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Taupo Basketball

Our two basketball teams competed in the semi-finals of their competitions this week

From the Principal



Kia Ora,

Parent Survey – The Board of Trustees 2013 Parent Survey is now available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PlimmertonSchoolsurvey> and hard copies can also be uplifted from the school office. The Board is eager for as many parents as possible to complete the survey so as to gather balanced and useful information. Please take the time to complete the survey by Friday 6 September.

Playground Upgrade – Playco Equipment Ltd. has been awarded the contract to upgrade the Junior and Senior playgrounds. Both playgrounds will be closed from Week 7 (the week after next) to permit the existing componentry to be removed. In-situ painting of the posts will take place over school holidays and assembly of the new and refurbished components is scheduled for Weeks 1 & 2 of Term 4. Conceptual drawings of the upgraded playgrounds can be viewed on our website – Our School/Facilities/Playground

Junior Production – Preparations for the Junior Production to be held in Week 9 are in full swing. A huge amount of effort goes into preparing for the production and ensuring that



From the Principal continued

every student in Kowhai and Mana Syndicate has a meaningful part and a positive experience. We believe that our school productions provide wide and varied learning opportunities that encompass all Key Competencies and they provide children with enduring memories.

2013 Science ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) Results – 44 x Year 5 – 8 students sat the ICAS Science test last term. 21 Students received Participation Awards, 18 received Credit Awards (top 35%), 3 received Distinction (top 10%) and 2 received High Distinction (top 1%). This is an outstanding result when you consider that it is the top echelon of students who sit these tests. Students who received Distinction were Tui Denee (Yr.5), George Powell (Yr.7), Maggie Booker (Yr.8), and the students who received High Distinction were Hannah Mercer (Yr.5) and Rose Hurst (Yr.6) – absolutely stunning. Congratulations to all participants.

School Transport Procedures – The Board has developed Draft School Transport Procedures that incorporate the new law changes requiring children under the age of 7 to be correctly secured in an approved child restraint. The draft procedures can be viewed on our website - Our School/Policies and Procedures/Health and Safety/Selected H & S Procedures/School Transport.

Tena koutou katoa

Maurice Laird, Principal

Notices



SAUSAGE SIZZLE - Tomorrow, lunch-time at the BBQ. Sausages \$1.50, drinks \$1.50.

DAFFODIL DAY tomorrow - gold coin donation for a daffodil and a silver sticker.

NEW ENTRANT PUPILS COMING TO SCHOOL NEXT YEAR - If your child is going to come to Plympton School next year, or you know of anyone who is likely to be coming,

Board of Trustees

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Parent Survey link [click here](#)



Student Work

MANA ISLAND - My personal experience

The putrid smell of ageing wool fills my nostrils as I force open the door. I gingerly step into the old iron woolshed. A crowd of 28 other chattering children gather behind me, as they take in this spectacular sight of old shearing tools which sit there, gathering dust and leaving golden brown rust marks on the old wooden floorboards. I peer into the container of wool. I wrinkle my nose. Yuck! The paper mache sheep stares at me with her painted eyes, protective of her newborn lamb. The great vivid green poster on the wall seems entirely out of place with its presentation of giant weta and minute gecko. The backpack rubs on my shoulder blade. I shift uncomfortably. I turn and walk back to the door, to fresh air, longing to get the taste of dust out of my mouth. The old door squeaks on its hinges as I take a deep relieved breath.

By: Hannah. Room 21

THE UNSTOPPABLE LOSS

At 2.00pm Wednesday 28th of August there were the finals.
3 2 1 GO

I thought to pass to Tom (because he was our best player in the first half). We got the ball then two minutes in room 4 scored, 2-0 to room 4.

"Half time" Mr Cross announced.

Toby was on in the 2nd half. Mr Cross blew his whistle 2 -2, two fabulous goals from Toby. Oh no Toby's injured. Tom went on, 2 more goals for room 4. Full time 4-2. I was trying to rip my hair out I was so sad. I hope our class can win next year. **By Zachary, Rm3**

WILL WE WIN

Wednesday

Sweating in pressure

Hopping for luck

Crowd cheering

As I run I feel the ball dashing past me.

Energy, penalties

Our hope has been lost.

By Tom, Rm3

FOOTBALL FINALS

Kick, kick, kick - Went the ball

Wooh, wooh, wooh - Went the crowd. Congratulations
2nd place was room 3
3rd place was room 2
4th place was room 5
5th place was room 1
6th place was room 6

1st place was room 4

Lots of people had accidents! Ouch! The crowd screamed every time there was an accident. I think the whole crowd enjoyed the game! And a big thank you to Mr Cross for organizing the soccer and for being the coach.

By Hollie, Rm3

SPRING - My Dad told me that next week it is going to be spring. The flowers will grow again. So get ready for it! The leaves will grow again. A new season is coming.

By Daniel, Room 12

NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013

A big congratulations to the following students for placing at the New Zealand Junior Wrestling Championships held in Hamilton on August 11. All three students represented Wellington from the Tawa Tiger Junior Wrestling club. They competed with great sportsmanship and did their club and now their school proud. Well done once again. Bayley Latter- 1st place in the 36kg division; Reuben Renner – 2nd place in the 42 kg division; Finn Lovett – 4th place in the 53 kg division

Social Skills, Term 3, Weeks 5 & 6



“WORKING AS A TEAM”

Key competencies: Participating and contributing, relating to others, managing self.

Key competencies: Supporting, encouraging, trusting, accepting, listening, respecting, negotiating.

Basic needs: Belonging, fun, learning.

Values: Commitment, respect, passion, sharing.

LOOKS LIKE

- Having fun
- Learning from one another.
- Playing our part.
- Sharing our ideas and equipment.
- Bringing things from home to share as props.
- Making responsible, respectful and right choices.
- Driving our car in the right direction.
- Feeling we belong.
- Supporting and each other.
- Trusting each other.
- Accepting my part in the production or my position in the team.
- Listening to other people and to instructions.
- Respecting the decisions made by teachers, leaders and captains and the umpire.
- Negotiating when things go wrong.
- Being committed to the team
- Being enthusiastic, excited and passionate.
- Doing our very best.
- Accepting winning, losing, or praise graciously.
- Being patient

SOUNDS LIKE

- “I love dancing and acting as an astronaut”
- “I’ll watch how you do it and try to follow you”
- “Here you are it’s your turn to
- “ I could lend you a red t- shirt. I have got one that would fit you”
- “I am trying to make good choices so I do not spoil it for everyone”
- “ I felt good when you asked me to be in your team”
- “ I’ll come and shoot some hoops with you at lunchtime to give you practise”
- “I would really have liked a part as a.... but I am going to learn all the songs and sing up in my class scene”
- “ We have been waiting for a long time but I am trying to sit quietly and listen to the instructions so I know what to do”
- “ In the next half if you guard that player I will guard her, then we might save some goals being scored against us”
- “ It won’t be long”

PTA

SAUSAGE SIZZLE - Tomorrow lunchtime at the BBQ. Sausage, bread & sauce \$1.50; drinks \$1.50.

GALA - 23rd November - Please put this date in your diary.

DISCO : Kids Disco: Friday 6 September

FAMILY CAR RALLY: Sunday 15 September

TO SEE ALL PTA ACTIVITIES please visit the PTA page on the school website [click here...](#)



Sports Results

NETBALL	Saturday, 24 August		
Junior Teams	Plimmerton Pulse	Won Default	Paremata Panthers
	Plimmerton Magic	6	St Therasas Saints 7
	Plimmerton Steel	8	Paremata Magic 7
	Plimmerton Flames	6	Paremata Pumas 10
	Plimmerton Mystic	10	Discovery Magic 7
Senior Teams	Plimmerton Navy	21	Papakowhai 24
	Plimmerton White	32	Paremata 8
	Plimmerton Red	29	Tawa Intermediate 6

Hockey Results – Saturday, 24 th August 2013		
Year 1-2 Grade	Against	Results
Plimmerton Red	St Pius	3/5
Year 3-4 Grass Grade	Against	
Plimmerton Green	Pauatahanui	1/4
Plimmerton Blue	Tawa	8/3
Plimmerton Yellow	Linden Leopards	1/9
Year 5-6 Grass Grade	Against	
Plimmerton Orange	Hampton Hill Sharks	4/5
Plimmerton Black	Linden	4/7

BASKETBALL SEMIFINALS

Division One Plimmerton 1 39

Papakowhai 1 15

Division Plimmerton 2 19

Rangikura 3 17

Three -

Both Plimmerton teams will play in their respective finals next Tuesday 3 September at Te Rauparaha Arena.

The B team play at 6:35pm and the A team play at 7:10pm. Everyone welcome to come along and support both teams!



Healthy Kids Corner

SUSHI RECIPE

Cook one cup of rice according to directions on packet.
 Prepare vegetables; carrot, cucumber, capsicum, avocado, by washing and cutting into long thin strips.
 Cool rice when cooked.
 Spread rice over 1 sheet of Nori which is placed on a bamboo rolling mat.
 Place a row of vegetables across the centre of the rice.
 Can top with canned tuna, salmon or other cooked fish if desired.
 Roll the seaweed into a tight roll to enclose the filling using the bamboo mat to help.
 Place the sushi roll into the fridge till ready to eat.
 Cut into 6 small pieces
 Serve with a dipping sauce ie Sweet Chilli, soy sauce,...

Which rice should I use? Sushi rice is expensive. Use short grain rice or medium grain rice. Both are sticky when cooked and perfect for sushi.

Community

NGATITOA TENNIS CLUB - Junior Club Opening Day is Monday 2nd September 2013 - 4.30 - 6pm. All levels of playing ability catered for and Interclub teams are available. Monday evening club night will commence on 9th September. All coaching sessions are taken by professional coaches. For further information please email Teresa - juniors@ngatitoatennis.org.nz. Seniors, come along to club night on Tuesday evenings.

KIDS CROSS COUNTRY SERIES - The last event - Mini Mountain Run year 2s to 10s. If kids want to get a couple of friends together they have the option of entering a team of three. It For more details go to www.athleticshub.co.nz, phone 2329409 or e-mail jo.athleticswellington@xtra.co.nz

FREE TALK FOR PARENTS - HELPING YOUR CHILDREN WITH LITERACY DEVELOPMENT.

On World Literacy Day, Sunday September 8th, come to **LearnZone at Mana Education Centre**, 3 Serlby Place, Porirua. Time—1 to 4 pm.

Hear Joy Allcock (a local Literacy expert) speak about how children learn and process what they hear then play some family games where this is put into practice.

To Register: Tel: LearnZone, 237-7318 Visit: LearnZone, 3 Serlby Place, Porirua
 Email: Christine.bruce@manaeducationcentre.org.nz

