

PIOPIO BIRDTALK

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

Noteworthy News from Aria Primary School, Term 4 2021

Aria School finally presented – “Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies”.
After a four-week postponement due to the Term 3 Lockdown we finally managed to perform our production to five restricted audiences during the second to last week of September.

Our students were amazing, coping with two late nights as well as two performance on two days that week. We were extremely grateful to our audiences for their compliance with mask wearing and social distancing etc.



a goat being lead (dragged) around a ring on all fours!

LEFT TO RIGHT: Aria School students in “Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies”



PET DAY: below Cody Darke, right Monty Darke and bottom right Piper Terry



A Pet Day with a Difference

Aria School attempted several postponement dates for this year’s Pet Day without success. However, we were not about to be beaten so we held Pet Day on-line.

Students were given guidelines and a sample video format to follow before submitting their individual videos showing them leading their pets and answering a few questions about their care and rearing.

Students with lambs, goats or calves could also enter the best dressed animal event. Themes ranged from summer sunbathing to farm and camo attire.

We included a section for “Other” pets which was well supported and rather funny, especially a student leading a hen.

Other activities judged were Playdough creations (playdough was delivered to all students) and Seeds (we gave the children dwarf beans to plant about seven weeks ago) grown in an ice-cream container.

Somewhere in the middle of all this chaos the staff shared a video of “How not to do it”. This involved staff dressed as a cow and



Well done to all our families for their participation, making it work and having so much fun with your kids!

Pam Voyce Principal, Aria School



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Paddys Market

Due to the uncertainty around COVID the Piopio Lions Club had to put off Paddys Market which was going to be held in October, but we are hoping to hold it early next year. We will keep you posted.

Senior Citizens Xmas Dinner

Unfortunately due to COVID the Senior Citizens Xmas Dinner normally held in early December has also had to be cancelled. The Club wish you all a Very Merry Xmas and a Great New Year and hopefully we will be able to hold our dinner next year.

New Members

The Club welcomes two new members – Andrew Downey and Michael Axten

Our club is always looking for new members so if you think Lions is something you could be part of, please contact one of our members.

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Colin Fassnidge's Christmas ham with canned pineapple glaze

(From delicious.com.au)

Serves 12 Prep Time 10mins
Cook Time 2hr



Colin Fassnidge concocts a sticky canned pineapple glaze that's so good he might be a genius. It's a delicious Christmas miracle.

Ingredients

- 425g can pineapple pieces in juice
- 3 cups (750ml) apple juice
- 2 firmly packed cups brown sugar
- 2 cinnamon quills
- 4 star anise
- 1 tsp fennel seeds
- 5cm piece ginger (25g), finely grated
- 1 tsp five-spice powder
- 6-7kg whole leg ham on the bone

Method

Place all ingredients, except the ham, in a saucepan over medium heat. Stir to dissolve sugar, then bring to the boil. Reduce heat to medium and simmer for 30 minutes or until reduced by half.

Strain the glaze into a heatproof jug, discarding solids.

Preheat the oven to 200°C. Line a large shallow roasting pan with baking paper. Using a small sharp knife, cut around the ham shank, then carefully run the knife under the skin, around the edge of the ham. Gently lift off the skin in 1 piece by running your fingers between the rind and the fat. Discard skin.

Pour half the glaze into the roasting pan then place the ham fat-side down on top of the glaze. Pour over the remaining glaze and roast ham for 40 minutes, then carefully turn the ham over and baste with the glaze. Roast, basting every 10-15 minutes, for a further 40 minutes until caramelised.

Remove the ham from the baking dish and place on a serving platter. Spoon any remaining glaze over ham. Enjoy!

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION

You've probably heard a lot about the COVID-19 vaccine lately – and you might be wondering what the big deal is, or why you should bother getting vaccinated. If that's the case, here are five reasons to roll up your sleeves.

It's understandable to be a little anxious about vaccination, but the COVID vaccine is safe, free, and easy to book. It's the best way to protect yourself and your whānau, as well as our communities, economy, and future.

The list of reasons for getting vaccinated is long – and as diverse as we are. But it's also pretty simple. Here's the quick version:

1. Get vaccinated to: Take care of your health

Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself from COVID-19.

By getting vaccinated, you drastically reduce your chance of falling seriously ill or transmitting the virus to others. You also reduce your risk of getting infected in the first place.

Even if you're fit, young, and healthy, COVID-19 can have a big impact on your health in the short and [long term](#). Getting vaccinated protects your health, so you can keep doing what you love.

2. Get vaccinated to: Look out for your loved ones

Even if you're not so worried about your own health, it's likely you want to

make sure your friends and whānau are kept safe.

By getting vaccinated, you'll cut the chance of passing the virus on to your loved ones – some of whom might be more at risk of severe COVID-19 symptoms.

Getting vaccinated helps you stick together, safely.

3. Get vaccinated to: Protect the community

Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect everyone in our community – especially those who can't get vaccinated.

No vaccine provides 100% percent immunity, but they don't have to: their biggest strength lies in their ability to slow or stop the spread of disease through widespread uptake. If most of us are less likely to catch or carry the virus, it will struggle to spread.

Some people, including the elderly and people with certain health conditions, are more at risk of getting really sick with COVID-19. Others, including children under 12, aren't currently eligible for the vaccine. By getting vaccinated, you protect those members of your community who can't be.

4. Get vaccinated to: Support our economic recovery

The higher our vaccination rates, the fewer restrictions we'll need. That's

why getting vaccinated helps our local businesses and strengthens our economy.

Our strong health response so far has proven to be the best possible economic response. Getting vaccinated is the next step, and will reduce the likelihood of future lockdowns.

We all have a favourite café, gym, or hairdresser. Getting vaccinated is a way to ensure they can get on with business.

5. Get vaccinated to: Reconnect New Zealanders to the world

The stronger our immunity as a country, the broader and brighter our possibilities. Reaching high levels of vaccination will allow us to start paving the way toward reconnecting with the world.

To maximise our opportunities and prevent future lockdowns, we need our population to be protected from the virus. The vaccine is our best way of securing that protection.

COVID-19 vaccinations are a reason to be hopeful: they allow us to look ahead and to look outwards.

Whatever your reason, getting vaccinated will mean safer communities, a stronger economy, and wider horizons. It all comes down to vaccination.

Book your vaccine now by visiting bookmyvaccine.nz or by calling 0800282926.

PIOPIO COLLEGE SPORTS TRIP

During Sep/Oct in the midst of a pandemic Piopio College packed up 19 students and 8 adults and flew down to Queenstown for their bi-annual overseas sports tour. Due to covid we couldn't play sport so we used the opportunity as a full cultural trip.

The week long tour was based in Queenstown staying at the very comfortable lodgings of The Heritage Hotel overlooking the lake and the Remarkable mountain range.

We had a variety of daily activities planned which included: Jetboating, Gondola, Luge, gold panning lessons, puzzle world, a spectacular biking tour from Arrowtown down the Kawarau Gorge, minus 5 ice bar, bunji jumping, a haunted house, ten pin bowling and a special dinner over looking The Remarkables mountain range at Stratosphere restaurant. We also did a few road trips visiting the Kawarau Gorge Goldfields to learn all about the gold rush history of the area, Wanaka, Cardrona, Cromwell, Te Anau and a boat trip around the amazing Milford Sound.

The trip was led by Ben and Gina Draper and well supported by teachers Ashley Muraahi and Vanessa Chatfield and parents Paiaka Muraahi, Donna Pari, Sheryl Griffin and Caren Herman.

An absolutely massive thankyou goes to the local business sponsors that got us there as well, we couldn't have done it without you and we are so grateful with your support for these trips (CBB, King Country Vets, Marshall Electrical, Hynds, Fat Pigeon, Night Owl, NPG, Piopio Dental, Barrows Shearing, Davis Motors, Wande Ebofin and Noelle Turner). As a school we feel its really important we open our students eyes to the world which is why we will continue to offer these trips. With Rarotonga and the South Island now done we have some further afield destinations on our radar so watch this space.
Ben Draper



PIOPIO PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE



Kia ora koutou,

I am Sue Coyle, the new principal/ tumuaki at Piopio Primary School. Although my start has definitely not been what I had planned, I am very excited to be here. I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome. I have met some of the community and I am really looking forward to meeting lots more.

A little bit about myself, I am married to David (who was raised in Te Kuiti). We have 3 sons all grown up doing their own thing, but do come home to visit when

they can. My first teaching position was at Pukenui, where I taught for 13 years. We moved to Papamoa, which was a great experience and recently I have been principal at Hauturu School on the Kāwhia Coast. We are really happy to be back in the area with friends and family.

It was a lovely day when students returned to school on Wednesday the 17th. The smiling faces, laughing and enthusiastic talking certainly brightened up the school.

The learning tasks that have been happening have been varied, science, technology, reading, writing, art and mathematics. Boats have been made and floated, gardens are being worked on, as well as art where 3D faces were created. I am feeling incredibly lucky to have a dedicated staff

working with me and children who are enthusiastic about learning.

The building project continues to be worked on and there has been lots of progress made during lockdown. Windows are in, jib is on the walls and the new wiring has been completed. We are hoping to have finished classrooms before the end of the term, fingers crossed.

I am really looking forward to being part of the Piopio community, catching up with people I already know and meeting new people. My door is always open, so come and see me or if you see me out and about please say hi.

Sue Coyle

Piopio Primary School Principal



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The Latest Surplus: Piopio Community Fruit & Veg Stand

As most of you will know our Community Stand hasn't been open during Level 3 lockdown and won't reopen until such time as it's safe to do so.

However, as you might expect, a little thing like lockdown didn't hold us back from sharing the seasonal bounty of heirloom tomato plants!

Over 500 seedling plants were shared with members of our wider community, as far south as Mokau and Waikawau.

Some even made their way into Maniapoto Maara Kai Roopu, the community garden in Te Kuiti.

Necessity being the mother of invention, we set up trestle tables inside our front entrance gate and had people call in to pick up

"click and collect" pre-orders made via the stand's FB page over a number of days.

There were even some seedling pumpkins and peach trees on offer. It was much like planning the Normandy invasion the first few days, but we got there.

I counted over 87 pick-ups. Trust all those plants are now in the ground and growing away--well supported by stakes, tied, and flowering.

Will keep everyone posted on reopening via the stand's FB page, signage, and our Instagram feed.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions/issues.

Karen Barrett



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Just a little about myself...

I have returned to Piopio to continue my Real Estate career after having been in Whangamata since 2005 and more recently working in Tauranga, so come here with over 16 years real estate experience. My previous experience includes 14 years with the BNZ in Te Kuiti and four years with Wrightson Insurance Brokers. I also owned 'The Old Tin Shed' for two years as a Floral and Garden Centre so I am sure many people will remember me.

I am working for Vayle Hammond First National Te Awamutu and will be working remotely. I am in the process of setting up an office in Piopio township in the building where Tony and Paula had the courier depot. I'm really happy to be back in Piopio after the hustle and bustle of the Tauranga area and look forward to be able to help with any residential/lifestyle property transactions in this area covering mainly Piopio and Te Kuiti.

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KCRC Update

We had hoped to hold some local gatherings to review and celebrate the great work underway in KCRC communities this year and make a plan regarding future projects. Unfortunately the committee have agreed this is not their preferred plan so we regret that KCRC will not be holding any face to face events until 2022. Please keep in touch and let us know any suggestions for future projects, also any feedback on events/activities in 2021 is greatly appreciated.

Releasing young plants - we have had a few queries around best practice for releasing young native plants. We strongly recommend you follow the guidelines of the nursery where you purchased your plants. In general we do not favour any spraying unless you are dealing with large weeds (Blackberry, convolvulus etc), if you feel plants are getting swamped by grass a release by hand and grass stomping is recommended. Stakes definitely make it easier to locate plants, some species (Eg kowhai) may benefit from a slug bait application.

2021 KCRC Farmer survey - Our updated Farmer survey is under way to gather updated farm info and work completed on farms. Please contact Anna if you haven't completed it already and I will send you a link. The time consuming bit will be providing updated info on any areas of regenerating native bush, exotic plantations, QEII; and areas retired/fenced (waterways, wetlands, tomos), plus updated km's of fencing - estimates are ok.

Your information allows us to represent KCRC farmers effectively, to promote the excellent progress being made on farms in our region, to meet our funding requirements, and to best support your community/farming business where changes/actions are necessary. If you would prefer one of our coordinators can give you a phone call, work through the survey and input your answers into the Google form.

Annual subs - a massive thank you to all people and businesses who have paid a member subscription previously, KCRC are very appreciative of your support which allows us to engage in submission processes, source funding, and promote the great work underway by our farmers and communities. If you would like to support our work and haven't received an invoice recently please contact kriver-care@gmail.com.

Pilot farm projects - we are looking at options for 2022/23 around possible pilot farm projects. Ideas include

- Drone seeding for native forest establishment
- Establishing bare root Totara at scale
- How can farmers utilize/upgrade their base farm plan to get the information required to identify what areas on the farm (conservation plantings, woodlots, regenerating bush, etc.) might be eligible for registration with the ETS and establish how through some further strategic plantings extend the eligible area.

-what is relative contribution of existing plants in

landscape to carbon sequestration
-How much can I afford to invest in pest control? How much does it improve biodiversity and sequestration outcomes?

-What is my return on fencing off different areas?

-Farm system thinking - can I reduce the area under grazing, maintain stock numbers but offset with planting OR should I reduce stock numbers?

If any of these interest you please get in touch or feel free to suggest something different. I will be in touch with those who have already replied shortly.

Hunting HQ (<https://huntinghq.com/>) is an organisation that has approached KCRC, they are working alongside rural landowners nationwide, providing a safe, secure and simple way to better manage hunters and pests on their land. For more info call them on 0800 486 847 or contact us.

KCRC Committee and coordinators thank you for your support in 2021 and wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Billy Smyth putting wool to good use planting the edge of the Awakino River



FAREWELL AFTER FIVE YEARS OF VICTORIES— JOHAN VAN DEVENTER

My Work as Principal of Piopio College: January 2017- December 2021

I unequivocally believe that leaders only cause impact when others buy in, commit and involve themselves in change and improvement strategies, so a big thank you to all the teaching and support staff at Piopio College over the last five years. We've navigated the waters and overcome the challenges thrown at us as a team, with posi-



tive results.

I thank and acknowledge the Board of Trustees for their support and vision for the College. We've achieved lot of victories - big and small. Shaun, Doug, Ian, Amy, Ripeka and Asha, you were fantastic governors and supporters of our mahi. I wish you great success in the future.

To all the parents and supporters of Piopio College, I can only wish that your numbers grow and that the entire community become avid supporters of our schools here in Piopio. It is after all your school and your children and we need you in our corner. To the whanau in our roopu, thank you. You've been wonderful with your manaakitanga and tautoko to me and the kura, Ngaa Mihi nui e Te Iwi O Maniapoto!

When I arrived in January 2017, I was welcomed with a fantastic Maniapototanga powhiri. After a cuppa, I was introduced to the senior students; I was met by a year eleven student in another school's uniform, who proceeded to tell me he does not spend too much time inside classrooms. He then asked if I would let him smoke at school! Yes, this was young Mullie and his sidekick Chay, needless to say, they were set straight pretty sharp! I'm proud to see how our uniforms are worn now, and how students engage in class.

I'm proud of how my team of staff individually met the students' individual needs and lead them to further training or employment. In a small rural school, it was challenging to offer a huge range of subjects without a huge team of teachers, but these guys bent over backwards to accommodate the students on their chosen pathways.

Organisationally, when I arrived it became clear that many heads of departments (all nine of them) were isolated with few collaborative opportunities. We reviewed the curricular structure to form the current five faculties, with an average of three teaching members per faculty. This new structure will hopefully serve our staff and students better. We also introduced Restorative practices, PB4L and structured literacy into our

curricular arsenal which, with continued commitment should stand the school in good stead.

We used student voice to review and build our curriculum

programs every year and forged solid partnerships with providers such as WINTEC, Te Puna Waiora, This is Me, Secondary Schools Sports Waikato, and local employers who signed into our SSEP (Secondary Schools Employer Partnerships) to mention but a few. All of which actively promote pathways, career choice and wellbeing.

Another major milestone was the upgrading of all the buildings including the construction of the Fitness Zone in partnership with the Recreation centre and community support. It was born out of a desire to create a small playground for the students, however, when individuals from our parent community came on board and started fundraising, it grew into the wonderful \$200 000 asset it is today.

I'm particularly proud of the strong junior cohort and their program as well as the NCEA cohort and staff for all their efforts to ensure their programs hit the mark.

I am also humbled by the fact that my BOT supported me as a founding dual leader of the Waitomo Arotahi kahui Ako, which included all ECEs, primary schools and secondary schools in this Te Kuiti, Piopio and Aria area. I also served on the Piopio College Trust Committee, Improve Piopio group and Piopio College PTA as well as the Waikato Secondary Schools Sports Executive. I thank those organisations for their commitment to our community and school.

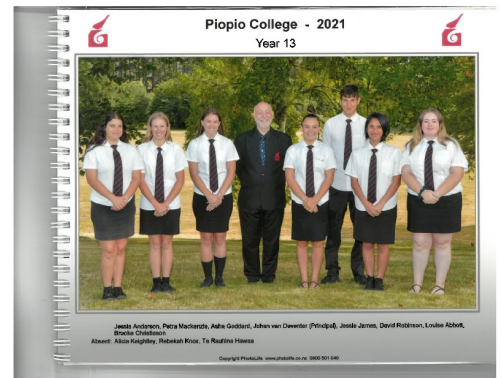
We've just experienced the most unusual two years in our recent history due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Nothing prepared us for this new landscape, so we had to just go with gut instinct when the first lockdown hit us. I'm not going to claim that we did everything right, but we did what we could to ensure the well-being of our children, staff and our families. The reality of a new education system and society is still being formed, I hope and pray that our school community and society as a whole will remain kind and supportive of everyone and that we will band together to conquer COVID-19.

To the students, thank you for the friendly hello's and Kia oras you have provided over the years. It's what keeps teachers coming back day after day. Your lovely smiles and friendly greetings have always been the best reward in my twenty-five years in education. I look forward to meeting you somewhere in the future and finding out what you've achieved.

I've loved our school campus, one of the most scenic and beautiful schools in the most beautiful part of the North Island, The King Country. You are all very privileged to have access to such a fantastic school: treasure it and look after it and it will provide you and all the generations to come with fantastic memories that will last a lifetime.

Looking ahead to the next chapter of my life, my family and I are moving to Taranaki and I will be taking a bit of a step back and letting my family run the business. I look forward to some relief teaching and part-time work in the whanau business.

Ngā reia, tēna koutou, tēna koutou, tēna koutou katoa!! Meri keheremite!



Rhythm Craft

Year 7

"I remember the first day I met Mr Vundee and I can remember some of the key things he showed and represented on the day of the powhiri to welcome all the new entrance students on the first day of school - including me. He showed true determination and leadership and he spoke with pride in every way.

As one of the year 7 students here at Piopio College Mr Vundee (Johan van Deventer) has been an awesome role model for all the new students who have been attending the college over the years.

This year was my first year, and starting off as any other Year 7, it was obvious Mr Vundee cared and looked after the school as well as he could. Mr Vundee is a kind and caring person who has made massive contributions to our school and community and has made lovely memories for us all to remember.

Mr Vundee has many great qualities and talents, he is polite and he cares for all his students and staff, he always has a chirpy attitude and even if some days he isn't always feeling on top of the moon he treats everyone with respect.

Before Mr Vundee leaves I would like to say thank you for being a wonderful Principal, treating us with respect, being a great role model and being an amazing Principal. We hope you do well in the future and you have a great time in life! "

Chē Carl Benefield.

Year 8

"Johan van Deventer (AKA Mr Vundee) is an awesome Principal and an even better role model for young aspiring students.

He will always help you with your endeavors and will always make sure you do the right thing.

In the short two years I've been at Piopio College I've found out that he is an amazing, kind & caring person. Some great qualities of Mr Vundee are his polite and friendly attitude, his ability to make you laugh & his can-do attitude.

I think that Mr Vundee has done an amazing job of being our school Principal, for example: keeping us safe, being polite, walking around the school saying hi, checking in on classes and just being an all round good person.

What I like about Mr Vundee is that he is really fun, caring, friendly and witty.

I can remember from my first year at Piopio College, Mr Vundee was talking to us down at the community pool & after he finished speaking he jumped into the pool, fully clothed!

Before Mr Vundee leaves I would like to say to him what a love-role model he has been and how skillfully he has managed the school as our Principal."





The Piopio Cosmopolitan Club would like to wish all our members and their families a very Merry Christmas and wonderful but safe holiday. The club including the kitchen will be open over the holidays, come on down!
Welcome to our new bar manager Karen Lloyd, some of you and your children may have meet her on Halloween!

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Final Judging will be revealed 24 December. Santa and his Lil helpers will stroll the streets with Christmas treats for the children.

Entry forms from PGC Wrightsons Piopio and must be entered by 6th December.

Map of houses will be available through Facebook.

All covid social distancing rules must be adhered to and be respectful to people's property

Enquiries to:

Carley Simpson
0210424493
Susan Ngarotata
022 151 3094

Christmas Cookies– Chelsea Winters

These delightful little biscuits (from 2016's best-selling cookbook, Scrumptious) are bound to make even the surliest of Grinches come alight with a little festive cheer. Well, just look at them – absolutely delicious and rather adorable – what more could you ask for in a Christmas cookie? I prefer to use Gregg's spices for this recipe – buy them fresh if you can!

Makes approx. 25-30 cookies

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cooking time: 15 minutes

Ingredients

75g butter
2/3 cup golden syrup
1/2 cup brown sugar
2 cups flour
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp ground ginger
1 tsp mixed spice
1 tsp nutmeg
1 tsp cinnamon
Pinch salt
1 free-range egg, separated
Silver cachous



Icing

1 egg white (from the above egg)

1 1/2 cups icing sugar

1-2 tsp lemon juice

1 tsp vanilla essence

Method

Add the butter, golden syrup and brown sugar to a saucepan over a medium heat. Stir until melted, then turn up the heat to high and let it just come to a boil. Remove from the heat immediately, set aside and let it cool for 15 minutes or until just warm. Whisk in the egg yolk.

Sift the flour, baking soda, ginger, mixed spice, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt into a mixing bowl and stir to combine with a whisk. Add to the melted butter mixture and stir with a wooden spoon until evenly combined.

Lay a couple of sheets of clingfilm slightly overlapping on the bench and tip the mixture out on to it. Shape into a disc and wrap it up. Refrigerate for 30 minutes to an hour, or until needed.

Preheat oven to 160c regular bake and line a baking tray with baking paper.

Divide the dough into four even pieces, then divide each of those pieces into eight, so you're left without about 32 pieces. Roll into balls and

place on the baking tray about 5cm apart, as they will increase in size while they cook.

Bake in the oven for 15 minutes. Set aside on a cooling tray and repeat with the remaining balls if you need to.

When you're finished, reduce the oven temperature to 100c.

Icing

Add the egg white to a mixing bowl and beat lightly. Add 1 tsp the lemon juice and vanilla essence, and sift in the icing sugar. Stir to combine. If it needs more liquid, add more lemon juice – you don't want it too runny though.

Add all the biscuits back on to the tray, then spoon or pipe a blob of the icing on to the centre of the the biscuits. You don't need to spread it on, it will naturally spread out after a while.

These don't have to look perfect – some of it will end up running off on to the tray. Sprinkle on a few cachous on each biscuit, then return them to the oven for another 30 – 60 seconds to set the icing. Remove and allow to cool completely. I like these better the day after when they go a little soft!

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DECEMBER

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Monday 27th
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 \$8000 worth of prizes, 30 categories. Non-members welcome!!
 Early bird draw \$200. Collect rules and packs at 7 - 8 am @ North Boat Ramp.
 Ph: Wal Death 0276037255
 For more info and pre-registration email: mokaufishingclub@yahoo.com

Thursday 30th
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Friday 31st
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FEBRUARY

Saturday 19th
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Sunday 20th
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Mokau Markets are on 18th December contact Kath Jennings 067525909

Mokau Fishing Club

We hope you are all well. It's been great to see some boats out in the last few days with the nicer weather and the beach filled with surf casters and longliner's.

If you would like the Mokau Fishing Club 2021/22 membership form and competition information, please contact mokaufishingclub@yahoo.co.nz

The committee is busy organising the Xmas Competition details will be out at the start of December.

Let's hope we are all back to some normality in these crazy times.

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You are invited to join the Piopio College Coffee Club!

By contributing the equivalent of a cup of coffee a week (\$5) or more should you so choose, you will join a growing number of ex pupils, staff, and residents who are supporting this Piopio College Trust Fund initiative.

Your enrolment will enable the Trust to support pupils in their academic, cultural and sporting development and participation by way of scholarships, grants for specialist equipment and course participation (e.g. Spirit of Adventure etc.)

The Trustees are confident that, with the anticipated response, sufficient funds will be available for other "special projects" as well as support for the professional development of staff.

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The Trust has embarked on this means of providing ongoing support for the College as a consequence of the miniscule returns that the \$100,000 of Trust funds now receive from our Term Investments.

Our goal is to have a minimum of 50 Piopio College Coffee Club members

We have enrolled 45 to date

*Our thanks for considering becoming a member!
You will be most welcome.*

For New Zealand members annual receipts of your contributions will be provided for Taxation Donation rebates.

Enrolment forms are available from the College Office or by emailing either of us.
The Trust's bank account is 03-0449-0107019-01 for AP's:
Particulars: Your Name / Ref: Coffee Club
PS: Contact details of ex AFS /International students/staff would be appreciated.

John Carter
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cartdke@xtra.co.nz
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REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

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