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From our  
Principal

(Left) My team of Mario's.  
(Far Left) Students from  
Rata looking Fab!



# Kia ora family and friends of Pirongia School,

It's been an eventful seven days since our last newsletter, filled with exciting school activities.

A massive thank you to Krista for organising another outstanding Book Week. Yesterday's dress-up and booknic once again brought our school together. Thank you parents for your efforts in assembling the costumes for your children. It was awesome to see our school buzzing throughout the day. We welcomed Isaac Thackray, an ex-student turned renowned children's author, who shared his imaginative listening cone, a source of inspiration for his successful novels 'Queen of Muck' and 'Zola the Roller.' We were also spoilt to host Kat Quin from the Kuwi the Kiwi series and a lineup of literature enthusiasts, including Mrs Bryant, Mr Gemmell, Mr Jordan's cousin, Miss E's sister, Mrs O'B's sister, myself, Debbie, Krista's best friend and Daniel Delgado from our local voluntary fire brigade. We hosted a fantastic story teller called 'Zebong' who had the school hall in hysterics with his short story telling skills. A big shout-out to our PTA who cooked hamburgers and sausages here at school yesterday. Your efforts in making the day extra enjoyable for our students and community does not go unnoticed!

Last Wednesday, I joined 48 enthusiastic young farmers for an afternoon of agri challenges. Organised by Emma and Chris Poole, the event featured ten different stations with activities ranging from gumboot tossing and plant identification to a tractor pull. The competition was close, but the 'Green Hats' took out first place this year. This team included Nixon T, Dexter C, and Padden M. A massive thank you to Emma and Chris for their organisation and to Fonterra for their generous support.

Congratulations to all of our students who competed at the Lower Waipa Athletics day last Friday. I enjoyed a couple of hours down at the stadium and took so much pride in watching our students push themselves to their limit. Pirongia School did exceptionally well throughout the day and the results from Miss Muckle will show this. Thanks again Miss Muckle for your awesome organisation and to Mrs Hobbs for your support on the day.

Our six senior miniball teams rocked their new singlets at their competition this week! Thank you to Frontier Scaffolding Ltd; Rob, Brenda and Grace who have generously sponsored them. We think they look amazing and we love them!

Have a great week everyone, Kelly





# Classrooms 2024

As we approach the conclusion of the 2023 academic year, I can confirm our classroom teachers for 2024.

With an increase of student numbers in Kawaka next year, we are delighted to announce the opening of a 4th classroom.

It is with a mix of sadness and joy that I inform you Mr Jordan will be with us for only two terms next year. He has secured a rugby contract that will take him overseas, allowing him to explore the world—such an exciting opportunity for him! Mr Jordan will remain a significant part of the Kawaka programme in terms 1 and 2 next year, however will not have a home base class.

We have loved Mrs O'Brien's enthusiasm and energy around the school. However, Mrs O'Brien has chosen to delay full-time teaching until her children are older. It's not goodbye, we will continue to see Mrs O'Brien around school in 2024 in various other roles!

We look forward to Mrs Macnicol's return next year returning after maternity leave. Mrs Macnicol will be teaching in Kawaka.

We also welcome two new teachers joining our team in 2024; Jessica Roper and Samantha Harvie. Both will be teaching in Kawaka next year. We will introduce them in next week's newsletter!

## Kawaka Team 2024



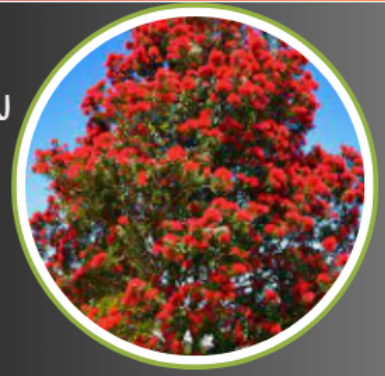
Home base teachers:

Mrs Macnicol  
Miss Roper  
Whaea Hayley  
Miss Harvie

Specialist teachers: Utilised throughout the  
Kawaka programme:

Mr Jordan  
Mrs Derbyshire  
Mrs Hobbs  
Mr Gemmell  
Mrs Au  
Mr Holden

## Rata team 2024



Mrs Dee  
Mrs McLuskie  
Mrs Smith  
Mrs Mills  
Whaea Aysha

## Tawa team 2024



Mrs Mahon/Mrs Innis  
Miss Esteves  
Mrs Strathern  
Miss Muckle

## Kahikatea Team 2024



Mrs Florence  
Miss McPhee  
Miss Spence  
Mrs Tyer

# Coming Events

13-16th Nov—BOOK WEEK—Hats of to Reading  
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  
24th Nov—Out of Zone Applications for T1 close at 3pm  
28th Nov—Road Patrol Rewards Day  
29th Nov—Waikato Full Primary Schools Athletics 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

# Important

- **OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS**—All outstanding non donation charges need to be paid ASAP
- **HEADLICE**—These little critters seem to be appearing frequently again. Please take the time regularly to check for them and treat when required so we can keep them controlled and not share them with others.
- **END OF YEAR TROPHY RECALL**- If you were fortunate enough to have got a trophy at prizegiving last year, now is the time for it to be returned to the office.

NO FRIDAY LUNCH THIS WEEK ...

One per week is more than enough,  
THANK YOU PTA FOR OUR BOOKNIC BBQ

Snuggle with a book



SEE YOU TONIGHT

Join us in the School library from 6-7 pm  
Wednesday 15th for our snuggle with a book evening.

Wear your Pjs, bring a book to read, a blanket, your teddy and a cup for a milo.

Get cozy and snuggle up with your caregiver, parents or grandparents for a special evening of reading.

The Book Fair will be open for sales

Hats off to reading

Book Week 13 - 17 November 2023

## Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to those who have visited the book fair in the library already this week!  
We appreciate the support - every purchase helps us to buy more books for our School Library. The book fair will be open for the rest of the week as follows:

**Wednesday:**

8.30 am - 9.15 am  
3.00 pm - 3.30 pm  
6.00 - 7.00 pm (Snuggle with a Book Event)

**Thursday:**

8.30 am - 9.15 am  
2.30 pm - 3.30 pm

**Friday:**

8.30am - 1.30pm (Krista will be popping in and out from athletics)



If you'd like to come at a different time, please email Krista -  
librarian@pirongia.school.nz



SCHOLASTIC

Hats off to reading

Book Week 13 - 17 November 2023

# Pirongia School Out of Zone

## Term 1 Enrolment Period 1, 2024:

- We anticipate 3 available spaces in our New Entrant for out of zone enrolments.  
We anticipate 1 available space in our year 5/6 cohort for out of zone enrolments.  
We anticipate 1 available space in our year 7/8 cohort for out of zone enrolments.
- Please submit your expression of interest by 3pm, Friday 24 November 2023.
  - Please note: This may be subject to change.

Please email the school office for an application form [office@pirongia.school.nz](mailto:office@pirongia.school.nz) or pop in to collect one







**Pirongia Trail Run:**  
 Good luck to Digby, Obie, Nixon, Eliza, Harrison, Iona, Danica and Niki who take part in the Pirongia Trail Run this Saturday. Go hard guys!

**Lower Waipa Athletics:**  
 Well done to the 69 students who took part in the Lower Waipa athletics last Friday. We will present the certificates in next Friday's school singing assembly.

**Basketball Trials:**  
 Head to the Waikato Country Facebook page for the link to register.

**WAIKATO COUNTRY BASKETBALL**

**\$25 per trialist**

**All Trialists Must Pre Register**

**2024 Representative Trials**  
*For Easter Tournament - Auckland*

**Trial 1:**  
 Saturday 18th November @ Cambridge High

**Trial 2:**  
 Saturday 2nd December @ Cambridge High

**Trial 3:**  
 Saturday 16th December @ Cambridge High

- ➔ **Under 12's - 10.00am to 11.30am**  
 - players born in: 2013 & 2014
- ➔ **Under 14's - 11.30am to 1.00pm**  
 - players born in: 2011 & 2012
- ➔ **Under 16's - 2.00pm to 4.00pm**  
 - players born in: 2009 & 2010
- ➔ **Under 18's & Under 20's - 4.00pm to 6.00pm**  
 - players born in: 2005 & 2006(U20's); 2007 & 2008 (U18's)

**Compulsory to attend a minimum of two trials**

## CLASSIFIEDS

**CHRISTMAS BINGO**

Community Christmas Bingo  
 Friday 24 Nov from 7pm at Pirongia Community Centre. Christmas Themed, with a spot prizes and Christmas treats. Free entry, 10 rounds at \$1 /\$2 per game

**Waipā District Libraries'**  
**KIDS' SUMMER READING FEST**

**Free holiday activity for 5-12 year-olds**

Registrations from 6 November to 22 December 2023

**Reading Challenges | Storytelling Sessions**  
**Prizes | Finale Parties**

You can collect your challenge cards, in the libraries from Monday 11 December 2023 until Wednesday 24 January 2024

Pick up a brochure at the library desks and enjoy a festival of fun, stories and reading, over the summer holidays!

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**WASTE MINIMISATION COMMUNITY FUND**

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# LOWER WAIPA ATHLETICS

## Results

OLIVIA - 2ND, 8 YEAR OLD GIRLS HIGH JUMP

DEVON - 1ST 8 YEAR OLD BOYS HIGH JUMP

FLYN - 2ND 8 YEAR OLD BOYS LONG JUMP

GEORGIA - 2ND 9 YEAR OLD GIRLS HIGH JUMP

HANA - 3RD 9 YEAR OLD GIRLS DISCUS

EDDIE - 1ST 9 YEAR OLD BOYS DISCUS

CAMPBELL - 3RD 9 YEAR OLD BOYS MIDDLE DISTANCE

INDI - 2ND 10 YEAR OLD GIRLS MIDDLE DISTANCE & 3RD HIGH JUMP

JARNEKA - 3RD 10 YEAR OLD GIRLS DISCUS

BRODIE - 2ND 10 YEAR OLD BOYS SPRINTS

OBIE - 3RD 10 YEAR OLD BOYS MIDDLE DISTANCE

NICO - 3RD 10 YEAR OLD BOYS DISCUS

HANNAH - 2ND 11 YEAR OLD GIRLS MIDDLE DISTANCE, 3RD HIGH JUMP, 3RD SHOT PUT

LARA - 3RD 11 YEAR OLD GIRLS MIDDLE DISTANCE & 2ND LONG JUMP

INDY - 1ST 11 YEAR OLD GIRLS HIGH JUMP, 2ND SHOT PUT

MAIA - 1ST 11 YEAR OLD GIRLS DISCUS

CARLEY - 3RD 11 YEAR OLD GIRLS DISCUS

SOPHIA D - 3RD 11 YEAR OLD GIRLS LONG JUMP

RUBEN - 2ND 11 YEAR OLD BOYS SPRINTS

BRAXTON - 2ND 11 YEAR OLD BOYS DISCUS

NATE - 3RD 11 YEAR OLD BOYS HIGH JUMP, 3RD MIDDLE DISTANCE

MASON - 3RD 11 YEAR OLD BOYS SHOT PUT

GEMMA-LEE - 1ST 12 YEAR OLD GIRLS MIDDLE DISTANCE, 1ST HIGH JUMP

COCO - 1ST 12 YEAR OLD GIRLS SHOT PUT, 3RD DISCUS

ELISE - 2ND 12 YEAR OLD GIRLS LONG JUMP, 3RD SPRINTS

AYLAH - 3RD 12 YEAR OLD GIRLS MIDDLE DISTANCE

INDI-MARIE - 3RD 12 YEAR OLD GIRLS LONG JUMP

DIGBY - 2ND 12 YEAR OLD BOYS MIDDLE DISTANCE

PEYTON - 3RD 12 YEAR OLD BOYS HIGH JUMP

NATE - 3RD 12 YEAR OLD BOYS LONG JUMP

NIXON - 3RD 12 YEAR OLD BOYS SHOT PUT

SOPHIA - 1ST 13 YEAR OLD GIRLS HIGH JUMP, 2ND MIDDLE DISTANCE, 2ND SPRINTS, 3RD LONG JUMP

SUMMER - 3RD 13 YEAR OLD GIRLS MIDDLE DISTANCE

ILKE - 3RD 13 YEAR OLD GIRLS SHOT PUT

JASON - 3RD 13 YEAR OLD BOYS SHOT PUT

JUNIOR GIRLS RELAY TEAM - 2ND

JUNIOR BOYS RELAY TEAM - 3RD

SENIOR GIRLS RELAY TEAM - 1ST

SENIOR BOYS RELAY TEAM - 3RD





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