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From our Principal
Sports Camp; making
memories and
friendships since way
back!



Kia ora family and friends of Pirongia School,

It's been fantastic staying in the loop with all the exciting happenings at Totorā Springs Sports Camp. The weather's been a dream for sports, and our students have been competing well in various activities like athletics, triathlons, scatter ball, indoor and outdoor hockey, basketball, ultimate frisbee, and more. The photo above to me symbolises what our camps are about; making memories and friendships.

At the moment I am witnessing the energy of 180 senior students as they gear up for their bi-annual senior production; a variety show titled 'A walk down memory lane'. Lines are being memorised, songs undergoing fine-tuning, and dance routines being turned into works of art. Learning in the arts isn't just about the final curtain call; it's about fostering creativity, self-expression, and teamwork! For some learners, this will ignite a passion for life. I can not wait to watch their performance early next term. (Information for Kahikatea and Kawaka will be coming out soon about performance dates and times).

As we step into the halfway mark of Term 3, it's an important phase for our students to consolidate and build upon the foundations of their learning. It's an opportunity for them to work diligently towards their individual learning goals and areas discussed at our Learning Conferences. Teachers, after the Learning Conferences, commented to me on the worthwhile discussions they had with many parents. Parents, please remember that our dedicated teachers are available to discuss and fine-tune your child's learning journey right throughout the year. We encourage open communication and collaboration, ensuring that each student receives the personalised support they need to reach their full potential.

Our library space is fully stocked with a range of reading material. As well as our classrooms visiting this space during their class programmes, Krista is hosting a range of lunchtime activities for students who appreciate a more peaceful setting during their break times. I spent some time in the library with them the other day. I loved watching so many children join in on a whole raft of different activities.

In assembly last Friday, I invited students to join in on a Cat in the Hat writing competition! Interested students are encouraged to write an imaginative tale inspired by Dr. Seuss for a chance to win a free double pass to the Cat in the Hat show in Hamilton. Details are available on the poster on the following page. I can't wait to read many Seuss-tastic adventures!



LIBRARY



Have a great week everyone! Kelly

Merit Awards

Rata Team

Room 6: **Emily** – For being a wonderful contributor. You contribute to our class by sharing your thoughts and ideas on the mat. You also give positive encouragement, and listen to others as they share their ideas too

Room 6: **Ava** – For being an awesome explorer at our class trip to the museum. You shared your ideas and asked great questions. It was wonderful to see exploring and gaining new knowledge

Room 7: **Brody** – For the thought and effort you are putting into your story writing. You are using exciting adjectives, adverbs and onomatopoeia to create interesting stories

Room 8: **Mason** – You have settled nicely into the routines of class. You are showing a positive attitude and are engaged in your learning. Keep up the awesome work!

Room 8: **Leo** – Your confidence continues to grow each day at school. It is lovely to see you giving things a go even when you are unsure or the tasks are tricky. Well done!

Room 9: **Willow** – For your positive attitude towards your learning. You are working hard to achieve your goals and are making great progress!

Room 9: **Elsie** – For being a responsible helper in Room 8 and 9. You demonstrate respect to those around you and support those who need it.

Room 10: **Koulton** – For the super contributions you make to our class discussions about life in the past. You wonder about things and ask questions to extend your learning. Keep it up!

Room 11: **Laykin** – For being so thoughtful and kind to everyone in the classroom. Thank you for always looking out for others and being so helpful in the classroom. Keep being your awesome caring self Laykin!

Tawa Team

Room 12: **Olivia** – For showing integrity during all your class activities. You are working hard and this is showing in the progress you are making in all areas. Keep up this awesome learning.

Room 12: **Kyle** – You always bring such a positive attitude to school. You are an excellent contributor to our class discussions. You thoughtfully contribute your thoughts and we love hearing about your ideas of the days gone by.

Room 13: **Max** – For demonstrating the "Courageous" capability. You consistently exhibit resilience and perseverance when confronted with new challenges, not only during classroom learning but also during playtime. Keep it up!

Room 14: **Madison** – For thinking through the clues an author provides and making great connections in reading and using this information to help you communicate your thoughts on issues raised in a text. Well done.

Room 14: **Flyn** – For the positive attitude you have for your numeracy learning. You really enjoy maths sessions and you challenge yourself to learn new strategies. It's fantastic to see you focus on your goals and work super hard. Keep going, Flyn.

Room 15: **Eddie** – For the positive attitude you have towards your learning. You have been working hard in all curriculum areas as you strive to achieve your goals. Keep up the great work, Eddie

Kahikatea Team

Room 1: **Iona** – You are a role model in Room 1, Iona. Your positive attitude and kind nature quietly encourages others to be their best. You preserve and show resilience when you are faced with challenges – what a courageous learner!

Room 1: **Alex** – For always showing our TRACK values. You come to school each day with a smile on your face and a positive attitude. You are a kind friend who supports others. Your hardworking attitude is evident in everything you do.

Room 3: **Finn** – For the creativity and attention to detail that you put into producing your awesome surrealism art. You have been using your thinker capability

Room 3: **Van** – For the hard work you have been putting into your writing lately. You have been working hard to make your writing more interesting for the reader and using your senses to describe the setting. Keep up the good work.

Room 4: **Grace** – You're a wonderful example of diligence and kindness. You put 100% into your school work and are always attentive in class discussions. Grace you are a kind friend who is supportive and helpful. Keep up the super work!

Room 4: **Wolfe** – Your vibrant happiness and attentiveness shine through in class. You are dedicated to class discussions by asking, thoughtful questions, and actively participating. Keep up the fantastic work—your enthusiasm is contagious

Room 5: **Eli** – It is great to see your positive attitude to all that you do. You have stepped up and realized that you have the power to be the best you, you can be and the growth in your work and teamwork reflects this

Room 5: **Alyssa** – You are being recognized in and out of the classroom as a role model for your willingness to learn, how you approach your tasks and the positive encouragement that you show to your peers. Well done.

Librarian Award: Anja – You are a very efficient and friendly in the library. I love how proactive you are in your library time – it is always so tidy after you've been in there! What a wonderful leader you are in our library space.

Kawaka Hub

Addison – Your dedication, resilience, and innovative spirit during Hydraulics was awesome. Your role as an Explorer in solving challenges with courage, and your ingenious hack that even helped out another group, exemplify your exceptional commitment to learning. Well done

Paige – This is for the courage, resilience and integrity that you have shown and displayed throughout hydraulics. These values translated in the work that you have produced in the past 5 weeks of exploration. Keep up the amazing work.

Danica – Your willingness, courage and determination during outdoor education was amazing. You gave everything 100%, while still being super supporting towards your peers! You also displayed some amazing rock climbing skills.

Cooper – This is for the way that you have stepped up as a leader with the hub, but most importantly within the school. Your leadership skills has been noticed by teachers and peers around you and it is amazing to see how much growth you have achieved in the past few years in Kawaka.

Zalaya-Rose – This is for you always bringing a positive attitude into class and everything you do. This positive attitude has had a positive impact on your learning in all area. Keep it up.

Coming Events

- 24th Aug—ICAS—Spelling Bee 9.45-10.45am
- 25th Aug—Calendar Art due in
- 29th Aug—ICAS—Mathematics 9.45-10.45am
- 29th Aug—BoT Meeting 7pm
- 30th Aug—Te Awamutu College—Catch-up Enrolment Day Yr8's 3.15-5.30pm
- 31st Aug—Rata Team trip to Kihikihi Cottages (2 classes)
- 1st Sept—Lower Waipa Cross Country—Paterangi School
- 01st Sept—Band Slam Competition
- 05th Sept—Rata Team trip to Kihikihi Cottages (2 classes)
- 06th Sept—Rata Team trip to Kihikihi Cottages (1 class)
- 08th Sept—**ASSEMBLY**—RataTeam 2.00pm
- 15th Sept—**ASSEMBLY**—Tawa Team 2.00pm
- 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

P.T.A. Friday Lunch

Friday lunch this week is... Dominos Pizza
(1/4 of pizza) & Juice Box
Beef&Onion/Ham&Cheese/Cheese
GF Ham/Cheese or Cheese

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 Pizza)

You will also need to put an order in on a note or old envelope into Bob the Box stating the order, 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.

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

Waikato Show Day: 27th October. Visit <https://waikatoaandp.co.nz> for more information.

Ag Day Entry forms and Information sheets are now available at the school office.

Ag Day Lambs Available
Please phone Daphne 021 0550606

P.T.A. News

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Craftday Carparking Crew- We are seeking your help. - a team to run the parking fundraiser during the Pirongia Craft Day Market that is returning after 3 years on **Sunday 24th Sept** (first weekend of school holidays). We open our school field/s (weather permitting) for this huge event and require a team of at least 10-12 people running shifts to co-ordinate the parking. If you are available and have the skills then please let us know. At our last craftday over \$3000 was raised.

PLEASE NOTE—CORRECTION TO DAY. IT IS SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER.

Still only have 2 volunteers for such a big task. Please help if you can, even just for an hour or 2 over the day would help considerably.



Important

LOST PROPERTY—You have until this Friday to collect your belongings. They will be donated to a charity Friday afternoon. The pile is far too big to manage.

CORRECTION—In last weeks newsletter student celebration section we incorrectly named Nixon as one of our Power Farming Cup tournament reps. This should have been as was Mason. Well done Mason on your achievement making the team.

REPORT FOLDERS—Can you please return your child's report folder from midterm reports so we can re-use for end of year reports. Thanks for supporting us to be environmentally friendly and saving costs.

THE CAT IN THE HAT WRITING COMPETITION

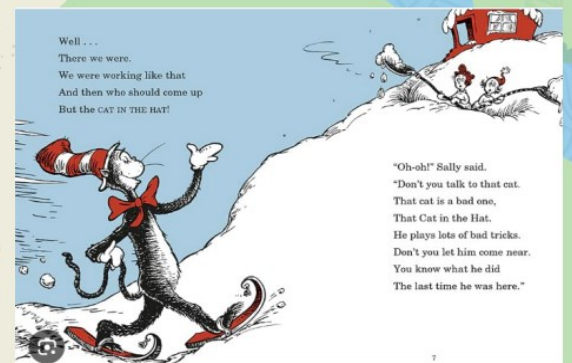
Unleash your creativity in the Cat in the Hat Writing Competition! Channel your inner Dr. Seuss and craft a tale filled with mischief and rhymes.

Open to all ages. Submit your writing to Mrs Bicknell, let your imagination run wild!

Due by: Thursday 31st August

The guide lines for length vary for ages e.g. a couple of sentences up to what is pictured to the right.

THE WINNER RECEIVES 2 FREE TICKETS TO THE CAT IN THE HAT SHOW HELD IN HAMILTON ON FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER AT 6PM





Pirongia School
**SPORTS
NOTICES**

Lower Waipa Cross Country:

All slips need to be in to Bob the Box by this Thursday please.

Date - Friday 1st September
(no postponement)

Venue - Paterangi School,
1326 Paterangi Road
Kids Wear - Black shorts,
Pirongia School t-shirt, bring a

warm jersey & jacket for before & after racing (shoes optional).

Racing Grades - Junior 7 - 8 year olds, Intermediate 9 - 10 year olds, Senior 11+ year olds.

The Course - All grades approximately 1300m. The course is all cross-country. It is undulating and can be viewed from the school. Shoes are optional but please note that there are thistles in the paddocks.

There will be no final assembly.

Results will be displayed at completion of each event where possible.

Certificates will be delivered along with results at a later date.

Squash Tournament:

Year Levels - Year 5 to 8.

Date - Year 7 & 8 - Tuesday 12th September.

Year 5 & 6 - Tuesday 19th September.

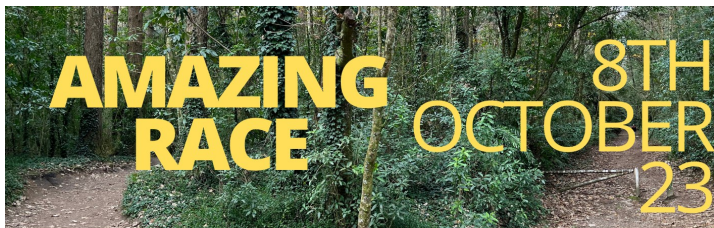
Location - Year 7 & 8 - Cambridge Racquets Club.

Year 5 & 6 - Te Awamutu Squash Club.

Time - Arrive at venue around 8:45am, this is a full day event.

Cost - \$5 per student (to be paid as soon as possible).

Forms are available at the office now.



Parafed Bay of Plenty and Halberg Foundation have planned a fun day at the forest!

REDWOODS FOREST, ROTORUA

STARTING 10AM AT THE PARAFED GAZEBO TO COLLECT YOUR MAP AND PASSPORT. FINISHING WITH KAI AT 1PM.



Bring your Whānau and friends, collect stamps in your passport from activity stations along the tracks and finish with some kai!

Blind Sport New Zealand, Achilles, Backyard Games NZ, Circability, Hibiscus Surf School and Waibop Football Activities along the way!



Register your interest;



suzanne@parafedbop.co.nz

OR

siobhan@halberg.co.nz

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Teacher only days in 2023, dates TBC

2024 **SCHOOL DATES**

Term 1 - 31st Jan - 12th April

Term 2 - 29th April - 5th July

Term 3 - 22nd July - 27th September

Term 4 - 14th October - 16th December

First day of School
Wednesday 31st
Jan, 2024



Pirongia School

TERM 3 SQUASH COMP

Tuesday 12th / 19th September

TA & Cambridge SQUASH CLUB

YEAR 5 TO 8

Year 7 & 8
Tuesday 12th September
Cambridge Racquets Club

Year 5 & 6
Tuesday 19th September
Te Awamutu Squash Club

\$5 PER PLAYER

FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE NOW



Well done Cole and Toby who received prizes from the Kawhia Boat Club Prizegiving. Cole collected, first in the junior nationals trevally section. Heaviest Marlin for a junior this season, club record for kingfish on 10kg line, club record for trevally on 4kg line. Toby collected a New Zealand Sportfishing Council certificate for tagging and releasing a Marlin.



Pirongia School Hillary Outdoors
&
Sports Camp



Presents

BINGO

WHEN: - Friday 8th September – 7:30pm start

WHERE: - Pirongia Rugby & Sports Club

ABOUT:

- No teams, grab your mates and fill up the tables. Get your tickets now to secure your seat (Email below)
- Limited door sales
- 8 Rounds of Bingo
- Bar available to purchase refreshments
- Kitchen will be open prior to first round to purchase food
- Doors open at 6:30pm, Bingo begins at 7:30pm SHARP
- Bingo 'boards' available \$2 each available to purchase before each round – CASH only

FUN - PRIZES - RAFFLES

TICKETS:

- \$10 per person for a ticket
- EMAIL → pirongiaschoolbingo@gmail.com for details & get tickets (online purchase) or buy direct through the school office (cash)

Please note: This is an age restricted event of 18+

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