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Parumoana Cricket Tournament held today at Ngati Toa Domain—we had a blast!

## From the Principal

### Tena Koutou



**GALA** – Perhaps we used up our share of great weather last year because it certainly turned to custard this year. The amazing thing is that people still turned out in significant numbers to support. This year as a school we have had a focus on resilience and on Saturday the community showed us what resilience looks like in action – you've gotta love the attitude. The gala itself was superbly organised and ran incredibly smoothly with teams of workers knowing exactly what to do. The net profit of \$28,000 is incredible and although it's not up there with last year's all-time record, it is still an amazing result. Congratulations and very special thanks to gala Leader, Brigitte Birch, and the awesome organising team. We salute the work of all the team leaders and the army of workers – all too numerous to name, and thank our entire community for the courageous support – thank you all.

We sincerely thank our sponsors, our Platinum Sponsor Harcourts Real Estate and all the Gold, Silver and Bronze level sponsors listed below. Please refer to the gala sponsor list on our website "PTA/2014 Gala/Gala Sponsors" and make an effort to support the businesses that support our school.



## From the Principal continued...

The monies raised at the gala make up a significant proportion of the funds raised and donated to the school by the P.T.A. The funds donated by the PTA last year were used to complete the playground upgrade and the funds from this year will be used to help fund the new digital learning strategy. Locally raised funds are used for the benefit of every child in the school and parents will know that we are a very well-resourced school. Below is the school organisation for 2015 and parents will hopefully be aware that our class sizes continue to be consistently smaller than most comparable schools in the area. This is only possible through the wonderful support we get from our community – thank you all very much.

**DIGITAL LEARNING UPDATE** – Individual student Google accounts for students in Years 5-8 will be set up at the beginning of next year and we hope to achieve our goal of students having access to 1:1 digital devices fully implemented by the start of Term 3 (20 July). Where possible, students in Year 7/8 will be expected to provide their own device. The school will be providing devices for students in Years 5/6 but those who choose to provide their own device may do so. The recommended device for students is a Chromebook (several brands available), but iPads and laptops with sufficient battery power to last the day will be acceptable. We have purchased an initial batch of 50 x HP Chromebooks 11-2101TU through Noel Leeming Ltd. and parents who wish to can piggy-back on our bulk purchase deal and buy directly from Noel Leeming Porirua – Chromebook only \$376, Chromebook & Bag \$399, Chromebook + bag + 3 year warranty + 1 year damage insurance \$475 - see details and voucher attached with this newsletter. If parents have any questions about the digital learning strategy they should approach their child's teacher or contact Kate Morgan ([katem@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:katem@plimmerton.school.nz)) or me [maurice@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:maurice@plimmerton.school.nz)).

**REPORTS & PORTFOLIOS** – Teachers are currently in the process of writing student End of Year Reports – that's why they look so tired! Reports and portfolios will be sent home on Friday 12 December. The reports are designed to provide a summary of each students' progress and achievement over the year and will include assessments against the National Standards in Reading, Writing and Maths. Portfolios will include samples of typical work to support teacher judgements and provide parents with examples. Portfolios for students remaining in a syndicate (Years 1,3,5,7) will need to be returned to school by the following Monday.

**Tena koutou katoa**

**Maurice Laird,**

**Principal**



## From the Principal continued...

Plimmerton School 2015 School Organisation					
		Maurice Laird	Principal		
RR/Sp Nds		Rosemary Oxnam	D.P.		
	<b>Room</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Total No.</b>	<b>Per Room</b>
<b>Taupo</b>	14	Angela Rongonui	Year 8	65	13.0
<b>5 x Yr.7/8</b>	15	Jan Smith	Year 7	59	11.8
	16	Rebecca McMillan		124	24.8
	17	Carole Stapleton		5 Classes	
	18	<b>Adi Sutherland - Tm. Ldr.</b>			
<b>Hongoeka</b>		<b>Kate Morgan Tm. Ldr. ICT/PRT/Parent Tutors</b>	D.P.		
<b>5 x Yr.5/6</b>	19	Rebecca Courtney	Year 6	66	13.2
	20	Kent Hainsworth	Year 5	64	12.8
	21	Adrienne Dott/Janine Hancock (Job Share)		130	26.0
	22	Andy Tate		5 Classes	
	23	Laura Brennan			
<b>Mana</b>	1	Emma McClutchie	Year 4	55	13.8
<b>6 x Yr.3/4</b>	2	Melanie Blake-Palmer	Year 3	71	17.8
	3	Andrew Brown		126	25.2
	4	<b>Jill Symonds - Tm. Ldr.</b>		6 Classes	
	5	Anne Spicer			
	24	Brendon Cross			
			Year 2	87	21.8
<b>Kowhai</b>	6	Julie Knaap		4 Classes	
<b>4 x Yr.2</b>	7	Kate Walker			
	8	<b>Sandra Thurlow - Tm. Ldr.</b>			
	9	Emma Currie			
			Year 1	Start	Finish
<b>4 x NE/Yr.1</b>	10	Kristin Finlayson	4 Classes	10	19
	11	Jeanelle Ymker		10	19
	12	<b>Kate Excell Tm. Ldr.</b>		10	19
	13	Alice Pritchard		10	19
Release		Trish Kolston			
<b>RR/Sp Nds</b>	Int. Rm.	Helen Grindey-Siriman			
		Development Projects			
		<b>Technology</b>			
<b>Tech</b>	Wk.Shp.	Chris Janes			
<b>Tech</b>	Studio	Dionne Waterson			
<b>Tech</b>	Foods	<b>Carol Shaw Tm. Ldr.</b>			
<b>Tech</b>	ICT	Lyndie Brunson			
<b>Tech</b>	Struct & Mech	Jo Gradwell			



## Healthy Kids Corner

### TOP 10 BRAIN BOOSTING FOODS

- Blueberries
- Cranberries
- Oily fish (salmon and tuna)
- Red Meat (beef and lamb)
- Nuts (walnuts, peanuts and brazil nuts)
- Breakfast cereals (watch for high sugar content)
- Bread
- Eggs
- Red Cabbage
- Yoghurt

It has been proven that children with diets higher in fruit, vegetables, grains and protein perform better in Reading and Writing compared to those with diets higher in saturated fats, salt and empty calorie foods.

**Eating together** is good for your health. Research has found that families who regularly share meals together have children who have higher self-esteem, interact better with their peers and show higher resilience in the face of adversities. Families who eat together are more likely to follow the five plus a day, consume less fried food and sugary drinks and generally have diets that are healthier and higher in nutrients.

**Takeaways** - You may be in need of a snack or meal when you are out and takeaways are an easy option. Some of the lower fat takeaways include... Rice and noodle base takeaways, Kebabs, Burgers with salads, Crumbed or grilled fish instead of battered, Chunky chips instead of thin.

**And a piece of fruit to finish.... Yum!**

## Green Scene

Thank you for your support at the Gala. We sold many plants, vermicasting and paper bricks. Thanks to Theo from the Green Team who spent hours explaining how we recycle and about our worm farm to customers.

We have been invited by the Mayor Nick Leggett to attend a council workshop next week. It is to develop a 10 year plan for Porirua City and they wish to have a student voice. I will be taking 3 senior Green Team members with me.

A big thanks to Amy West and her helpers and also to Jill (Callum Lidgett's Grandmother) for planting our leftover plants from the Gala around the school. Amy and senior girls also tidied up behind the Technology Centre.

We have a few paper bricks left for sale in the foyer.

Thank you from Adi and the Green Team



## Social Skills, Term 4, Weeks 7 and 8

### “WE ARE AS WE SPEAK”

**Key competencies:** Relating to others, managing self and using language.

**Connecting behaviours:** Respecting, supporting, encouraging and trusting.

**Basic needs:** Belonging, power/freedom/responsibility, personal safety and others safety.

**Values:** Respect, openness and honesty, effective communication, commitment and accountability.

LOOKS LIKE	SOUNDS LIKE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using language that is appropriate for the time and place.</li> <li>• Thinking about who is listening to what I am saying and how I am saying it.</li> <li>• Using language that is encouraging and supporting.</li> <li>• No put downs.</li> <li>• Using people's proper names.</li> <li>• Kind words.</li> <li>• Considering how what I say is effecting how others feel.</li> <li>• Being inclusive when I speak.</li> <li>• Being accountable about the way we speak.</li> <li>• Speaking politely.</li> <li>• Controlling the volume.</li> <li>• Looking at people when you speak to them.</li> <li>• Being non - threatening in what we say.</li> <li>• No whispering in front of others.</li> <li>• Being honest but sensitive in how we say things.</li> <li>• Being respectful in what I say and how I say it.</li> <li>• Greeting people.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Watch what you are saying, there are parents and little kids that can hear you”</li> <li>• “ I don't like it when you swear at me”</li> <li>• “Hi, it's good you are back. We've missed you. Are you better?”</li> <li>• “ He does not like it when you say that, it's mean”</li> <li>• “ She does not like it when you say her name that way”</li> <li>• “You're a good friend”</li> <li>• “Do you want to join our team?”</li> <li>• “I'm going to miss you next year”</li> <li>• “You are really good at....”</li> <li>• “You deserve that”</li> <li>• “ Hello Mr Laird”</li> <li>• “Good morning Kate”</li> <li>• “ Sorry I didn't mean to yell”</li> <li>• “ I'm not meaning to scare you “</li> <li>• “ I know you probably didn't realise, but we felt embarrassed when you were using that bad language down on the field”</li> <li>• “Hello” “ Hi” “ How are you?”</li> </ul>

## Board of Trustees

The next **Board of Trustees** meeting will be held, Wednesday 26 November at 7.30 pm in the Library. For more information about the Board of Trustees [click here](#)



## PTA

- **SAUSAGE SIZZLE** - Friday 12th December - \$1.50 (sausage) and \$1.50 - drink.
- **TO SEE ALL PTA ACTIVITIES** please visit the PTA page on the school website [click here...](#)

## Notices

**MUSIC LESSONS:** Guitar, Singing, Bass and Drum lessons. Get your children hooked on music with lessons at school with Caroline. Book now for 2015!! Text 027-4836217 or phone 2375878

### SPRINGHILL DANCE

**Stretch, tone and dance for adults:** Have fun and tone up for summer with our fantastic class with Harika Akbaba on Thursday nights 7.30 - 8.30 cost \$120 per term

**Primary modern jazz:** We have now put on a primary modern jazz (8 yrs and up) on Thursdays 5.30 - 6.00 cost \$100 per term. Come and have a go. For further information: [www.springhilldance.co.nz](http://www.springhilldance.co.nz) 2399916/021744928 or come and see me at the hall.

Experienced child carer/babysitter looking for work in her uni holidays. Available all summer to work nights and/or days, including the Christmas and new year period. Local references available. Please contact Maddie on 0277258885 or 233 8545

### YMCA HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

We've got another jam-packed holiday programme planned – focusing on broadening children's skillsets and hobbies. Whether it be learning a new sport, developing performance arts skills, learning how things are made, how to survive out in the bush or how to spot endangered animals and care for them. We'll also be having lots of fun in the sun – lots of water activities and outdoor visits. Kids can play fun games in the park with all their friends. We've also got some exciting visits including Wellington Chocolate factory, Six Barrel Soda Company factory, a special presentation at Carter Observatory, imagination playground at the Dowse, and last but not least the chance to get super adventurous and experience Camp Kaitoke for the day! There will also be family favourites such as Junglerama, Laser Force and our big trip to Embassy Theatre. We're also extremely excited to round off the holidays with our famous Summer Carnival. Fun galore!

**10% discount** available for families that book in before December 18th

Families can also book in online and see all of our information on our website at [ymcawellington.org.nz](http://ymcawellington.org.nz).

