

Amazing cultural festival held

MAI TE āhurutanga o tātou pae maunga a Herangi ko Aorangī ko te toka hoki a Kahuwera. E piko haere ana te awa a Mōkau mirimiri ai te whenua mai te pito a Piopiotanga o te rīwai, e mihi kau ana ki a koutou katoa.

What a remarkable day it was, celebrating not only our Māori culture but also the diverse cultures that make Maniapoto our home!

A heartfelt thanks to the kura whose performances brought tears of pride and joy to young and old alike. We were thrilled to welcome back Te Kawai o Tūroa (Taumarunui High School) and extend a warm welcome to Te Kura o Ngāpuke, making their debut at this year's festival.

It was heartening to witness whānau standing by their rōpū, exemplifying the spirit of Kotahitanga (unity) and Whānaungatanga (kinship) at its best. We would also like to extend our gratitude and aroha to our generous sponsors: Te Nehenehenui, The Lines Company, Creative Communities, Piopio Station Trust, Corey Barnsdall Builders, Mōkau Kohunui Marae, The Fat Pigeon, The Fat Owl, Wai Ora River Care, Number Twelve, Lions Caravan, The Mustard Seed, Waitomo Marquee Hire, and Te Kūiti New World.

A special mention to Suzie McKee, one of our kura's teachers, and the talented students who created the vibrant backdrop for our performances. Its bold colours not only welcomed our manuwhiri (guests) but stood proudly, embodying the mana of our

kura. Ngā mihi maioha to Suzie.

We also want to acknowledge the hardworking team behind the scenes who ensured everything ran smoothly, from the staff, groundskeeper, Hospitality class, student helpers, and parent volunteers. Lastly, to our kapa haka

rōpū, Matua Amai, Whaea Amana, Whaea Jo, and Paiaka, your dedication, passion and guidance has made us all incredibly proud. Pēnā te kererū tātou i poho ai – like the kererū, we are bursting with pride!

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Project Piopio update

THE FAIRLY NEW team has been busy getting our business structure set up and applying for funds through the local Charitable Trust and the Waitomo District Council Triennial Community Partnership Fund. It will also be important to look for further fundraising opportunities and we welcome ideas.

Preparing the community survey referred to in a previous newsletter is still a 'work in progress'.

It is important we get this right as the feedback we get from you, and the organisations you may be involved in, will determine the direction our future projects will take. The previous survey was in 2006.

Also on the cards is having a community meeting where you will be able to share your ideas on what may make Piopio a better place to live going forward.

The Christmas Parade committee is already in preparation mode. This year float participants will notice additions to the entry form around Health & Safety. Please bear with us. While to most of us this seems to be 'over the top', we must protect our volunteers

who put in so much effort organising these events, and of course keep everyone safe.

On a special note to end, the daffodils around the village have looked fabulous this spring. The bulbs were planted a few years ago and purchased with money donated by the late Brian Anselmi. Brian was passionate about Piopio and loved colourful plants. There are substantial funds remaining for planting; ideas welcome.

Until next time.
Jenny Brodie on behalf of the PPT team
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PIOPIO Monthly Market

Sunday 20th October
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Lions update



THE CLUB has been relevantly quiet lately but we have a few events coming up: Kritters Day, Piopio Pet Day, Curious Keas pet day, and also a new venue in Hamilton in November, catering for a 'round-the-bridges' running race.

There is a chance that we might be back at the Fieldays next year. Organisations that might want to assist us please keep this in mind.

The club is still looking for someone who would like to cook their meeting dinner, once a month, approximately 20 people – meat and three veg – nothing too elaborate. If interested please contact Gavin Todd – 021 0870 0545 or Ross Smith 027 285 1703.

Paddys Market is being held on Saturday, October 12. Flyers are being distributed to all local res-

idents, so keep this in mind if you have anything you can donate to our Auction. Please ensure that only clean, saleable items are donated, especially beds and bedding, and any electrical goods are in safe working condition. Only flat screen TVs in working order can be accepted.

We are always looking for new members to join our Club and possibly have three new young members; hopefully they will be keen to join our club. If you think this is you, or would like some further information, please contact us.

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Community feedback and articles are welcomed and appreciated. The views published in this publication are not those of the editor but of the contributors. Articles must not be longer than 280 words and may have accompanying photos. We reserve the right to edit any material.

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Piopio Fruit & Veg Stand

HAPPY SPRING everyone! I trust favourite varieties.

your peach and plum trees are blooming and you're prepping the veggie gardens for planting. Hold tight on planting until Labour Weekend, unless you're happy covering things when frost is forecast. You can pop hardier coriander, radish, spring onion, rocket, peas and broad bean seeds in now. Remember we often get frosts in October.

We've managed to get through a sixth winter thanks to our jam, lemon honey and chutney makers, also due to an abundance of citrus this season. Thanks so much for returning those clean jam jars and ice cream containers for reuse.

My big push currently is potting heirloom tomato seedlings for our annual distribution the week before Labour Weekend or thereabouts.

Varieties on offer this year are:

- **Oxheart:** As the name suggests, Oxhearts are reminiscent of bull's hearts, both in shape and size. With fruit weighing between 100-1000 grams, they belong to the beef tomato group. Some fruit will be heart-shaped and smooth, others display deep ribs. Very often plants look sickly, leaves tend to be twisted and droop. Don't worry, this is totally normal! The fruit is aromatic, with a sweet, slight acidic taste.
- **Cherokee Purple:** An old Cherokee Indian heirloom, pre-1890 variety; beautiful, deep, dusky purple-pink colour, superb sweet flavour and very large fruit. Try this one for real old-time tomato flavour. One of Karen's

- **Pink Berkeley Tie Dye:** Compact plants produce beautiful 225-340 gr. fruit with a very sweet, rich dark tomato flavour. Port wine coloured beefsteak with metallic green strips. Another of Karen's favourites. Apparently it has won some farmer's market taste tests over (even) Cherokee Purple!

- **Black Cherry:** The first truly dark cherry tomato with an irresistible sweet and rich flavour. The tall, vigorous plants produce good yields of small fruit over an extended season. Fruit



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- **Oxheart Dalmatian:** Came to NZ with the Dalmatian gardeners of the northern gum fields. Large and firm fleshed with almost no seeds, perfect for slicing or processing. Very sweet and low acid. Tops in nutrition on average per HFCRT.

- **Croatian:** Came to NZ with the gum diggers in the late 1800s. Koanga Garden thinks this is one of their best tomatoes EVER. Outstanding flavour, super beefy, large with unusual red colouring and irregular shapes.

- **Margaret Curtain:** a large beefsteak with the "black" tomato colouring and green shoulder, it is absolutely delicious. In tomato research trials done by Heritage Food Crops Research Trust these come out very high in nutrition.

- **Big Heirloom:** tomatoes grown from seeds saved by Karen last year. They should be good!



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- **Vintage Brandywine:** if you want to show off, this one's for you. Beefy and meaty, a chef's favourite. Yes, of course, this is another favourite of Karen.

We'll distribute some plants via the Community Stand per usual but I'm thinking about setting up trestle tables for a special event given my goal to give away at least 1,000 plants this year. My question for you is: what day of the week works best for locals? Monday morning, when locals are around running errands in Piopio and taking kids to school? I'm assuming it wouldn't be a weekend, which also doesn't work for me with the farmstay. Let me know what you think.

Check out our Facebook page for updates on what's on offer most weekday mornings, recipes and growing tips. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or issues.

And, lastly, but importantly, your efforts to take the time to drop off contributions of home grown surplus are truly appreciated. Everything gets used by someone happy to have it – it doesn't go to waste.

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Council update



THE POSITIVE results received in the recent Council residents survey was very encouraging. However, the survey was completed by less than 10% of our ratepayers. It would be great if more people took an interest in local body politics.

Recently submissions opened for Council Representation Review, with very limited replies. I can only assume that everyone is happy with the Council's performance!

It is great to see the community interest in working with the Council in the administration of the Piopio Hall. This

has been in recess for a while and we are sure we can form a working partnership going forward.

During the winter I watched my granddaughter playing soccer at Centennial Park. It was good to see the school sports being so well supported.

A big thank you to all those who coach our sports teams and the supporters for the encouragement they give our young sports people.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any concerns or queries you might have.

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Gavin Todd
Rural Ward Councillor
Waitomo District Council

Hairloom update

IF YOU haven't seen an update from us on Facebook it might be because we've had to set up a new page. In September our account was hacked, and our Facebook account deleted. Please follow our new page: Hairloom Hair Design.

WARNING: the C bomb is about to be dropped... Christmas! There, we've ripped the band aid off.

Christmas is just around the corner, which means summer holidays, Christmas parties and family functions. December is already filling up, and late nights are just about gone. So, forget the Christmas shopping – make sure you've got your hair appointments sorted!

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Raupuha Stud; lots coming up!

A BIT OF an update from our piece of paradise in the Mahoenui valley.

We have a busy next couple of months as we look ahead to our 9th Annual On-Farm Ram Sale on Tuesday, November 12. We will again offer 200 2th rams with selection coming from our FE Gold Perendale and Romdale flocks, alongside some Suffolk and SufTex rams.

This year we have a couple of interesting days happening before the ram sale with a 'flock together/talk about sheep' afternoon on Thursday, October 24 from 5pm-7pm

There will be an update from Beef+Lamb about the Eliminating Facial Eczema Impact Programme. Sarah Powdrell from Beef+Lamb Genetics will share tools and basic principles of genetics to consider when selecting your rams.

On Tuesday, October 29 there will be an Open Day where Raupuha Stud Sale rams will be available for in-

spection from 1pm-2pm. Following this, Ginny Dodunski from Wormwise will talk strategies to combat drench resistance in your flock, what you can do - options/tools from 2pm-4pm.

We have the 'Bitches Box' returning with their new show on Wednesday, December 11 from 6pm-8.30pm. This one you have to buy tickets so keep an eye out for them via King Country River Care or get in contact with me.

We have some great local businesses that support these events and the team from Raupuha Stud really appreciate their support.

Keep up-to-date with what's happening down in the valley by following our Raupuha Stud Facebook page or just ring me 027 355 2927.

Just remember... keep living the dream!
From the team at Raupuha Stud

WESCT Update; what we do

HAVE YOU HEARD of the Waitomo Energy Services Customer Trust? (WESCT for short) You may have heard of us, but do you know who we are or what we do?

WESCT owns 100% of The Lines Company (TLC) on behalf of its beneficiaries – the community. Which makes TLC 100% community owned!

WESCT has over 8,000 beneficiaries who largely live in or around Te Kūiti, Ōtorohanga, Piopio, Mangakino or Mōkau.

Trustees manage WESCT on behalf of its beneficiaries (the community). The six Trustees are: William Oliver (Chair), Cathy Prendergast (Deputy Chair), Janette Osbourne, Yvette Ronaldson, Guy Whitaker and Erin Wirihana. (Trustees are elected or appointed).

Their role is to look after and grow TLC, this important community asset so it can continue to benefit our communities and beneficiaries for generations to come.

One benefit of community ownership is the TLC Discount. Trustees strongly advocate for the discount being paid out each year (usually twice a year), which appears as a credit on electricity bills, with the most recent discount being paid in May. In this coming financial year, the TLC discount is budgeted to increase from \$4.3 million to \$5.2 million. Which we think is petty great news for beneficiaries.

Update to our trust deed – the Trust have been working on updating the Trust deed which was formed 1993. We are now seeking comment of the proposed amendments. All the details can be found on our website.

Meeting of beneficiaries – each year we hold a meeting for beneficiaries to hear how both the trust and TLC are performing. This year it will be held in Te Kūiti – Thursday, October 17, 6pm at the Panorama Motor Inn. All are welcome.

For more information on the trust visit: wesct.org.nz

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Season kicks off for Pony Club

PONY CLUB has kicked off for another season. This year we are lucky to have Jenny Bevege as our Head Coach. Many of the kids are working towards sitting their D, D+, and C certificates.

Our 'One Day Event' is coming up on November 2 and we are still on the lookout for helpers to run this event. You don't need to be horsey or know anything about the event to be able to help!

We are one of the few Pony Clubs that still hold an ODE – it is getting harder and harder to run because of the hoops we need to jump through. However, we are stubborn and determined to keep it going to offer opportunities to our local kids.

Our event pulls in around 100 riders from Taranaki to the top of the Waikato. Last year we had 15 of our Pony Club kids competing, and look to have a similar number again this year.

We rely on the great support that we get, not only from

our committee and parents but from the wider community – especially from those parents whose kids have grown up and long left the club.

At the moment we are working through an arena upgrade. Unfortunately, our surface is not draining as it needs to, meaning it is a bit like riding through porridge in the winter.

We have been really lucky to receive a grant from the Piopio Charitable Trust, and we will look to find some more funding elsewhere as well.

Our arena is used by the Light Horse Club, other riding groups and individuals. It's not often you drive by the Domain and there isn't someone there using the facilities, so it's important we keep these to a good standard.

We are always keen to welcome new members – just pop along to a rally or get in touch if you want to see what it's like. You'll also find us on Facebook.

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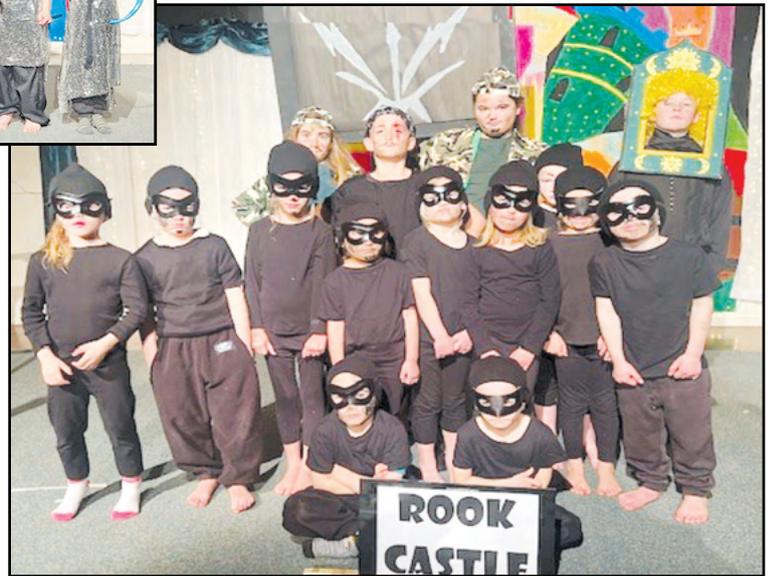



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Oh what a Knight to remember

ARIA SCHOOL held their fun production 'What a Knight!' on August 22 at the Aria Hall, which was enjoyed by a large crowd. Two performances were held; matinee at 11am and the 7pm evening session.

Principal Pam Voyce had this to say... Congratulations to our wonderful students who performed so well on Thursday. As in other years I asked the question "Who is going to step up next year, all our strong actors are leaving us?" But step up they did, in style!



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Rugby locals feature at all levels

THE REP rugby season is well underway with a strong contingent of players from Piopio pulling on the mighty maroon King Country jersey.

At the time of writing, the Rams sit in the middle of the pack with three weeks of the Heartland Championship to go as they chase a spot in the top four.

Piopio club men Kaleb Foote and Te Ana Proffit have been regulars in the matchday 22 each week, although Footy did pick up an injury in round four against South Canterbury so he missed the West Coast game in Taupo last week.

It's been another tough season for the King Country Development (aka the Big Horns), with a good mix of veterans, young talent and fringe Rams players making up the balance.

Halfback Kyan Reymer has been the only regular Piopio man to feature in his rookie season for the Big Horns, and he's been rewarded with selection in the short Chiefs Heartland U20s campaign, which finished on a high with a late 29-25 win against Hurricanes Heartland U20s in Taupo.

Other Piopio players to join Reymer with the Chiefs Heartland U20s were Jayden Pari and Keahrey Manson, while Pari has also represented King Country in the U18 boys' team still searching for a win, although they went close against the Vikings from Northland last weekend.

A number of boys have been picked up in the respective King Country U14 and U16 boys' teams, off the back of a strong school season that saw the Piopio U15s win the Waikato U15 boys' premiership.

Connor Willison, Jayden Collins-Love, Jake Peterson, Levi Pari, Trey Mason and Ryszard Tapara gave the King Country U14s a strong Piopio flavour

at the annual Heartland U14 Development Camp in Taupo in the July holidays.

All of them commanded starting positions throughout the camp, where they beat Whanganui, Ngati Porou East Coast and Thames Valley, while losing 0-7 in a desperately tight game against Poverty Bay.

The U14s (team photo below) also got the rare chance to finish their season with a game outside of camp, beating New Plymouth Boys' HS U14s 29-7 in Taumarunui in a curtain-raiser for the Rams.



From left: Keahrey Manson, Kyan Reymer, Jayden Pari

Ngakau Gray, Corey Mason plus Hunter and Quinn Rogers have done themselves proud in the King Country U16s this year, despite results not going their way so far.

They left things too late against a well-drilled Thames Valley, making a late comeback to lose 28-29 in Te Kuiti, and were competitive at the Heartland U16 Carnival in Turangi and against the Waikato Maori U16 the following week.

Finally, the King Country Schoolgirls, featuring Piopio's Chloe Baird and Malia Bourke, have had a rebuilding year with a lot of younger players coming through after last year's experienced group left school.

The girls started with a tense 31-27 win against Thames Valley in Te Kuiti, before losses against Taranaki, Bay of Plenty and Whanganui.



From left: Corey Mason, Ngakau Gray, Hunter Rogers



Adding a splash of colour and fun

PIOPIO COLLEGE students had a blast during the vibrant Colour Run held on Wednesday, September 18, as part of the school's "Active As" initiative to engage more rangatahi in physical activities. The event, organized entirely by the dedicated members of the Active As Student Group, was an explosion of colours, energy, and pure joy as students of all ages took to the makeshift slip-and-slide, getting covered in bright powders and having fun in a friendly and supportive environment.

Laughter echoed across the school grounds as participants raced down the slippery tarpaulin, covered head to toe in rainbow hues. This engaging activity not only encouraged students to get moving but also promoted a sense of community and connection among peers. The students' smiles and enthusiastic participation highlighted how enjoyable and beneficial physical activity can be when paired with creativity and a bit of friendly competition.

Special credit goes to the Active As Student Group, who took the lead in planning, organizing, and running the entire event. Their initiative and leadership shone through, showing how student-led projects can bring fresh ideas and excitement to school life. Their hard work and enthusiasm were evident in every colorful moment of the day.

"This was an event organized by the students, for the students," said a school representative. "The Active As group did a fantastic job, proving that when young people take charge, amazing things happen. We're so proud of their effort and the positive impact they've made."

This Colour Run is just the beginning of Piopio College's efforts to boost student engagement in physical fitness. With the roaring success of this first event, the school is already planning more action-packed activities in the coming months, thanks to the leadership of the Active As Student Group. Their commitment to making physical activity fun and accessible will ensure this is the first of many lively and engaging events to come.

The vibrant energy and smiles on the students' faces are a testament to the power of fun, active, and inclusive school initiatives driven by students themselves.



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THE PIOPIO Cosmopolitan Club hosted a Tug of War competition recently.

A good number of team entries was received and a lot of fun with a bit of to'ing and fro'ing.

Aria Hard (far right) took out the win, which consisted of Ethan Brindle, Paiaka Muraahi, David Woolston, Clay Harris, and Patea Muraahi.

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News from Piopio College

TENA KOUTOU katoa. Farewell Rakesh

As we wind down to Term 3 we have had a lot of changes within the kura. Week 7, we farewelled Rakesh Govind and wished him all the best on his new role at Glenfield College.

New Principal Announced

It has just been announced that Ben Draper has been appointed as the new Principal of Piopio College. Many congratulations Ben! We look forward to your leadership and guidance.

Our dedicated Art Teacher

Suzie McKee and a handful of students created the backdrop (pictured below) for our recent Waiwaia Kapahaka celebration. Not only did its vibrant colours welcome all our manuhiri it also hung with Mana for our kura. Ngā mihi maioha Suzie.

The meaning of the mural

The purple mountain range in the background represents our two Ranges. Herangi and Aorangi with Maunga Kahuwera standing prominently. Flowing through the landscape is the Mokau River, surrounded by



the kumara gardens that symbolise the richness of the land.

The kete (baskets) of knowledge hold the traditional foods of Piopio—tuna (eel), riwai (potatoes), and kumara. These treasures represent sustenance and cultural heritage.

The mural also honours the native birds of the region, featuring the piwakawaka (fantail), tui, pukeko, and kereru, adding a sense of life and movement to the scene.

The use of bright, vibrant colours highlights the fresh beauty and unique essence of our area, capturing its natural splendour and cultural significance.

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“From listening to the people and looking, a precious gift, made with aroha, was given to the people”.

80s School Ball

Was held recently at the Fat Owl Bar & Eatery. More details and pics in the next issue.

Next term

First week back in term 4, we have Athletics followed by our third annual Ki o Rahi tournament.

We will have our seniors for a few weeks before they go on study leave to prepare for exams.

Ngā mihi

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Whether you're a seasoned grill master or just getting started, this is a fantastic opportunity to learn, share, and enjoy some delicious smoked meat.



If we get enough people interested we can book him and set a date (will probably be a Sunday).

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River Care; upcoming events

A HUGE THANKS to everyone who has supported King Country River Care over the last 12 months.

On August 27 we held our AGM.

- Tim Stokes was elected as Chair.
- Mat Sherriff has been re-elected as Treasurer.
- No changes to the committee.
- Reon, on behalf of the committee, acknowledged J Margetts and J Reeves for their contribution to KCRC. Acknowledgement and thanks to Reon for his contribution as chair.

• Subs for the upcoming year were held at the same level, these will be filtering through inboxes at the end of September – please get in touch via email if you're keen to join.

Special mention and thank you to Te Radar for his entertaining presentation at our AGM and at Te Waitere. Thoroughly enjoyed by all with plenty of laughs!

Upcoming Events:

Flock Together - Let's Talk Sheep
Thursday, October 24

Time: 5-7pm

Where: Raupuha Stud Woolshed,
1933 State Highway 3, Mahoenui
BBQ & Refreshments provided

Update from Beef & Lamb about EFEI, Eliminating Facial Eczema Impact programme. Sarah Powdrell from Beef & Lamb Genetics will equip us with the

tools to understand the breeding index and to identify breeders/rams that can improve your profitability.

Save the Date Reminder

We will also be hosting the Bitches' Box: Episode 4 on Wednesday, December 11 at Mahoenui.

Mark it in your diaries for a fun filled evening. Tickets \$25 per person available from October.

We are busy working on a project plan for 2025. If there are key topics, ideas or pilots you would like explored

in 2025, let us know.

Our next committee meeting is October 22 so get in touch if you would like to attend.

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Quiz night answers the questions

Q: WHAT's a great night out?

A: A quiz night at Aria!

The Aria Cosmopolitan Club enjoyed a quiz recently with a lot of laughs, a couple of slip ups with the slides, but overall an awesome night!

Fifteen teams entered and had an absolute blast!

Big congratulations go to the brainiest team of the night and the winner of the \$400 prize 'Team Bidois'.

Every round of theirs came in with

high points, and I think the key is .. having a good mix of generations in the team. Well done guys!

Coming in second place with \$100 prize was 'Dog Tucker', just five points behind and dressed to impress. (Going toilet must've been a challenge).

Winners of Best Dressed went to the 'Numnut Nerds' – the Steve Urkel look was a treat!

A big thank you to everyone who participated, dressed up and joined in on

the fun... we look forward to this night every year and you all make it happen

A big cheers to everyone who made the night happen: Morty and Andy (emcees); Kelly and Carol (Club Manager and bar staff); Lyn Barnsdall, Trace and Jacky (preparing and organising the food); the Fat Pigeon Cafe (donation of food); Kelsey and Kim (scorers); and Lynne Aldridge for supplying some spot prizes – we appreciate you all! So much fun!



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Punching above their weight

EIGHT of Piopio College's rangatahi headed to Hamilton to participate in a Waikato Badminton competition recently.

Initially they were a little overwhelmed looking at the draw to see that, due to low numbers in the younger divisions, they had been put up into U17 and U19 divisions (even though they were all U15s). However, they held their own and had a very successful day!

Results:

In singles - U19
 Miriama Newton - 1st Group D
 Putiputi Barnsdall - 1st Group C
 Eleanor Laver - 1st Group B
 Kasey Hiriaki - 2nd Group B
 In singles - U15
 Deekin Ratima - 1st Group B
 Hami Maguire - 2nd Group B
 Rawiri Maguire - 1st Group C
 In doubles - U19
 Miriama & Puti - 1st Group B
 Kasey & Eleanor - 2nd Group A
 In doubles - U17
 Trey & Deekin - 2nd Group A
 Badminton continues to be a very popular growing sport at Piopio College and one we

hope will continue to grow as we prepare to take a team to NZ Secondary Schools competition in 2025.

A big thank you to Rachel Laver and Corey Barnsdall for supporting the team on the day, greatly appreciated!

And well done to our amazing students.



ABOVE: A force to be reckoned with! LEFT: To the victors, the spoils! Miriama Newton & Putiputi Barnsdall.

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Stars in your Eyes

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The event which was held on September 14 at Piopio Memorial Hall, was a fundraiser for Piopio College Japan tour group, who have plan to travel in September 2025.



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