

PIRINOA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2020

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PIRINOA SCHOOL:

Our school is an absolute hive of activity at the moment with the upcoming production of Ye Ha! On the 17th of September. It will be a fantastic opportunity for the community to come together after such a torrid year. We have numerous school trips and activities coming up, we will be biking the Rimutaka incline on the 24th of September which will be a first for many students and parent helpers. Zoe from Mountains to Sea will be delivering a two day programme targeted at helping us care for our freshwater resources, it is known as 'The Whitebait Connection' as we head into the closing weeks of term three, where has the time gone? Week 2 of term four sees the return of Pet Day to Pirinoa School. I have heard so many people talk about this event and am really looking forward to seeing rural activities at their very best, and this day in particular represents what country schools are all about so lock in **Friday the 23rd of October** for this.



We have welcomed two new pupils this term, Axel and Hannah started their school days and will be joined by Hadley later this month! We had a special welcome assembly for the occasion with each student receiving a special memento to mark the occasion and Room 3 welcomed a year 7 pupil who has recently moved into the area. It is exciting to see our roll growing and we would invite anyone who is thinking of enrolling at Pirinoa School to contact us through our school website, Facebook page or simply pop in and see for themselves the many opportunities and benefits that exist at this amazing country school!



We are currently looking to purchase a school van and assessing the viability of assisting with transport to and from our school during the week within our area. This will not be a replacement of the school bus but we realise gaps do exist within the current bus route and it will also help us to provide more opportunities to transporting our students to a much wider range of events with greater ease and less reliance on parents to help get us to the many venues.

The Board of Trustees are investigating upgrading our pool with a fibreglass lining and complete new filtration system, we are so fortunate as a school and community to still enjoy the luxury of having our own swimming pool on those hot summer days as well as for the teaching of vital water safety and swimming activities. Another exciting project is underway to have a covered outdoor area to extend our play-based learning programme in the junior school. We are consulting with several firms and hope to decide on the final design shortly. Room 3 are on the hunt for building materials to construct our mud kitchens for the junior class. If you have any excess timber, plywood, offcuts, pvc piping, taps, sinks or pots, pans and utensils you no longer require, please think of us, you can drop any items off inside the school gate. We hope to start construction next week! The pictures below are to give you an idea of what we are hoping to replicate.



Finally, a small group have begun meeting together to discuss the implementation of a new Te Reo and Te Ao Maori curriculum at Pirinoa School. The group consists of staff members and parents from Pirinoa School, members of the Kohunui marae, community members and awesome support from Gina Smith who has begun a similar journey at her school in Featherston. We have such a rich local history and culture and believe our students will have much to gain by learning and understanding our local heritage while celebrating the cultural diversity within our school and community. As the new year approaches we are bringing in a more localised flavour to our learning with authentic, meaningful contexts, our aim is to draw on the many resources within our community. We are looking to hold a range of learning workshops bringing in speakers and people willing to share skills and talents with our students. We want this to be an initiative that connects our school and community, keeping Pirinoa School in its rightful place at the centre. We extend the invitation to all who would like to be a part of the planning process and will be holding another meeting in week two of the school holidays. Please feel free to contact me either directly through the school office or via our website.

Until next month, take care, look after each other.

Ko koe ki tēnā, ko ahau ki tēnei kiwai o te kete
You take that handle of the kete and I'll take this one

Gene Moore

Pirinoa School Year 8's who are completing the William Pike Challenge and are on the lookout for community service activities. Let Jess at the school office know.

TUHIRANGI NETBALL:

Seniors are training 7pm Tuesdays at Pirinoa School you are welcome to come to trainings for a bit of fitness.

BADMINTON:

Friday nights 7pm Community Hall, all welcome!

PIRINOA PLAYGROUP:

We've been making the most the sun and spending lots of time outside! What a calm winter we have had.

We were lucky enough to have the Pirinoa School Year 8's visit and read us stories. We loved listening and were very impressed with their confident public speaking skills!

Remember that playgroup can be as much for us parents as for the kids. If you have a new baby and don't think they'd benefit that much yet, come and visit for you. We make great scones with jam and cream, and the chat isn't half bad ☺

As always, Pirinoa Playgroup is open Tuesdays from 9am – 11.30am during school terms.

Contact Hanna on 0274205696 if you have any questions or find us on Facebook.



MARTINBOROUGH BRANCH OF RURAL WOMEN NZ:

Dinner meeting at The Land Girl, 6 pm Thursday 10 September 2020.

Ladies come join us on this date for a beef, chicken or vegetarian curry with rice and naan bread, at The Land Girl, 6 pm for mix and mingle followed by dinner at 7 pm. Cost is \$22 per person. Spaces are limited to 25 so be in quick.

Please contact Jocelyn Colton 0272119462.

THE LAND GIRL:

Our open hours for Spring are:

Thursday to Sunday 9-3

Monday 9 -2

In staff news, we say goodbye to Morgan this week. Morgan has been a creative and dedicated member of our team and we will all miss her very much. We wish her and Jarred all the best in their new farming role on Mercury Island! Thanks Morgy!

We have filled Morgan's position so you will see another smiling face soon..... however, we are still looking for one or two new cafe assistants for the upcoming season and onwards. If you have experience in the hospitality industry, can make good barista coffee, are reliable and can work weekends please drop off your CV.

For further information see our Facebook or Instagram pages or text or phone 0272709304

Yay it's Spring!

The Land Girl staff



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday 6th September - 1pm-3pm
Monthly Knitting Group - no charge, all welcome
Sunday 27th September - 1pm-4pm
Natural Dye Class - \$80pp
Book through our website or Facebook



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Please note: If you wish to place something in the September 2020 newsletter please: Email office@pirinoa.school.nz