

Bi-monthly community newsletter covering Piopio, Aria and Mahoenui districts

Cricket fever for the Waitomo Wolves

The Waitomo Wolves have returned from a fantastic time away at Riverbend Cricket Camp. What a fun time everyone had! What a great bunch of boys with amazing attitudes. They have learnt a lot about cricket and pushing through tiredness, working together as a team and all the ups and downs. It was especially pleasing to hear the other teams comment on our kid's positive attitudes and encouragement. Waitomo Cricket club prides itself on sportsmanship so its nice that others notice.

A BIG shout out to the supporter's crew that were so good on the sidelines, giving the kids a rev when needed and encouragement when needed also. You guys were great!

Thanks so much to Doug Burnell and Gray Haine for coaching and managing the boys and making sure they were all sorted at the camp. Thanks to Hayden and Doug for

tirelessly standing out and umpiring. Thanks to Janice for organising uniforms and to all our sponsors for the event- Three Way Motors, UBP, PDP, Nick & Jo Collins, and Clapcott Farms Ltd.

Thanks also to Luke who (mostly) scored every game and then had a stint at umpiring in the last game. Cricket wise, we won 1 game and lost 5. The boys certainly did not look out of place though. Even though our run rate looked a little slow at times, it is very pleasing to note that out of 28 teams, we were 5th in the total runs scored for the tournament! The only thing that let us down and hindered our chance at winning was the number of extras we gave away. An area to definitely work on in the future, but improved with each game throughout the tournament.

On a personal note, this was a great way for me to finish my time with

the club. It is a trip I will remember for a long time and wish the club well for the future. Kelly Hibbert

Results and Honours Board

Camp honours are given in each game for:

30 runs retired

3 wickets

3 fielding dismissals

Game overviews:

Onslow 249/7 vs Waitomo 189/7

Nathan Haine 5 wickets 3 over 19 runs

Lachie Carter 30 runs from 47 balls
Quinn Snowdon 63 runs from 35 balls

Jayden Collins-Love 32 runs off 23 balls

Quinn Snowdon 1 x run out, 2 x catches

Wellington Collegians 183/7 vs Waitomo 189/7

Lachie Carter 30 runs off 38 balls

Jason Hibbert 31 runs off 37 balls

Nathan Haine 30 runs off 26 balls

Quinn Snowdon 3 wickets 4 overs 24 runs

Hutt Districs 183/2 vs Waitomo 179/8

Jason Hibbert 31 runs off 42 balls

Quinn Snowdon 30 runs off 61 balls

Cambridge 194/4 vs Wolves 137/9

Jacob Omelvena 31 runs off 50 balls

Porirua 182/6 vs Waitomo 181/6

Jason Hibbert 33 runs off 27 balls

Quinn Snowdon 34 runs off 34 balls

Jason Hibbert 3 x catches



Waitomo Riverbend Camp 2021

Back row: Lachlan Burnell, Caleb Smith, Flynn Hollinshead, Doug Burnell (Coach), Lachie Carter, Max Sherriff
Front row: Jayden Collins – Love, Jason Hibbert, Jacob Omelvena, Quinn Snowdon, Nathan Haine, Zach Easton, William Clapcott

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WAITANGI DAY

Saturday February 6th,

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WAITANGI DAY SPORTS

ARIA PLAYCENTRE CAFE

Cafe in Aria domain kitchen to raise funds for our fantastic playcentre and children.

Waitangi Day Feb 6th, 2021,
Aria Domain Kitchen

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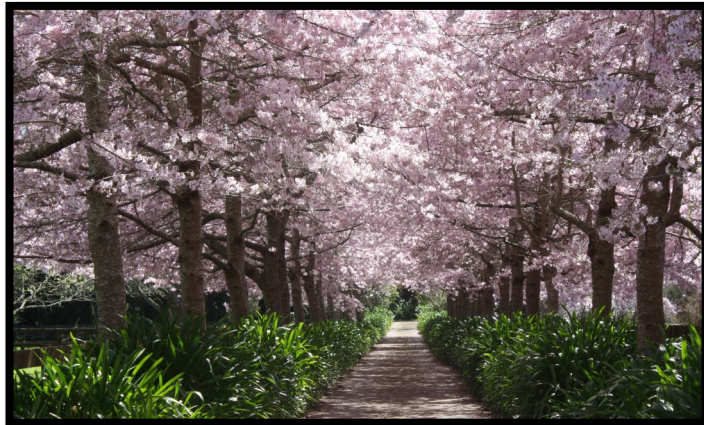
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Piopio Garden Circle

Calling for new members! Want to enjoy a fun day out? Join the Piopio Garden Circle. We are a social club that likes to mix things up a bit and not always visit gardens. Even though we are called Piopio Garden Circle we are based in Te Kuiti. New members from all surrounding districts are welcome. We still meet on

the 3rd Thursday of each month apart from Jan and August when there are no meetings. In February we are going to Raglan gardens and March, Te Kuiti gardens. *Photos include Cherry Tree Manor—Matangi, Monavale Blueberries - Cambridge, and Omaka Lodge-Taumarunui.*



THE MUSTARD SEED CO-OPERATING PARISH OPPORTUNITY SHOP

The Mustard Seed shop volunteers are very grateful to folk who drop in **clean clothing suitable for sale**. THUMBS UP TO THEM!

Buyers are discerning, so anything with a mark, button missing, torn, no laces, zip that doesn't work, or has holes is not suitable and should be discarded before being left at the shop. Unfortunately, this does not happen in a lot of cases and the shop has to pay for trips to the dump. Also china with chips is not saleable, nor is dirty china, or broken utensils- or broken anything!

From time to time, the shop is overwhelmed with clothing, so please don't be offended if your bags are turned away. It maybe that the back room needs to be cleared before there is room for anything more! The Mustard Seed is not the only Op shop with this problem from time to time. The volunteers are pleased to welcome people who come into the shop – sometimes passers – by from

have heard good reports of the shop, so that is encouraging; some are regular visitors on their way from Auckland to Taranaki.

The Mustard Seed is able to give donations to local and other organisations. This last year, donations have been given to:

St. John's Piopio
The Fire Brigade Piopio
Senior Citizen's Piopio
Recreation Centre Piopio
A general reminder – please do not leave goods outside the door if the shop is closed.

The door is open on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 10am 'til 4pm. But as the shop is manned by volunteers, that sometimes doesn't happen. Goods left outside the door can become a danger or nuisance on the footpath.

Anyone interested in volunteering for three hours once a month in the Mustard Seed, please phone Colleen Strahan 8787918

other parts of New Zealand. Often visitors

3 LITTLE BIRDS...



News from the Fat Pigeon, Owls Nest & Night Owl, & Fat Kiwi

FAT PIGEON CAFE: Our pidgee crew have been busy little birds due to the holiday season. On some days the line has been out the door. Thank you team for your enduring efforts, getting food and coffee to our waiting customers efficiently, and with a smile. You are all absolutely amazing!

OWLS NEST/NIGHT OWL: The Night Owl's new and re-designed menu is up and running and proving to be popular, so please book in to enjoy some delicious homemade fare.

The wedding season is upon us and we have quite a few coming up in the next few months. Please keep an eye on our facebook page with any closures because of this.

The Owls Nest Motel has seen a steady number of guests, ranging from tourists, truckies, and guests attending weddings/functions.

FAT KIWI CAFE: The Fat Kiwi in Otorohanga has likewise seen an increase in customers due to the holidays. Be sure to call in if you are up that way.

Take care, enjoy the rest of the holidays, and we hope to see you soon.

The Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award



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Christopher Fagan-Mexted was awarded the coveted Prime Ministers Vocational Excellence Award at Piopio College's annual Prize Giving at the end of the 2020 academic year. Chris will be starting an engineering apprenticeship on 5th January and the \$2000 prize money will go towards his tools. He is thrilled with the kick-start that this award gives him as he progresses along his vocational journey.

Chris has had a determined focus since 2018 when he participated in a week's work placement while in Year 10. This experience was part of the vocational programme that Piopio College provides for their students as they encourage and assist them to source and engage a week's work placement towards the end of their Y10 year. He worked with Giltrap Engineering, Otorohanga.

In 2019, in Y11, Chris got over the 60 credit line in two pathways - both the Primary & Service Industries, and gained over 50 credits in every single pathway.

During this same year he enrolled with MITO and for the practical component he worked after school at Piopio Mechanical learning many skills around mechanics as well as the confidence to work independently on jobs. Chris also attended the Waikato Trades Academy L2 Manufacturing &

Technology, and received the Certificate of Diligence. He completed a Fairview Educational Service engines pack and successfully completed a St John First Aid Level 2 course.

In 2020 Chris has gained his Restricted Drivers License and also passed a Defensive Driving Course. He has continued with MITO doing an Automotive Engineering Level 3 Micro credential. Chris is also engaged in the Waikato Trades Academy Level 3 Mechanical Engineering course through WINTEC to secure a Level 2 Manufacture and Technology Award. At Prize Giving he was also awarded the Richardson Cup for Design and Construction and the Level 3 Subject Prize for Technology Hard Materials.

Chris makes strategic decisions about his future and has strong self-management skills. He is adaptable and flexible in new and changing situations and it is these qualities that resulted in him receiving this prestigious award.

Happy New Year from the KCRC committee; we hope you enjoyed some time out over the last few months and 2021 has been kind so far.

Farm Planning and other workshops we are looking to get these underway in April. As well as Farm Planning there will be OverseerFM Nutrient budgeting and Google Earth mapping. We can look to deliver other workshops if there is demand so please get in touch.

Catchment water testing funded by MPI will be started in February. We will be collecting eDNA tests from 8 sites around the region as well as 26 new quarterly water quality monitoring sites. Sites have been selected to complement existing Waikato Regional Council (WRC) testing.

1BT KCRC "Kick Start" funding applications - big thanks to those who submitted applications last year. We hope to receive the first funding round from 1BT at the end of this month. We are looking for more projects to fund for this planting season so please get in touch or email your application in if you would like to be included. Applications close 30 May for this years' planting season. Please make sure you get plants organised asap if you have not already as there is a lot of demand for plants this year.

KCRC Expansion - we are excited to welcome 3 new catchment groups - North and South Kawhia Harbour and Marokopa. This gives KCRC the opportunity to have better understanding and representation across the wider West Coast zone of WRC.

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Te Kuiti & Districts Pony Club Christmas Fun

Ponyclub members Molly, Tessa, Alice & Lily-Rose enjoying the Christmas Rally



2021 START-UP DETAILS



Enquiries about enrolment at Piopio College for 2021 are welcome from today.

Uniform enquiries can be made to the main office.

Stationery kits for Y7 & Y8 students will be available for purchase.

School buses will run from Tuesday, February 2 for seniors who don't have own arrangements.

Details about College can be viewed on our website www.piopio.school.nz

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MON 25 JAN 2021

9am: College main office opens for the new school year. Mrs Baker and Ms Taitoko available for general enquiries.

WED 27 & THU 28 JAN 2021

Teacher Only Days

MON 1 FEB 2021

Public Holiday:
Auckland Anniversary

TUE 2 FEB 2021

11am-2.30pm
Open for senior course confirmation

WED 3 FEB 2021

8.30am-3.05pm, School open for instruction
9am, Venue: Wharekura Atea (or gym if wet)
WHOLE SCHOOL will be part of the powhiri to welcome all new students and staff
• New staff and students will assemble in the bus bay

THU 4 FEB 2021

Timetabled classes commence

MON 8 FEB 2021

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If anyone has fruit trees with surplus you are unable to pick but are willing to contribute to the community, please contact me and we'll work something out. There's nothing worse than seeing beautiful fruit going to waste! It's also easy to get overwhelmed since it all seems to ripen at the same time.

I've asked everyone to stop putting recycled pots and jars in the stand for now. When

contributors making jams and other preserves need jars again I will let you know. Piopio Transfer Station will take recycled pots and has a supply for anyone needing them. We're also in good shape on ice cream containers to use for the stand, at least for now. See our FB page and Instagram feed for updates on what's on offer daily.

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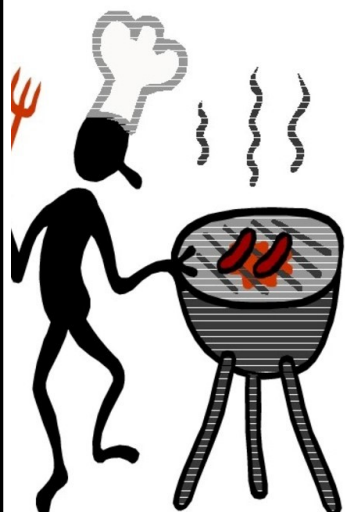
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All Councils around New Zealand are currently struggling through the process of compiling their Ten Year Plans, which comprise the budget for the next financial year, (2021/2022), and forecasts for the subsequent nine years. We have settled on the projects, policies, and proposals we wish to take forward and the staff are modelling those plans to produce the 'first cut'



financials which will be presented to us next month. This will show the Rates Revenue requirement, and the borrowing or debt reduction options. We will then closely analyse the details for financial prudence and ratepayer affordability, as we always have, while ensuring our infrastructure is adequately maintained and that our 'levels or service' to our Ratepayers and customers are maintained.

A number of Councils around the country have already received their 'first cut' financials and some have scarily high rate increase requirements. I won't predict where our 'first cut' may land, but after intense scrutiny we will settle on a proposal in early March that will then be comprehensively audited, before adoption for consultation in mid-April.

On a different note, if you have any queries or complaints about a Council Service, please ring the Council on 0800 932 4357 and lodge a 'service

request'. This service is available 24hrs a day, 7 days a week.

If you have any other queries, or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Kimberley Cody (07) 8778700
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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Aria Playcentre
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Aria Toy Library
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E: ariatoylibrary@gmail.com

Aria Primary School
(07) 8777857

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Stephanie Brough (07) 8778224

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Nicola Kloeten
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Senior Citizen's Organisation
Meetings first Tuesday every
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Senior's Exercise Classes
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Housie Thursdays
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Vikki Hall (07) 8778058
Clive Fredericks (07) 8778048

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Piopio Garden Circle
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Piopio Lions Club
Stephen Cooper (07) 8778159
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 - Tumblers 50c per glass
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- Piopio/Paearuhe Retirement Village**
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Co-operating Parish of Piopio,
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Community Fruit & Vege Stand
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The Old Piopio Post Office Art Gallery
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Waitanguru Rural Women
Liz Morgan 0272846653

ACTIVITIES and ATTRACTIONS

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Piopio and Districts Museum
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Superette

Piopio Market Day
3rd Sunday of each month
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Piopio POP (Tui Park)
Waitomo District Council
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SPORTS and RECREATION

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President Mark Anderson
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Secretary Lee Alcock
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Light Horse Club
President Helen Potter
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Line Dancing Club
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Piopio-Aria Golf Club
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Piopio Bowling Club
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Piopio Community Sports (Rukuhia Domain)
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Piopio Rugby Club
President Peter Hurley
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Secretary Emma-Jane
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Piopio Swimming Club
Kate Carter
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