

# PIPIO

## BirdTalk

Bi Monthly Community Newsletter covering Piopio, Aria and Mahoenui Districts

### Coming home to Nest in Piopio

Formerly the Piopio Hotel or the Local

Pub, as

many residents will recall. The site on the corner of Ruru and Tui street now resembles a refurbished 10 room Motel.

Originally built in the late 1950's, the large hill side was cleared by Snow Nichol and Bruce Thompson to make way for foundations of the now Piopio Mechanical site and the newly renovated Owls Nest.

Whilst history of this building is relatively new, the former Piopio Hotel offered a place for social gatherings with many memories.

At the onset of this once thriving business, many local's can recall some great nights and some unusual events, including the disappearance of one gentleman's vehicle following an evening, only to reveal a large tomo beneath the car park!

Even the success of Mac's Beer has some tie to this establishment. Former publican and ex All Black Terry McCashin, pioneered

ciders and lagers, and has been credited with starting the micro-brewery renaissance in New Zealand.

Since this time, numerous caretakers and owners have taken residence here, and over time the upkeep has meant the Piopio Hotel needed significant financial investment to upgrade its amenities and services to reinstate it to its former potential.

Recently purchased by Mike and Rona Rorison of Tauranga (owners of Rorisons Quarry in Aria) are now completing renovations to the buildings and site for the new business The Owls Nest.

Moteliers and Foodies Melanie and Ross Simpson own the business lease, with Lyn and Dave Barnsdall owning a 25% share in the business also.

Stage 1 of the Owls Nest Accommodation, Bar & Eatery is almost complete and manager Lyn and Dave warmly invite locals to pop in and take a look at the refurbished 10-room motel.

Formerly the restaurant and motel part of the Piopio Hotel, the building now features eight queen rooms and two single rooms, all with ensuites and TVs, as well as the manager's accommodation, conference/breakfast room, and reception area.

Each of the single rooms can be adjoined with a queen room to create a fantastic family room scenario – with queen, single and trundler bed, two ensuites and a TV in each room.

Work has recently begun on the Bar, eatery and kitchen building, and this area will also feature an outdoor/

garden dining area – with the aim of offering a picturesque wedding venue, complete with in-house catering.



Lyn and Dave, who moved in earlier this year, have hosted a number of guests already, receiving rave reviews on the hospitality, cleanliness and 'homely' feel the Owls Nest affords.

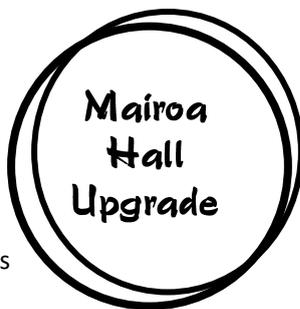
Melanie, Ross, Lyn and Dave look forward to providing Piopio's visitors with a new accommodation option, with the added benefit of a bar/eatery, and enticing visitors to the area, and can't wait to invite you to the Owls Nest's official opening later this year.



**Mairoa Hall**  
Society would like to thank all our landowners, supporters, sponsors, and mostly our dedicated helpers.

were used to repaint the exterior of the hall, and a big "thankyou" goes to our painter, Bob Baker .

With your support we raised \$7581 at our recent horse trek and bike ride. Our funds



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**PIOPIO MARKET DAY**  
Every Third Sunday @ month

Proven a success, the Piopio Market Day continues to have its regular followers and stall holders.

Whilst providing a site for locals to sell the creative wares, plants and

seasonal produce, many welcome the day to catch up with locals.

To ensure our community does not loose this, please support this initiative by visiting or selling your own goods.

## Community support for Cancer Awareness

Shave for a Cure is Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand's signature fundraising event.

Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand (LBC) is the national organisation dedicated to supporting patients and their families living with a blood cancer or a related blood condition. The funds raised braving a Shave make a real difference to the 6 Kiwis diagnosed every day with a blood cancer or related condition. As LBC receives no government funding the efforts are vital to helping us continue to support patients and their families.

Mr Nathan White and Francois Turner decided to become Shavee for the LBC this year.

Mr White added a twist to the event to encourage more donations. They both agree that for \$100 they were shaving the head, \$200 they were shaving their facial hair, \$300 waxing legs and Mr White wowed that if we reached \$1000 he would get his whole body hairless. And he did!!!!

We would also like to say thank you to all the students, parents and community members who supported us in shaving our hair for the Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand Organisation. We have successfully fundraised over

\$1300 for this good cause.

With the challenging twist Mr White added, not only the hair on our heads was shaved but we experienced the pain of waxing our legs and Mr White's chest. We would like to thank Kim Simpson and Carley Buckman who donated their time to shave and wax Mr White and Francois in front of the whole school on the 8<sup>th</sup> March.

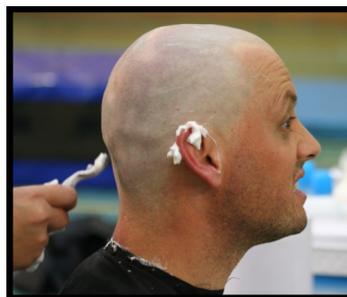
Francois wanted to do this as cancer has touched some of his close family members. Both of his grand-fathers died of cancer and recently one of his uncle was diagnosed with leukaemia and is actually in remission after a marrow transplant.

You still can donate on line to "shaveforacure" shave name "Francois". So far \$1,053,300 has been raised in total in New Zealand .

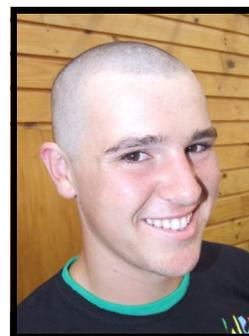
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**Above: Francois Turner and Nathan White**



**Above: Teacher—Nathan White**



**Left: Francois Turner**



our mission is to care, our vision is to cure

### Stars In Your Eyes

Tickets are officially on sale now! Get in quick because you will miss out! Be there then if you would like the best seats.

If you are keen to strut your stuff on stage give **Kristen Pari** a call on **8778329**

I hear there are quite a few entrants already! Remember No sexual props, a great act does not need them. Time to start practicing as I also hear teams are

already doing so. Competition is fierce!

Our tweak to the show this year, is to usher people to tables as we understand it can be really difficult to find a seat in the crowd. So we would encourage you get a group of 10 together and buy a table for \$250. This guarantees you and your friends a table together. As soon as 5 of you arrive we can usher you to your table.

Tickets available RD1 and Atkinsons Vets.

Please support our bar, this is not a BYO event.

The annual 37th Queen's Birthday Weekend 7 a Side Hockey tournament is to be hosted at the Aria Hockey Grounds, corner of Aria Road and Wairere Dam on Sunday 2 June.

Keeping with tradition, a good weekend has been organised for both social and slightly more competitive teams.

Even if you haven't played for some time, the tournament encourages everyone to participate.

Kick off at 9am, with four divisions, Mens, Womens, Mixed Open and Mixed U19.

Contact Bernie or Pete 8778131

### Piopio Hockey Club

37th Annual Queen's Birthday Weekend 7-a-Side Fundraiser

Sunday June 2 2013  
9.00am Aria Hockey Grounds  
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Following last years successful Quiz evening the Piopio Playcentre Committee will be hosting another challenging yet whimsical evening of questions and activities.

Great prizes up for grabs including a weekends' accommodation in Mokau with ocean views.

Book a team now.

PIOPIO Playcentre FUNDRAISER

*Fairy Tale or Fantasy Quiz Night*

Saturday 8th June  
@ 7.30pm - doors open 6.30pm  
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\$60 per team  
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### Mucking In - All in a days work

In need of a working Bee, then a guaranteed job will be done by the Piopio Fire Brigade Team of volunteers.

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local Fire Station in buying raffle tickets.... Just ask some of the previous recipients' what can be achieved.

Piopio Volunteer Fire Brigade Inc

**Mucking In Day Fundraiser**

Win a working bee for your home or business valued at \$5000!!

\$20 a Ticket

Prize Includes

- \$1000 towards materials
- Team of ten guys consisting of
- Builders
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Previous Mucking Day jobs have included

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Prize to be drawn under Police supervision on 31/5/2013

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The working bee will be held on a Saturday or Sunday of the winners choice by the 3rd of November 2013 and will be carried out

For more information you can contact  
Darren Cathie 021 620 968, Mark Bentham 078778058,  
Ryan Todd 027 3283190



My

name is Hannah Osborne, I am currently Rowing for New Zealand in the Under 23 Team.

I come from the small town of Waitomo Caves. I attended Piopio College for 2 years. During this time a few of my friends and I became fascinated with the idea of starting up the rowing club that Piopio once had. This then led us to finding the nearest club which was in Te Awamutu. The Club then adopted five of us and we started to row in a coxed four.

Once my fourth form year finished I moved to Waikato Diocesan School for girls where I boarded for the next three years. This was a huge challenge for me. I carried on rowing for the Te Awamutu rowing club in a single and competed under the Waikato Dio colours when it came to school regattas. I ended up winning the Under 17 and Under 18 single in 2011.

The Start of the next 2011/12 season I joined the Waikato Regional Performance Centre. I then moved to live in Cambridge as we trained at Lake

## Rowing Champion in the Making— Hannah Osborne

Karapiro. The RPC trained three times a day. Once in the morning on the water and twice in the afternoon in the gym doing an erg and weights. This was a total of 4 hours a day exclusive of travel. I unfortunately could not find a job that was willing to hire me in between the hours of 10 and 3. So I had to reach out and ask my Dad to help me out financially. He ended up paying for my rent and \$50 for food each week. All of this was so at the end of that season I could trial and make a New Zealand Team.

I trailed for the N.Z junior team last year and got into the Womens quad. This was a huge achievement for me. I had worked so hard for this. Representing your country for the first time gives you such an amazing feeling. You suddenly become humble as you realize that not many people can say they have got to this level. I was a part of a team of 20 other athletes destined to travel to Bulgaria that August for the Senior and Junior World rowing Championships 2012.

Bulgaria was like nothing I had ever experienced before. We got to the Venue where we were racing. The lake we thought we were going to race on wasn't a lake. It was a super sized swimming pool. About 3 km long and 500m wide. Temperatures during the day were 43 degrees and this made breathing difficult for us as we would get the feeling of having raw and bloody throats

because of the little humidity in the air. When we weren't out on the water we would sit in our hotel rooms. Most of us watched the Olympic games while others chilled out and kept each other occupied. When it came to the finals we were so nervous. We had put everything into training for the past three months and our crew in particular had had some trouble with injury and illness. Going up to the start line your hands are clammy and intense butterflies are building up in your stomach. I have been told that nerves are a good thing because it means you care, but this feeling was ridiculous. When the starter gun goes all I could think about is executing that one stroke before taking the next one. After the start, you notice land marks and count down how far you have left until the finish. The whole way down the body is screaming at you to stop with pain but the mind tells it to keep going no matter what. Our Quad crossed that line in third place- Bronze medal.

Once the Junior campaign was over we all traveled back home. Most of us went back to our RPCs and started training again. However this season was going to be different to the last because Waikato RPC were going to thrash us. Coming back into it was difficult for me and I developed tendonitis in the hamstring attachment in my knee. So for the first half of the season I was out.

Nothing is worst than doing alternate training, you see your team mates improving

each session and I was sitting there starting to get upset and thinking whether or not I should stop rowing all together. I ended up have a cortisone injection in both of my knees to stop the pain and I was able to start training again. We had a few weeks where we seat raced for boats we would race at the National Championships down in Twizel. I was put into 5 boats. I would race the Under 22 single, pair, quad, eight and the premiere eight. These were all big races for me and the pressure to perform in each one was immense, especially in the Prem eight where I had Olympians in my boat. At the end of the regatta I had collected 2 gold medals for the single and quad, 2 silver medals for the pair and under 22 eight and bronze for the premiere eight. We then had a week off before we were going to trial for the elite and under23 team.

These trials have been the most stressful ones that I have done to date. Everyone is so talented at this level so you are constantly wondering whether what you are doing is good enough or doubting your performance. The job of the selectors from my point of view is to select crews but while doing this leaving everyone in the dark so you never know what they are doing. If you try and figure it out you are just wasting time, energy and causing the stress levels to sky rocket.

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# In memory of those Fallen—ANZAC

## Anzac Service

Thursday 25th April saw an excellent turnout for Piopio's community. A lovely morning enabled the service to be held outdoors. Special thanks and congratulations must go to Kay Taitoko and Bill Wana who ably lead the service, speakers Kelly Dunphy and Josh Te Awa, head students at Piopio College, and Mrs Joyce Harrison who spoke about those, particularly women, who were 'at home' during WW2. Trumpeter Nathan Cox played 'The Last Post' and 'Reveille' during the flag raising ceremony. Refreshments were provided by RWNZ Waitanguru Branch.

## Arrangements for Future Services

Following the refreshments a meeting was held and attended by several people keen to keep the Anzac Service both alive and growing. The group has lots of exciting ideas so a further meeting is planned for Tuesday 28th May at 7pm in the senior citizens rooms. All interested people are welcome to attend. It would be a good idea to confirm time etc with Jenny Brodie (877 8033). In recent services Bill has made a policy of acknowledging all servicemen who have since died, and not just those who were 'fallen'. He can only do

this with the permission of the families. If you would like your relatives to be on that list Bill would like you to get in touch.

Supplied by Jenny Brodie  
Ph 8778033

Piopio War Memorial Remembrance



## Continued from page 4: Rowing Champion in the Making

The first day of trials we had to do a 2km erg. Then depending on what your time was over the distance you are ranked and split into seat racing groups. The rest of the week you assemble down at Rowing New Zealand and wait for your name to be called to seat race. If you don't get called out you go home and come back at another selected time.

For people who are chosen to seat race over 1500m, each time one person is swapped from

each boat and put into another. For example the two girls in three seat are swapped. If the winning boat wins by more than the girl swapped has won the seat race and so on. Once the seat racing is done we are then raced over the full course-2km.

This then shows the selectors whether they are fast enough to take and if they aren't then that boat is dropped. The teams are then announced. I was announced to be the stroke of the woman's

under 23 quad along with 2 other girls who were from Waikato RPC.

The plan now is that we train once a day until the 1st of April when we start getting into the swing of things. Training twice a day to prep us for the Under 23 World Championships in Austria.

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Above Left: Head Students at Piopio College Josh Te Awa and Kelly Dunphy

Mid Right: Nathan Cox

Above Right: Jean Toms—Organist



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Potawa Simmentals will be holding their 11<sup>th</sup> rising 2 year old Simmental bull sale on May 28<sup>th</sup> this year. The 18 bulls offered for sale will be auctioned at Tatham's covered yard on Wilson Road, Piopio.

Our number one selection priority is temperament, followed by conformation and structure. The bulls are also independently tested for muscling, fertility and in a first this year, Beefclass assessed by John Hammond of Ohakune. This involves each animal being scored for docility,



**Te Kuiti Meat Processors** has

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## Potawa Simmentals—Bulls on Sale

conformation and structure. These results will be available on sale day to prospective buyers.

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enough for sale are sent off prime at around 15-18 months. As we all know, this year has been a challenge for fattening young cattle but most of the works bulls have gone with only a few from later heifers still to finish.

All heifers are put to the bull as yearlings, usually a low birth Simmental, although this year trialled an Angus over them, and will follow the resulting progeny with interest. This shift was brought about due to the lack of bulls coming into sale from heifer calvings, mainly due to size differential. The Simmental breed is one the Neal's have used in their commercial cow operation for many

years before starting the stud and after trialling many other terminal breeds.

If you would like a sale catalogue or have any queries, please phone Andrew and Tracey on 8778009 or email [potawa@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:potawa@vodafone.co.nz).



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## Top Lamb Award

– up to 5,000 lambs. The main Supplier of the Year award was taken out by the Lowrey family from Awakino, with Bill and Sue Garland from Mangatautari winning the USA category for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time running.

Boscoes catered a superb lamb orientated meal, with slow roasted Lamb Shoulder Racks with balsamic, onion and thyme, and a Tuscan Lamb casserole being the stars of the night.

Craig Hickson updated suppliers on the state of the industry, and the evening was finished with an inspirational presentation

by Kevin Biggar from TV1's First Crossings fame. Kevin talked us through his unassisted trek to the South Pole with a friend, dragging on a sled all they needed to survive. We also heard tales about his epic rowing adventure to win the Trans-Atlantic Rowing Race by nine hours (he had never previously rowed before!). A lot of the stories and messages were very relevant to farmers who do the bulk

of their work as a husband and wife team, or by themselves.

Overall a very enjoyable evening. If anyone would like to receive the Te Kuiti Meats monthly newsletter please email Dani Darke at [danid@tkmeats.co.nz](mailto:danid@tkmeats.co.nz)

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## Aria School Northland Trip



Aria School year 4-6 students returned last Friday (19<sup>th</sup> April) from an action packed five day learning experience in Northland.

This was EOTC (Education Outside of the Classroom) at its best.

Students had focused on "Under the Sea" across the curriculum during term one and many of the experiences on camp consolidated the learning undertaken on this topic.

First stop was Kelly Tarlton's Sea Life Aquarium which included a stingray encounter.

The much needed rain arrived just as we left Auckland and our team of keen parents battled wet and windy driving conditions as they made their way to Whangarei (Marsden Bay Camp).

Waking up to wind and rain at 6 am on day two we realised the day's planned activities were not at all suited to the inclement conditions so while I attempted to rearrange the programme, students kayaked, rode the flying fox and water slide and

scrambled madly over walls and balancing obstacles on the fitness trail – not at all deterred by the weather (and collecting heaps of ideas for the continuation of our own fitness trail back at school!).

First stop was the amazing Visitors' Centre at the Marsden Point Oil Refinery followed by an unforgettable tour of the Kingdom of Zion - 33 beautiful big cats including the lion (Zion) who played the part of Aslan in The Chronicles of Narnia. Well worth a visit if you find yourself in Whangarei.

A fast and furious (we had a number of whip cracking dads with us!!!) trek from The A H Reed Kauri Park to the Whangarei Falls and back capped off day two.

Day three dawned somewhat brighter and we headed to the Waitangi Treaty Grounds. The powhiri was followed by a very informative visit including a vibrant cultural performance in the WhareRunanga and the chance to meet Mrs Busby (only 212 years old!). The Education Officer travelled over to Russell with us and joined us for the tour

of the Pompallier Mission. We then 'cracked the whip' again as we climbed steeply up Maiki Hill to the flagstaff (the one Hone Heke cut down several times). A quick trip to the oldest licenced premises in New Zealand (we almost lost the parent helpers at this stage!) and we were back on the ferry to begin the return trip to Marsden Bay.

Day four started with a drive back to the Marine Reserve at Leigh. The creator of the reserve spoke to us of his passion and concerns for the marine environment - certainly plenty to get our farmer fathers talking. We were then fitted (some of us not such a pretty sight I might add!) into our full wetsuits and headed off for a snorkelling session. Due to the swells of previous days visibility was poor and students found that snorkelling in the sea was a little more challenging than in the school pool!

Back into our clothes and we headed south of Leigh to the only reptile park in New Zealand. The owner guided us passionately around his farm providing hands on meetings with many skins,

geckos, tortoises, turtles, tuatara etc and an alligator (not hands on!)

Day Five - after packing up and a few more rides on the flying fox we headed back to the Stardome at One Tree Hill in Auckland. The sessions here focused on the seasons and included a trip into outer space. Lying back, relaxing, staring at the night sky proved a little too much for some of our parent helpers but at least they didn't snore. We also touched on the constellations which will serve as a good introduction for our across the curriculum focus of "Matariki" in term two.

Safely home again we can now reflect on another amazing weeklong trip away. I am very fortunate to teach in a school where Education Outside of the Classroom is so strongly valued and supported.

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Principal Aria Primary  
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Aria Primary Students and Parents visiting Treaty of Waitangi grounds.

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## Class Reunion—New Entrants 60years ago

Every 2 years Jeff

Andrews old class mates get

together with their

partners for a small reunion,

This year it was Jeff & Shirley's turn to be host to the 23 that attended.

It was a pleasure to show them around our small town and bring back a few memories for them!! Like the old boarding house which some of them had stayed in and the movie theatre which must have been the place to gather back then!!

All now gone of course and replaced with Village Green. But

they also enjoyed seeing the improvements like The Fat Pigeon Cafe and the old Hotel being revamped and are pleased the Piopio Hall is being looked after by the Piopio Hall Committee.

After lunch a trip up the Mairoa and back down the Mangoataki Roads was a highlight for many with the final stop

being at the school. Some ventured out to Aria before returning for dinner and a good old catch up.

The day finished with them watching a few highlights of the Stars In Their Eyes DVD and were amazed at the talent Piopio has!

Supplied by Shirely Andrews



Left to Right: Andrew Leadley, Raymond Ratu, Gay Rye, Don Mc Kenzie, Janet Small, Trevor Jones, Joy Rye, Robbie Hodson, Gaylene Powell, Jeff Andrews, Anne Sowerby, Sam Fisher, Pat Linton

### College Alive with Shakespeare

On 17 April, 14

students and the new Piopio College Principal Julie Radice travelled to Stratford High School to participate in the Taranaki Regional University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival. There were 25 performances from 11 schools and the students performed to vie for a position at the Nationals competition in Wellington in June.

With an outstanding performance, these students won the competition- a great feat for students who have only been studying Drama for a term. The judges commended the group on delivery and rendition of the story. As the sole King Country representatives at this prestigious event the students look forward to execute another flawless stage act of Shakespeare's Henry V111, later this month.

### Waitomo Waipa Womens Refuge

Committed to supporting women, children & whanau to live free of family violence.

The Waitomo Waipa Women's Refuge provides free and confidential services to women and children experiencing family violence in the Waitomo and Waipa areas.

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### Butchery Success

A few weeks ago the Piopio Playcentre came to visit Jeff at his Homekill Butchery

They checked out the sheep, the pigs and the cattle hanging in the chiller with wide

eyed amazement! The budding young butchers then helped make sausages and polonies taking some back with them to sample for lunch. Apparently they are very yummy!



Top: Jeff Andrews making sausages. Bottom: Darah & Sophie White

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## College moves in positive Direction

There is a lot to celebrate at Piopio College so far this year. Along with the Shakespeare drama win, excellent sports results both at swimming and athletics, the news two of our students Josh Te Awa and Cameron Hazledine have been selected from 40 schools across Australia and New Zealand to travel as an aid team to a remote village in Vanuatu. In September they will help supply and install water storage facilities in a remote village to help bring fresh water. They are reaping the rewards of good citizenship they have shown here and in the community. Only recently along with Richard Knox they built and installed a wheelchair ramp at Darcy

and Jean Dickinson's house in which has improved Darcy's quality of life and independence immensely.

Such successes is a direct result of our students responding to the Student Voice Activities concept that has been created to encourage students to take ownership of their school and offer ideas to enhance wellbeing and other facets around the College.

The end of term at Piopio College has been an awesome experience. First we celebrated the classroom work of the Junior school students with a principals breakfast. Over 30 students and whanau attended and thanks to Sue Draper and Sheryl Johnson for cooking this event was very successful.

Then came the three day journey it took a lot of organisation but this is the first time I have been at a school and seen staff work with such energy and enthusiasm at the end of a long term. I was so impressed with the students behaviour and the outcomes.

Well done Piopio College I am thoroughly enjoying my job and look forward to a happy and continued successful future.

**Julie Radice Principal Piopio College**



### Piopio College Masterchef 2013

Piopio College held its popular bi annual 3 Day Journey during

the last week of term. This experience offers students the opportunity to participate in an activity for three days outside the regular school curriculum.

Twenty two chose to compete for the title of 'Piopio College Master Chef.'

Well what an amazing experience this was for both the students and the tutors.

Each day we set challenges with the students working towards excellence in a variety of culinary criteria such as creativity, presentation, kitchen skills & finished food product.

Points were awarded and these totalled up each day.

Our journey kicked off with Melanie Simpson from the Fat Pigeon demonstrating a variety of culinary skills involving the preparation, cooking and presentation of Brioche, Frittata and Stacks.

Knife skills, presentation & garnishing techniques were closely looked at.

Pavlova's with a twist was the next challenge with students learning how to pipe chocolate decorations for their incredible 'Berry & Passionfruit Pavs.'

Noelle Turner from La Jardiniere was our guest for day 2. Noelle made a delicious Lapin Chasseur for us to taste and guess what

unusual ingredients it

contained.

Challenge 4 saw the students producing a meal for one containing chicken & at least three vegetables + the wild card ingredient of chestnuts, which were donated by John & Karen Margetts.

We were blown away by how creative all the dishes were and amazed that so many of them used the tips they had picked up from Melanie the day before.

Our last guest was Amanda Benefield from 'Sweet Tweets' with her cup cake challenge. She demonstrated how to make, fill and decorate cup cakes. We were all in culinary heaven.

The race to be Master Chef 2013 was a very close one. After totalling all the points

and discussing with our judges Stacey Warren took the title.

We would like to publicly thank our amazing guests, as without Melanie, Noelle & Amanda we could not have run such a successful journey.

We are so lucky to have such talented people in our little community and for those people to give up their time to pass on their expertise.

**THANKS from  
Sue Draper &  
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### PIOPIO Playcentre FUNDRAISER

## Fairy Tale or Fantasy Quiz Night

Saturday 8th June  
@ 7.30pm - doors open 6.30pm  
Piopio Memorial Hall

- \$60 per team
- 4 - 6 per team
- Minimum age 18
- Light Supper included
- Alcoholic refreshments Available-cash bar only

Book a team:

Hannah 8778084 or Donna 8778823

### Piopio Volunteer Fire Brigade Inc.

## Mucking In Day Fundraiser

Win a working bee for your home or business valued at \$5000!!

\$20 a Ticket

- Price includes:
- \$1000 towards materials
  - Team of ten guys consisting of
  - Builders
  - Painters
  - Machinery Operators
  - And an Electrician

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- Painting
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Prize to be drawn under Police supervision on 31/5/2013  
At The Aria Cosmopolitan Club

Terms & Conditions

The working bee will be held on a Saturday or Sunday of the winners choice by the 3rd of November 2013 and will be carried out

For more information you can contact  
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Contact: Jennifer Kearns

(07) 877 8836

### HOUSIE

An enthusiastic group meet to play Housie.

1.00 pm each Thursday  
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Phone: Shane Neil 878 8793

# ORGANISATIONS & CONTACTS



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**Piopio POP (Tui Park)**

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#### **Aria Playcentre**

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#### **Mainly Music**

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#### **Piopio Playcentre**

Nicole Johansen (07) 8778189

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### **Craft Group**

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### **Piopio College Community Library**

18 Aria Road, Piopio

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