

## New chick at Birdtalk adds a splash of colour

Hi everyone!

It's Jules Taitoko here . . . you may know me from such 'shows' as Fat Pigeon, Fat Owl, Fat Kiwi, Aria Cos Club, and a few others.

I am excited to do the layout and design aspect of this fantastic community newsletter, and look forward to receiving your articles and catching up on all the goss!

You will notice full colour on the front and back pages, meaning our talented journo duo (Hannah and Sigrid) can further showcase their photographic skills to our readers.

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*xxx Jules*

# Fat Owl spreads its wings

WHAT'S in a name? Who-whoooo knows? ('scuse the owl-related pun).

Previously known as the Night Owl Bar & Eatery and Owls Nest Motel, this business will now be known as the Fat Owl Motel, Bar and Eatery.

The 10-room motel which was previously the Piopio Hotel, was lovingly refurbished and opened its doors on 12th June 2012. Soon after, the restaurant side received a makeover and has since flourished under Melanie and Ross Simpson's ownership.

Ten years later in December 2022, Deiresa Ratima became a business partner with the Simpsons, and is managing the Fat Owl Motel, Bar & Eatery.

Piopio born-and-bred, Deiresa first worked with Melanie at the Fat Pigeon Café for seven years, working her way up to Kitchen Manager. Since then she and her family have lived in Hamilton, then Australia, and in July 2021

Melanie enticed Deiresa back to Piopio with the offer of managing the Ruru St business.

Being an accomplished restaurateur, Deiresa is passionate about creating delicious home-made fare, in comfortable surrounds, and all the while providing excellent customer service.

The Fat Owl Motel, Bar & Eatery plan to hold an official rebranding evening on its birthday (Sunday 12th June), where everyone is invited. More details will be posted on our Fat Owl Motel Bar & Eatery Facebook page.



Melanie Simpson & Deiresa Ratima.



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# Missing horse jumps

PLEASE, to any river-edged local landowners (or members of community) that spot our missing Horse Jumps from the Piopio Rukuhia Domain, can you contact Maree Bradcock /Jo Thorburn or send a message via the Te Kuiti & Districts Pony Club Facebook page.

Several large horse jumps were washed away with the flood earlier in the year and we haven't been able to find them.

Thank you!

# Piopio Fruit & Veg Stand

THE Latest Surplus: Piopio Community Fruit & Veg Stand

We're starting to get into that time of the year at the Community Stand when the contributions from our local veggie gardens and orchards tend to get a bit spotty. At least until the citrus harvest kicks in.

Lately veggies are moving out of the stand just as quickly as fruit. This hasn't always been the case in the past, undoubtedly now due to high produce prices.

So a freshly cut bouquet of silverbeet, spinach or beetroot would be appreciated if you have any surplus out in your gardens and are able to take the time. Even a bunch of rhubarb.

One idea is to "grow an extra row" of your favourite veggie to contribute to the community stand. I've just planted broad beans, peas, garlic and shallots, and am also trying to keep up with sequential plantings of silverbeet, beetroot, rocket, spinach, broccoli and spring onions.

The cauliflower is happening to some

extent but my track record on cauli, carrots and cabbage is mixed if I'm being honest.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions/issues. Updates are posted pretty much daily on our FB page and Instagram feed, where "likes," "loves," comments and questions are always welcome.



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# Val hangs up her St John hat after 16yrs

Val and Ken Perry together receiving their award for 15 years of voluntary service to St John.



LOCAL heroine Val Perry of Aria is retiring from ambulance duty after 16 years of volunteer service with St John in Piopio.

The story starts at a Lion's Club meeting when Ngatai Rauputu, who was managing Te Kuiti St Johns and also a paramedic, gave a speech one evening. Inspired, Val's husband Ken Perry –another local ambulance hero- volunteered as a first responder. After a few meetings, he asked his wife if she could come along to help him understand the medical terminology. Val had worked as a nurse before settling down and starting a family.

Val has never left St John.

Ken and Val supported each other for sixteen years together in the ambulance service.

"Being a first responder was different from a hospital setting but I enjoyed the challenge. I settled in with great ease and really enjoyed the service of helping those in need," says Val.

The two provided St John ambulance services all across our community, working everywhere between Taranaki and Hamilton.

Whenever the pager went off in the middle of the night, they were dressed and ready for any emergency. Who knows how many people owe their lives to Ken and Val's quick thinking and quality care?

Val decided to retire after having her second hip replacement.

"My fitness level was not where I felt it needed to be. I will really miss the company of my fellow officers and of being a service to the community."

Thank you Val! Your support with St John is so much appreciated by all of us.

Val will continue serving on the area committee.

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# Councillors Update

THE Cyclone Dovi weather bomb that hit in February is proving very challenging for our staff. The initial recovery programme, costed at \$17m over three years, was declined by our funding partners, Waka Kotahi, so intense discussions are continuing with them to find a reasonable and affordable solution.

This additional burden is also impacting our ability to complete this year's very large Capital Works (CAPEX) programme, to say nothing of the staff capacity and supply chain constraints we were already facing.

Our initially budgeted CAPEX for this year was \$10.35m, which was in line with previous years, to which was added 'carry-overs' from the 2021-22 year of \$3.40m.

The Three Waters Reform package added another \$1.19m, and this year's portion of the new Stadium build is \$4.96m. A further \$1.05m has also been added which included bringing forward next year's purchase of Carbon Credits, that will be surrendered to meet our Landfill emissions commitments. This gives a revised CAPEX budget of 20.95m, of which \$8.9m has been spent to the end of March. Of the remaining \$12m, staff are confident \$6m will be spent before 30 June, and the balance to be carried over to next year.

ported in Piopio and they're not all from Councils pipes. If there is a leak on your side of your water toby, it is your responsibility to fix, and most of your pipes will be as old as Councils pipes, thus nearing the end of their functional life, and closer to failure.

If anyone notices any water leaks in our villages, please notify Council immediately (07 878 0800 or 0800 932 4357), and if it appears to be from a private property, please alert the occupants.

We will be looking to approving next years (2022-23) budget, and strike the rates for that year, at our next Council Meeting on May 31.

The decision is expected to result in a large variation in the rating impact on individual ratepayers, essentially as a consequence of the wide range in the changes of Capital Value after the recent revaluations. We have endeavoured to moderate the extremes of the effects, but we have no other options available to do more than that.

Local Body elections are being held in September and October this year, and Waitomo District Council will be continuing with three Rural Ward and three Urban Ward (Te Kuiti) Councillors, and a Mayor. Nominations will open on July 15, close on August 12, and postal voting will commence September 16 and close at 12 noon on Saturday, October 8, 2022.

A number of water leaks are being re-



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# More cost of living relief for KC families

WE have just released this year's Budget, which sets out the next steps in our plan to build a secure future for New Zealand. In addition to the comprehensive cost of living package which will deliver for 2.1 million workers across the country, there are investments being made that clearly demonstrate that this Government values our rural communities.

who live rurally.

Not only are we removing barriers to getting a driver licence, helping 64,000 Kiwis get on the road and into work, but also improving and expanding our air ambulance fleet with an additional \$90.7 million.

Let's start with the rural economy.

We are investing \$118.4 million for advisory services to support farmers, foresters, growers and whenua Māori owners to accelerate sustainable land use changes and lift productivity.

When you live in rural New Zealand and urgently need help from the health system you become acutely aware of how far away help can really be.

When the rescue helicopter flies over my house I am so thankful that there is an amazing crew heading to Mount Taranaki to help a trumper or to the back blocks to help a farmer.

We are also putting \$40 million to help transformation in the forestry, wood processing, food and beverage and fisheries sectors.

This funding will help those awesome crews to better provide this essential service.

Further support in the form of \$31.6 million to help maintain and lift animal welfare practices across Aotearoa New Zealand and \$110 million to boost the biosecurity system and continue the Mycoplasma bovis eradication programme.

Of course, as we do this, we'll continue to carefully manage the books – and our careful fiscal management means we return to surplus quicker than National did after the global financial crisis.

This budget proves, yet again, that we back our farmers and provincial communities and are committed to providing the support needed to secure our future.

This budget delivers a real, practical food and fibre sector investment package of more than \$1 billion.

These are just a few highlights and there's a lot more in the Budget that will benefit people here in King Country and if you'd like to more, I'd encourage you to check out [labour.org.nz/budget2022](http://labour.org.nz/budget2022).

It isn't just the rural economy that is getting a boost. This budget also delivers a better quality of life for those of us



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# Coffee Club successes keep brewing

PIOPIO College Trust Coffee Club supports 14 Piopio College students for their successes and endeavours in 2021.

A result of enrolling some 45 memberships at \$5 per week, over the past 18 months, the Piopio College Trust Coffee Club has been able to provide additional financial support for some 14 College students for their achievements during the 2021 Year.

Prior to the establishment of the "Coffee Club" initiative the College's Trust fund was only able to provide, from interest from Term Deposits and a small number of annual donors, support for the Dux, Runner Up and Founder's Scholarships.

"To be able to support these additional students in their endeavours and success's, in such a wide range of achievements in NCEA, Arts, Culture and Sport as well as



enabling the corpus of the Trust to grow has been most gratifying", said the committee of the College's Trust Fund.

"As for all students in rural areas of NZ, their participation in Arts, Drama, Kapa Haka, Sports and Academic achievement comes with additional expenses for them and their Whanau in travel, accommodation, equipment etc. that their urban counterparts do not have to face.

"The Trust is most grateful for the support provided by our 45 members to date, ex-pupils, whanau and local businesses, including that from some former international students and Piopio residents.

"With this successful outcome after just one year, we look forward to growing the Coffee Club's membership, so as to yet further expand the support we can provide



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# KC Rivercare Update

THANK you to those who attended on-farm Field days in the last month; there's plenty more coming up with dates getting added to frequently. Hopefully there will be something of interest to you and your business.

Thank you to B+LNZ & Rural Support Trust for working closely with us to deliver many of these events.

We are looking to add dates for updating your Farm Environment Plan later in June and a series of Catch-ups with Freshwater ecologist Merrin Whatley in mid July to discuss in more detail the results and trends of our first year of water quality testing.

If you are planting this season please check in with your nursery to ensure your plant order is on track and maybe sort out some stakes to help find smaller plants in the following summer/autumn.

There is wide variation in survival of natives planted last year in our 1BT funded program - no surprises that north facing banks have generally struggled, however most projects appeared to have got close to the 80% survival target overall - great work by everyone involved with close to 50,000 plants in the ground covering 30ha.

An additional 11ha was retired for native reversion and 5.3hectares of wetlands were restored. Over 25km of fences were built.

Thank you to all who completed the 2021/22 KCRC Farmer survey; congrats to the winners of a box of beer or a bottle or fine wine - Mark Verry, Ewen Smith and Tim & Mary Stokes, our randomly selected survey participants.

## June events ...

2nd Te Kuiti WRC Freshwater Policy review - community meetings to discuss how WRC moves forward from PC1 with regard to implementing new government regulations (register with WRC please)

5th - Piopio Farmers Golf tourney

8th - Responding to drought - Waitangaru Hall - Jointly supported by Rural Support Trust, B+LNZ & KCRC; presented by Peter Keeling, BBQ

9th - Rural Support Trust "An evening with Tawera Nikau" Aria Cosi Club; final details being confirmed



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# Piopio College welcomes new principal

*"Ehara taku toa I te toa takitahi Engari, he toa takitini"  
My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective*



Piopio College

AS the new principal at Piopio College I have been delighted by the welcome I have received by the school and wider community. This is clearly a very special place to be and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in this beautiful part of Aotearoa.

My time in education has seen me with experience in a range of secondary schools such as Auckland Boys Grammar, Westlake Boys High, Botany Downs Secondary College and Papatōetoe High School. This also includes extensive experience in senior leadership roles as well as the last two years as a Senior Education Advisor with the Ministry of Education based in Auckland.

I have a passion for sport having played cricket and hockey at various levels and also in a coaching capacity for a number of years. A keen golfer, with a questionable handicap I have enjoyed playing at the Piopio Aria Golf course.

Students will thrive when learning is authentic, relevant and challenges them to be the best that they can be. Student engagement

and student voice, creating opportunities for them to take charge of their own learning is a very important part of a successful school. Creating an environment with high expectations and to support staff and whānau is an important responsibility and I will do my very best to achieve this goal.

Piopio College sits proudly in the Ngāti Maniapoto rohe and I look forward to engaging with the wider community to learn as much as I can about the aspirations you have for our young people.

*Ngā mihi nui  
Rakesh Govind*



**Rakesh Govind**  
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## Do you want to learn more about reversing diabetes and pre-diabetes with diet and exercise?

Piopio Community Diabetes Group Information Night:  
Your Questions Answered!

**Tuesday 7th June 2022, 6-7pm**

Piopio Cosmopolitan Club is partnering with TeamYou Health Coaching to bring Reverse Diabetes groups to Piopio. Come along with any questions, and help us design the program.

**How much will the program cost?**

Koha for low income, around \$30 per week for those who can pay. Paying up-front is preferred.

**How long will the program take?**

8-12 weeks.

**What happens in a group?**

We talk and learn – it's like a group you might join to quit smoking or lose weight.

We don't do exercise during the group.

**How many people will be in each group?**

4-8 people.

**Who is leading the groups?**

TeamYou Health Coaching director Sigrid Christiansen, a fully certified health coach.

TeamYou also provides health coaching for the likes of AIA-insurance (together with PreKure)

as well as offering online coaching around the world.

Look us up at [teamyou.co.nz](http://teamyou.co.nz) AND [facebook.com/TeamYouHealthCoaching](https://www.facebook.com/TeamYouHealthCoaching)

**Where will the groups be held?**

One group will be online for the tech-savvy. A second in-person group will be in the Club kitchen area during the day for those who prefer face-to-face. We will choose times based on what you tell us.

**Why should I come to a Reverse Diabetes group?**

You are serious about reversing your diabetes or pre-diabetes and will do what it takes to make that happen.

**How does it work?**

Many of us already know that type two diabetes and pre-diabetes are largely reversible with the right lifestyle. But we don't always acknowledge how challenging that can be.

What is the right lifestyle? We want to be active, but there are too many things to do. We need to work and spend time with our loved ones. Often, our overworked medical system puts lifestyle change in the too hard basket, and throws medication at people with diabetes instead.

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lowering their blood sugar using low carb healthy fat eating, gentle exercise and stress management. This allows them to get off medication, and stops diabetes

further damaging their bodies. We help our clients feel empowered to make these changes. We offer support through any emotional obstacles which arise.



Sigrid Christiansen 0220 806 141 [hello@teamyou.co.nz](mailto:hello@teamyou.co.nz)

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- Structured Literacy approach in junior school
- One fundraiser per year (2-Day Bike Ride)
- No school fees
- Strong Te Ao Maori programme (te reo, kapa haka...)
- Well resourced: solar heated pool, turf court, art room, fitness trail, newly extended and refurbished library/multi-purpose room
- ICT: well resourced classrooms with iPads, chrome books and PCs
- Minivan transport funded by Board (to and from Piopio, class trips etc)
- Strong EOTC (Education Outside of the Classroom)

### WHAT OUR KIDS SAY ...

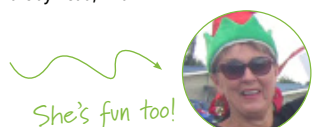
What do you like about Aria School?

- People are caring!
- The playground!
- Learn lots of stuff!
- Fun because everybody is around to help each other!
- Playing games!
- Our school sign!
- The library and teachers!
- Everyone is nice to each other!

### FOR MORE INFO ...

Phone 07 877 7857  
Email [office@aria.school.nz](mailto:office@aria.school.nz)  
Website [www.aria.school.nz](http://www.aria.school.nz)  
Address Barclay Road, Aria

Principal  
Pam Voyce



She's fun too!

# Mixed weather for cross country students

ON May 20 Piopio Primary held our annual cross country.

We were very excited to be able to go ahead with this event without covid restrictions.

It was our privilege to host Aria School who joined us for cross country.

Our tamariki had trained for weeks in preparation for this exciting event and were ready to go.

Before school started the sun was shining and then the rain, wind, thunder and lightning came.

As Aria School arrived the sun came out again.

After our greetings we got straight out to running our races.

Our younger students ran first and luckily the sun stayed out.

Everyone was super proud of their efforts. Logan Lyford and Deekin Ratima were true Rangatira (leaders) who ran with the juniors to help them around the course.

Then the rain came again. Our senior tamariki got rather wet, however this didn't deter their efforts and they competed with pride.

We are very proud of all the students who competed and thank whānau who came to support our competitors. Thanks again to Aria School for participating with us.

Maybe next year the sun will shine a little longer.



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Piopio Playcentre kids have been having great fun over the last few months. We have a few new families join our centre and the kids have been having great fun getting to know each other and trying new things.

# Playcentre



Swings – always a fave



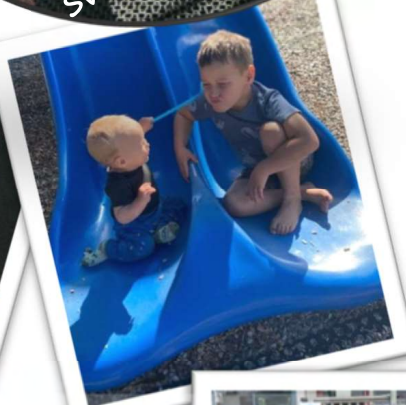
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Playdough



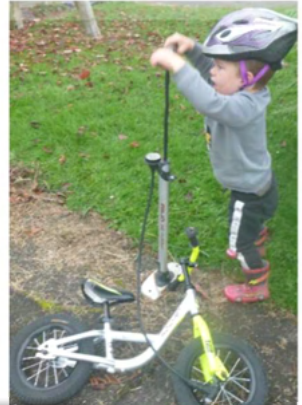
Puff Paint



Bikes – fixing, riding, setting up roads



Messy painting



Slime



Carpentry

If you think Playcentre might be something you and your child/children may enjoy, come and visit Piopio Mondays 9:30am-12 Aria Tuesdays 9:30am-12 during school term or contact Nicola 0276960598 with any questions.

# Aria School cross country fun @ Piopio

CONGRATULATIONS to all our students who ran in Piopio on May 20.

Thank you Piopio Primary for inviting us to join you this year; it was a valuable, challenging experience for our students in preparation for the Te Kuiti interschool event at Rangitoto Primary School on May 27.

## ARIA SCHOOL RESULTS:

5-year-old girls:  
Antonia Pardo  
Yanez 5

6-year-old girls:  
Indy Brooks 2

7-year-old girls:  
Khaleesi Lowe 6  
Awatea Tanga-  
roa-Smith 7  
Laveila Young 5

8-year-old girls:  
Waitaria Bodger-  
Kearns 9  
Allegra Darke 11  
Mila Ormsby 5  
Mia Terry 10  
Saskia Watkins 6

9-year-old girls:  
Tonowai Bodger-  
Kearns 11  
Chloe Darke 2  
Aria Newton 8  
Stella Pari 10

10-year-old girls:  
Maddy Darke 4  
Aavia Coffin 10  
Piper Terry 3

11-year-old girls:  
Isabella Gibson  
DNF  
Christine Pai 8

5-year-old boys:  
Isaac Alcock 9  
Austin Cave 7  
Dylan Darke 3  
Lucas Foreman 12

7-year-old boys:  
Hunter Cox 3

8-year old boys:  
Harley Herlihy 8

9-year-old boys:  
Kadius Young DNF



# Mokau Fishing Club winners are grinners

THE Mokau Fishing Club held its annual prizegiving recently, with trophies and prizes handed out.

Congratulations to all winners, and thanks to everyone who came to support.

A big thank you to our fantastic sponsors.

We can't wait to see you back for our Ice-breaker competition at Labour Weekend.



Some of the happy recipients of trophies and prizes



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# School rugby kicks off



Piopio Aria Titans



Piopio Aria Gladiators

WE are well into the rugby season, and our players are getting out there amongst it rain, hail or shine! So far we have had some beautiful cold wintery mornings that have burned off into gorgeous sunny days, and it's been great to see whānau and friends support their players and community.

– U13 pics thanks to Jacky Fitzgerald



Piopio Bush U13s (and below)



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smilingkiwi@piopiodental.co.nz

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(07) 877 8700  
M: 027 210 1860

**The Ferret's Nest**  
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M: 022 154 9745

*Youth Activities*

**Aria Playcentre**  
Hannah Bodger-Kearns  
(07) 877 7898

**Aria Toy Library**  
Librarian: Karen Jones  
M: 021 038 5153  
E: ariatoylibrary@gmail.com

**Aria Primary School**  
(07) 877 7857

**Curious Keas Preschool**  
Stephanie Brough  
(07) 877 8224

**Kohanga Piopio**  
(07) 877 8185

**Mainly Music**  
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Music and movement for children 0-5yrs & caregivers.  
Thursdays @ 10am  
Alyson Singleton  
(07) 877 8840

**Piopio Playcentre**  
Nicola Kloeten  
M: 027 696 0598

**Piopio Primary School**  
(07) 877 8103

**Piopio College**  
(07) 877 8173. Meeting rooms available for hire

*Community*

**Piopio Police**  
07 877 0490

**Crime Stoppers**  
0800 555 111  
We live in a great community so let's stop these few who are taking from us. E: Tony.schrafft@police.govt.nz  
www.crimestoppers-nz.org

**All Saints Church Co-operating Parish of Piopio, Aria & Mokau**  
Main Road, Piopio.  
Worship service 10am  
Reverend Ian Croft  
M: 027 505 2798

**Community Fruit & Vege Stand**  
Karen Barrett (07) 877 8012  
E: struanfarm@gmail.com

**Housie**  
Thursdays 1pm Senior Citizen's Room All welcome.  
Paddy Coffin (07) 877 8367

**Justices of Peace**  
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Clive Fredericks  
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**Piopio Garden Circle**  
Visits are 3rd Thursday of every month except January & August  
Gillian Hooper (07) 878 7880  
M: 027 345 9603

**Laver Marine**  
(07) 877 8484  
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**Piopio College Community Library**  
(07) 877 8173  
E: library@piopio.school.nz  
18 Aria Road

**Senior Citizen's Organisation**  
Meetings first Tuesday every month, 10am. All welcome.  
Wendy Weinberg  
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**Seniors' Exercise Classes**  
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**Marriage Celebrants**  
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**Piopio Lions Club**  
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Gavin Todd (07) 877 7700  
Ken Perry (07) 877 8035

**Piopio Memorial Hall**  
Book venue or facilities through Waitomo District Council (07) 878 0800

**Piopio/Paearuhe Retirement Village**  
Jenny Brodie (07) 877 8033

**The Old Piopio Post Office Art Gallery**  
M: 022 437 0789

**Waitanguru Rural Women**  
Liz Morgan 027 284 6653

*Activities & Attractions*

**Piopio and Districts Museum**  
Mark Verry (07) 877 8842  
Key available from Piopio Superette

**Piopio POP (Tui Park)**  
Waitomo District Council  
(07) 878 0800  
Key for toilet available from the Cloverleaf tearooms or Snow Nicol

**Piopio Market Day**  
3rd Sunday of each month  
Grace Cortes Montecinos  
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*Sports & Recreation*

**Aria Squash Club**  
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(07) 877 8950  
Secretary Lee Alcock  
E: ariasquash@gmail.com

**Light Horse Club**  
President Helen Potter  
E: helen.neilpotter@gmail.com

**Line Dancing Club**  
Linda Oliver (07) 877 8313

**Piopio-Aria Golf Club**  
Hamish Roach  
M: 027 578 5905

**Piopio Bowling Club**  
Nigel 027 255 0898 or  
Wendy (07) 877 8686

**Piopio Community Sports (Rukuhia Domain)**  
Tony Schrafft Tony.schrafft@police.govt.nz

**Piopio Rugby Club**  
President Peter Hurley  
(07) 877 7577

**Piopio Swimming Club**  
Kate Carter M: 021 264 5771  
E: katemcdtiaans@hotmail.com

**Pony Club**  
President Olivia Buckley  
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Amanda MacLachlan  
(07) 878 7182

**Tennis Club**  
Reon Verry (07) 878 8678

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**Waitomo Aero Club**  
Pete Voyce (07) 877 8254  
John Carter (07) 877 8290

Aria School students at Interschool Cross Country held at Rangitoto Primary.



# Piopio Swimming Club swim to success



SUNDAY, May 22 we celebrated the success of our Piopio Club Swimmers. We were extremely lucky the pool was able to open and the water temperature was above normal for the children to gain maximum results over the short 6-week season.

**RESULTS:**

Age Group Winners: 8 year & Under – Louisa Laver; 9 Years – Mac Carter; 10 Years – Eleanor Laver; 11 Years – Isaac Carter; 12 Years – Lachie Carter; 13 Years – Caitlyn Cody; 14 Years – Olly Bevege.  
 Junior Boy – Mac Carter; Junior Girl – Eleanor Laver; Senior Boy – Lachie Carter; Senior Girl – Caitlyn Cody  
 Open Event Winners: 25m Freestyle – Olly Bevege; 25m Butterfly – Caitlyn Cody; 200m Freestyle – Caitlyn Cody; 400m Freestyle – Caitlyn Cody; 100m Freestyle Handicapped – Jake Petterson; 100m IM Handicapped – Isaac Carter.  
 Most Improved: Learners – Mac Carter; Intermediate – Leo Carter; Senior – Keanu Edkins; Open Breaststroke – Fred Carter; Junior Sportsmanship – Jacob Omelvena; Senior Sportsmanship – Molly MacLachlan; Sports Award – Caitlyn Cody; Club Champion – Caitlyn Cody.

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