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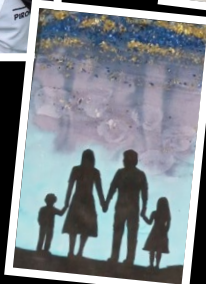
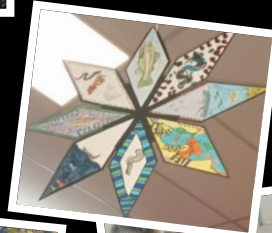
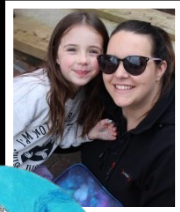
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26th July 2023

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13 WEEKS UNTIL OUR
SCHOOL'S 150TH
BIRTHDAY

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR JORDAN. MR JORDAN HAS BEEN SELECTED TO TRIAL FOR THE UNDER 85KGS WAIKATO RUGBY SQUAD. WE ARE ALL PRETTY PROUD OF HIS ACHIEVEMENT. HE OFTEN (AS PICTURED HERE) PRACTICES AT SCHOOL WITH THE STUDENTS.

Kia ora family and friends of Pirongia School,

Thanks to everyone who joined us on Friday for our Matariki picnic. Our classrooms are always a wonderful showcase of learning but they looked even better with the Matariki creations on display. It has been fantastic to see many classes (with many more planning to) visit the Te Awamutu Museum. The Te Awamutu Museum is rich with information about the history of our area and our school. Thanks also to our very own Pirongia Heritage Centre, who hosted all 90 Kawaka students last week. Our students all gained new learning from this experience.

Learning Conferences - Monday and Tuesday next week.

Learning Conferences are next Monday and Tuesday. We value Learning Conferences and try to ensure that they are worthwhile for everyone. By this, I mean that our parents, our teachers, and of course, our students leave feeling they have all gained something positive from the Learning Conference. Please come with your wonderings and questions. Your voice at these Learning Conferences is so valuable.



Worthwhile for the student because:

- Students receive specific and constructive feedback on their academic achievements, strengths, and areas for improvement. This can help them better understand their progress and what they need to focus on to achieve their learning goals.
- Students will reflect on their own learning and challenges, resulting in greater self-awareness and accountability.
- Positive feedback and recognition of their efforts can boost students' motivation and enthusiasm for learning.
- Knowing that their parents and teachers are invested in their education can encourage them to work harder and stay engaged!
- Students will set academic and personal goals during the conference. By discussing these goals with parents and teachers, they know everyone has their back!



Worthwhile for the teacher because:

- Teachers gain a deeper understanding of each student's strengths, weaknesses and personality by listening to children and their parents. These insights help better meet the needs of every child.
- Teachers can share crucial information about classroom strategies and programmes.
- Teachers will build a stronger connection with both students and parents, creating a supportive learning community.

Worthwhile for the parents and caregivers because:



- Parents and caregivers get detailed information about their child's academic and social development. They can celebrate their child's achievements and identify areas where additional support might be needed.
- Parents and caregivers can receive guidance from teachers on how to support their child's learning at home. This may include recommendations for educational resources, activities, or approaches that align with the child's interests and learning needs.



To make your appointment visit
www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the code
JEP4Y

Remember school finishes at 12.30pm next
Monday.

School busses run at the normal times.
Supervision can be organised for bus students,
please contact the office if this is required.

See you all soon!

WE WARMLY INVITE YOU TO TERM 3 LEARNING CONFERENCES

Our Learning Conferences are an opportunity for teachers, students and family to have a focused learning conversation. During a learning conference teachers, whānau and learners will reflect on learning goals, set new goals, share successes, unpack challenges, and most importantly make learning plans together. A large part of being an effective learner is knowing about yourself as a learner, what it is you are learning, and what the next learning step is for you. Our Learning Conferences help our learners to achieve this. To enable a variety of appointment times, our school will finish school at 12.30pm on Monday 31st July with Learning Conferences beginning at 1.30pm and running all the way through to 7.15pm. On Tuesday 1st August, school will finish at the usual time of 2.55pm, with Learning Conferences beginning at 3.15pm and running through to 5.30pm.

MONDAY 31ST
JULY AND
TUESDAY 1ST
AUGUST
WEEK 3

We look forward to seeing you in week 3!

BOOKINGS OPEN ON FRIDAY 21ST JULY 1PM. PLEASE MAKE YOUR BOOKING BY VISITING [SCHOOLINTERVIEWS.CO.NZ](https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) AND USE THE CODE: **JEP4Y ALTERNATIVELY, YOU CAN CALL THE OFFICE.**

Kākāpō released on Maungatautari Maunga

Willow our Kawaka student had the absolute privilege to be part of the re-introduction of releasing 4 x male Kākāpō back to the North Island.

Willows grandad Pat Quin (pictured below) has been a volunteer at Maungatautari for many many years and way back in 1974 Pat was one of a group of conservation workers who discovered Kākāpō feathers after believing they had become extinct. The relocation trial of the 4 from Whenua Hou/Codfish Island came about as they now have run out of space for them on our South Island predator free islands. There are now 248 Kākāpō left in existence today.

GO KĀKĀPŌ!!!!



Coming Events

- 31st July—LEARNING CONFERENCES—SCHOOL TO CLOSE AT 12.30pm today. Please see booking instructions and information in this weeks newsletter.
- 31st July—Kahikatea Rm 2 visit Te Awamutu Museum 9.30-11.30am
- 31st July—Sports Camp Information Evening 6pm in Kawaka Team
- 01st August—LEARNING CONFERNCES—School to close at normal time 3pm.
- 01st August—Rms 3&4 to visit Te Awamutu Museum 12.30-2.30pm
- 02nd August—Rm 5 to visit Te Awamutu Museum 9.30-11.30am
- 04th August—School Cross Country 12.45-2.45—Aubin Close Pirongia.
- 11th Aug—ASSEMBLY—Kahikatea 2.15pm
- 14th Aug—Waikato Science Fair
- 15th Aug—ICAS—English 9.45-10.45am
- 15-16th Aug—Rata Team visit Te Awamutu Museum
- 18th Aug—ASSEMBLY—Kawaka 2.15pm
- 21st-25th Aug—Year 7/8 Sports Camp Totara Springs
- 22nd Aug—ICAS—Science
- 23rd Aug—Whakatau 1.30-2.30pm
- 24th Aug—ICAS—Spelling Bee 9.45-10.45am
- 25th Aug—Calendar Art due in
- 29th Aug—ICAS—Mathematics 9.45-10.45am
- 01st Sept—Band Slam Competition
- 08th Sept—ASSEMBLY—Rata Team 2.15pm
- 15th Sept—ASSEMBLY—Tawa Team 2.15pm
- 19th Sept—Kahikatea Team Bead Ceremony 1.30-3pm
- 20th Sept—Kahikatea Team Celebration of Learning evening 6.30-7.30pm
- 22nd Sept -Term 3 Ends
- 09th Oct—Term 4 Begins

Important

- SCHOOL WILL CLOSE EARLY NEXT MONDAY 12.30pm for our Learning Conferences
- Non Eligible Bus Payments—For those students ineligible for free bus transport please remember to pay for the Term 3 Bus by This Friday 28th July.
- SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB—Orders close 11th August

Ag Day 2023—Dates

Pirongia School Agricultural Day
Tuesday 10th October
Term 4 Week 1
Pirongia School

Mt Pirongia Agricultural Group Day
Tuesday 17th October
Paterangi School

Friday lunch this week is...**TOASTIES**
Ham & Cheese or just Cheese + Yoghurt pouch \$5.00
GF option available too.

Remember to pay online to the PTA account
Lunch order process is as follow....

All online payments for all lunch orders going forward need to be paid to the Pirongia School PTA Account
03-1564-0008168-00 Name and order as reference
Ie (Joe Smith Toastie)

You will also need to put an order in on a note or old envelope into Bob the Box stating the order, ie Ham & Cheese Toastie, full name and room number and that you have paid for this online so it can be crossed referenced or enclose cash in envelope or bag (change will be given out at lunch with the order). If you do not do this important step your order will not be received and no lunch will be accommodated for.

Orders must be put into Bob the Box by 9am Friday mornings unless stated otherwise.
This week orders are due in by Friday 9am please

We desperately need helpers to assist with Friday lunches during the term. If you can lend a hand once a term or more, this would be super helpful. Without the support from helpers/parents/caregivers (grandparents and neighbours fine too), the future of Friday lunches are in jeopardy. I'm sure we can band together and rally up enough help because if we don't we are going to have some very disappointed students. They love their Friday lunches, as do we, and the funds raised are amazing and benefit the whole school. Please contact the office via txt, phone or email and we will pop your name on a list. This week it is Toasties, so nice and simple. You will be shown the ropes and ideally a team of 4 is great per week. Look forward to hearing from lots of you. Thanks.

GENERAL ELECTION

Can You Help????????

We are keen to hear from anyone who would like to work at the 2023 General Election.

We are seeking people over the age of 16 who can work on Election Day, 14 October 2023.

We are also seeking people who wish to work at advanced voting polling places and / or in the Taranaki King Country Electorate Head Quarters. We will pay you for your training and your hours of work.

Apply today as we are now about to begin appointing people.
Apply online at: work.elections.nz

Ian McLauchlan

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Predator Free Te Awamutu will be at the Pirongia Market this Sunday 30th July with a SPECIAL offer on rat traps and tunnels

• Only \$30 for two rat traps and tunnels - WOW - normally \$20 each

• Possum traps will also be available for purchase
Come down and learn more about backyard trapping and sign up to register interest in
Predator Free PIRONGIA



Term 3 Miniball:

Most term 2 miniball teams are continuing again this term. A confirmation email will be sent this week.

If your child did not play last term but would like to play this term can you please email me asap - by THIS Thursday 27th July (emuckle@pirongia.school.nz). If there is enough interest and a parent helper we will register additional teams.

Years 1/2 - Tuesday afternoons at Albert Park Indoor Sports Centre commencing 1st August (games are between 4pm - 6pm).

Years 3/4 - Wednesday afternoons at the TA Event Centre commencing 2nd August (games vary from 4pm - 6pm).

Years 5/6 & Years 7/8 - Monday evenings at the TA Event Centre commencing 7th August (games vary from 4pm - 8.30pm).

School Cross Country:

Date - Friday 4th August.

Year Levels - Year 0 to 8.

Venue - Alexandra East Redoubt, Aubin Close, Pirongia.

Time - Racing starts from 1:10pm

Race times are approximate only, we aim to run ahead of schedule.

The kids wear their house colours and should bring a warm jersey/jacket.

Shoes are optional but recommended as some of the track is on gravel.

There will be an early lunch time at 12pm that day.

Students race in their age group that they will be on Friday 1st September which is the Lower Waipa Cross Country date (this is for 7 to 13 year olds).

We require parent helpers to be stationed at cone numbers 4, 6 and 7 (see the map)

and also at the finish line. Email Ella if you are keen to help out (emuckle@pirongia.school.nz).

Waipa Wide 7s Sports Day:

Date - Wednesday 13th September

Year Levels - Year 5 to 8.

Venue - Pirongia Rugby Grounds & Netball Courts.

Time - From 9:30am - 2:15pm (approx).

We will be entering our Lower Waipa Winter Champs rugby and netball teams.

Tautoko tā tātou kaitautoko/Please support our

coremovement

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