

## Plimmerton School Newsletter - Week 8, Term 1, 2018



### From the Principal

#### Tēnā Koutou

**EASTER BREAK** - We hope you all enjoy the Easter break and if driving travel safely. Please remember all **schools are closed on Tuesday 3 April**. Kelly Club will be operating a holiday programme at school on that day so if it's helpful for your family, to register your child.



**INFORMATION SHARING INTERVIEWS** – These parent/teacher interviews will be held on the afternoon/evenings of Tuesday 10 and Thursday 12 April. Please note, room 1 and room 21 interviews will be held early in term 2.

The purpose of these is to share the picture your child's current achievement and to discuss goals for the following term particularly in literacy, numeracy and the key competencies. Students are welcome to attend with their parents. Bookings for appointment times are available via this [link](#). Enter the Code '**rv49j**' then proceed to book your interview(s.) If you are unable to do this online please contact the office for assistance.

**STUDENT BAKE SALE** - On Tuesday a group of Year 5 and 6 students held a very successful bake sale to raise money for the Cancer Society. This worthy activity was organised on their own initiative. I'd like to commend them, and their families who supported and assisted them, for their generosity and care for others. A great example of our main school value of Manaaki -Respect. Pictured are (L-R) Annamieka, Olivia, Gabriella, Maia, Holly, Mia, Aurora and Olive.



**STUDENT CONSULTATION WITH PCC** - On Wednesday four of our student councillors attended a workshop run by the Porirua City Council. They learnt about some of the key initiatives in the Council draft Long Term Plan, how submissions to council are made, and began planning how they will get input for a submission from some of our students. So don't be surprised if your child comes home talking about recycling, dog parks, community hubs or sewer pipes in the next couple of weeks! Pictured (L-R) are Savannah, Carter, Kobe and Isabelle with Councillor Ana Coffey.





## From the Principal...continued

**ICAS Examination entries for Students in Years 5 to 8** - ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) are Australian examinations created by EAA (Educational Assessment Australia). They are independent tests that sit outside of our learning programs, and are not aligned to New Zealand curriculum levels. Many schools invite their able students to take part in the assessments, and they are generally seen as an extension activity. We would like to provide the opportunity for any students to sit them, if they wish. The [ICAS website](#) has further information regarding ICAS exams.

Students in Year 5 to 8 can opt into any of the ICAS examinations below (with parent agreement). There is a cost of \$10 for sitting each exam. Plimmerton School will be offering the following for Years 5 to 8 in 2018:

### Exam Subject Sitting Date

Science Tuesday 29 May  
 English Tuesday 31 July  
 Mathematics Tuesday 14 August

Every student who enters the ICAS receives a certificate acknowledging their results, as follows:

- High Distinction Certificate the top 1% of participants
- Distinction Certificate the next 10% of participants
- Credit Certificate the next 25% of participants
- Merit Certificate the next 10% of participants
- Participation Certificate all remaining participants

Certificates are accompanied with an analysis of the entrants score.

Before each actual test date there will be a pre-exam session to help students entering to familiarize themselves with the test procedure and to answer any concerns they might have. Students will also try some questions from exams from previous years. To enter your child/ren for any ICAS exams this year, please complete the form at this [link](#). Registration will be closing on Tuesday 24 April. Please also be aware that we cannot refund any entry fees after that date, even if your child is then absent on the examination day.

**MEETING TO DISCUSS FUTURE OPTIONS FOR SCHOOL CAMPS** - A reminder that this meeting will be held on Wednesday 4 April at 7.30pm in the Room 14. We would like some parent and caregiver feedback on our camp progression and how this could be developed in future years. We will be following up our meeting with a short survey for parents.

**Today's Roll** – 482 Students

Ngā mihi  
 Mike Forrest  
 Tumuaki - Principal

## HELP NEEDED PLEASE!

I would like to get together a group of parents/grandparents to make up some mathematics resources. It will involve cutting, pasting and laminating so no artistic skills needed. Morning tea will be provided. If you are available on Thursday 12th April at 9 am for 2-3 hours to make some maths games please email me. [jills@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:jills@plimmerton.school.nz). Thank you! Jill Symonds



## HEALTHY KIDS CORNER



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## EASTER FUN



### ♥ BUNNY HOPPING RELAYS

Ensure children transfer their weight onto their arms, developing upper body strength. A jumping sack race is another fun idea, use a fabric reusable supermarket bag



### ♥ ROB THE NEST

Place balls in a hoop or basket and encourage the children to run and take from another's nest, to fill their own nest

### ♥ EGG AND SPOON RACES

Use a spoon and a hard boiled egg, small potato or water balloon



### ♥ EASTER EGG/ CARROT ROLLS

Do forward rolls if the children are able to safely or encourage them to be the longest carrot they can be, and roll

### ♥ CHICKEN DANCE

Teach the children the actions, have a great time wiggling



### ♥ EASTER HUNT

Make a treasure hunt with clues for the children to follow and at each stop they find the next clue. At the end of the hunt the children enjoy an Easter treat such as a hot cross bun or a bunny snack platter

For more information, visit [www.heartfoundation.org.nz](http://www.heartfoundation.org.nz)

## PTA NEWS

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE:** Sausage Sizzle, Term 1, 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**

**You are invited to a fundraising event**  
FEATURING A SCREENING OF



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**LIGHT HOUSE PAUATAHANUI**  
3 PAEKAKARIKI HILL ROAD  
SUNDAY 15TH APRIL AT 5.00PM  
ARRIVAL FROM 4.30PM  
TICKETS \$20  
FUNDRAISING FOR CATWALK TRUST




**LET'S SUPPORT ALICE!!**  
<https://catwalk2018nycmarathon.gofundraise.co.nz/page/AlicePritchard>  
**Tickets:** shannonf@plimmerton.school.nz or kirstint@plimmerton.school.nz



**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)

**WOMEN'S CLOTHING GRAB:** Friday 6th April 7.30pm at Papakowhai School Hall  
For only \$25 you get a glass of bubbles, light supper and 'new to you' clothes and accessories to take home. Ladies, clean out your wardrobes, find those gently used items of clothing, shoes, jewellery and bags you don't use anymore (wrong size, fit or colour?). Donate items and buy your ticket at Papakowhai School office, Spey Place, Papakowhai between 8.30am and 4pm weekdays. Eftpos is available. Or email [homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:homeandschool@papakowhai.school.nz) to secure your ticket and organise payment by bank transfer. Tickets on sale now. We already have a good selection of sizes from 8-18+. Some fantastic labels and some great staples. Everything you donate will find a great home either with someone on the night or donated afterwards to Women's Refuge. On the night bring a bag to take your new finds home in and cash for Raffles and Silent Auctions of in demand Designer clothes.




**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month**  
7pm - 9pm

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

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

All welcome; cutters; sewers; anyone. Materials provided



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



13 MAY 2018

**mothers day**  
5KM FUN RUN

When: 10:00am | Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
Where: Kaiti Legion, Papakowhai, Porirua

Join us for a 5km run, walk or stroll this Mother's Day. It'll be a great start to the day and you'll be doing great for the legions most heroes.

All participants will receive an event t-shirt designed by Dick Pritchard

Register online at [jennianmothersday.com](http://jennianmothersday.com)

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