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From our Principal
Mrs Mahon and
students enjoying the
chaos of sack races!



Kia ora family and friends of Pirongia School,

Friday was one of those days that made me grateful to be part of an awesome school. Many of us, including my staff, put a lot of effort into embracing the day and our costumes. Following a warm welcome from the school councillors and myself, we had the pleasure of listening to an ex-teacher from the 1950s, Ngaire Phillips. Ngaire shared insights into what classrooms and learning were like 70 years ago. She then had the honour of cutting our jubilee cake, alongside our youngest student, Florence Ormsby. What made Florence's role extra special was that, not only was she the youngest student celebrating our school's 150th birthday, but she also happens to be the great, great, great, great-grandchild of our school's first principal. What were the chances of that?



As our jubilee cake was cut, our school sang Pikia, and Matty J led us in three cheers. Our bagpiper, Graham, filled the air with the unmistakable sound of bagpipes. I don't know if it's just me but there is something special about the sound of the bagpipes. He led our school as we paraded along Beechey Street, Franklin Street, and Belcher Street. It was probably the highlight of the day for me.



When we returned, students invited their families to their teams and shared with them what they had learned in term 3 about the past.

Families and students, on their picnic blankets, scattered themselves throughout the school grounds, with lots enjoying the sunny day and some seeking out the shade, boy it was a hot day! Adults enjoyed a slice of our jubilee cake and the students an ice block. Out on the field, students and teachers played 'old-fashioned' games together. There were egg and spoon races, three-legged races, sack races, croquet, cornhole, elastics, skipping, bowls, marbles, and much more. What a day it was!



From our Principal

Mrs Strathern
skipping with
students at
lunch time.



Senior Production

Last Friday night, I had the pleasure of watching our senior students perform in their production 'A Walk Down Memory Lane'. If you're attending the performance, you're in for a treat. I would like to wish Kawaka and Kahikatea the best of luck with their performances this week.

Free school pool key for the summer...

We are currently looking for four families interested in receiving a free pool key for this upcoming summer. Rumour has it that this summer is going to be a hot one! In return, we kindly ask that your family look after the pool for one weekend a month during the summer period. That's only four pool duties!

The pool duties are minimal, involving about 30 minutes of tasks on Saturday and Sunday mornings and approximately 15 minutes of pool duties on Saturday and Sunday evenings. It's not a major commitment at all (trust me, I did it last swimming season once or twice). Darren handles all of the 'heavy lifting' for the pool during the week and is also available if any issues arise during the weekend.

If you'd like a free key and can commit to four weekends during the summer months, please email me or Darren as soon as possible.

kbicknell@pirongia.school.nz
caretaker@pirongia.school.nz

Enjoy the week everyone, Kelly



This Friday

OPTIONAL DRESS UP DAY

Show your support for the two teams battling it out in the World Cup final this weekend.

While I am sure many will support our home country by dressing in black, I'm sure we will have our fair share of South African supporters in green too, starting with our wonderful Mrs Tyer!

Who will win the rugby world cup?

Show your support for your team this Friday at school by dressing up!



Coming Events

- 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
- 09th Nov—Junior and Senior Band performance 10-10.45am
- 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—Whakataua for Little Trekkers Term 1 Cohort
- 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—We will be moving classes. School will close at noon
- 15th Dec—Term 4 Ends

**FRIDAY LUNCH THIS WEEK ...
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2
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Term 1 - 31st Jan - 12th April
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Term 3 - 22nd July - 27th September
Term 4 - 14th October - 16th December

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