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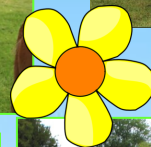
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13 October 2023

AG AND PET DAY



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From our Principal

An absolutely fantastic Ag Day event. I love watching the bond formed between pets and their owners.



Kia ora family and friends of Prongia School,

It's Term Four! Alongside the exciting school events we have planned for this term, we eagerly anticipate the continuation of core learning before we come together to celebrate the year's end. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our school community, including all the students and families who started with us this week.

A big thank you to Mrs McLuskie and Miss McPhee for their excellent organisation of Ag Day this year. The day ran smoothly, thanks to our superb judges and stewards. For those who know me, it's no secret that Ag Day is one of my favourite events on the school calendar. I absolutely love seeing our students proudly showcasing their pets and I love the opportunity to have so much of our school community in one place. Good vibes!

We're also immensely grateful for the generous support of our sponsors: Giltrap Agri zone, FMG, LIC, Fonterra, FINCH Contracting, and the Earwaker Family.

Special thanks go to Mrs Strathern for coordinating the students and their much-loved pets in the hall. Meanwhile, back in the classrooms, there was a hive of activity, with students engaged in various projects such as creating miniature gardens, making homemade lemonade, designing pots, crafting clay sculptures, designing sand sauces, and much more.

Finally a big thank you goes to Property Brokers for their kind donation of the BBQ, sausages, and their valuable time to cook the BBQ this year. Your support is greatly appreciated and contributed to the success of the day.

You may have seen my Facebook post on the last day of Term 3, where I celebrated Nixon's running achievements. Nixon secured a commendable 3rd place at the Waikato Full Primary School's Cross Country Championships. This achievement represents our school's best result at this event in a very, very long time! Way to go Nixon! A special congratulations to Sophia, who also participated in this event, showcasing her skill and effort also. Unfortunately, Digby couldn't attend as he wasn't feeling his best.

We are very much looking forward to our school's 150th birthday celebration next Friday here at school. To be at school while it celebrates a jubilee is pretty special, let alone its 150th birthday. It's going to be a great celebration and I look forward to seeing everyone dressed up in their 'olden day' clothes. Please see the poster over the page for more information.



Enjoy the week everyone,
Kelly



**PIRONGIA SCHOOL
INVITES PARENTS AND
FAMILY TO OUR....**

150TH JUBILEE SCHOOL CELEBRATION



*Come and join our school as we
celebrate our 150th Birthday*

Date: Friday 20th October
Time: 10.30AM - 12.45PM

**STUDENTS AND
STAFF DRESS UP
"FASHION 150
YEARS AGO"**

10:30AM - Welcome from Principal and student leaders.
10.45AM - School jubilee procession
11AM to 11:45am - Sharing of our learning in classrooms.
11.45am - 12.15pm - Family picnic
12.15pm to 12.45pm - Old Fashioned games on the field
12.45pm - Celebration concludes. (Bell rings)
Students are welcome to leave with families while the school is transformed ready for the Jubilee Friday night celebrations.

Coming Events

- 11th Oct—Whakatau for Little Trekkers
- 14th Oct—General Election—School Hall
- 16th Oct—Calendar Art Orders close
- 17th Oct—Mt Pirongia Agricultural Group Day—Pāterangi Sch
- 20th Oct—A Walk Down memory lane—dress up day
- 20th-22nd Oct—150th Pirongia School Jubilee
- 23rd Oct—LABOUR DAY
- 25-26th Oct—School Production- A walk down memory lane—Kahikatea & Kawaka Team
- 27th Oct—Waikato Show Day—Visit <https://waikatoaandp.co.nz> for more information.
- 31st Oct—BoT Meeting 7-10pm
- 03rd Nov—Senior Athletics- Te Awamutu Athletics Stadium
- 06th Nov—Senior Athletics postponement day
- 06th Nov—HPV Immunisation Dose 2
- 10th Nov—Lower Waipa Athletics—TA Athletics Stadium
- 13th Nov—Lower Waipa Athletics postponement
- 13-16th Nov—BOOK WEEK—Hats of to Reading
- 14th Nov—Booknic and Dress up day for Book week 10am - whole school parade in hall
- 15th Nov—Snuggle up with a book evening
- 17th Nov—Junior Athletics
- 17th Nov—Yr5/6 Golf Tournament
- 20th Nov—Junior Athletics postponement
- 28th Nov—Road Patrol Rewards Day
- 30th Nov—Tawa Team Yr 4 Graduation
- 04-07th Dec—Yr7/8 Graduation Survivor Camp
- 05th Dec—Tawa Big Days In
- 06th Dec—Kahikatea Big Day Out
- 07th Dec—Kahikatea Bead Ceremony
- 08th Dec—Service Assembly 1.30pm
- 11th Dec—BoT Meeting 10.30am-1.30pm
- 12th Dec—Kahikatea Mountain Biking and Hiking
- 12th Dec—Rātā Team Big Day in
- 12th Dec—Graduation Dance Yr7/8's
- 13th Dec—Rehearsal Assembly—TA Event Centre
- 14th Dec—Final Assembly/Prizegiving TA Event Centre 10.30am
- 15th Dec—School Finishes at noon and moving classes -NO BUSES WILL RUN THAT DAY.

NO FRIDAY LUNCH THIS WEEK

Ag Day Thank you!!

Well done to our 94 competitors yesterday. We had a great day, which wouldn't be possible

without the amazing support and help from our community and sponsors: Thank you to our stewards, parent helpers who set up and packed down the rings, student helpers, parents who supplied morning tea, our wonderful Judges and Janet Macky and Alan Henderson.

To our sponsors: Graham at Giltrap Agrizone Otorohanga, Property Brokers, FMG, The Earwaker Family, Finch Contracting, LIC, Fonterra, ASB and FMG.

Group Day is held at Paterangi School next Tuesday 17 October. Anyone can enter. More information will be sent home this week.

THANK YOU!

Important

- **ABSENCES** - Please remember to inform the school if your child is going to be away from school for any reason. You can do this via the Skooloop App, email, txt the school cellphone, or phone it in. If you are intending to have an extended time away (holiday during term time) can you please email the Principal kbicknell@pirongia.school.nz
- **Non Eligible Bus Payments** — For those students ineligible for free bus transport please remember to pay for the Term 4 Bus by Friday 20th October.
- **BUCKET HATS**- Term 4 & 1 are compulsory hat wearing terms. Please ensure your child/ren comes to school with one.

Kia ora, Welcome, Giddyay....

This term we welcome 8 new students to the best school in NZ!

Mrs Cork has had Isla, Lachlan, John, Lance, Chelsea and Florence join the troops in Room 11.

Logan and Alex have also joined us and have come from all the way from Germany!

We wish all of you many happy school days for the years ahead. Welcome aboard.

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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



Book Week 13 - 17 November 2023



Pirongia School SPORTS NOTICES

Year 5 to 8 Golf Competition:
Forms/expressions of interest are available at the school office.
Please fill it in and return it to Bob the Box **THIS WEEK**.
Queries or interest to Ella emuckle@pirongia.school.nz).

Term 4 Touch and Miniball:

Good luck to our 11 touch teams and 11 miniball teams who start their games next week.
Parents/caregivers of touch and miniball players, please ensure you have read the email that was sent in the holidays. Any questions to Ella (emuckle@pirongia.school.nz).



Pirongia Trail Run:

The PTR is a project of the charitable trust, Kiwi Challenge Foundation. The KCF aims to promote active and healthy living to Kiwis, in particular tamariki and rangatahi. Held on Pirongia maunga, there are 4 courses to choose from that cater to a range of ages and abilities, 3k, 8k, 13.5k and 36.5k. The PTR is back again this year on the 18th of November. For more info please visit their website (pirongiatrailrun.com). Email Ella if your child is keen to take part, entry is free through entering school teams (emuckle@pirongia.school.nz).

Pirongia School Senior Athletics:

Our 8 to 13 year olds will be showing off their athletic skills on Friday the 3rd of November at the Te Awamutu Athletics Stadium in town. The students will be travelling by bus, leaving school at 9am sharp (early bell at 8:45am). A notice will go home with students this week, please indicate if your child will be going by car or bus to the venue and back. Please note that footwear must be worn on the bus.
If your child would like to be considered to attend the Lower Waipa Athletics day (the inter-school event) they must compete in the age group that they will be on the 10th of November.
HELPERS NEEDED PLEASE - We need some teenager helpers and parent helpers to support each age group. Helpers move around with their child to either do recording, measuring, lining students up and helping with gear. Please let Ella know what age group you can help out (emuckle@pirongia.school.nz).
There is a teachers vs parents vs senior students relay race at the end of the day. The teacher team is looking pretty sharp I must say! No pressure parents!! Get your team together.



2023 Primary & Intermediate Schools Golf Competition

FRIDAY NOV 17th . **x3 DIVISIONS**
Div 1—Regular Length Course
Div 2—Shortened Course
DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: Div 3—3 person Team Ambrose
10th Nov 5pm



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Pirongia School

SENIOR ATHLETICS

Friday 3rd November

Te Awamutu ATHLETICS CLUB
Armstrong Ave

FOR 8 TO 13 YEAR OLDS

Time	Events	Discus	Spearts	Long Jump	Shot Put	High Jump	Widde Distance
8:45am	Early bell, roll, get ready						
9:00am	Depart school (by bus)						
9:15am	Students, teachers, parents arrive - Fences Marshalls meeting with Ella						
9:30am	12 years	13 years	8 years	9 years	10 years	11 years	
10:10am	11 years	12 years	13 years	8 years	9 years	10 years	
10:50am	10 years	11 years	12 years	13 years	8 years	9 years	
11:30am	8 years	10 years	11 years	12 years	13 years	8 years	
12:10pm	8 years	9 years	10 years	11 years	12 years	13 years	
1:25pm	13 years	8 years	9 years	10 years	11 years	12 years	
1:35pm	Junior House Relay - four fastest boys/girls 8, 9, 10 yr olds						
1:45pm	Senior House Relay - four fastest boys/girls 11, 12, 13 yr olds						
1:55pm	Parents/Teachers vs Students Relay						
2:00pm	Prize Giving						
2:30pm	Depart Stadium - Back to School						

Students travel by bus or with their own parent or caregiver.

Students wear house colours, full brimmed hat & shoes for the bus.

Postponement: Mon 6th

Age group helpers needed please!

A NOTICE WILL COME HOME IN WEEK 1

Pirongia School

JUNIOR ATHLETICS

Friday 17th November

Pirongia School SPORTS FIELDS

FOR 5 TO 7 YEAR OLDS

Time	Task
9:15am	Students line up behind age group signs and parent helpers.
9:30am	First rotation starts.
Every 15 minutes	Children line up and walk to their next event.
10:15am	Quick water and fruit snack break.
10:40am	Rotations continue.
11:30am	Morning tea break.
12:00pm	Prize giving in the school hall.

Students wear house colours, full brimmed hat, shoes optional

Postponement: Mon 20th

Age group helpers needed please!

A NOTICE WILL COME HOME IN WEEK 2



Pirongia School
**SPORTS
NOTICES**

Touch Academy:

TA Sports are running a touch academy for year 5 to 8 students on Wednesday afternoons. Head onto their Facebook page at facebook.com/tasports.co.nz to register or email Ella for the registration link (emuckle@pirongia.school.nz).

Touch Ref Course:

TA Sports are running a free touch referee course. This is an awesome opportunity for parents of teams, or older siblings to learn the rules of touch. Register your interest to Ollie Ward (sportsd@tasports.co.nz).

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TOUCH REFEREE COURSE

Join us as we run through the fundamentals of touch. A referee might be a volunteer who puts their hand up to make the game happen. A parent, or an older sibling. This evening is perfect for all wanting to learn the outlines of touch.

**MONDAY 16TH OCTOBER, 2023
6 PM TA SPORTS CLUB ROOMS**

REGISTER NOW FREE COURSE

sportsd@tasports.co.nz

TE AWAMUTU SPORTS REFEREE EVENING

Parent coaches and helpers for Miniball and Touch:
TA Sports is holding a coaching workshop to support our sports volunteers.
Tuesday 17th October, 6pm. Food & drink provided.
Register by emailing Linda Spranger - manager@tasports.co.nz

AWESOME WORK DIGBY!

WCBA U13 Maa Boys Team

RESULTS

- Loss v Auckland Dev 29-57
- Win v Coast Hornets 52-49
- Loss v Tauranga Black 36-51
- Loss v Counties Manukau Ma 30-81
- Win v Coast Chargers 45-35
- Loss v Auckland Dev 40-49

WAIKATO COUNTRY BASKETBALL

6th Place at the BBNZ Northern Regional Champs 2023

COACHING CONNECTION Workshop

Join us **TUESDAY 17th Oct 6pm**

with **Jordan Farrington**

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- Vision - What's the experience we want for the participants (players, families)
- How can we continue to Connect, Support and Grow our Coaches
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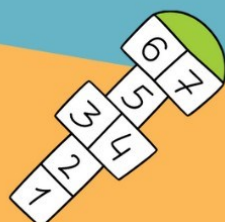
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