

NEWSLETTER

Week 2

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parent/Teacher
conferences
**Wednesday &
Thursday
5 & 6 August**

Rippa Rugby yr 5&6
**Tuesday
25 August**

Speeches (in class)
**Wednesday
26 August**

BOT Meeting
**Wednesday
26 August**

Speech Finals
**Wednesday
2 September**

Pioppio's Got Talent
**Friday
18 September**

PIOPPIO

PRIMARY SCHOOL

PANUI #23 | 31st July 2026

Kia ora e te whānau,

This week **we held our first workshop for the 2026 Speech Competition**. It is exciting to have 34 tamariki taking part this year. All of the tamariki have chosen topics for their speeches, and I am looking forward to hearing the wide range of subjects they will be presenting. I will be working with the tamariki each week to develop and practise their speech presentations.

As in previous years, both staff and students have been affected by **seasonal illness**. At times, staff are stepping into different roles to support the smooth running of the kura. We appreciate whānau keeping tamariki at home when they are unwell, as this helps prevent the spread of illness. Another way whānau can support us is by reminding tamariki about regular handwashing, coughing or sneezing into their elbows, and blowing their noses when needed. These simple habits help keep everyone safe and healthy.

A gentle reminder that **parent interviews** will be held next week on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. If you have not yet booked a time, I strongly encourage you to do so through Hero. Whānau may choose whether or not to include their child in the interview.

This week, the **senior leadership team and our Assessment for Learning (formative assessment) facilitator** visited all classrooms to gather student voice about what tamariki are learning, how they know they have been successful, and what their next learning steps are. The responses were shared with teachers at our staff meeting later that afternoon and prompted valuable discussion about the varied perspectives of our learners. It was a privilege to spend time in classrooms and see such calm, positive learning environments across the kura.

Enjoy the weekend, and I hope we are not woken by any unexpected shaking like we were last Saturday morning!

Ngā mihi nui

Sue Coyle

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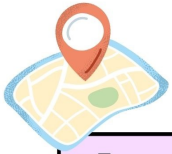
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ROOM 5

TE REO MĀORI LEARNING



AKE, AKE, AKE: WELCOME TO OUR TĀONE REO!



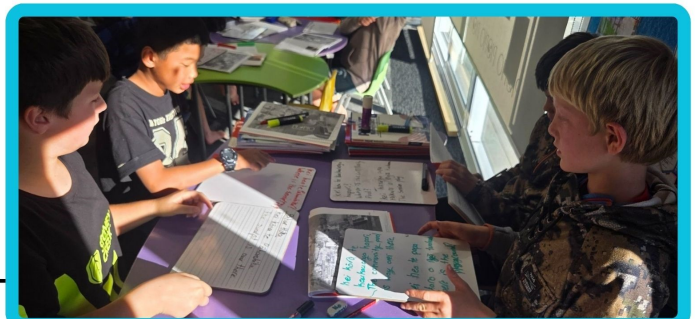
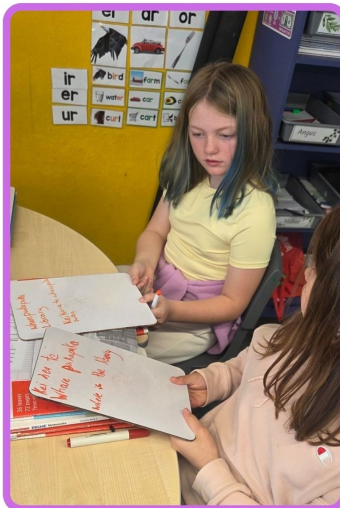
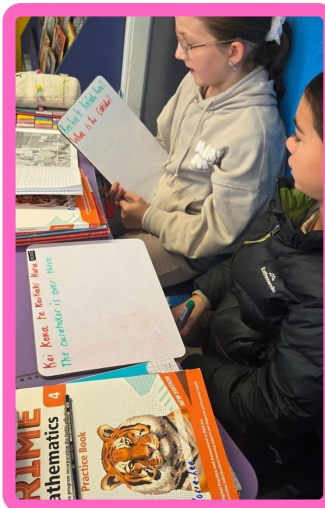
Kia ora e te whānau!

Term 3 has kicked off with massive energy in the Senior School! This term, our learning is centered around the official 2026 Te Wiki o te Reo Māori theme: "Ake, Ake, Ake – A Forever Language."

To bring this theme to life, Room 5 has taken on an exciting challenge: turning our kura into a bustling Tāone Reo Māori (Māori Language Town)

What We Are Up To

Over the last two weeks, our senior tamariki have been busy mapping out the school layout using 100% te reo Māori. We have been learning the Māori names for all our favourite spots around school, including the tari (office), wharepaku/whareiti (toilets), mārihi (grass field), and papa tākaro o ngā teina (junior playground). To help us read and speak fluently, we have put up massive, colorful kupu (words) all over our classroom walls. The kids are doing an amazing job tracking the words as they speak, helping them build incredible oral confidence!



Try the Whānau Challenge Tonight!

Our tamariki are practicing how to ask where things are using the structure:

"Kei hea te...?" (Where is the...?)

"Kei kōna te..." (It is over there...)

Test your child's map skills tonight at home! Ask them "Kei hea te tari?" (Where is the office?) or "Kei hea te whareiti?" (Where is the toilet?) and see if they can point the way!

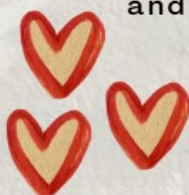




NOTICE BOARD

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if there is any changes to your child's
afterschool arrangements

THANK YOU for being our Principal Mrs Coyle



Today we would like to take a moment to celebrate our wonderful Principal, Sue Coyle. Sue leads our kura with kindness, strength and a genuine care for every tamaiti and whānau in our kura community. Her calm guidance, hard work and dedication help make our school a safe, positive and inspiring place to learn and grow.

We are so grateful for the way Sue supports staff, encourages students and helps our school thrive in so many ways. Her leadership is appreciated every day and today we would like to say a very big thank you for all that she does.

Ngā mihi nui,
From the staff and tamariki of
Piopio Primary School

FROM THE

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Board of Trustees

Thank You for Sharing Your Voice

A sincere thank you to everyone who completed our recent Whānau Survey. We received 36 responses, and your feedback will play an important role in shaping our next three-year Strategic Plan.

Overall, we heard that our community highly values:

- A welcoming, inclusive kura where every child is known, valued and supported.
- Our caring, dedicated and high-quality staff.
- Small class sizes and accessible learning environments that support all learners.
- Strong relationships between the school, students and whānau.
- A wide range of opportunities including sport, kapa haka, leadership, outdoor education and practical learning experiences.
- Our school pool as an important learning and community asset.

Our commitment to Te Reo Māori, tikanga and the unique local identity of our kura.

Your feedback will help guide our Strategic Plan as we continue to focus on:

- Maintaining our welcoming and inclusive school culture.
- Supporting students to develop critical thinking, confidence, resilience, kindness and strong values alongside academic success.
- Providing high-quality learning opportunities for every child.
- Strengthening partnerships and communication with whānau.
- Preserving the opportunities and experiences that make Piopio Primary unique.

Many of you also shared practical suggestions for improving communication and opportunities for whānau engagement. These ideas have been passed on to the Principal and staff for consideration alongside other school priorities.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your thoughts. Your voice is genuinely helping shape the future direction of our kura.

Ngā mihi nui,
Piopio Primary School Board

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P.T.A

Parent Teacher Association



R'OIL CAN VINTAGE CAR RALLY VISITS PIOPIO PRIMARY!

Last Saturday, Piopio Primary School had the pleasure of hosting the R'Oil Can Vintage Car Rally as participants made their way through to Ōhura.

The PTA provided a delicious morning tea as a fundraiser for the visiting group. We welcomed 42 participants and around 20 stunning open-top vintage sports cars, dating from 1911 to 1955. It was a fantastic opportunity to see these beautifully maintained vehicles up close—they were truly impressive!

While the weather wasn't quite on our side, it certainly didn't dampen the spirits of the car club members, who were friendly, enthusiastic, and appreciative of the warm welcome they received.

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA and all of the volunteers who helped prepare and serve the morning tea. Your time and effort made the event a great success, and we are grateful for your ongoing support of our school.



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](tel:02102582142)

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

HELP YOUR COMMUNITY VOTE

Register your interest to work at the 2026 General Election.

We want people from local communities to work in voting places and help people vote.

For more information about the roles available, and to register your interest in working at this important event, visit work.elections.nz today.

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ELECTORAL COMMISSION
Election 2026/27





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SUMMER SPORTS 2026 PIOPIO YOUTH SPORTS COMMITTEE

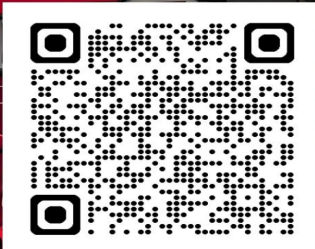
NOW OPEN!

MINIBALL (TERM 3)

- AGE:** 6 Years old and older
- GAMES:** Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays.
- LOCATION:** Gallagher Centre / Te Kūiti Stadium (TBC).
- BEGINS:** Late August/Early September.
- INFO:** One game per week (24 mins). Coaches/Parents decide training.

TOUCH RUGBY (TERM 4)

- DAY:** Mondays (Starting ~3:45pm).
- AGES:** Year 3/4 and Older.
- LOCATION:** Te Kūiti High School
- DURATION:** Round-robin, 5 games (inc. finals).
- INFO:** Organised & refereed by Nano Te Whare/TKHS Students.



NOW OPEN!

✓ **GET ACTIVE. JOIN A TEAM. PLAY ONE OR BOTH!**

Any issues, contact: PYSC@ppp.school.nz

NEED: Coaches, Referees, Scorers! Let us know!

facebook.com/PYSC

LOST PROPERTY

Has your child lost some clothing?



All lost property will be on display in the Multi Purpose Room. Parents, please check them out after their your interview. There are some expensive looking jackets there! Any items left will be taken to the 'Op shop on that Friday.

P4L

Positive Behaviour Learning

Nellie Ashman

Hope Heald

Kyah Langlands

Chloe Brooks

Rasheda Holland-Phillips

Weekly Winners
Congratulations!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT PIOPIO PRIMARY SCHOOL

Multi-talented staff — there's an app for that!

It turns out teaching is only one of the talents in our staffroom. One of our very own teachers has designed, built and launched their own smartphone app — as a solo, independent developer, in their own time.

It's called **Compass World**, a privacy-first news reader that shows the same story across different news outlets so readers can see every angle. It has strong New Zealand coverage, keeps everything private on your own phone, and it's now **live on the Google Play Store**.

We're proud to have such creative, multi-talented people here at Piopio Primary — and we'd love the school community to get behind them.

Please support a local independent creator ♥

 **Compass World**
One story. Every angle.



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Available now on **Google Play**

Merehuia Young Stock Club



CALF CLUB DAY 2026

Tuesday 20th October

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Calf Club Day is a tradition at Piopio Primary School which takes place early in Term 4. This letter is an introduction, especially for our new parents.

The day is organised and run by a committee of volunteers known collectively as the Merehuia Young Stock Club (MYSC) Committee.

There are three major sections for students to be involved in:

ANIMALS DECORATIVE COOKING

You will receive plenty of information throughout the term about this event.

A schedule about the decorative and cooking items will be sent home towards the end of Term 3.

It is time to start thinking about animals. Calves, lambs or goats must be born on or after the 1st of July 2026 and before 20th September 2026.

The birth dates tie in with Group Day rules for students who wish to go on and compete against other schools. Group Day information will be included in the entry packs.

This table details the class of animal students may enter:

Please note that preschoolers are not eligible to compete for trophies.

Class of Animal	Preschoolers	Primary School Students	College Students Y7-10
CALF		😊	😊
LAMB	😊	😊	😊
GOAT	😊	😊	😊
COMPANION ANIMALS e.g. poultry, cats, etc. (no dogs)	😊	😊	😊



**Can all calf club trophies please be returned
to the office as soon as possible. Thanks!**