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We held an open evening on Tuesday with three classes opening their rooms to show off our digital devices

From the Principal

Tena Koutou

DIGITAL LEARNING PARENT INFORMATION EVENING – This was held on Tuesday evening. Students from Rooms 14, 22 & 23 shared aspects of their digital learning from 6:50pm – 7:20pm and then Philippa Nicoll Antipas from 'The Mind Lab' provided an overview of digital learning in the 21st Century in the school hall. Thank you to parents who came along and thanks to the teachers and students and to Philippa for their work on the night. We will be holding further parent information evenings next term that will be more specifically about what children are doing or will be doing with digital technologies. We have set ourselves the target of having all classes in Years 5-8 fully engaged in digital learning by the start of Term 3 this year. We are not able to magically flick a switch for this to happen and we are instead gradually gathering momentum by way of shared knowledge and expertise. This week the compliment of Chromebooks for Hongoeka Syndicate arrived in the school and use of these will begin from the start of next term.





From the Principal continued.....

MAIN BLOCK UPGRADE – Work on the modernisation of Rooms 5 & 6 will commence on Tuesday. Today these two classes were relocated to the library where they are likely to remain until the middle of next term. Our Librarian, Fiona Reid, will operate a 'mobile library' for the duration of the construction period.

FUNDS FOR VANUATU – Just on \$4000.00 was raised for the victims of Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu through the 'Movin March' sponsored walk and associated donations. Congratulations and thank you to all those who walked and/or donated. This was an amazing effort and the money was today handed over to the Hurricanes Rugby Franchise who will add it to the monies they raise and take it directly to Vanuatu.

POWHIRI – The Term 2 powhiri to welcome newcomers to the school will be held on Tuesday 5 May (Week 3). Invitations to attend will be sent home to the whanau of newcomers at the start of next term and existing families (tangata whenua) are welcome to attend. The Powhiri will be followed by morning tea for the manuhiri (visitors).

END OF TERM – This has been a short term due to the early timing of Easter and as such seems to have been particularly hectic. I wish to thank the entire staff team for their great work this term and in particular for their contributions in going the extra mile with EOTC activities. I congratulate students on their achievements and thank all of the parents who have helped out in so many ways this term - outstanding! Wishing staff and students a safe and enjoyable holiday. Term 2 will commence on Monday 20 April.

Tena koutou katoa

Maurice Laird
Principal

Notices

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

The weather was on our side - what a wonderful turn out and effort for the Weetbix Tryathlon. Well done to all of our children who participated. A medal was found at the end of the day while tidying up so if it's yours, please contact the school office.



Student Work



More photos from the Digital Learning evening

Georjah Trangmar and Carter Sidwell handing over the money raised for Vanuatu to Hurricane's Star Player Motu Matu'u





Healthy Kids Corner

HEALTHY KIDS AND EASTER

Easter weekend brings Easter eggs - chocolaty, sugary and delicious. Easter eggs are fine for a "sometimes" treat but **The World Health Organisation WHO** is calling for a dramatic **cut to the daily intake of sugar in our diets**. Not only does sugar have the potential to rot teeth, it may even trigger Type 2 diabetes. Here are the daily sugar recommendations for **healthy kids**:

- Pre-schoolers should limit added sugar to about 4 teaspoons per day.
- 4 to 8 year olds have higher nutritional requirements within their daily calorie intake so should limit added sugar to about 3 teaspoons a day.
- Pre-teen and teens should have no more than 5 to 8 teaspoons of added sugar per day.

Providing a recipe for Easter eggs is a stretch but Easter also brings Hot Cross Buns. Here is a delicious Hot Cross Bun recipe that contains honey instead of sugar and can be made either in the bread maker or by hand.

HOT CROSS BUNS

Dough:

2½ teaspoons dry yeast

3½ cups flour

2 tablespoons runny honey

¼ teaspoon each of ground nutmeg and cloves

¾ cup sultanas or finely chopped apple (for those who don't like sultanas)

1 egg

2 tablespoons butter or margarine (melted if making by hand)

1¼ cup warm water

Breadmaker method:

Place all dough ingredients in a bread maker pan and select the dough cycle.

Hand method:

Add the yeast to the warm water and honey, gently stir then add to the other ingredients. Mix the ingredients until a dough forms. Put dough in a lightly oiled bowl and cover with oiled cling film. Leave to rise in a warm place for 1 hour.

Heat oven to 200°C. Grease a baking tray.

Take bread from the bread maker or bowl and knead on a floured surface until elastic. Divide dough into 12 pieces and shape into balls. Place close together on a baking tray. Cover and let rise for 30 minutes.

Crosses:

mix ½ cup flour, 6 tablespoons water and 1 tablespoon runny honey together. Pipe crosses over the risen dough.

Glaze:

Combine 2 tablespoons water, 1 tablespoon runny honey and 1 teaspoon gelatine and gently heat until runny. Brush over the hot buns.



GREEN SCENE

What a great term we have had! Well done to people that walked, scootered or biked to school last week. The carpark was notably empty and the children really enjoyed their week. All in Day was a lot of fun with children coming to school dressed in all sorts of gear. The winners of our competition were Jack Falconer and Hannah Falloon. Well done to everyone that participated - you are all winners! A special mention must go to Scarlett Hancock-Lamb who biked from Paremata and to Lucas Dickson who scootered from Whitby. An amazing effort!

Last Friday we walked for Vanuatu. Today at assembly Motu Matu'u and Steve Symonds from the Hurricanes came to talk to us about their time in Vanuatu and also to collect our funds. We have raised near on \$4000 which is a tremendous amount. I was so proud of this child- led initiative. Children gave up 30 minutes of their lunchtime after getting sponsorship .Our two top earners were Carter Sidwell (\$200) and Georjah Trangmar (\$210). Our money will kick start the Hurricanes fund-raising effort and they are hoping to raise \$50,000. Please check out our photo in the Student News section. Thank you to everyone for their support - what a fabulous community we live in.

Next term looks to be another action packed one. We have lots of projects on the go. We have been invited by Greater Wellington Regional Council to assist with riparian planting at Battle Hill in June.

Wishing everyone a relaxing and safe holiday break.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

Adi and the Green Team

PTA

*******GRAHAM LOWE EVENING - Friday 8th May 2015*******

This interesting and entertaining man will make it an evening not to be missed. He has so many strings to his bow and will entertain us with his wit/wisdom and share some of his life experiences. A father again at 60 with twin boys, health scare and of course his legendary roles that he has played in Australian and New Zealand rugby league make this man a "not to be missed" event.

-Why don't you get you and a group of friends or work mates together for the evening with Graham Lowe.

Door entry and some VIP tables are still available. Don't miss out and book now for this entertaining evening.

\$400 VIP table of 10 or \$25.00 door entry.

For more details or bookings email: sponsorship@plimmerton.school.nz or text Robyn on 0275108785.

We are also looking for helpers for the evening, if you would like to help please text or phone Robyn on 0275108785 or email sponsorship@plimmerton.school.nz

PTA Meetings - We look forward to seeing anyone who would like to find out more about the PTA at our next meeting on Tuesday 21st April at 7:30pm in the school staff room.



Social Skills, Term 1, Week 9

“HOW WELL HAVE I DRIVEN MY CAR IN TERM 1 ?”

Key competencies: Relating to others, managing self, participating and contributing.

Connecting behaviours: Negotiating, supporting, respecting, trusting, accepting, listening.

Basic need: Love and belonging.

Values: Resilience, energy, sustainability, pride, excellence, collaboration, trust.

LOOKS LIKE	SOUNDS LIKE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thinking about the choices I have made. Thinking about whether I have been respectful and responsible. Only wanting to drive my own car. Directing my thoughts and actions. Thinking about what I would do differently. Thinking about the changes I will make in my driving next term. Changing my driving behaviour. Doing a Defensive Driving Course. Thinking before you act. Talking to an adult. Asking for help. Managing your feelings. Staying in control. Avoiding crashes and break downs. Letting your anger out safely. Leaving my past baggage in the boot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “How well have I been driving?” “What will I change so that I always make the right choices?” “Who can help me to make right, respectful and responsible choices?” “Whose car am I driving?” “Did I always sit in the right place in my car?” “Did I let the right passengers get in my car?” “Did I choose the right gear? “ “Which gear will I travel in next term?” “Did I drive safely or did I drive too fast and drive dangerously?” “Which direction will I travel in next term?” “What repairs or maintenance do I need to do on my car in the holidays so it will get a Warrant of Fitness and be Registered for Term 2?” “Do I just need to forget about what happened and move on?”

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees meeting was held, Thursday 26 March, 7.30pm in the Library. Some items discussed were the success of Hongoeka and Taupo Camps; Mana Sleepover and Kowhai Trips. Teachers were congratulated for their organisation of these activities - they are greatly beneficial to our children. For more information about the Board of Trustees [click here](#).

Community



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PORIRUA GRAND TRAVERSE 12th April 2015

This year the Grand Traverse is offering an array of options to get even more people involved. Our school will be supporting this event and we encourage as many families as possible to enter. The age band has been reduced for the fun run/walk and there is now a fun run type event for adults and children from 7 years and up. Please see the flyer which came home with your child. This has all the details for the events on offer. Families can self register online. If you just follow the link to [enter on www.pgt.org.nz](http://www.pgt.org.nz). If one parent initially enters then adds the extra members of their family (there is a discount for group entries) you can nominate Plimmerton school in the process. The organisers of the event donate money to school for every registration made which is a real bonus for the school. If you have any queries please see Kate Morgan - email katem@plimmerton.school.nz.

SPRINGHILL ACADEMY OF DANCE with over 40 years teaching experience in your hall Wednesdays / Thursday. Additional classes at our main studio at Pukerua Bay Monday, Tuesdays and Sundays. For more info www.springhilldance.co.nz tele: 021744928/2399916 or email to springhillgardens@xtra.co.nz



Our Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. Kelly Club programmes are packed with variety to entertain and inspire children. Each Holiday Programme is full of exciting activities and trips that will guarantee your children have a great time! Kelly Club Discovery operates from the Discovery School Hall. **Programme runs from Tuesday 7th April to Friday 17th April.** Hours of operation are **7.15am - 5.45pm**. For more information and to book online, please visit www.kellyclub.co.nz or contact Nicole Baker at discovery@kellyclub.co.nz or 027 321 2112.

WELLINGTON GREEN GECKO DAY AT ZEALANDA
TE HĀRA A TĀKE

10am - 2pm Saturday April 11

- Meet and touch a tuatara and Wellington geckos
- Create gecko artwork with illustrator Margaret Tolland
- Creative writing workshop - craft your own story!
- Fun activities with the Kiwi Conservation Club
- Story time with author Gay Hay:

Gay Hay's books available at special price of \$6

FREE ENTRY FOR KIDS!

GRAB YOUR CLASSMATES!
The school with the most students at ZEALANDA on the day will win a conservation prize pack. Winner announced at 12.30pm.

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BEGINNER COACH WORKSHOP – MY TEAM & ME aimed at coaches of Year 7&8, secondary and lower club level teams

This practical workshop is a fantastic introductory level learning opportunity that provides foundation skills that can be used in practices to help players of all ages learn and develop. It should benefit teachers, students and parents with limited netball-background, those who have been coaxed from the side-line to coach for the first time and those returning to the coaching after a break who may like a refresher. By attending you will receive a valuable resource that contains organised session plans and be taught how to deliver these to your team to great effect. This workshop will also be offered in Wellington in the coming months.

Wednesday 22nd April 7.00pm to 8.30pm at the Taita Netball Pavilion. Cost \$10. To register online please [click this link](#) or access via the Hutt Valley Netball Centre website at www.netballhuttvalley.co.nz

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Scots College would like to extend an invitation to Year 8 boys to apply for Year 9 2016 Scholarships

These scholarships for entry into Year 9, are for internal and external candidates and the categories are:

- Academic Scholarship
- Music Scholarship
- SCOBA (Scots College Old Boys)
- General Excellence Scholarship
- Foundation Scholarship
- Boarding
- Pipe Band



Application forms can be downloaded from our website:
www.scotscollege.school.nz/enrolment/scholarships

Applications close on Friday 22 May.

For more information please contact Sharon Brown on ph (04) 803 0592 or email brownsh@scotscollege.school.nz

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