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School Newsletter - Term 1 Week 6 2024

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TAWA CAMP - A GREAT EXPERIENCE!

Our Tawa team did not experience the best weather during their stay in Raglan earlier this week. However, that didn't dampen their spirits. The students were happy to escape with their team and friends, enjoying a sleepover and making the most of the dry spells between the rain. Even with the rain, students got to participate in all activities except two! (Unfortunately, the confidence course and flying fox were not options due to weather/health and safety). Thanks to the wonderful bunch of parents who joined our camp and made it a fun experience for the students!



CYBER SAFETY

I recently attended a cyber safety session hosted at Te Awamutu College. The presenter, Rob Cope, took us on an emotional journey through the known pitfalls and dark spaces of social media and smartphones. He emphasised that every family is different, and family rules vary. Personally, it made me reflect on my own children's time spent on social media and how it constantly influences the way teenagers and children think and act.

Rob clearly reinforced that while filters at school serve as a great safeguard, at home, filters often don't exist on smart phones and gaming devices putting students at major risk of encountering inappropriate content either accidentally or intentionally. He also showed us how quickly gaming is spiraling out of control, with numerous negative impacts on the developing brain. I gained so much from the presentation as I am sure other parents did too. One quote from the night grabbed my attention.....

Let them be bored....
...when we hand our children phones we steal their boredom from them. As a result, we are raising a generation of writers who will never start writing, artists who will never start doodling, chefs who will never make a mess of the kitchen, athletes who will never kick a ball against a wall, musicians who will never pick up their aunt's guitar and start strumming.

Glennon Doyle, Untamed

2024 TEACHER ONLY DAYS/DATES

When I announced the dates for our 2024 school calendar last year, you would have noticed that I factored in two teacher-only days with the dates yet to be confirmed.

I can now confirm the dates of our Teacher Only Days this year. They are

During these teacher only days, the staff will dedicate time to their first aid refresher course, school professional development on various topics, including the newly refreshed curriculum and visible learning!

These teacher-only days are provided by the Ministry of Education (MOE) and do not require 'make-up' during the school year. Schools were given a three-week period by the MOE from which we had to select dates for each Teacher Only Day. Therefore, our Teacher Only Days may or may not align with those of other local schools.

Friday 31st May
Week 5 of term 2

AND

Friday 15th November
Week 5 of term 4

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDING MEMBER

The Pirongia School Board would like to thank everyone who attended our community consultation evenings. It was fantastic to see such great attendance from our school whānau and to be able to share the board's vision for the school. We look forward to sharing the outcomes of these discussions in the near future.

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
Pirongia School Board Presiding Member.



Have a great week, Kelly



Merit Awards

Rata Team

Room 6: **Brock** - You have been taking risks in your learning by being courageous and giving things a go independently. You always make great choices for yourself in class which helps you to be on TRACK.

Room 6: **Makayla** - You are an excellent role model in Rm 6. You have been working super hard on your goal of contributing to class discussions. You are challenging yourself and sharing your wonderful ideas on the mat

Room 7: **Piper** - What a wonderful start to you have had to the school year. You bring a positive attitude to school each day. You are a hard working and focused learner.

Room 7: **Callum** - You contribute positively and share your ideas to our classroom discussions. You are a real thinker and take risks to share your ideas and learning.

Room 8: **Florence** - For always showing respect towards your teachers, friends and class peers. You are awesome!

Room 9: **Noah** - for having a positive attitude towards school. You are confident and love learning. Well done.

Room 10: **Poppy** - For the fabulous way you always demonstrate our TRACK values. You especially show respect and compassion to others. You are a wonderful role model!

Room 10: **Wyatt** - For always showing integrity by doing the right thing. You listen carefully and work very hard. Thank you for being a super role model in Room 10!

Tawa Team

Room 12: **Talia** - You always make great choices for yourself in class which helps you to be on TRACK. You work hard and have positive attitude in all that you do. Keep it up!

Room 12: **Jude** - What a wonderful start to you have had to the school year. You bring a positive attitude to school each day. You are a hard working and focused learner, Ka Pai!

Room 13: **Arlo** - For showing perseverance when faced with challenging tasks. You have stepped up as a year 4 learner and have been trying your best to complete your work in class. Keep it up!

Room 13: **Addy** - For stepping up into your role as a year 4 leader. You have shown a fantastic understanding of our TRACK values and have become a great role model for all of your classmates.

Room 14: **Hue** - for your fabulous Positive Attitude to learning. You are building your Thinker Capability. Kei Wehi.

Room 14: **Harrison** - for the fabulous and many ways you show Respect every day. You are Aware of how your choices affect and support others in their learning journey. Kia Maia.

Room 15: **Alex** - For showing great leadership skills in class. You consistently display the TRACK values of Integrity and Kindness by helping others around you and by being friendly to everyone.

Room 15: **Declan** - For the fantastic start you have made as a Year 3 student. You display our TRACK values consistently in class. It's great to see you so focussed with your learning and giving things a go.

Kahikatea Team

Room 1: **Ryan** - the positive contributions you are making to our class environment are excellent. You are eager to learn and your positive attitude is outstanding.

Room 1: **Twyla** - it is a pleasure to have you in Room 1 for 2024. You are a creative thinker and you confidently share your ideas with others. Ka Pai, a wonderful start to Year 6.

Room 3: **Dotti** - I love the way you come to school each day with a positive attitude towards your learning and a big smile on your face. You confidently share your ideas with others and your bubbly personality is contagious.

Room 3: **Bethany** - Thank you for always showing out TRACK values. You are stepping up as a year 6 Kaitiaki in our team- always showing kindness and respect to other students and teachers.

Room 4: **Mihi** - For stepping up to the role of Year 6 Kaitiaki. You are an incredible leader who comes to school each day showing all of our TRACK values. I appreciate your smiles and bubbly personality. Ka rawe!

Room 4: **Ollie** - For taking risks. You are shining as a Year 6 in Room 4 Ollie. Your confidence and enthusiasm in class is noticed and appreciated by all. Well done for stepping up into the leader role through participating and contributing. Tino Pai!

Room 5: **Harriet** - You have made an outstanding start at Pirongia School. We love the energy you bring to tasks, teamwork and Room 5. Your thinker capability shines as you take on challenges by making connections and asking questions. Well done!

Room 5: **Lachie** - Your courageous capability is shining! You give our class tasks and activities 100%. It is a pleasure having such a friendly, hard working team player in Room 5. Well done!

Librarian Award: **Honor & Florence** - Your contribution to our library so far this year has been outstanding. I appreciate your willingness to help and go the extra mile. Thank you!

Kawaka Hub

Room 16: **Darcy** - You continue to set the tone in our Hub with your respectful manner and fantastic on-task behaviour. Your Confidence has grown and it's great to hear your ideas and thoughts during class discussions. Kapai!

Room 16: **Holly** - You have made a great start to the Kawaka Hub - your Positive Attitude shines during class, and you are showing Confidence when asking questions to help support your learning. Keep it up, Holly!

Room 17: **Joshua** - You have been off to a great start in the hub. Your positive personality and can-do attitude is a breath of fresh air. It has been awesome to see you shine in Core+more and you show great leadership with your homebase jobs! Ka mau te wehi! Good Job.

Room 17: **Donnalee**: You are fitting in nicely at Pirongia school and the confidence you have shown in homebase with making new friends is awesome! You are a very capable learner who puts her best foot forward in core + more especially with our presentations and it is great to see you shine in supporting others in their learning too. Mahi Pai!

Room 18: **Cayden** - You have had a fantastic start to year 7. You are making great choices in your learning and striving towards your goals. It is wonderful to see you showing respect to yourself and taking charge of your learning. Keep up the fabulous effort.

Room 18: **Lucy** - You have been consistently showing a positive attitude towards your learning. Your confidence is shining through and it is great to see you challenging yourself. Keep up the hard work.

Room 19: **Zalaya-Rose** - You have shown an immense amount of dedication and commitment to your work. It is inspiring to see you giving everything a go, even if it is challenging. You are a courageous and capable learner, which is motivating for other peers. Well done!

Room 19: **Cole** - You've been displaying consistent leadership skills when helping gather P.E supplies for class games. You're dedication and perseverance is unwavering. You are a leader to all of your peers. Keep it up!

Coming Events

- 08th Mar—Senior Swimming Sports
- 11th Mar—Senior Swimming Sports postponement day
- 13th Mar—Little Trekkers Whakatau 1.30pm
- 13th Mar—Pirongia School BoT meeting at 7pm
- 15th Mar—Lower Waipa Swimming Sports
- 15th Mar—Out of Zone Applications close for Term 2 enrolments
- 18th Mar—Photolife
- 20th Mar—Kahikatea Team Tryathlon
- 22nd Mar—NZEI PAID UNION MEETING—school will be closing at 12.40 with the exception of bus students.
- 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



PTA SWIMMING SPORTS BBQ

Sausage & Bread \$3.00

Bacon Roll \$5.00

Juicies \$2.00

Juice Box \$2.00

No bob the box orders, line up on the day with cash please.

FUNDRAISING Yummy Treats!

Room 4 will be selling plum jam, stewed apples, and sliced peaches. These have all been preserved in jars so will keep in the cupboard for months! A perfect filling for a dessert or to eat on their own. These will be on sale outside Room 4 on Tuesday 12th March from 2:45-3:15pm. All money made will go towards our Kahikatea Camp.



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Important..

- The school pool will be closed on Thursday afternoon (tomorrow) from 3pm to allow time for Senior Swimming Sports preparation. Thank you
- "Out of School" Music payments are due by this Friday. This is for drums, flute, bass and guitar. Thank you.
- 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.

Tawa Team is Fundraising for Camp Raglan. We would love you to help us keep costs down by supporting us with our Spring Bulb Fundraiser. It's a great opportunity to add colour to your garden too. 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. Please ask your child for the brochure sent home to day.



CLASSIFIEDS

Hey Pirongia people

Pirongia Village is having a Bat Survey - YAY!
 Can you Help deploy and retrieve some bat monitors?
 Monday 7pm is training; Wednesday Evening (approx. 2 hours) is deployment; then retrieval is approx. 10 days later. If you can't make training, we can teach you on deployment night. Let me know ASAP if you're keen
 BYT Tunnel day Sunday 10th March from 2pm
 Can you pull out nails, wield a hammer, or file some mesh - then PLEASE come down and give us a hand - BBQ dinner for all those handy helpers. Oh, and remember to bring some containers if your lures need topping up.
 Volunteer trap checker wanted for every second Friday at Matakaitaki Pa - If you want to give it a go - let me know.
 Happy Trapping
 Faith
 07 871 9293

ESLANADE WALKWAY—Sadly some of the pest eradication traps have been tampered with along the walkway. Can you please chat with your family about the importance of having them and their purpose and ask that they are not interfered with. If you do happen to notice any damage to them or interference can you please contact PFPirongia@outlook.co.nz, so they can attend to them please.

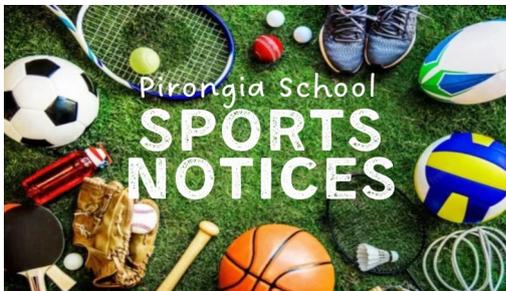
Kids Easter Bingo
 This Friday 8 March at
 community centre
 5 to 6pm
 Gold coin entry
 Easter chocolate as prizes
 Followed by Community Bingo at 7pm.



Show Jumping Team:

Congratulations to our school's show jumping team of Amelia J, Elise P, Talia M and Twyla A who took out the Waikato Primary & Intermediate Schools Show

Jumping Championship for 2024. Way to go girls!



Senior Swimming Sports:

The Timetable:

Before school - Kids get into their togs (or come already dressed in them).

9:00am - Roll, karakia, toilet, hats on, swimming bag ready, jersey/jacket on.

9:10am - Line up on the field by the pool gate (no school bags, just swimming bags).

9:15am - Freestyle width races TBC.

9:30am - Freestyle heats, Breaststroke heats.

10:30am - Morning tea in team eating areas.

10:45am - Back to the pool, 2 length freestyle heats.

11:20am - Backstroke heats, Open medley.

12:00pm - Lunchtime.

12:40pm - Back to the pool, finals.

2:00pm - Open 4 lengths freestyle (if there's time).

2:15pm - Fastest girls house relay, fastest boys house relay, adults vs students relay.

2:20pm - Pack up and clean up pool area (all hands on deck).

2:30pm - Prizegiving in the hall.



Students Wear/Bring:

House colours

Sunscreen on before racing starts

2 towels recommended

A warm jersey or jacket

Water bottle optional

Swimming bag

No school bags or food

Full brimmed hat (although they will be under shade)



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
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