Plimmerton School Newsletter - Week 10, Term 3, 2014

Providing a learning environment that prepares children for life

Breaking News Breaking News Click here....

Hongoeka swim team at the Parumoana swimming sports. Both the Taupo and Hongoeka teams won their competitions.

Well done!

From the Principal

Kia Ora Koutou

Maurice has been attending the New Zealand Principal's Federation Conference in Invercargill this week.

"The Pirates of Curry Bean"
The 252 students in Hongoeka and Taupo syndicates have presented the senior production in three performances this week. When students are leaving Plimmerton School there are normally two things they highlight as their best memories of their time at the school – camps and productions. I am sure that this production will have been a highlight for all our students who have participated so enthusiastically throughout the weeks of rehearsals and then in the actual performances. School productions give students the opportunity to show their talent in the performing arts and as such have a very important place in the curriculum. The Arts Curriculum is made up of four disciplines. These are dance, drama, music or sound arts and visual arts. "The Pirates of Curry Bean" has given students the opportunity to express themselves in each of these disciplines.

From the Principal continued……..

Congratulations to each of the students for their commitment which has resulted in such fine performances. Thank you to the teachers of Hongoeka and Taupo Syndicates for your dedication and perseverance and to so many parents who have supported with costumes and props and in numerous other ways.

A production needs the support of every member of staff and thanks goes to all staff throughout the school for making "The Pirates of Curry Bean" such a success.

Plimmerton School Netball
A very successful netball season concluded on the 13th September for our 10 netball teams. Special congratulations to Plimmerton Navy who were the winners of Division One. The results (published next page) will demonstrate just how well our senior teams performed.

Thank you to all coaches and managers for your commitment to our players throughout the season both at week day practices and on Saturdays at games. Your time and encouragement has ensured all players have had a positive experience as netball players and an opportunity to develop their skills. Thank you also to parents who have umpired and been side line supporters. You all contribute to the strength of netball at Plimmerton School.

End of Term 3
Tomorrow is the end of another very full term when students have been given many learning opportunities in all curriculum areas. Thank you to all parents and friends of the school who have supported the students learning throughout the term. Thank you to the whole staff team for your professionalism and dedication throughout the term.

Thank you to teacher aide Sarah Semple who leaves the school with her family tomorrow to live in Malaysia. Sarah has made a great contribution in her role as teacher aide and as a parent helper at the school for many years. We wish Sarah and her family the very best for their new life in Malaysia.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and relaxing holiday. We hope that with the beginning of daylight saving we will all experience more spring weather and return to school refreshed on Monday 13th October for the new term.

Tena koutou katoa

Rosemary Oxnam, Deputy Principal

Notices

SWIMMING 2014

- **PLIMMERTON SWIM SCHOOL –** Is open for Term 4 bookings. Classes will start Monday 13 October. E-mail: swimschool@plimmerton.school.nz. Click here for more information.
- **SWIMMING POOL –** Maintenance is being completed now for the new season and the pool will open at the beginning of the holidays. Pool keys will be on sale from Wednesday 24 September. The keys cost $90 (plus $20 key deposit) for the season and the season runs from 27 September through to May.

HAS YOUR CHILD STARTED SCHOOL RECENTLY?

In the second week of each term we hold a whole school powhiri to welcome new students and staff to our school. In term 4 it will be held TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER, 9.15am. Please mark this date in your diary if your child has started at Plimmerton School since 29 July 2014.

SUBWAY - starting in term 4, you will be able to ORDER on MONDAY to EAT on TUESDAY.

HONGOEKA AND TAUPO SWIMMING

Hongoeka and Taupo syndicates will be swimming in weeks 1, 2, 5 and 6 of term four. Please bring your togs everyday during those weeks

PTA

- **TEA TOWELS** - The PTA ordered some extra Plimmerton Tea Towels which are available from the school office $12 for one or $20 for two - cash/cheque to PTA only.
- **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE.**
- **TO SEE ALL PTA ACTIVITIES** please visit the PTA page on the school website **click here...**
- **SCHOOL DISCO - Friday 17th October 6:30pm to 8:30pm**

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees met Wednesday 17 September at 7.30 pm in the Library. For more information about the Board of Trustees click here

Our Students

SENIOR NETBALL TEAMS

TEAM	PLACING	COACH	MANAGER
Plimmerton Navy	1st Division One	Belinda Wotton	Gail Rongen
Plimmerton White	4th Division One	Rebecca McMillan	Michele Saunders and Melanie Swallow
Plimmerton Black	5th Division One	Marchelle Dann	Anna Thomas
Plimmerton Red	5th Division Two	Nicky Duncan	Jacque Shailer
Plimmerton Green	4th Division Four	Laura Brennan	Janet Gray

JUNIOR NETBALL TEAMS

TEAM	PLACING	COACH	MANAGER
Plimmerton Pulse	2nd Division 1	Miranda Mercer	
Plimmerton Mystics	3rd Division 1	Shelly Falconer	
Plimmerton Tactix	4th Division 4	Rachael Thomas	Mandy Poore
Plimmerton Magic	2nd Division 4	Julia Ham and Julie Clausen	
Plimmerton Steel		Natalie Jones	Sharon Hartigan

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This Friday 26 September, 9.15am

Special appearance by "PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY" - Mr Conrad Jones

This weeks presenters are:

Ariana Crawford, Jack Falconer, Jemma Brisk and Zane Cottle

CROSS COUNTRY NATIONALS

The junior cross country nationals were held today in Hanmer Springs. Plimmerton School was well represented with 6 runners competing. They had a fantastic day and got some great results.

Zoe Ham 18th Year 5 girls. Toby Harrington 4th, Callum Morgan 29th Year 5 boys. Max Jones 20th Year 6 boys. George Harrington 8th Year 7 boys. Sam Staunton 12th Year 8 boys. Well done!

Extra Notice

ZEALANDIA - FREE EVENT

On the 4th of October (the middle Saturday of the holidays) ZEALANDIA is hosting a free event. Along with other partner organisations like DOC, Wellington City Council, Pukaha we are launching a new App aimed at teaching children about conservation.

Why have we made it free? Our one goal is to get as many children using the Habitat App as we can and get them started with their first 4 native species pins here in ZEALANDIA. The App is even now part of the Australian curriculum so if you're a teacher or work with kids why not come along for free and check it out. It encourages children to carry out sustainable actions (turn off lights, recycle etc) and also learn about the amazing species we have here in Wellington. (14 species pins to collect all around Wellington in such places as, Otari bush, Island Bay and nearly all of them are free to access, 4 of which can be found in ZEALANDIA)

The App is completely free with no strings attached, no in App costs and totally safe for children to use. Entry to ZEALANDIA between 11am-3pm on the day and will be free for all children and the first 100 adults. There will also be a load of spot prizes for children that collect the pins and answer the quizzes. Five major prizes will be given at 1pm to the top 2 children in each age range (8 and under and 9 and over) plus 1 to the school who collects the most species pins on the day.

http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/training-and-teaching/education-projects-and-programmes/habitat-the-game/ OR http://www.visitzealandia.com/habitat/

Green Scene

We have some more bricks for sale in the foyer. With the colder snap this week you may still have your fire burning. They are 5 for $5 or 12 for $10 - first in first warmed!

Our gardens are looking better thanks to some TLC from some awesome families. Thank you for the donations of seeds and equipment - every little bit helps.

Next term we will be bottling our vermin castings from our worm farm. If you have some spare time you may like to work with a small group to do this. We plan to sell this amazing stuff at the gala.

Thanks, Adi and the Green Team

Healthy Kids Corner

5 A DAY AT LUNCH

Add crunch to your sandwich or roll with lettuce, coleslaw, tomatoes, cucumber or grated carrots.
Or add these vegetables to left over rice, pasta, or couscous to make a great salad.
Sticks of cucumber, peppers, and carrot, and cauliflower or broccoli florets are delicious with your favourite dip – salsa, humus, or a cheese spread.
And to finish your lunch have a piece of in-season fresh fruit.

Social Skills, Term 3, Week 9 and 10

"PREPARING FOR THE BIG EVENT"

Key competencies: Managing self, relating to others, participating and contributing

Connecting behaviours: Encouraging, supporting, listening

Basic needs: Survival, belonging, fun

Values: Commitment, respect, passion, sharing, strength

LOOKS LIKE	SOUNDS LIKE
• Eating well and getting enough sleep. • Preparing well and practising. • Conserving your energy. • Remembering what you need to bring or do. • Speaking slowly and clearly. • Sharing what you know or can do confidently and proudly. • Listening to instructions. • Being in the right place at the right time. • Breathing slowly when I feel nervous. • Coping with my nerves. • Having the courage to "give it a go" • Persevering. • Encouraging and supporting each other. • Congratulating each other for a good performance.	• "I need to have a good breakfast today to give me energy." • "I need to go to bed early tonight, Mum because I'll be late tomorrow night." • "I need to be in my room at 6.15pm so I can get into my costume and get my make- up done." • "I know my dance and the words of the songs really well. I am going to enjoy the performance." • "I need to go to Room 15 at 11.20 for a leads practice." • "I'm feeling quite scared but I'm trying to breathe slowly to help the butterflies in my tummy." • "I'll try and do my best" • "I'm not giving up" • "You were really good when you played the part of……."

Community

SPRINGHILL DANCE ACADEMY – held @ Plimmerton School

For more info contact Bronwen Taylor on 2399916/021744928 or visit www.springhilldance.co.nz or email springhillgardens@xtra.co.nz

PARTY BY THE LAKE

This is a fun event for all ages; so bring your family and friends down and have a great time. This event provides an alternative to Halloween and is run by the North Porirua Baptist Church, The Anchor Church, and St Mary's Anglican Church in Whitby. There will be:

- *free* rides, *free* face painting, *free* bouncy castles, *free* merry go round and fun activities for the children; all Free!
- Sausage Sizzle, Candy Floss, Drinks, and other foods plus a Café with cake and tea or coffee for a gold coin donation.
- Friday 31st of October 2014, 4.30pm -7. 30 pm; Outside North Porirua Baptist Church, Discovery Drive Whitby, Porirua
- Parking can be found opposite the main shopping centre in the Bowling and Toy Library Car Park.

CLOTHES SWAP FOR A CAUSE - *Saturday 18 October - 2pm*
WorksWonders brings you a charity clothes swap for ORPHANS AID INTERNATIONAL
WHAT DO YOU NEED TO BRING? Bring along clean, quality unwanted clothes, accessories, shoes, handbags and jewellery. You will have the opportunity to swap these unwanted goods for things that take your fancy. It's a great way of recycling, reusing and updating your wardrobe at the same time. All this is covered by the $15 entry fee (all money goes to Orphans Aid International). Bring along a plastic bag for your clothes and extra cash for raffles and things to buy.
WHO ARE ORPHANS AID INTERNATIONAL? Orphans Aid International is a Kiwi charity assisting orphans around the world. Founder Sue van Schreven will be a guest speaker at the Clothing swap. www.facebook.com/Orphans.Aid.International
FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Angela Bensemann, WorksWonders, 027 498 2697/angela@workswonders.co.nz
Jane Comben, WorksWonders, 021 136 1745/jane@workswonders.co.nz
PUKERUA BAY SCHOOL HALL,
Entry $15 (includes afternoon tea) - SWAP TILL YOU DROP!

MANA AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB 2014-15 Season

For Children (5-15yrs) & Adults

Registrations: Tuesday 7th & Thursday 9th October, 6-7pm at Adventure Park

Season Starts: Tuesday 14th October, 6pm

Registration Enquiries: Contact Joanne on 235-7394 or visit

www.facebook.com/mana.athletics - www.sportsground.co.nz/manaathletics

Community

PLIMMERTON TENNIS CLUB - LESSONS TERM 4

If you are interested in having tennis lessons please contact Tracey Dyer at pendennis2@hotmail.co.nz or 233 8073, 021 2424301 by Monday 23 September

CHRISTMAS BY THE BEACH

Plimmertons annual Christmas event is set to proceed for the 6th consecutive year at the school on Saturday December 6. This is fantastic fun night out for the whole family and involves various local acts. Put the date in your diary and contact wood278@xtra.co.nz if you can offer any assistance in the areas of – supervision on the day, organising, sponsorship or advertising. We also have a facebook page for the event and a mink could potentially go on the school website. https://www.facebook.com/PlimmertonChristmasByTheBeach

ST BARNABAS CHURCH – GARAGE SALE

Sat 11 October, 9am – noon. St Barnabas Church Complex – 106a Mana Esplanade

Crafts, Books, Toys, Clothes, Plants, Baking, Bric a Brac (household goods)

Come and look for a treasure in the goods we have for sale. Lots of bargains.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR –PART TIME

Space Architecture Studio is located on Mana Esplanade. We are a busy architecture and interior design practice and need an experienced person to help with our office administration on a small part time basis. This would suit an experienced person looking *to return to the workforce. More information can be found on our Facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/SPACEarchitecture.NZ*

KAPIMANA TENNIS HOLIDAY CAMP

Tawa-Lyndhurst Tennis Club

Monday 29thth Sept – Friday 10th Oct, Iso Ngatitoa holiday programme 30th Sept – 4th Oct. Email: IsaacWalton85@gmail.com

- Game based tennis Coaching, Arts and crafts and other entertaining activities
- Rain or shine (indoor activities)
- Supervised BYO Lunchtime from 12pm-1pm
- Early drop off from 8am if required

TITAHI BAY AMATEUR ATHLETICS

Athletics is a great way for kids to have fun, keep active and partake in an exciting sport. We have a great athletics programme for kids of all shapes and sizes. The nursery grade is a great introduction with a focus on fun activities. Nursery grade (3 - 6 yrs) costs only $25 per child season (additional child $15 same family) , while Juniors (7 - 15 yrs) costs $45 per season (discount also for addition al child, same family). Registrations are open from Sat 4, 11 and 18 October at Kura St Park. Our website is not quite ready - it's currently being developed. For further details in the meantime, please contact us on our Facebook page (Titahi Bay Amateur Athletic Club) or via email: Titahi.bay.aac@gmail.com