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A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE



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From our Principal

So very proud of my students. They really brought it!



Kia ora family and friends of Pirongia School,

Our Kahikatea and Kawaka students utilised their Term Three Inquiry time to delve into the history of Pirongia through the Arts curriculum. Dance, drama, singing, visual arts, performance, practise, courage, and confidence came to life in their on-stage performance titled "A Walk down Memory Lane." Five sold-out shows, and audiences, who thoroughly enjoyed the performance. I loved my time in the audience and was extremely proud of both students and teachers. It was lovely to receive numerous positive comments about the production, including emails from many parents and audience members. There were many people who contributed to the success of this show and I express my thanks to these people on the following page.

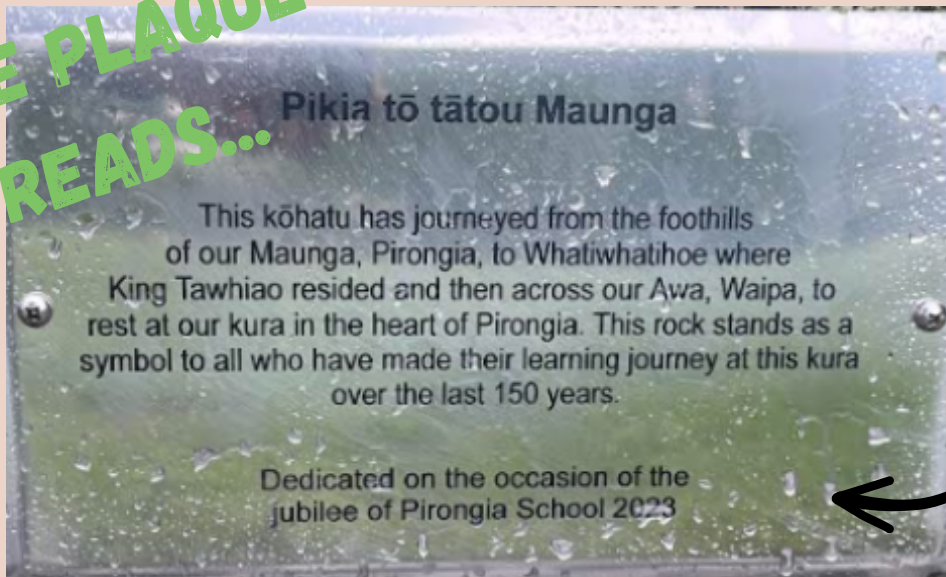


A little while ago, Alex from Room 15 won our 'Cat in the Hat' writing competition with his exceptionally creative piece of writing. As a reward, both Alex and his Dad were treated to a fantastic 'Cat in the Hat' show, which Alex thoroughly enjoyed.

Below is our Jubilee kōhatu, which has found its new home here at our school in recognition of our 150th birthday. It proudly sits beside the entrance to the native bush area, gazing up at Mount Pirongia. There are 149 stones around the base of the main rock.

We extend our thanks to Sam Roa and James Cullen for their efforts in ensuring the safe placement of the rock at our school.

**THE PLAQUE
READS...**



TOGETHER WE CLIMB - PIKIA TŌ TĀTOU MAUNGA

Thank
You!

A walk Down Memory Lane
Senior Production 2023

Mrs Hobbs, thank you for your creative vision and directorship. Your cast delivered such an amazing performance.

Mrs Florence and Mr Jordan, your impeccable sense of timing during curtain calls, your guidance of the students, and your support of Mrs Hobbs and all the other teachers helped with seamless transitions.

Mrs Tyer, the confidence and harmony displayed by the singers was fantastic. I loved the Mamma Mia touch, the talented rappers and other students who had solo singing parts

Miss McPhee and Whaea Hayley, your kapa haka performance was nothing short of awesome. The passion and innovation you brought to the stage were truly outstanding, making it one of the most touching performances we've ever witnessed.

Mrs O'Brien and Miss Spence, the energy and dedication you poured into teaching and learning the numerous dance moves were nothing short of FANTASTIC. Your efforts truly brought the production to life and added an electric atmosphere to the stage.

Our wonderful caretaker, you did so much to help!

Mr Gemmell and Mrs Derbyshire, you both worked your magic and helped our band to play beautifully.

Mrs Au - thank you for creating such stunning costumes for our band members.

Sas, Tylar, Annie and Min - for putting the finishing touches on the kapa haka group costumes.

Ryan Hobbs - for helping out with all of our electrical needs.

Neil Florence Builders - For creating our second stage!

Mrs Dee and Denise - for our stunning flower creations around the stage.

Matt (ICT) - help with setting up the lights.

Our office crew - for selling tickets.

Parent helpers - for helping with hair and make up!

Rob Graham - Providing Scaffolding

Parents, thank you for supplying costumes, thank you for your encouragement and getting your children to and from shows!

Coming Events

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—Wakatau 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
24th Nov—ASSEMBLY—Singing 2-3pm
28th Nov—Road Patrol Rewards Day
30th Nov—Tawa Team Yr 4 Graduation
01st Dec— ASSEMBLY—Singing 2-3pm
03rd Dec—Child Cancer Picnic—(our school grounds will be closed during this time)
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

NO FRIDAY LUNCH THIS WEEK ...

Due to the Senior Athletics

GUMBOOT FRIDAY FUNDRAISER

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR THE 2023
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ALBERT PARK, FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER
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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT- FOOD TRUCKS - COMMUNITY STALLS - GAMES AND MORE!

HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY
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ALL PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR AFTERNOON TEA, TAMARIKI ALSO WELCOME.

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Hats off to reading

Book Week 13 - 17 November 2023

DRESS UP DAY & BOOKNIC

Tuesday 14 November

- Dress up as your favourite book character - bonus points if your costume involves a hat!
- There will be prizes!
- Invite your family to join us for our booknic picnic
- Visit the Scholastic Book fair in the library
- You children will be bringing more information home about Bookweek in the next few days





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 (pirongiatriailrun.com). Email Ella if your child is keen to take part, entry is free through entering school teams (emuckle@pirongia.school.nz).

Senior Athletics:

Participants: 8 to 13 year olds

Venue: Te Awamutu Stadium/Velodrome, Armstrong Ave, Te Awamutu

Date: Friday 3rd November (postponement Mon 6th November, a decision will be made around 7:45am)

Transport: Buses or parent cars

Kids Wear: House colours, bring a warm jersey

Depart School Time: **Students who are going on the bus need to be at school no later than 8:45am.**

Arrival Time: Students who are going by parent car can meet us at the venue at 9am.

Other...

NO students are to leave the venue without permission from their teacher or us in the clubroom.

The students will be sitting up on the hill right by the club room in their houses.

The students only go onto the track when they are heading to/from or competing in their event.

NO ONE is to stand by any flags down at the venue - these are throwing areas and can be dangerous.

Students who want to be considered for Lower Waipa on the 10th of November must compete in the age group that they will be on this day.

Senior Athletics Timetable

8:45am	Early bell, roll, get ready					
9:00am	Depart school (by bus)					
9:15am	Students, teachers, parents arrive - Parent Marshalls meeting					
Events...	Discus	Sprints	Long Jump	Shot Put	High Jump	Middle Distance
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	9 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
12:50pm	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					

2
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
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Wednesday 31st
Jan, 2024

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