

PIOPIO COLLEGE

TE KURA TUARUA O PIOPIO

IMPORTANT DATES TERM TWO

MON 2 JUN
Public Holiday
King's Birthday
School is closed for instruction

FRI 6 JUN
Mid Year Reports out

MON 9 JUN
Teacher ONLY Day
School is closed for instruction

THU 19 JUN
Orienteering
Year 7 & 8

FRI 20 JUN
Public Holiday
Matariki
School is closed for instruction

WED 25 JUN
Science & Technology
Fair

FRI 27 JUN
LAST DAY OF TERM 2



AIM HIGH

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tēnā tatou e te whānau

Welcome to term 2 and our revitalised newsletter.

With means of communication now being done generally through social media we have shied away from a newsletter, however I have had some feedback that a newsletter is very much appreciated so here we are.

After six months in the Principal's role, I feel I've finally been able to get my feet out from under the desk. I'm steadily handing off some of the administrative tasks so I can spend more time where I truly want to be: with our students. One daily routine I've come to really enjoy is visiting classrooms each morning to greet everyone. What I'm seeing are settled classes, happy learners, and a strong focus on teaching and learning. I want to say a huge thank you to our teachers and students for embracing the learning-focused culture we're continuing to build together.

Since stepping into this role, we've raised the bar on expectations, and it's fantastic to see our school community rising to meet that challenge. There's always more to do, but I'm passionate about creating a school that staff, students, and whānau feel proud to be a part of.

Looking ahead, one key focus for 2025 is learning in outdoor contexts. We know students engage more when they can see and do - not just sit in a classroom. We're excited to make the most of our beautiful, park-like surroundings by planning more outdoor learning opportunities.

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BEN DRAPER
Principal/Tumuaki

Principals message continued...

I'd also like to highlight winter sport. With a smaller roll, it's crucial we encourage our students to participate in team sports so we can support a range of codes. Team sports build important life skills - teamwork, resilience, communication - and in this digital age, winter sports offer a vital chance to socialize and stay physically active.

As I begin shaping our 2026-2027 Strategic Plan, I'll be seeking as much input as possible from our community stakeholders. Together, we can continue to build a school that's focused on learning, is fun, safe, practical and creates lasting positive memories for everyone involved.

Ngā mihi nui

Ben Draper

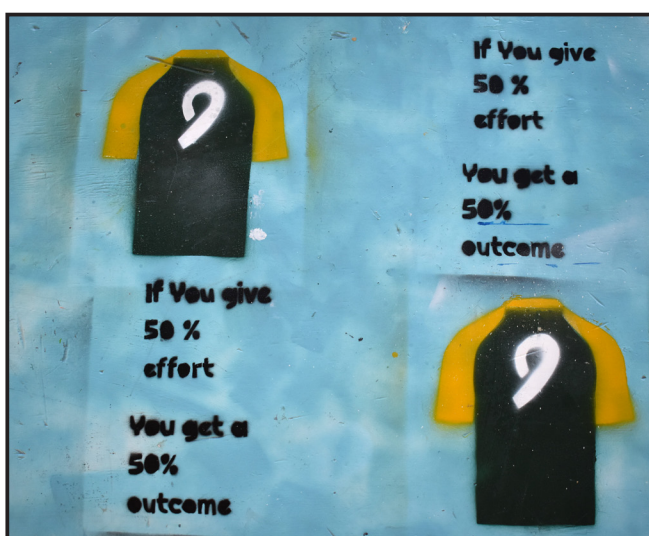
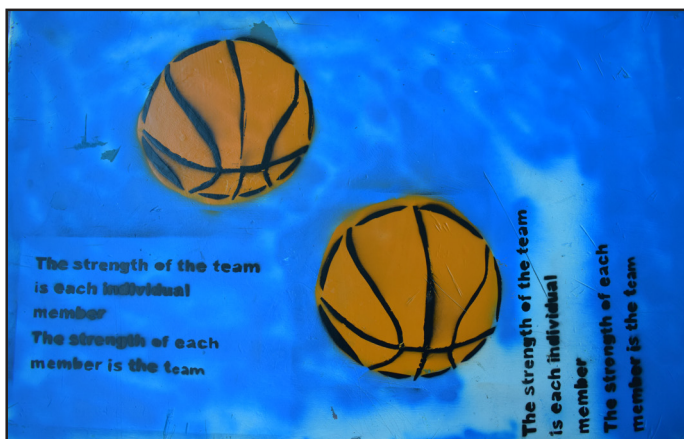
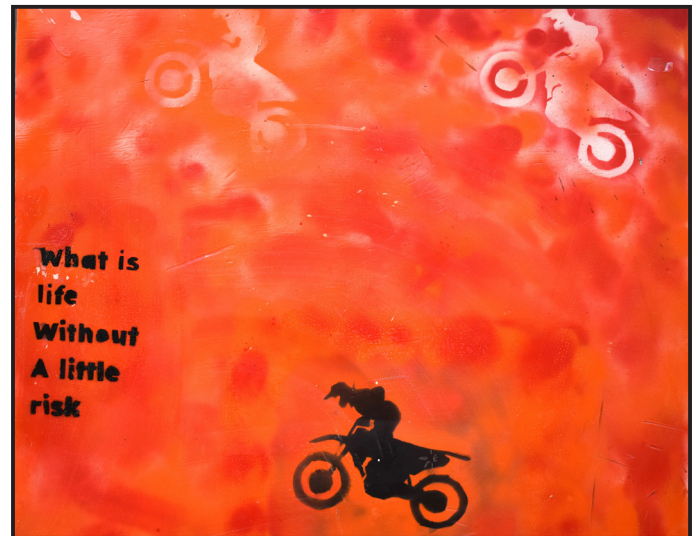
Principal/Tumuaki

YEAR 10 ART

In Term 1 the Year 10 students had the project to upgrade the art room tables by adding some art work.

They designed and cut out stencils and used spray paint to make the images and accompanying inspirational quotes. I am sure you will agree, they certainly made a good job of sprucing up the tables.

Well done Year 10s!!



Year 10 Artwork continued



YEAR 7

SCIENCE:

During Term 1 our Year 7 scientists were busy building their paper mache volcanoes!

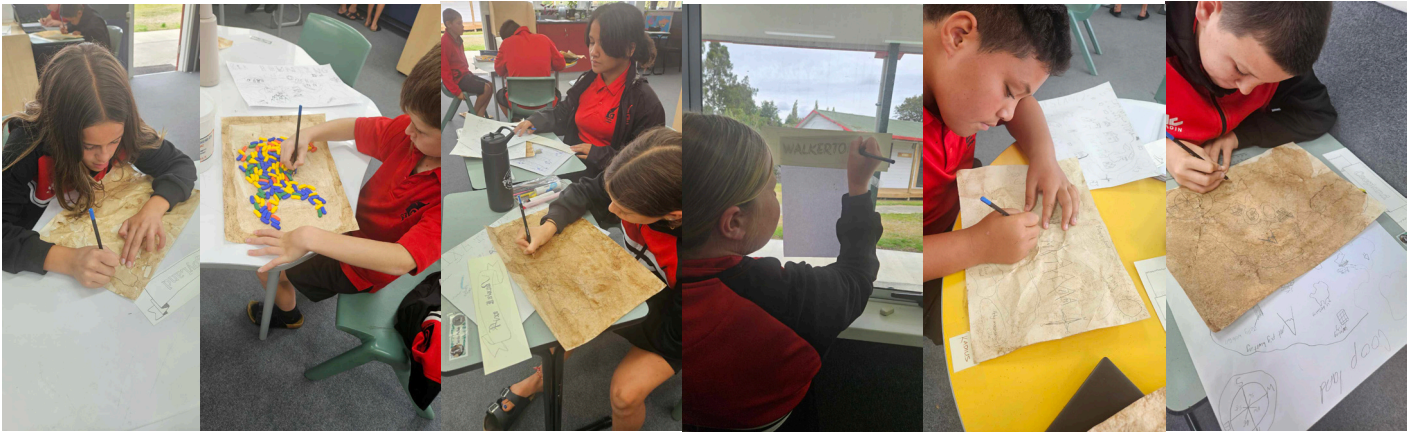
After they constructed their models, they were excited to make them erupt!





SOCIAL SCIENCE (7A):

Landforms in Aotearoa Presentations – The class did an amazing job delivering their presentations! Their pronunciation and knowledge of their chosen landforms impressed Whaea Rīpeka—ka pai, 7A! Well done to TeKaua Rangatao, Ruby Bevege and Lennox MacKenzie who received a certificate at Assembly for your presentations.



Year 9 & 13 Camp



A T T E N D A N C E

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

to the following students who attained over
90% attendance for Term 1.

These students will go into the draw to win an epic
hunting or fishing trip with Mr Draper



The lucky winner will be drawn at our first assembly of Term 2.

Bruce Burgess	90%	Cruze Pikia	95%
Z Erisco	90%	Carys Barron	96%
Reon Hancock	90%	Jamie Burnell	96%
Jayden Pikia	90%	Jayden Collins-Kohe Love	96%
Harry Ronaldson	90%	Sage Cotterill	96%
Aria Bourke	91%	Izzy Houghton	96%
Addie Bryant	91%	Louisa Laver	96%
Caleb Buckman	91%	Declan MacKenzie	96%
Lemmy Hall	91%	Jaimee Martin	96%
Uenuku Hunt-Pikia	91%	Caleigh Mouat	96%
Ruby-RaeMcCarthy	91%	Te Kaua Rangatao	96%
Whero Perawiti-Winikerei	91%	Travis Soledad	96%
Jake Peterson	91%	Kayleigh Webster	96%
Tariana Turner	91%	Caitlyn Cody	97%
Zara-Lee Walker	92%	Imogen Hutson	97%
Mia Barron	93%	Mela Bates	98%
Kade Brough	93%	Coop Boddie	98%
Izaiah Eccles	93%	Olivia Brown	98%
Lachlan Lyford	93%	Heath Cody	98%
Tawita Taie	93%	Ruby Omelvena	98%
Blair Ballantyne	94%	Tyrone Pirika-Sargison	98%
Ruby Barrera Cassidy	94%	Jessica Price	98%
Aden Bradcock	94%	Luke Riley	98%
Lennox MacKenzie	94%	O'Neil Roeti	98%
Elili Walters	94%	Ty Turanga	98%
Benson Whitehouse	94%	Saskia Watkins	98%
Charley Ray Ballantyne	95%	Hineamaru Wihongi	98%
Paris Blake	95%	Ollie Thomson	99%
James Loomans	95%	Maia Young	99%

Special mention to the
following students who
attained 100% attendance!

Ruby Bevege, Jayden Brown,
Sophie Buckman, Nathan Dawson,
Tegan Grainger, Layla Holley,
Annie Jones, Azlaan Khan,
Logan Lyford, Sorcha McNabb,
Lucas Neil, Richard Noun,
Sam Ruttle, Daniel Thomas and
Kadius Young



2025 ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE

IF A STUDENTS ATTENDANCE IS ABOVE 90% THEY GO INTO THE DRAW EVERY TERM TO GO ON A HUNTING OR FISHING TRIP WITH MR DRAPER.

- FISH AND VENISON WILL THEN BE GIVEN OUT TO ALL THE FAMILIES WITH STUDENTS ABOVE 90% ATTENDANCE FOR THE TERM
- THE PROCESSING OF VENISON IS KINDLY SPONSORED BY ELLIOT AT HILLSIDE HOMEKILL AND THE HUNTING/FISHING TRIP AND PROCESSING OF FISH BY MR DRAPER
- IF A FISHING OR HUNTING TRIP ISN'T AN APPROPRIATE REWARD IT CAN BE GIFTED TO ANOTHER STUDENT OR WE CAN COME UP WITH AN ALTERNATIVE

CONGRATULATIONS
LAYLA HOLLEY and ADDIE BRYANT
who won the draw!

Attendance stats will start again for Term 2



Athletics Results - 2025

A day filled with bright colours, high spirits and excellent participation particularly in our field events! Well done to everyone who made the day a success.

A big thank you to all our whānau for attending and supporting the rangatahi it definitely does help encourage them to compete to the best of their ability.

Champions 2025

Sub Junior Boy - 1st: Kade Brough
Sub Junior Boy - 2nd: Bentley Jones

Sub Junior Girl - 1st: Mila Ormsby
Sub Junior Girl - 2nd: Tegan Grainger

Junior Boy - 1st: Hendrix Tapara
Junior Boy - 2nd: Uenuku Hunt-Pikia

Junior Girl - 1st: Izzy Gibson
Junior Girl - 2nd: Glenda Brown-Ngatai

Intermediate Boy - 1st: Trey Mason
Intermediate Boy - 2nd: Creyarn Tapara

Intermediate Girl - 1st: Putiputi Barnsdall
Intermediate Girl - 2nd: Malia Bourke

Senior Boy - 1st: Corey Mason
Senior Boy - 2nd: Tyrone Pikia-Sargison

Senior Girl - 1st: Caitlyn Cody
Senior Girl - 2nd: Jaimee Martin

Whare Points
1st - Kowhai
2nd - Rata
3rd - Kahikatea
4th - Kauri



Swimming Results 2025

Early in Term 1 we witnessed a wide array of skills, speed and perseverance. A massive congratulations to everyone who participated in the day!! Without the student involvement the day simply wouldn't happen, so thank you very much to all our rangatahi for braving the cold weather and just 'getting' on with the event.

A big thank you to Carolyn, all our amazing timekeepers and whānau for your efforts in supporting the day! Your support doesn't go unnoticed.

Our champions are as follows:

1st - Sub Junior Girl: Caleigh Mouat

2nd - Sub Junior Girl: Louisa Laver

1st - Sub Junior Boy: Bentley Jones

2nd - Sub Junior Boy: Cooper Boddie

1st - Junior Girl: Aria Newton

2nd - Junior Girl: Āria Bourke

1st - Junior Boy: Logan Lyford

2nd - Junior Boy: Benson Whitehouse

1st - Intermediate Girl: Kasey Hiriaki

2nd - Intermediate Girl: Kayleigh Webster

1st - Intermediate Boy: Keanu Edkins

2nd - Intermediate Boy: Heath Cody

1st - Senior Girl: Caitlyn Cody

1st - Senior Boy: Lynden Brough

2nd - Senior Boy: Korvell Young

Whare Points: Kowhai break the drought and FINALLY earn the Swimming Title

1st - KOWHAI

2nd - KAURI

3rd - RATA

4th - KAHIKATEA

