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**MERRY**

**Christmas**

**For these families, this year  
sees the end of their time  
with us here at Pirongia  
School.**

**Thank you for your  
contributions. I wish you all  
the very best.**

**Blair family, Grahame family, Hubay family,  
Jaunay family, Lotterle family, Phillips family,  
Vellenoweth family,  
Walker-Jackson family, Whiteman family,  
Wilson family, Wright-St Clair family and Holmes family.**



**Merry Christmas and safe holidays everyone!  
I hope you enjoy time with families and friends making  
new memories!**

**We look forward to kicking off the 2024 school year on  
Wednesday 31st Jan, 2024**

*Kelly*

# BUTTERFLY GARDEN

We have recently installed our Butterfly Garden that completes our Rata Creative Nature Space. We did have swan plants but they quickly became a juicy treat for the caterpillars. Thank you to the lovely lady who came in and rescued them.



# GARDEN TO TABLE

Thank you Mrs Derbyshire for the awesome **Garden to Table** programme you delivered in Term 3 and 4. Lemon week included Lemon Pesto Pasta, White Chocolate and Lemon Brownie. Other weeks some of the fresh produce has included strawberries, carrots and silverbeet which has either been grown at school or brought in from gardens at home. If you were lucky enough to sample some of the cooking you were lucky...it was delicious.



# JUBILEE AUDIT

For our 150th Jubilee we tried to make our weekend celebrations as sustainable as possible. Here are our waste audit results for our first ever event. Thank you to the Jubilee Committee, the Board of Trustees and the community throughout the weekend that made this work. What a fantastic first effort!!!



- Total Waste 698 Litres
- Food Scraps 8%
- Recyclables 69%
- Landfill 23%

# THE SHARING SHED

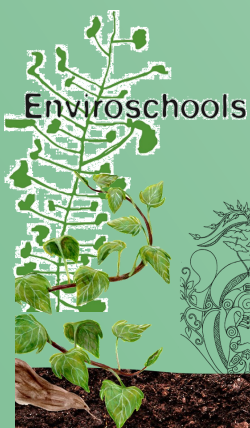
If you have any surplus produce, share the love and drop it off at our Sharing Shed. Fresh produce only please!

# THANK YOU

Firstly, I would like to thank Kelly, all the teachers and students at Pirongia School for the hard mahi we have done this year.

I would also like to thank the following people and organisations that have supported our journey.

- Camilla Carty-Melis - EnviroSchool Facilitator
- Paul Murray - Para Kore
- Go Bus - Greg Wood
- Hamish and Sheree German
- Kathryn Bourne and Mark Adamson - Trees for Survival
- Janniece Blackburn



# PIRONGIA SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND ACTION



Welcome to our last Environmental Education and Action newsletter for 2023. What a fantastic year we have had with all teams proactively involved in environmental action in some way, shape or form throughout the school and out in our community.

## CELEBRATING 2023

- Rata - completed the Creative Nature Play Space with sandpit, rainwater harvesting system and butterfly garden.
- Kahikatea Team - explored water quality out within the wider community and continued to take responsibility for sorting our waste systems, caring for the chickens and worm farms, maintaining the vegetable gardens and looking after the sharing shed.
- The installation of a new sharing shed.
- Tawa Team - lead the Trees for Survival planting day.
- Kawaka - established an Environmental Leadership group and have offered sustainable topics through their 'Explore' programme.

## TREES FOR SURVIVAL

The Trees for Survival kaupapa provides an opportunity for our tamariki to make a practical difference out in our community, as well as learning about conservation, revegetation, wetland restoration and protecting stream quality.

Potting our native seedlings up for the 2024 year is a two stage process. Initially we have to fill 900-1000 bags with compost and allow these to settle. Step two... we then **VERY** carefully transplant 900-1000 native seedlings from plugs into these bags. From here we nurture them in our growing units until August / September next year when we will plant them out in the community. We have recently acquired a rain monitoring system which enables us to ensure we are conserving water but also giving our seedlings what they need to grow. Thank you Mark and Kathryn for making this happen and your continued support to make this an enjoyable experience for our students.



## GOALS FOR 2024

- Complete the Rongoā Garden in Kawaka
- GREEN-GOLD Reflection—yes we are going for it!
- Re-establish the possum group

Congratulations to Claire St-Pierre for being recognised as a life time member of Pirongia Te Aroaro o Kahu Restoration Society at the societies recent 21st birthday celebrations.



# Coming Events

14th Dec—Final Assembly/Prizegiving TA Event Centre 10.30am.

14th Dec—Year 8 Afternoon Tea (no siblings please), in the staffroom at 1pm or after prizegiving

15th Dec—We will be moving classes. School will close at noon—NO BUSES WILL BE RUNNING

# Important

NO BUS LAST DAY OF TERM (15th Dec)

**LOST PROPERTY-** All unnamed items will be finding a new home over the holidays. You have until Friday noon to check for belongings. It is currently displayed in the library so hopefully you or your child can take a look and claim what is theirs.



## WAIKATO JUNIOR GOLF COACHING COURSE

For term 1 2024 we have secured a junior golf coach Andrew Noble.

Lessons will be start Tuesday 13th February and there will be a beginners course from 3.30-4pm and for Experienced Junior Golfers from 4-5pm

These will be held at Pirongia Golf Club so please contact Neil Florence 021967899 or email [neil@nfbuilders.co.nz](mailto:neil@nfbuilders.co.nz) to register.

My Massive Shout Out this week goes to Awards Trophies in Hamilton. They stepped up and went over and beyond in helping us out with a special job request at the very last minute and they have restored my faith in humanity.

Thank You

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To our Sponsors, Parents, Helpers, ex school members, community businesses, clubs and volunteers please know you are valued and appreciated for all that you do to in making Pirongia School the best it can be!

# POOL

Keys for the summer season

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**Key Sales from 4-(18th Dec 9.30-3pm only)  
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**Please come into the school office, agree to  
the rules, pay and collect the key.**



Happy Swimming!

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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  
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