Whānau shared the importance of:

- Open, honest and respectful communication
- Feeling listened to and taken seriously
- Opportunities for home and school to work together
- Community contribution through fundraising, practical support and working bees

What Happens Next?

The Board will now review this feedback alongside responses from an upcoming paper survey, which will be sent home in the coming weeks to provide another opportunity for whānau voice.

Together, these conversations and responses will help identify shared priorities and guide the development of our Strategic Plan for the next three years.

