

## Plimmerton School Newsletter - Week 7, Term 1, 2018



### From the Principal

#### Tēnā Koutou

**EASTER TUESDAY HOLIDAY** - 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 so if it's helpful for your family you are welcome to register your child.



**PARUMOANA ATHLETIC SPORTS** - Congratulations to all the students who competed in the Athletic Sports on Wednesday. All our students displayed the School value of 'Excellence' and kept striving to do their best. They were also great sports, consistently encouraging their other team members and friends from other schools. We had some great individual results, and will have a number of students going through to the Wellington Regional Athletics. A big thanks to all the parents who helped out and came to support on the day.

**MEETING TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF SCHOOL CAMPS** - The school camps that went ahead this year were a huge success. Unfortunately, due to weather two were not able to go ahead as planned. There was a large amount of support received from parents over the tough decision that needed to be made to cancel camps. There were also some questions and criticism about decision that were made.

The school has reflected on this feedback and has been doing some work thinking about the future of school camps. The main focus of our thinking has been around:

- the educational purpose of camps
- the structure of camps
- where camps should be held
- the cost involved
- the effect weather has on the ability of camps to go ahead.

The school is interested to know what parents and caregivers think about the the future of school camps at Plimmerton School. We would like to invite parents and caregivers to a meeting to give feedback on the future of school camps on Wednesday 4 April.

**TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT & STUDENT SAFETY** - As most of you will be aware, the traffic around our lower carpark, School Road and Steyne Avenue is somewhat chaotic at school drop off and collection times. We are currently working with the Porirua City Council and Police to investigate options to improve traffic flow and more importantly student safety. We are exploring the option



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to have the bus roundabout formally recognised as a 'kiss-and-drop/stop and collect' zone before and after school. We are also considering options for a reduced speed zone, a student road patrol at the Steyne Avenue crossing, and some form of crossing on Motuhara Road. There are some logistics and consents to be worked through, but we are hoping to have something in place later in term 2. If you have any other suggestions, please feel free to contact me by email.

In the meantime please do your bit by remembering the following:

- Drive slowly, particularly on School Road and in the school grounds. The speed limit in the school grounds is 10kmh
- Indicate your intention if turning into the bus roundabout and be alert to pedestrians who may be crossing to the roundabout island
- Avoid any drop-off or pick up in the bus stop area by the school gate between 8.50-9.10am and 2.40-3.05pm
- Pedestrians use the footpath around the outside of the roundabout rather than cutting across the roadways
- Parking and walking from the Domain or other streets away from the school helps ease congestion
- Park clear of other people's driveways

Please also, no parking in front of the rubbish skips by the Tech Centre. The trucks haven't been able to empty the skips for a couple of weeks and the rubbish is backing up at school!

**Today's Roll** – 480 Students

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

## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

### MOVING MARCH

We the student council would like to congratulate everyone who walked, scootered and biked to school throughout the week on a successful Moving March. Everyone who has 10 stamps on their Passport tomorrow will get a prize for their participating. We also encourage everyone tomorrow, whether you walked, biked scootered or not, to decorate your shoes and dress up if you want to. Thank you again for your support.

Student Council



## STUDENT WORK

### WREMO!

On the 7th of March we went to WREMO (Wellington Region Emergency Management Office) in Porirua.

We learnt how to work an emergency radio and every Tuesday morning we have to check that the Plimmerton School radio is working. We also did some first aid training and learnt how to put someone on a stretcher safely. We played preparedness bingo which was fun. We learnt how to use a 2-way radio (Simplex Radio) and we had to speak slowly and clearly. We were told to be careful what you say because you never know who is listening!

We got shown how to find our school on a map of the Porirua region. We met Kris Faafoi who is the Minister of Civil Defence.

At the end of the day we were all given a bag of emergency goodies, eg a drink bottle, information about the radios, some wrist bands and a "Get Prepared" pamphlet. We really enjoyed finding out about WREMO and meeting children from the 7 other schools.

**By Torea, Tasmyn, Daniel W and Daniel P.**

### READERS AND WRITERS SCHOOL DAY 2018

On Thursday 8th March, seven year 7 and 8 students went to a "Readers and Writers School Day" at The Michael Fowler Centre in Wellington. It was part of The New Zealand Festival Schoolfest.

We went to three different sessions. The first one was led by author Mandy Hager, who wrote *The Nature of Ash and Ash Arising*. Ursula Dubosarsky, who wrote *The Blue Cat*, was the second author. The third author was R.A. Spratt who wrote *Nanny Piggins* books and *The Friday Barnes* series. We all thought that she was the best presenter because she was hilarious!

We all enjoyed the day and learnt some good tips about writing from these authors. They inspired us as they are all published writers who are passionate about writing.

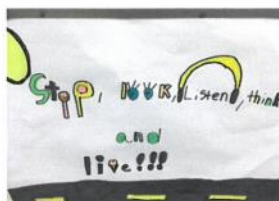
By Connie, Ella P. and Lovisa.



## HEALTHY KIDS CORNER

### Healthy Kids Corner - Road Safety and Movin' March

Constable Sue Bush has been visiting Mana and Kowhai syndicates to share important road safety messages. As part of the visit Constable Sue has been taking classes for a walk around our school surroundings to give students the opportunity to practise their road safety skills. Look at these amazing safety messages our children would like to share with you!



I know to stop and look both ways when I cross the road. Jake



Room 9's Road Safety Mural

#### How to Cross the Road

1. Look left and right before you cross.
2. Stop on the footpath.
3. Listen for bikes, cars and trucks.
4. Walk not run.
5. Walk on the pedestrian crossing.
6. Is it safe to cross?
7. Stop to look for cars.
8. Don't run on the crossing. Run on the footpath.
9. If you are in the car, you have to stop.

Robbie Room 8



We can keep ourselves safe by not doing cartwheels next to the side of the road or walkovers or handstands. Poppy K

We can't play near the road.

Aydah

We can keep ourselves safe in traffic by walking when we cross the road. Don't play on the road.

Raymond



#### How to cross the road.

- 1 Stop at a crossing.
2. Listen before you cross.
3. Look left and right.
4. Think if cars are coming.

Isaia Room 8

Thank you to all of the students who have walked, scootered and biked to school this week for Movin' March. Keep up the good work



## 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 PROGRAMS 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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### 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)

## PLIMMERTON FUN RUN

On February 25th, we had the first ever Plimmerton FunRun. Many people participated and everyone did an amazing job. A special mention needs to go to one of our own, Olive McLaughlan, who raised over \$500 for the Mercy Hospice in Auckland. Sadly, a year ago this week Olive lost her Aunt Janine, and Olive decided to run the 5km event with her dad Sean in the FunRun to raise money for the hospice who looked after lovely Janine.

Well done Olive, Kate and Rob Walker, Plimmerton FunRun 2018.

## PTA NEWS

**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)



# COMMUNITY

Wanted players for Under 13 girls soccer team, no experience necessary, already at least 4 Plimmerton girls in the team for car pooling possibilities, games Sunday mornings, for more information please email [juniors@westernsuburbs.co.nz](mailto:juniors@westernsuburbs.co.nz)

## LET'S SUPPORT ALICE!!

<https://catwalk2018nycmarathon.gofundraise.co.nz/page/AlicePritchard>



**KERRY SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING**  
 Helping Plimmerton School celebrate St Patrick's Day.  
 For classes  
 Contact Sharon Craig TCRG  
[kerrydancers@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kerrydancers@xtra.co.nz)

You are invited to a fundraising event  
 FEATURING A SCREENING OF



PG - VIOLENCE  
**LIGHT HOUSE PAUATAHANUI**  
 3 PAEKAKARIKI HILL ROAD  
 SUNDAY 15TH APRIL AT 5.00PM  
 ARRIVAL FROM 4.30PM  
 TICKETS \$20  
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- Peter's Emporium
- Peter Lamb's Fishing
- Plimmerton Boating Club
- Plimmerton Deli
- Plimmerton Motors
- Plimmerton School of Dance
- Scott Beverages
- Southern Cross Garden Bar
- Studio 4
- Tawa Swimming Pool
- Tennis Central
- The Panzer Cottage
- Tutara Brewery

A huge thank you to any other business that we have unintentionally missed from the sponsors list. Also a massive thank you to the community, staff, students, parents, and anyone else that has helped.



**ST THERESA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
**CARNIVAL**  
 24th March 2018  
 11am - 3pm

**FOOD · GAMES · PONY RIDES**  
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**& MUCH MUCH MORE!!!**

COME ALONG, RAIN OR SHINE, FOR A FANTASTIC FAMILY FUN DAY

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