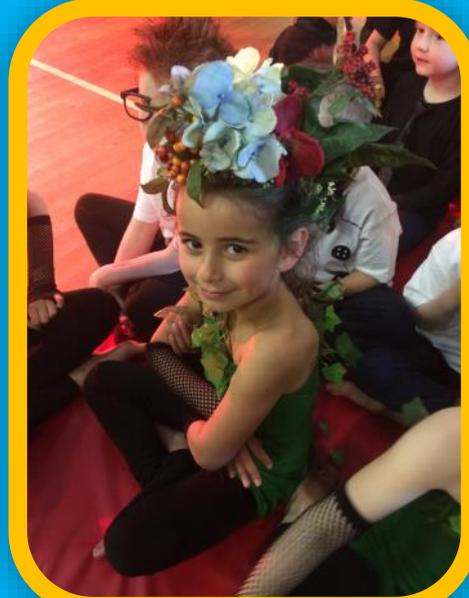
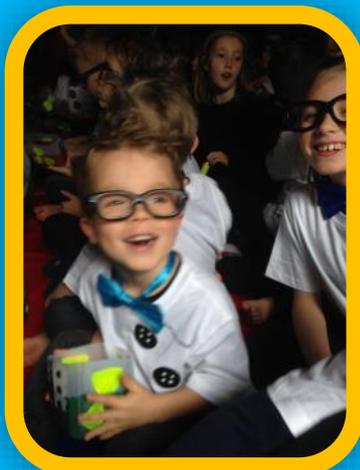




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The final performance of the junior production 'Afterschool Antics' is on this evening.

From the Principal

Tena Koutou

JUNIOR PRODUCTION – Last night I attended the second full performance of the junior production, "After School Antics" and I was thoroughly impressed and entertained. 280 students from Kowhai and Mana Syndicates star in this home-grown production that provides a meaningful role for each student and opportunities for some to display their special artistic talents. Preparation and presentation of the production has provided students with a huge range of learning opportunities. Our school curriculum is based on the five Key Competencies identified in the NZ Curriculum – Thinking; Using Language, Symbols and Texts; Managing Self; Relating to Others; and Participating and Contributing. These Key Competencies are exercised fully throughout the preparation and production and students and staff have worked hard for this occasion. We know that productions are among the significant memories that students take from their time at Plimmerton School and we sincerely thank everybody who has helped to bring "After School Antics" to fruition. Congratulations to all of the performers and huge thanks to the dedicated staff team and wonderful parent helpers. The final performance will be held this evening and I am certain that there will be some very tired students by the end of it. A full school assembly will be held at 9:15am tomorrow morning and teachers in Kowhai and Mana Syndicates will mark their morning rolls after the assembly (approximately 10:30am). Tomorrow it will be acceptable for students in Kowhai and Mana Syndicates to arrive late and to join their class in assembly as they arrive.

DIGITAL STRATEGY - Parents will be aware that our digital strategy developed at the end of last year has been gradually introduced in Hongoeka and Taupo Syndicates and commenced in earnest at the start of this term. To date, the implementation has gone very smoothly and every milestone has been achieved on time and within budget. The major focus of the strategy is to develop and change teacher practice to use digital technologies to enhance student learning. We are currently reviewing the strategy and implementation plans in readiness for next year when implementation will extend to Kowhai and Mana Syndicates.





From the Principal continued.....

Parents are also likely to be aware that last week the OECD released a report on a global study that found that education systems that invested heavily in information and communications technologies have seen "no noticeable improvement" in PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment) test results for reading, mathematics or science. There are of course questions around what PISA actually tests, but the report does say *'The key elements for success are the teachers, school leaders and other decision makers who have the vision, and the ability, to make the connection between students, computers and learning.'*

Teacher effectiveness is the critical component in student learning. Digital technologies surround us and are a significant part of most people's lives. Digital technologies are now inextricably linked to education and we believe that the drive to increase teacher capacity and capability to use digital technologies to improve student learning outcomes is absolutely the right path and the right time.

SWIMMING POOL – The pool will open for the season on Saturday. Keys can be purchased from the school office or from Black Rose Florist (Plimmerton) at a cost of \$90 + \$20 key bond. Families are asked to purchase their own key rather than sharing as this is an important funding stream required to keep the pool viable. Easyswim Swim School will be running the swimming lessons in our school pool, to book contact Easyswim on 2347946, email book@easyswim.co.nz or visit www.easyswim.co.nz

ICAS ENGLISH, SCIENCE & MATHS RESULTS – The ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) English, Science and Maths Competition results have been received. Selected Year 5 – 8 students participated in the 2015 competitions. Congratulations to all competitors and in particular to those who achieved Distinction and High Distinction – awesome!

English - Students receiving High Distinction were Savannah Gritt (Yr.5), Tui Murray-Pyle (Yr.6) and Stella McClutchie (Yr.7). Those receiving distinction were Josie Hope (Yr.6), Adam Penty (Yr.6), Hannah Mercer (Yr.7), Adam Oijordsbakken (Yr.7), Ella-Scarlett Flowers (Yr.8), Isabella Macdonald (Yr.8) and Callum Webster (Yr.8). A stunning effort – congratulations to all.

Maths - The student receiving High Distinction was Savannah Gritt. Students receiving Distinction were: Year 5 – Connie McLauchlan; Year 6 – Nicholas Mann, Jess McManaway, Harvey Rennison; Year 7 – Chris Allott, Allie Falconer, Hannah Mercer, Elizabeth Scott; Year 8 - Lauren Mitchell, Andrea Simmons. **Science** - Students receiving Distinction were: Zoe Ham, Jared Powell and Hannah Mercer.

Award	Year 5			Year 6			Year 7			Year 8		
	Eng-lish	Maths	Sci-ence									
Participation	7	4	3	7	13	9	2	5	4	6	10	6
Merit	1	3	3	4	5	3	1	2	1	3	2	4
Credit	5	1	7	7	8	7	6	6	8	7	3	5
Distinction	0	0	0	2	3	2	2	4	0	3	2	0
High Distinction	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

END OF TERM – Another busy and productive term ends tomorrow and school will open for the fourth term on Monday 12 October. Parents are reminded that Monday 26 October (Week 3) is Labour Day and school will be closed on that day. I wish staff and students a safe and restful break and we look forward to them returning energised and ready for the final term of the year.

Tena koutou katoa

Maurice Laird

Principal



Healthy Kids Corner

HEALTHY KIDS AND SCHOOL HOLIDAY BAKING

It's the school holidays and baking is a fun activity for kids. Baking is a fantastic learning opportunity as it encourages math skills, language skills and is a way to improve fine motor skills. Learning how to cook, entertain and love food are life skills.

Tips for parents who are baking with kids over the holidays:

1. Baking shouldn't be stressful, if you're not in the mood, don't do it.
2. Make sure everyone washes their hands before they start cooking.
3. Be at one with the mess but do explain that it pays to clean up as you go.
4. It doesn't matter if the recipe doesn't work –have fun and give it a go.
5. Teach kids how to present food and serve it in an attractive way.

No Sugar Added - Banana Blueberry Wholemeal Muffins

INGREDIENTS:

2 medium bananas mashed	1 egg
½ cup (125ml) water	125ml vegetable oil
2 cups (250g) wholemeal flour	1 teaspoon bi-carb soda
2¼ teaspoons baking powder	1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries

DIRECTIONS:

Pre-heat an oven to 180°C. Grease 18 muffin cups, or line with patty cups.

Mix together mashed bananas, egg, water, and oil in a large bowl.

Mix in flour, baking soda, and baking powder until mostly smooth (you will still see lumps from the banana, but that's okay!).

Gently fold the blueberries into the batter.

Bake in the preheated oven until golden and the tops spring back when lightly pressed - about 15 minutes.

Remove muffins from tins, and cool on a wire rack.

VARIATIONS:

Banana, Date and Walnut Muffins – replace the berries with 10 chopped dates, ¼ cup walnuts and ½ tsp finely grated orange rind

Banana Coconut Muffins – leave out the berries and replace the water with ½ cup coconut milk and add 1 tbsp dessicated coconut

Banana, Berry and Chocolate Chip Muffins – add ¼ cup chocolate chips

HAPPY HOLIDAY BAKING **HEALTHY KIDS!**



Social Skills

“PREPARING FOR THE BIG EVENTS”

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

Connecting Behaviour: Encouraging , supporting, listening

Basic needs: Survival, belonging, fun

Values: Collaboration, energy, pride, excellence, resilience, trust

LOOKS LIKE	SOUNDS LIKE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “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 at school early tomorrow to go to the • “I know my lines and I just need to remember to speak slowly.” • “I need to go to Room 9 at 12.30 for a dance 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 in the band.” • “I’ve been running every night so I’m fit for the race.”

PTA News

ALL BLACK WORLD CUP PTA FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST

Support the AB's in their Quarter Final (fingers crossed!)

Watch them in Surround Sound on a Huge Screen in the School Hall. Yell, Cheer, Eat and Enjoy the Match from the "Grand Stand" with your Family. Or, reserve a comfy front row couch seat for an extra \$10 each which includes premium service.

Email pta@plympton.school.nz to book.

When: Sunday 18 October. Doors open 7am. Kick off 8am.

Entry: Adults \$5, Kids \$2

Breakfast: Bacon & Egg Rolls + Tea / Coffee / Juice for sale

Half Time Haka Competition - Best Dressed Supporter Competition - Join the fun and cheer on your AB's



Board of Trustees

Our Board of Trustees meets twice each term in the school library. The most recent meeting was held last night Wednesday 16 September. A highlight of the meeting was a report on Sustainability and the great work of the Green Team presented by Adi Sutherland. The Board also considered responses to the recent Parent Survey. For further information, please [click here](#).

Student Notices

NEXT WEEK!!!

THURSDAY 24 AND FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

**Plimmerton Year Eight
fundraiser**

Ice blocks for sale
every Thursday and Friday at
lunch time



\$1

**Quiz
Extravaganza**
8 NOVEMBER

**CHANGE
OF DATE**
Year 8 Leavers
Dinner fundraiser
★
More details to follow

OPEN MORNING

In term 4 the senior school will be having an open morning on Thursday 29th October from 9-11am to showcase learning programmes in the senior school.

We welcome parents to come into classes from Years 5-8, Rooms 14-23, to have a look at class programmes and to meet the students and teachers.

Students will be sharing an array of the activities and learning that they take part in throughout the senior school.

We have organised for the technology centre to have an open morning at the same time so you can wander down and check out the programmes on offer for our year 7 / 8 students too.

We will have information available for parents about purchasing devices for 2016 available on the day.

We look forward to seeing you in Term 4.

Thanks, Kate Morgan



Community

- **PLIMMERTON TENNIS CLUB** - Lessons Term 4. If you are interested in having tennis lessons please contact Heidi Foster heids74@gmail.com by Thursday 1 October.
- **MANA AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB** 2015-16 Season, For Children (5-15yrs) & Adults. **Registration Nights:** Tuesday 29th Sep & Thursday 1st Oct, 6 to 7pm at Adventure Park, Whitby. **Registration Enquiries:** Emma 234-6545 www.facebook.com/mana_athletics
- **ALPHA PARENTING CHILDREN COURSE** – Building strong and happy families; Wednesday nights 7pm to 9.30pm, starting 21st October to 11th November, At St Barnabas Church, Mana Esplanade. Registration : anne.hadley@hotmail or alibarb15@xtra.co.nz Cost: \$20 per person



- **PAUATAHANUI GARDEN TRAIL - FUNDRAISER FOR TE ARO PIKO PATHWAY.** November 29th, 10am – 4pm. Come and enjoy 14 beautiful garden. Morning and afternoon teas will be available at selected sites along with fabulous BBQ food for lunch. Tickets are \$25 per person and are available at the Lighthouse Cinema, the Whitby Pharmacy, Tommy's Real Estate, Mana or by phoning Pauline Lowe on 234 6343. This fundraiser is a joint project between Plimmerton Rotary and Plimmerton Inner Wheel.

- **BELLYFUL PORIRUA:** Get your raffle ticket to win some amazing prizes and support Bellyful Porirua! Bellyful provide meals to families with newborns and families with young children who are struggling with illness. This is a great opportunity to have Sarah Searancke Catering come into your home to prepare a three course meal for you and five of your friends – and the tickets are only \$5! Contact us at the Bellyful Porirua Facebook page for purchase, or if you know a local volunteer – particularly in Room 7 – come and see us and we will be able to sell you your tickets. Thank you for supporting Bellyful Porirua!

- Girls only Summer Soccer League, new or experienced players wanted aged 7 and up, Western Suburbs Soccer Club, games played Sunday mornings, registration \$60, for more information contact juniors@westernsuburbs.co.nz

Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club
 4A Railway Avenue
 (opposite Orongomai Marae)
 Upper Hutt

Term school holiday public sessions held from 1pm to 3pm Monday to Friday and 3pm to 5pm Saturdays

Entry \$7.00
 Blade Hire \$3.00
 Skate Hire \$3.00

The rink is also available for private bookings on Saturday evenings from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Bookings are now being taken for 2016.
 Email: skatewellington@yahoo.co.nz for more information.
 Website: www.skatewellington.org.nz