

12th April
2024

In this week's NEWSLETTER

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Last day Term 1
Friday 12th April

First day Term 2
Monday 29th April

Cross Country
Fri 10th May

**King's B'day
weekend**
Mon 3rd June

Teacher only day
Tue 4th June

PANUI #24/11

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Te Kura Tuatahi o Piopio

Tēnā Koutou,

I want to start this newsletter thanking Piopio College for the lovely bus commemoration that was held last Friday morning. Our kura was buzzing when the replica vintage bus pulled up outside the multipurpose room. The 14 students and 2 staff who travelled on the bus to Piopio College were certainly excited and made for some great photos. I really enjoyed hearing the stories and enjoyed catching up with members of our community.

My piece for this newsletter is from Canada. At the moment I am in Calgary and tonight will be attending an evening listening to principals speak from Calgary about their schools. I am really looking forward to finding out about the celebrations and struggles in their schools. Tomorrow I am making my way to Banff ready for the pre conference day with Michael Fullan.



On a sad note today we farewell Mrs Jenkinson fondly known by the tamariki as Mrs J. I want to thank Vicki for all her mahi she has done for our tamariki and the extra support she has given to the school. In particular the fundraising she organised for the charities that our kura support. A highlight last year was the Westpac helicopter fundraiser. We are also farewelling Renee Lyon who has been doing reading recovery. She will be moving to New Plymouth during term 2. Both staff will be missed.

On ANZAC day Whaea Linda and most of our house leaders will be representing Piopio Primary at ANZAC ceremony on the Village Green. I encourage all of our tamariki who attend the ceremony and to join in the waiata the 3 schools will be doing. I look forward to seeing pictures of the important memorial.

I want to thank all the staff for their hard work and dedication they have shown to Piopio Primary and in particular your tamariki this term. We have fitted a lot into 11 weeks.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy break and I look forward to seeing everyone back when school starts back on Monday the 29th of April

Ngā mihi nui
Sue Coyle
Principal

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SCHOOLBUSES

Hi I'm telling a story of Mona Mills and this is when she was on a school bus.

The first run was on the 1st of April 1924. 1974 that day 50 years ago was an important and exciting one for the whole of New Zealand. With the buses canvas sides flapping in the breeze and its transverse leaf-spring suspension magnifying every bump in the road, the Model T managed to average just 25km/h on the way to Piopio.

Now this is how I travel on buses at the moment, the bus I travel on today is not as cool looking as the old bus. The buses today are very clean and not as old as the 1924 first bus, we went and saw the old bus but it wasn't the actual bus it looked exactly the same and everything but it was just a model. The buses we have today aren't as cool as the old bus but at least we have buses. That is my story of Mona Mills.

THE END

BY LUCAS PARKES

School buses

On the 1st of April 1924 it was Mona Mills's eighth birthday. That day 50 years ago was an important and exciting one for the whole of New Zealand, with something like 90 other children from around Piopio. Mona was awaiting the arrival of a rattling model T Ford bus.

Mona Mills wasn't excited only because it was her birthday. There were three Model Ts heading for Piopio that day, the first day of the school bus service. Mona Mills family like just about all of them in the area didn't own a car. The only times Mona Mills rode in motor Vehicles were when she went up to Te Kuiti in the service bus.

The Model T is able to drive 25 kilometres an hour on the way to Piopio. 50 years later almost 20 pieces owned by the education department and private contractors were ripping along back Country Roads carrying 100,000 children to and from school every day. In 2024 was the 100 year anniversary for the first school bus ever made in order from the 3 buses 100 years ago to the ones that exist now. The buses are very different from back then, they are much bigger and have windows unlike the Model Ts they just had curtains. The 100 year anniversary was at Piopio College, all of Piopio Primary went and some of Aria school went to. The principal of Piopio Primary school, Sue Coyle chose about 15 people to ride the bus from Piopio Primary to Piopio Collage. The trip wasn't far but the people on the bus were very happy.

By Tiana Rauputu



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PRE-WINTER SOCIAL EVENT

18th April

6:30pm

@ Aria Cossie Club

Rabobank presenting their Farming Forecast
Insight's for Sheep and Beef Markets

Presentation by Jen Corkran
Senior Animal Protein Analyst.

Light supper provided.
RSVP by email or via our facebook event



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STOCK SCHEME

Are you able to assist with the PTA Stock Scheme?

If you're interested and you haven't already,
please contact Jason. He's aiming to have the
grazers sorted over the next month.

This can be any of the following:

- Donation of a weaned calf
- Grazing (a donated calf or one of a line
that fits with your system) until sale or
slaughter
- Cull cow at the works

If you are interested, please contact:
Jason Ballantyne
07 8778464



REMEMBER

Please all/Txt/Email the
office by **2.45pm**
If there are any changes to your
child's afterschool
Arrangements

office@ppp.school.nz
078778103
0273674142

CONGRATULATIONS

Amajiah Brown, Lily Draper, Elias Mcdougall
Amelia Ngamutu & Justin Kloeten



Who were all
"caught showing our kura values"
over the past week



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Hockey

FIRST GAME

Monday 29th April

funsticks Te Kuiti High School 3.30pm
start

Piopio Black VS Waitomo Glow Sticks
340 at TKHS

Piopio Red VS St Jos/Rangitoto Blue sticks
340pm TKHS

Piopio Seniors
420pm at TKHS

Coaches will have the full draw for the
term, or follow King Country Junior
Hockey Club on facebook.

MESSAGE
From Sadie...

Can you please pick
up the rubbish ,
clothes & sports
equipment
left around the
courts/fields
after sports
practices

