

# PIOPIO PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## COMING EVENTS

- ★ **Tuesday 15 April** - ICT Lead Teachers and Principals meeting @ Pukenui Primary-Neil/ Suzanne out.  
★ Gill Day absent for the rest of the week.
- ★ **Friday 18 April** - last day Term 1. Portfolios to come home with children Week 2 Term 2.

**Our newsletter is available online at [www.piopionz.com](http://www.piopionz.com), please click on the link word "Primary"**

### This fortnight's value: **Being Positive**

#### **I will**

- J Try to do new things I have not done before
- J Always try to work my hardest.
- J Do my best work.
- J Be a fair player.
- J Follow the rules of games.
- J Do what the teachers ask me to do happily.
- J Tell other children about the good things they do.
- J Say positive things about other children's work.



**Happy Birthday** to Kayla and Caitlyn Growden, 6 year old twins, and Estie Coetzee, 9 years old.

**Welcome** to Jack Cathie to our New Entrant class. Jack has joined big brother Ethan at our school. May you have success and enjoyment in this new adventure of school that you have set out on.

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### Neil's Note

The Educational Review Office, ERO, as part of their three-yearly review of schools, are visiting us from the 5-9 May, the first week in Term 2.

I've attached to this newsletter a press release from ERO which outlines their role and the timetable

for their visit. You will see that there is a time set aside for you to meet with the Review team on Tuesday afternoon and the BOT would encourage as many of you as possible to take the opportunity to meet with and talk to, the reviewers. This is a time for you to have your say; the BOT and staff have their say at other times.

The BOT have had to fill out and send to the ERO team, an Assurance Statement, which acts as a checklist and covers their governance areas and will be a basis for discussion for a part of the visit.

Some staff and I will also be completing surveys that will give the team information on how and why we do some of what we do.

I see the ERO visit as an opportunity to have an independent group, who have experience of visiting other schools and who know what good practice looks like, to review how well we provide the 'Quality Learning' that we talk about. The team will be spending time in classrooms observing learning, and talking to a group of senior school children to hear about what they think of their learning.

Their recommendations will help us better deliver learning to our children; isn't that what we're here for?

If you would like to meet with the ERO team on Tuesday, can you please contact Dawn before Wednesday next week, so that the team know how many to expect.

Thanks, Neil

### **Thanks to...**

- Ū Again, the King Country Challenge crew for the organization and management of the bike ride on Saturday.
- Ū Te Ata Huia, for teaching our tamariki the kapahaka after school each Thursday afternoon.
- Ū The senior school dance group, led by Dellayne Ratima, who have been practicing their moves in the MPRoom each Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime, without direct teacher supervision and have been very responsible.
- Ū Our teacher aides, Gill Day and Loraine Whitehead, whose skill help our children to learn.

### **Thanks**

The Piopio Primary Board of Trustees would like to thank the Primary and College PTA For organising the CycleTime King Country Challenge. We congratulate you, for another great day and effort. This an event our community can be very proud of!

**Steve Hesp (Chair PP B.O.T)**

**Congratulations Pip,** on completing the Oxfam Trailwalker last weekend and raising \$7000 for children in Papua New Guinea. What an example of goal-setting, training, determination and courage! Next year, a Piopio team?

Want to know more about Piopio College? Try their website: <http://piopio.school.nz>

## WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

### The Bike Ride

Pedal... Pedal... Pedal. I could feel myself picking up the speed. I was told to bike to the College for the "King Country Bike Ride". I was entered for the 13km. The King Country was held at 16 Aria Rd, Piopio, the Piopio College. The course went over many farms but the 13km stayed on the Reeves farm.

The bike ride was on the 5th of April. Last year it was a whole month earlier and for adults there was a 20km and for just kids there was a 10km and 13km. I really enjoyed the day and next year I want to do the challenge and ride the 20km. The day ran smoothly because of the hard work from the Primary and College PTAs and the farm owners.

Thank you, Carly Hesp

On Saturday I entered into the 10km race. I came 3rd out of boys in 52 minutes. I got a Spot the Prize of a bag of 6 Energy packs and a bottle.

By Harry

### Kids on Wheels!

On Saturday at school it was the King Country Classic Bike Ride. I would also like to thank all the people that worked hard to organise the Bike Ride. and support us by giving us Spot Prizes. I had a fun day. By Juliet Petre.

On Saturday I did the King Country Challenge. I came 2nd for 10km overall. I came 1st for the boys. I got a medal. I got a putting set. I had a great day. By Thomas Keeling

My name is James. I went to the King Country Challenge. I rode in the 13km and won overall by quite a lot. At the prize-giving they called out the first boy and first girl. I got the medal for the boys. It was a great day.

On Saturday I entered into the King Country Challenge and rode 13km. It was hard but well worth doing. At prize-giving I won a helmet. Thank you to everyone who made this event happen. It was well organised. By Kate

On Friday 28th March Riki Newport, Troy Miller, Bishop Wilson and myself went to Kawhia for a Dads and Lads fishing weekend with Bill Hohepa. Bill Hohepa has his own fishing show. There were twelve other children there. We stayed at Mokai Kainga Marae. All weekend we took apart in fishing activities which were surf casting, baiting your hook and trying Bill Hohepa's secret knots. We played fun games and all of us got lots of prizes. It was an awesome weekend and we had lots of fun.

By Oliver Barnsdall

## NETBALL

### Opening Day Netball - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Please be at the courts from 10.30am for the official opening and blessing of the new logo. First games will start at 11.00am. Games will be 20 minutes, (2 x 10 min halves). Depending on the number of teams in your division you will have 3 or 4 games.

Below is the draw for the first game for each team. The rest of your game times will be inside the Pavillion at the courts.

11.00 - Ct 1 - PPP Lionz vs St Jo's Diamonds

- Ct 4 - PPP Panthers vs Pukenui Force

11.25 - Ct 4 - PPP Catz vs Aria 2

12.40 - Ct 1 - PPP Tigerz vs CP Angelz

### Canteen Duties

11.25 - 11.50 - PPP Panthers

### Rep Trials

Any Year 6 players interested in trialling for reps are to go upstairs to the main room to register their names and collect a RIBBON to pin on to their skirts. These ribbons need to be worn all day on the Opening Day and for the next two weekends. Trials will be held on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> after the last game of the day.

## HOCKEY UPDATE

I would like to thank Peter Nicol and Robbie Matthews for coming and selecting our teams for this upcoming hockey season.

The team lists are up on the notice board in the main office at school.

**The practice days for hockey are;**  
**Intermediate – Monday lunchtime**  
**Junior Black – Monday lunchtime**  
**Junior White – Wednesday lunchtime**  
**Junior Red -- Wednesday lunchtime**  
**Beginners – Monday lunchtime**

All practices will begin in week one of term two. Coaches will send team lists home with children.

Thanks to the parents that have stepped forward to be coaches and helpers this year.

All the best and I hope everyone has an enjoyable season.

Regards Donna Hesp ( Hockey co-ordinator )

### SOCCKER NOTICE

The soccer season is fast approaching. Opening Tournament on Saturday 10th May. Be there at 9am starting at 9.30am. Draw given out on the day -seven minutes each way with a quick change over. Start & finish on hooter. Four or five games depending on how many teams in the draw. Opening Tournament is all morning so parents please bring oranges, bananas & nibbles & child's own drink bottle. A reminder to parents and coaches children to wear black shorts, soccer shirt supplied, black socks with red band at top, shin pads & soccer boots & own drink bottle every Saturday.

There is 13 weeks all up for the soccer season, no soccer Queen's Birthday weekend May 31st & July 5th, 12th, 19th School Holidays.

Soccer Co-ordinator Debbie Wallbank

#### SOCCKER FUN CAMP

Dates: Mon 28th - Wed 30th April

Time: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Venue: Piopio College

3 Day Programme

1 child \$60, 2 Children \$115, 3 per family \$165

For more info phone: Hayden Miller

[millerskidsprogramme@hotmail.com](mailto:millerskidsprogramme@hotmail.com): 021 252 2346

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### TE KUITI PLAYCENTRE

3rd POSSUM SHOOT

16 -18 MAY 08

Show your support today and register

07 878 8817 or 021 064 9107

### ECOFX LTD

A possum survey is due to be conducted in area known as Whareorino which includes all of our area. This will take place from 21 April to 30 August. They will be using Potassium cyanide (Feratox) cyanide pellets and Sodium cyanide (Trappers) paste. Traps will be used where appropriate. Autopsies will be carried out on possum carcasses to establish if Tb is present. If you have any queries please Ph: 07 873 8130.

### APRIL KIDS CAMPS

Tui Glen Horse Riding Camp

Kiwi farm experience camp

Show jumping clinic with Tom Tarver-Priebe

[www.tuiglen.net.nz](http://www.tuiglen.net.nz)

Camp B from 20th of April (5 to 7 days)

Camp C 27th of April (5 to 7 days)

Suitable for 9 years and up.

Registrations now open for April Holidays

Ph 07 323 6457 or 027 4477 957

Email [tuiglencorporate@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tuiglencorporate@xtra.co.nz)

### ACHIEVING POTENTIAL SEMINARS

For High Ability Students

A wide range of workshops available.

Selwyn College, Kohimarama, Auckland

Years 4 - 6: Tuesday 22nd to Thursday 24th April.

Years 7 - 10: Monday 28th to Wednesday 30th April.

Registration forms are available from the office.

Ph: 09 585 0111 or 021 389 448

[www.holidayseminars.co.nz](http://www.holidayseminars.co.nz)

### KAPAHAKA KAPAHAKA

Next practice will be on Thursday 17th April - 3.15 - 4.15pm. Any student may join but first in first served. The practises will be every second week until closer to the 2 festivals the group will enter in September and November. Any enquiries to Whaea Rauora (Ph: 8778039 - home)

I agree to my child \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_ attending Kapahaka.

My child will be collected afterwards by \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_