

## Plimmerton School Newsletter - Week 4, Term 1, 2018



### From the Principal

#### Tēnā Koutou

**HONGOEKA SYNDICATE CAMPS** - All Hongoeka classes have now had their camp experiences. It was great to see the students managing themselves well in our camps, being flexible with the changes in venue and programme! Thanks to all the staff and fantastic parent helpers for ensuring all students were looked after and had a great time!



#### **EOTC EVENTS TO COME NEXT WEEK:**

**TAUPŌ SYNDICATE CAMPS** - in the Remutaka Forest Park

Rooms 17 and 18 will be on Camp Monday 5 March to Wednesday 7 March.

Rooms 15 and 16 will be on Camp Wednesday 7 March to Friday 9 March.

**KŌWHAI DAY OUT** - at Marine Gardens, Raumati Beach, Wednesday 7 March

**MANA SLEEPOVER** - at School, Thursday 8 March to Friday 9 March.

**ATHLETICS: HONGOEKA & TAUPŌ SYNDICATES** - Hongoeka syndicate has athletics next Thursday (8 March) and Taupō syndicate has theirs the following week on Wednesday (14 March). Please make sure that children taking part wear suitable clothing, including a hat, for taking part, and (fingers-crossed) for spending time out in the sun. Bringing an extra drink bottle and some healthy snacks is also a good idea.

**EASTER TUESDAY HOLIDAY - ADVANCE NOTICE** - This year the Easter Break falls in term time, from **Friday 30 March to Tuesday 3 April**. This public holiday is often in the term break, so some families may not be aware that all schools also have the Tuesday after Easter as a holiday. Kelly Club will be operating a holiday programme at school on that day.

**SCHOOL DONATION** – The Plimmerton School B.o.T. requests a voluntary donation of \$150 per student, reducing to \$130 if paid before 31 March. The donation is fully tax deductible. Our grateful thanks to the many families who have already made their donation. You should have received your receipt via email. If you have not yet received your receipt please contact Louise in the school office and she will ensure this is sent out to you.

As an aside, it is the Government's plan to pay schools \$150 per student if they do not charge a voluntary donation. We would love to take advantage of this, however, we have been advised that this policy will not be implemented this year.



## From the Principal...continued

**PTA MEETING & AGM** – The Plimmerton School Parent Teacher Association will be holding their next meeting (and AGM) in the school staffroom at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 6 March. Parents/carers will be aware of the amazing achievements of this wonderful team and how valuable their contribution is to the smooth and efficient functioning of the school. The P.T.A. would love to welcome some new people, particularly parents/carers new to the school. Come along and meet new people and become a part of the greater school network. Your contribution is welcomed.

**Today's Roll** – 480 Students

**Ngā mihi**  
**Mike Forrest**  
**Tumuaki - Principal**

# STUDENT NEWS

## PHOTOS FROM HONGOEKA CAMP





# HEALTHY KIDS CORNER

## Healthy Kids Corner Movin' March

School children and their families are putting their feet, cycles, scooters and skateboards into top gear for Movin' March - a region-wide celebration of active travel to and from school.

Deciding to allow your children to walk or bike to school can be a daunting decision but the benefits of increased physical and mental well-being are worthwhile. Walking, cycling and scootering to school have many benefits for children. As well as being a great opportunity for regular exercise in the outdoors, they improve independence, physical and mental health, decision making, risk assessment and road safety skills.

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**Movin' March** provides a great opportunity to give walking or wheeling a go - even if it's just for one day to see for yourself how rewarding it can be for your family.

Try rearranging your schedule to walk with your children. Find **walking buddies** if you can't participate or use a drop-off point near the school so they can walk part of the way.

**This is a great opportunity to teach your child about:**

- Using pedestrian crossings or cross at traffic signals.
- To stop and check at every driveway.
- Walking on the footpath, close to the houses and away from the road.

**Road Safety Kerb drill:**

1. Stop one step back from the kerb.
2. Look and listen for traffic coming from all directions.
3. If there is traffic coming, wait until it has passed and then look and listen for traffic again.
4. If there is no traffic coming, walk quickly straight across the road.
5. While crossing, look and listen for traffic, wherever it may come from.

Bike helmets are essential for cycling, and recommended for skating and scootering. We use helmets at school.

**How to correctly fit a bike helmet:**

**2**

Two fingers above your eyebrows to the bottom of your helmet

**4**

Four fingers to make a V-shape around the bottom of your ears

**1**

One finger under the strap beneath your chin

How do Years 11 and 12 get to school?

Less people in Room 11 and 12 Scooter to school - Emily

Most people come in the car or walk - Levi

Bike	/ / / ③
Scooter	/ / ②
Car	/ / / / ④
Walk	/ / / ④

Notice this exciting new trend. Let's keep this up! Look out for incentives and fun activities you can take part in at school Healthy Kids!



## SPORTS NEWS



### NGĀTI TOA NETBALL

Netball starts on the first weekend of term 2 - 5th May.

Miss W is handing out notices for girls who are interested to play - go to Room 23 and see her if your child is interested in playing.

Netball trials are from 1pm-3pm on Thursday 22nd March for Hongoeka and 23rd March for Taupo. Any questions contact Alice!

**Thank you!**

### MEETING FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WANTING TO PLAY KIWI HOCKEY

A meeting is being held in the Staffroom on Monday 5th March at 7.30pm, for those parents whose children, from Years 1 to 6, are wanting to play KIWI HOCKEY this year.

Plimmerton School has entered teams in this competition for several years at all levels. Games are played on Saturday mornings at Linden Park.

If you are interested in your child playing this year please come to this meeting so that the organisation for the 2018 season can be discussed. If you have any queries please contact Rosemary Oxnam

Thank you





## SCHOOL NEWS

**Who can attend:**  
Year levels 0 – 8 at Plimmerton School

**Before-school-care sessions:**  
7:00am – 8:30am: \$11

**After-school-care sessions:**  
3:00pm – 4:30pm: \$11  
3:00pm – 6:00pm: \$18

**OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!**

**PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES**  
Kelly Club provides a variety of activities to ensure there is something for every child. Programme activities are adapted to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age for certain activities depending on numbers.

**Work & Income OSCAR Subsidy**  
Parents or caregivers that meet certain criteria will be able to access a WINZ subsidy to help cover the cost of our programme. For more information please go to [www.workandincome.govt.nz](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz) or contact us. All Kelly Club programmes have been approved by Ministry of Social Development and meet all professional standards.

**About Kelly Club Plimmerton**  
Kelly Club has been operating in the greater Wellington region for over 7 years and we are excited to now be working with the Plimmerton School community.  
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**KELLY CLUB**

PROGRAMMES, OPPORTUNITIES, & ACTIVITIES THAT KIDS JUST LOVE!

**KIDS' HOME AWAY FROM HOME!**

**OUR PROGRAMMES ARE FOCUSED AROUND SPORTS, COOKING, DISCOVERY TIME, ART & CRAFT ACTIVITIES AND STRUCTURED 'FREE-TIME' AFTER A BUSY DAY AT SCHOOL.**

These activities will be incorporated into themed subjects each week that give children the opportunity to extend their learning outside of the school classroom. An opportunity to complete homework will also be available.

We provide quality childcare in safe and fun surroundings. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children and are provided with training on first aid, behaviour management, child protection and activity planning and delivery.

**FOR INFORMATION OR TO BOOK ONLINE GO TO**  
[www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz)

## PTA NEWS

In 2017 the Plimmerton School Parent Teacher Association presented a record amount to the Board of Trustees of \$90,000. This was raised by your support of events like the Craft Beer Fair, the Drop and Swap, the Quiz Night and of course our amazingly successful Gala.

Some of the stalwarts of the PTA have moved on now as their children are attending college. This means that to continue to be able to provide Plimmerton School with the additional funding that keeps our class sizes as small as they are we need active innovative parents to join the PTA. The resources we have which make us a desirable school, have been contributed to by parents who want to make a difference for their child and their learning.

We would like to invite you to the Annual General Meeting of the PTA which will be held in the Staffroom at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 6th March. This brief meeting will be followed by our monthly meeting. Even if you would just like to come to find out more about the PTA's role at Plimmerton School please know you will be made very welcome at this meeting.

If you have any queries please contact the Chairperson of the PTA Darryl Lock on 021 0261 5611 or Rosemary Oxnam on 2338677 ext 9.

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE:** Sausage Sizzle, Term 1, Friday, 16 March and Friday, 13 April.

We do need new people to help with our Sausage Sizzle through the year, 2-3 times a term, Friday around lunch time, interested? - please contact Katrin Ellison via e-mail [katrinellison@gmail.com](mailto:katrinellison@gmail.com)

### CRAFT BEER FAIR – HELPERS WANTED

Want to be part of our great event? Helpers are wanted for setting up, taking down and during the Beer Fair. Contact Nick Wenham [nick.w@orcon.net.nz](mailto:nick.w@orcon.net.nz) if you can help out on April 7th.



**COMMUNITY**

**10AM-4PM Sat 10 Mar 2018**  
 Hongoeka Bay Road, Plimmerton

## Hongoeka Marae Summer Festival

Stalls | Live music | Hāngi | Food | Art exhibition  
 Crafts | Storytelling | Raffles | Kids zones  
 Kōrero on the Whareniui | Poetry | Taonga pūoro  
 Local writers read | Health and well-being

To pre-order a hāngi, book a stall site, or register for the Writers Read event email: [hongoekasummerfestival@gmail.com](mailto:hongoekasummerfestival@gmail.com)

**9AM** Pōwhiri. Meet outside Marae gates.  
**10AM** Festival begins. Kōrero on Whareniui.  
**11AM** Writers Read. Featuring Patricia Grace and local writers. Pre-registration required. Ticket price \$12.00.  
**4PM** Festival finishes.

Hongoeka Marae Summer Festival 2018

**Kids Go Free at Staglands**

Children's Day  
 Sunday, 4th March 2018

Put tamariki first

Staglands Wildlife Reserve & Cafe

**WORKING BEE**

**1st Thursday of every month**  
 7pm - 9pm

**St Andrew's Church**  
 Steyne Avenue, Plimmerton

Be a part of helping to save our Earth - ONE BAG at a time



**KERRY SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING**

Beginner classes held  
 Plimmerton School Hall  
 Contact Sharon at [kerrydancers@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kerrydancers@xtra.co.nz)

**THIS THURSDAY**

We will be doing demos, so come and learn to make your own reusable bag.

All welcome; cutters; sewers; anyone.  
 Materials provided.