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# Senior Swimming Sports



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## Senior Swimming Sports!

Last Friday, we hosted our annual Swimming Sports Day, creating a festive atmosphere filled with loud music, dancing, and highly competitive swimming races! The event featured some very close races, impressive displays of stamina, and beautiful swimming techniques. Just like athletics, I understand that swimming may not be everyone's strength, so I want to acknowledge and commend all the students who gave it their best effort!

Congratulations to those who emerged as winners in their finals, you should also be very proud. For those who qualified for the Lower Waipa Swimming Sports this Friday, I wish you the very best. Go Pirongia School! Our swimming day wouldn't have been successful without the incredible support of numerous helpers, including parent timers, recorders, teachers, and, of course, our fantastic Miss Muckle, who once again organised an awesome day!

Beyond the pool (literally right behind me), we had a sizzling BBQ, with a group of amazing parents cooking bacon buns and sausages in bread, complete with onions! These treats were well-received by the crowds of children and parents. Their efforts raised approximately \$600.00! Thanks to everyone who contributed on that day.



## Thanks Hellers!

A significant factor in our successful BBQ fundraising was our application to Hellers Sausages for Schools. They generously donated sausages to our school as part of their wonderful programme, where non-profit organisations can apply for free sausages. Hopefully, we can achieve success with a few more applications this year. Thank you, Hellers!



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## Come join our PTA for 2024!

Our PTA consists of dedicated parent volunteers who step up throughout the school year to contribute to one or more fundraisers. Some parents prefer to cook sausages on a BBQ, others come into school on Friday mornings to prepare a much-awaited lunch for our students, and some run raffles. Parents only take on what they can manage and what fits around their lives. We typically meet once or twice a term. If you believe you have something to offer this group, please join us at our AGM on Tuesday April the 9th at 7pm in the staff room. (The final week of the school term). We would love to see you, especially some new faces. It's a fantastic group that I love being a part of, with a great can-do attitude and vibe!

## PIRONGIA SCHOOL PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOLLOWED BY FIRST MEETING FOR 2024

*Tuesday 9th April - 7pm - school staff room*

*We would love to see 'old' and 'new' faces.*



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## A reminder from our Board Presiding Member, Jo

As I said last week, the board has received formal notification of a paid union meeting from the NZEI. Under the Employment Relations Act paid union meetings are an entitlement for all members. As a good employer, the board must make provisions for our teachers to attend these meetings. Therefore Friday 22nd March, the school will need to close at 12.40pm as we will not have teachers available to teach/supervise children. While this is frustrating, especially as we work toward our goal of improving school attendance, we know these meetings are vital for our teachers as they consider important issues.

Jo Earwaker



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## Policies under review this term

Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Board Responsibility

Parent Involvement

Communicating with Parents

Community Conduct Expectations

School Character / Special Character

Documentation and Self-Review Policy

School Planning and Reporting

Reporting to Parents on Student Progress and Achievement.

Our School board also reviews the policies at our meetings.

School Docs ensure that these policies reflect NZ laws and regulations and will update accordingly.

## Our school policy and procedures

Our school policies and procedures can all be found online!

We invite you to visit the site and review the policies up for review (listed on the left).

1. Visit the website <https://pirongia.schooldocs.co.nz>
2. Enter the username (pirongia) and password (climb).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the start your review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type.
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Follow the prompts to show that you've read the topic and enter your feedback if you'd like to comment.
9. Agree to the privacy statement and click "Submit review".

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**Welcome!**  
This site contains Pirongia School's Policies and Procedures along with useful checklists and forms.

**What's New**  
Throughout the year, the SchoolDocs team updates your content to reflect policy changes, new legislation, and general improvements for clarity.

**Reviews**  
Each term, the school community (board, staff, parents/whānau) is invited to review and comment on specific policies and procedures. This feedback is...

**General Feedback**  
At any time, you can send general feedback on a topic to the principal by clicking the green feedback button at the top right of the page.



Have a great week everyone,  
Kelly

# Coming Events

- 13th Mar—Pirongia School BoT meeting at 7pm
- 14th Mar—Ruben the Road Safety Bear for Rata
- 15th Mar—Lower Waipa Swimming Sports
- 20th Mar—Kahikatea Team Tryathlon
- 22nd Mar—**NZEI PAID UNION MEETING**—school will be closing at 12.40 with the exception of bus students.
- 22nd Mar—**ASSEMBLY**—Tawa Team 11.45-12pm
- 25th Mar—**PHOTOLIFE**—Corrected Date
- 25th Mar-10 April—Life Education
- 28th Mar—WFPS Swimming
- 29th Mar—**GOOD FRIDAY**
- 01st April—**EASTER MONDAY**
- 02nd April—**EASTER TUESDAY**—School is closed
- 05th April—**ASSEMBLY**—Rātā Team run 2-3pm
- 05th April—Te Awamutu Football Competition yrs 5-8
- 12th April—**ASSEMBLY**—Kawaka Team run 2-3pm
- 12th April—Term 1 Ends
- 29th April—Term 2 Begins

## Important..

**Tawa Team Assembly** will remain on the 22 March, however due to the NZEI Meeting it will start at 11.45-12.30pm. We will notify parents/caregivers if your child will be receiving a class award on the day as soon as we can, so hopefully you can make it along.

**NZEI Paid Union Meeting**—Please note school will close at 12.40pm on Friday 22nd March. Bus students are able to stay at school if other arrangements can't be made. The Safe and Happy club will be open for bookings if needed.

**PHOTOLIFE**—They will be here on the 25th March. Sibling photo forms need to be returned to Bob the Box up until 9am on Photo day.

**SCHOOL POOL**- Our pool will be closing on Thursday 24th March at 3pm. Please return your pool key to the office before the end of term 1. Thank you

### School Tryathlon - next WEDNESDAY 20th March.

Registration desk open from 4pm to get your race number and pay your \$10. Events start from 5pm.

Keep the registrations coming in! Our volunteers have been working hard securing great spot prizes - we have heaps! \$10 per person and you can compete as a team or an individual. It will be a fun night to see friends and enjoy the twilight before we head out of daylight savings. Sausage sizzle available on the night for an easy dinner.

Register through [mcleodmikki@gmail.com](mailto:mcleodmikki@gmail.com) or by filling in a form at the office and putting into Bob the Box.



P.T.A Friday lunch this week is **CHICKEN BURGERS + Juice box** (GF available)

Our raved about last time chicken burgers are making a comeback! Crumbed chicken pattie, bun, cheese, and coleslaw with creamy dressing. If you're new to lunch orders....

Please put your child/ren name, room number/s and money or pay online to the PTA account with name and Friday lunch date as reference, ie; cburger 15/3/24  
**03-1564-0008168-00**

(ALL orders must have a note or old envelope that has your childs name and order to ensure they receive their lunch and state whether it has been paid online to the PTA account) Please do not pay into the school account, lunches are PTA only.



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Orders need to be in by 24th March. All payments on the order form are by credit card. NZ BULBS expect to have orders sent out by the end of Term one providing there are no delays.

Tawa Team teachers and students thank you for your support.

**Join us for a colour run**  
in support of Hato Hone St John!

**Te Awamutu Area Committee are holding a 6km colour walk or run in support of this years Annual Appeal.**

Bring along your families, businesses, schools and community groups to enjoy a day of fun! Food will be available on site for purchase.

**When:** April 7<sup>th</sup> 2024 between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm  
**Where:** Lake Ngaroto, Te Awamutu

**Registration:** To register yourself or group please email [Fiona.Edwards@stjohn.org.nz](mailto:Fiona.Edwards@stjohn.org.nz). Pre-register your interest now and be in the draw for spot.

**Donate now or on the day!**



# TRIATHLON

**Wednesday 20th March  
4.30pm, Pirongia School**

**\$10**

### REGISTRATION FEE

Fundraising for Kahikatea Team Camp.  
Pay \$10 on the night to register and collect your race number.

**16:00**

### TIME

Registration desk opens at 16:00. All bikes must be in the transition area by 16:50.

Teams or individual event

### COMPETITION

You can compete as an individual or in a team. \$10 per person

**5 - 7 YEARS**      **17:00**  
180m run / 200m bike / 1 width swim

**8 - 10 YEARS**      **17:15**  
400m run / 800m bike / 50m swim

**11 - 13 YEARS**      **17:30**  
400m run / 1.6km bike / 50m swim

**14 + YEARS**      **17:45**  
400m run / 1.6km bike / 75m swim

Sausage sizzle for purchase on the night and other goodies.

All proceeds raised on the night will go towards Kahikatea Team camp in Term 4.

**Email Mikki to register or collect a form from the office and hand into Bob the Box**  
[mcleodmikki@gmail.com](mailto:mcleodmikki@gmail.com)

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## SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS 2024

8 Year Old Girls				8 Year Old Boys		
1st	2nd	3rd		1st	2nd	3rd
Annelise	Erika	Talia	Freestyle	Theo	Jimmy	Flyn
Annelise	Erika	Talia	Backstroke	Theo	Jimmy	Flyn
9 Year Old Girls				9 Year Old Boys		
1st	2nd	3rd		1st	2nd	3rd
Georgia	Margo	Hana-Kahlea	Freestyle	Lane	Kohen	Cory
Margo	Georgia	Mia	Backstroke	Lane	Cory	Thomas
Georgia	Margo	Thea	Breaststroke	Lachie	Lane	Jack
Georgia	Margo	Hana-Kahlea	2 Lengths Freestyle	Lane	Kohen	Thomas
10 Year Old Girls				10 Year Old Boys		
1st	2nd	3rd		1st	2nd	3rd
Ava & Sophie	Lucy	Marni	Freestyle	Obie	Rylan	Leroy
Ava	Marni	Lucy	Backstroke	Obie	Connor	Leroy
Heidi	Iris	Bethany	Breaststroke	Ryan	Finn	Obie
Ava	Lucy	Sophie	2 Lengths Freestyle	Obie	Leroy	Connor
11 Year Old Girls				11 Year Old Boys		
1st	2nd	3rd		1st	2nd	3rd
Nellie	Lucy	Juno	Freestyle	Braxton	Van	Arlim
Carley	Juno	Nellie	Backstroke	Braxton	Van	Nico
Adisson	Juno	Zoey	Breaststroke	Ken	Braxton	Van
Avaeya	Juno	Adisson	2 Lengths Freestyle	Braxton	Arlim	Van
12+ Year Old Girls				12+ Year Old Boys		
1st	2nd	3rd		1st	2nd	3rd
Elise	Kate	Maia	Freestyle	Nixon	Lowell	Jensen
Elise	Kate	Lara	Backstroke	Harry	Jensen	Nixon
Jade	Eden	Abbey	Breaststroke	Jack	Mason	Elijah
Elise	Kate	Lara	2 Lengths Freestyle	Nixon	Lowell	Jensen
Open Girls Events				Open Boys Events		
1st	2nd	3rd		1st	2nd	3rd
Adisson	Juno	Jade	Medley	Jensen	Nixon	Lowell
Elise	Juno	-	4 Lengths Freestyle	Nixon	Jensen	Braxton
Relays						
Girls: 1st - Kea   2nd - Kiwi   3rd - Kakapo   4th - Tui				Boys: 1st - Tui   2nd - Kea   3rd - Kakapo   4th - Kiwi		
Staff vs Year 8s vs Parents:						
1st - Parents   2nd - Year 8 Boys   3rd - Teachers   4th - Year 8 Girls						

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