

PIRINOA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2020

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS GATHERING:

Community Christmas BYO barbeque and drinks at Louise Prickett's, 770 Cape Palliser Rd on Saturday 19th December from 5pm.

PIRINOA SCHOOL POOL:

Pirinoa School is so lucky to have a swimming pool for the whole community to enjoy, we are planning on fibre glassing the pool. This will maintain the pool to a higher quality meaning we don't have to rely on family's to paint and sand the pool every couple of years. This upgrade comes at a significant cost. We would be incredibly grateful for any donations to help fund this upgrade, please feel free to contact the school if you can help in any way.

PIRINOA SCHOOL:

As Term 4 draws to a close and we head into summer, we reflect upon "The Year That Was" at Pirinoa School. I feel so fortunate to be given the opportunity to work with such amazing staff and students in such a beautiful part of the Wairarapa. Last week the Wairarapa Times Age published a magazine in which many Wairarapa schools, including Pirinoa, contributed to. It contains an overview of highlights in what has been an otherwise forgettable year, including photographs, we have some copies if anyone missed out and would like to have a read. The last two terms have been a blur, however I have really enjoyed being a part of this community, opportunities to meet the locals occur all the time, the most recent being when my motorbike ran out of petrol, luckily it was outside Lance Phelps address and he and Bill Herrick not only were able to provide me with a slightly higher octane fuel but also a refreshing cold beverage! My point being firstly, don't ride around with your fuel reserve on, and secondly, we live in an amazing community where we look out for, and genuinely care about others be they locals or visitors passing through.

This year, our school has operated with two full time teachers and myself, as I teach two days and our third teacher who teaches 3 days a week fully funded by the Ministry. This year the Ministry of Education has reduced our staffing by one teacher based on our projected roll, our options were to either to reduce our classes to two or find a way to fund a teacher. I went to the Community Fund who unanimously agreed to donate a generous sum, the rest we will contribute through our available funds. We are grateful to the Community fund for this, we know we have an awesome school and the community value the calibre of staff we have here.

This is obviously not sustainable and it is my hope that we can lift the profile of Pirinoa School and increase our roll. The magic number is 51 students in order to receive a fully government funded third teacher. We have so much potential here, my aim is to see Pirinoa School become a real consideration when people are thinking about where to send their children, our pupils get so many opportunities to do a variety of experiences that in bigger schools, simply would not happen.

To build on this, the Board of Trustees recently signed off on the purchase of a 10 seater van to be used for transport to and from events and activities, without doubt, this will be a huge asset to our school and ease the pressure of the many parents who always offer help with transport.

Other exciting projects include having the school pool relined and a new filtration system installed, we are hoping this will take place within a two week period during January. We have sought a grant to contribute to the \$25000 upgrade but again, this is an incredible asset not just for our school, but the whole community and we see the value in maintaining this resource.

We are also a step closer to having a covered area between the main classroom block and standalone classroom (former library) built, this will provide another learning space particularly for our play-based learning programme in 2021.

Finally, staff and helpers have worked tirelessly to relocate and refurbish a space to re-establish our school library, as educators, we believe strongly in the benefit of having and maintaining our own library and providing a space that will foster and encourage the love of reading at our school. Staff have put in long hours well into the night painting, building shelves and re-cataloguing every single book and we are certain the payoff at the end will be more than worth it!

This Friday the students and staff will be coming to school dressed in a festive costume, we are asking families to donate one non-perishable food item to contribute to the Martinborough Foodbank.

On a more sombre note, many of you may recall Steve Davis, a former Pirinoa School Principal of some 26 years. He is currently in Wellington hospital in a serious condition, our thoughts are with Steve and his family at this time, Steve, we do wish you a rapid and full recovery.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their support of our school throughout this year. We look to 2021 with much optimism and are excited by the learning we have planned for next year and beyond and warmly invite you to come into our school and see the excitement and enthusiasm that takes place and be a part of that.

Merry Christmas, stay safe, enjoy the festive season and best wishes for the New Year. From all of us here at Pirinoa School.

Nga Mihi Nui

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 - Principal



PIRINOA PLAYGROUP:

Pirinoa Playgroup's Christmas party will be on Tuesday 8th December. Everyone is welcome and hopefully Santa will make an appearance this year 🙌

We finally have a plaque to recognise the time George Daines donated to rebuild our sandpit. It was very generous and the sandpit is a favourite with the children! Thank you so much.

We also want to thank everyone for their support this year, we loved seeing lots of the community at the School Pet Day which was a great fundraising success for us.

Although 2020 has been an odd year, Playgroup numbers are booming! We've had a great year filled with fun and lots of new friends. Bring on 2021!

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact Hanna on 0274205696, or have a nose on Facebook.

THE LAND GIRL:

Open Hours:

Thursdays 8.30 to 3
Fridays 8.30 to 3
Saturdays 8.30 to 4
Sundays 8.30 to 3



There will be a few different hours over the Christmas/New year period but keep a watch for a flyer in your mailbox, listing these.

Please give us a call if you have a large group coming or have any enquiries on 0272709304 or follow us on Facebook or Instagram to stay updated.

Thanks,

The team at The Land Girl

POTO COLLEGE HOUSE – WAIARAPA COLLEGE BOARDING HOSTEL:

Poto College House is selling 1kg of Bush Honey made and harvested in the pristine farm land of Palliser Bay Station. Tubs are \$20 each and will make a fantastic present or a wonderful addition to your pantry. Honey supplied by Hunter-Reilly.

Contact Wayne on 0276812228 or Carolyn 0276738332.



LOCAL ELECTRICIAN:

Local Electrician based in Pirinoa – A P Holland Electrical – 0212473529 – Free Quotes.

PALLISER RIDGE WOOLSHED EVENTS: Sunday 6th December - 1pm-3pm

Knitting Group (Free Entry) & Woolshed Store Open.

The end of the year is fast approaching and that means Christmas!

Whether you're looking for a New Zealand made gift or a voucher for a getaway at our Kaikoura Lookout, we've got you covered.



BURNSIDE CHURCH:

Community Christmas Service – Sunday 6th December at 2pm. ALL WELCOME.

THANK YOU AGAIN to Gordon for delivering the District newsletter. All donations can be left at the store as usual.

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Please note: If you wish to place something in the February 2021 newsletter please:

Email office@pirinoa.school.nz

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We offer a free, completely confidential, no strings attached meeting, to identify what you're doing well and what may need tweaking to get you financially prepared for any future challenges.

For each business or family that comes on board as a client, RIVAL Wealth will donate \$200 to Pirinoa School.

Offer expires 28th February 2021 - T&C's apply

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