

## Plimmerton School Newsletter - Week 4, Term 3, 2018



Providing a learning environment that prepares children for life

### From the Principal

#### Kia Ora Koutou

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS** - At our assembly last week a number of students received recognition for their efforts or achievements. Pictured below (left to right) are:

- \* **Ellie**, who received a Certificate of Appreciation from Freedom Hair. Ellie showed her kindness to others in need by donating her hair so that it could be made into wigs for those with a hair loss condition. Great demonstration of manaaki, Ellie!
- \* **Olive**, who had a piece of writing about the nightline at camp published in 'Toitoti', a NZ journal of young people's writing and art. Olive was presented with a copy of the Toitoti book which features her writing. Congratulations, Olive, on becoming a published author!
- \* **Kayla, Lily and Freddy**, who all earned a Home Learning Challenge badge. Home Learning Challenges are an optional programme of interesting and fun activities that students are encouraged to participate in to supplement homework expectations. When a set number of challenges is completed to a good standard the student will receive a badge at school assembly. The challenges for each syndicate are on the [Home Learning page](#) of the school website. Well done Kayla, Lily and Freddy for putting in the extra effort!



**SENIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION: "THE FIVE KEYS"** - From the rehearsals I've seen so far, this is shaping up to be a fantastic show! There will be 3 performances over these two days.

Wednesday 22nd August: 12:45pm (matinee performance)

Wednesday 22nd August: 7:00pm

Thursday 23rd August: 7:00pm

There are some tickets remaining for all shows, and these are available now without restrictions. Tickets are \$12 per person and are available from the school office. Students in Kowhai and Mana will be given an opportunity to see the show on Tuesday 21st August and a creche will be available on both the evening performances.





## From the Principal...continued

Congratulations to all the students pictured below, who were acknowledged with Values Certificates for their demonstration of the school values. Our next assembly is 9.15am Friday 31 August, (Week 6).



### EVENTS COMING UP -

- Friday 17 August - PTA Quiz Night
- Wednesday 22nd August: 9am - 12pm Parumoana Year 5 & 6 Swimming Sports
- Wednesday 22nd August: Senior School Production: - 12:45pm (matinee) & 7:00pm
- Thursday 23rd August: Senior School Production: The Five Keys, 7:00pm

**Today's Roll** – 500 Students

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

### BOARD SHORTS

**New Chairperson-** At the end of Term 2 Brent Callaghan tendered his resignation as a Board of Trustees member. Brent served for 2 years as a trustee, including the last 18 months as Board Chair. As a Board we would like to again extend our thanks to Brent for his considerable contribution to the school.

At our Board Meeting last night Mel Swallow was unanimously elected as the new board chair. The board are looking forward to working with her. Our thanks to Lauren Prosser who has been acting as chair since Brent's resignation.

**Board Vacancy** - With Brent's departure the Board is now looking to select a new trustee. We would encourage all parents to consider this important role. An email will be sent to parents today outlining how to forward an expression of interest if you would like to be considered. The term of the position would be until the next board elections, which are mid 2019.



## PTA NEWS

### Family Portraits Fundraiser

Coming to Plimmerton School:  
August 25 and 26

Book now to grab your spot!

- Fundraise for your school and receive gorgeous images of your family
- Your \$25 session fee all goes back to the school
- Prints start from \$24 and packages from \$159
- This years photo shoots will take place outdoors (pets are welcome too) - we'll have a studio backup in case of bad weather



Photography by Kirsten

### FAMILY PORTRAITS FUNDRAISER

Bookings are now open via this [link](#)

the code is **sb73a**

For prices and further information click [here](#)



GALA – SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER 11-3PM

Only 100 days till the Plimmerton School GALA and the PTA have already started planning.

Our GALA is the largest in the region and generates around \$50,000 profit for the school which provides extra resources and cool stuff for your children!

This year will be no exception with the rebuild of our library and the redevelopment of the outdoor court area.

For those of you new to the school, or to those who may have forgotten, the GALA is our largest fundraising event and there is an expectation that every family will help in the weeks prior and more importantly, on the day.

Plimmerton School GALA offers a large selection of food including the world-renowned Polish Sausages, BLT's, Curries and Waffles.

Stalls include cakes and sweets, books, clothing, plants and the infamous White Elephant and Mystery Jars!

Entertainment is aplenty with the field amusements offering something for everyone and live performances on stage.

The syndicates in the past have made items for purchase – keep an eye on your child's classroom!

There will be regular communication regarding the GALA via the newsletter, Facebook and the website and it would be helpful to the PTA, if you could help where you can – baking, mystery jar making, clothing sorting, pickups and deliveries etc...

We are always looking for fresh ideas, so if you think you could offer your expertise in a certain area, manage an activity or stall or create something new...we would love to hear from you!

If you know of anyone who has a business who could donate a prize or become a sponsor, we would love to hear from them!

And if there's a certain job you would like, please email us at [gala@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:gala@plimmerton.school.nz) – the early bird catches the worm!

Check out the video on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7mLF3rWZKuE>



## HEALTHY KIDS NEWS

### RAIL SAFETY WEEK

It is Rail Safety Week again, an annual event beginning 13th - 19th August. This year's campaign finds a simple way to remind people to look for trains, whenever they're near a railway crossing. The messages are intended to stick in people's minds and prompt them in the moment to put this action into practice.

The increased roll out of electric trains in Wellington, means messages of staying alert and focused need to be emphasised. It is more difficult to hear these trains as they run quietly. We are fortunate to have barriers, and bell alarms at the Plimmerton level crossing. This initiative targets pedestrians using headphones or smartphones.

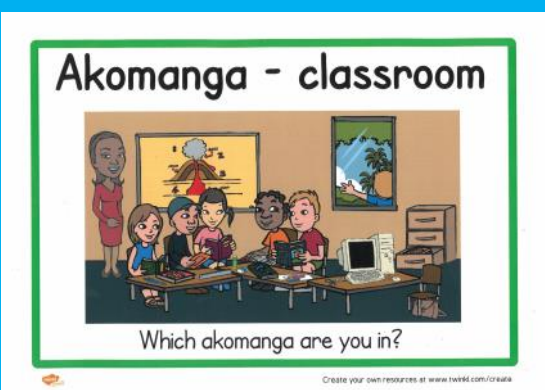
#### The message for Healthy Kids:

- To expect trains at any time, from any direction.
- **Look left, look right for trains.**
- Use the underpass to get across the tracks.
- Walk quickly across the train platform, holding your ball in your hand and walking your scooter well away from the yellow line.
- Always obey warning signs at a level crossing.
- If a train has passed or is stationary at a station, always check both ways again to make sure another train is not coming. Two tracks might mean there is a second train.
- Remove headphones around railway tracks.
- Only cross if there are no trains in sight.
- It is encouraged that people do not hoodies with their hoods up near tracks that may impede their awareness of approaching trains.

TrackStoppers: A social media video was produced to encourage people to cross safely at level crossings. The film was made at the Eponi level crossing in Wellington and involved well-known New Zealand band Drax Project. The band performed by the side of the level crossing as pedestrians approached and stopped playing as they started crossing. The concept promoted the idea that pedestrians should stay alert and focus on their surroundings when using a level crossing by removing their headphones. Cameras captured the band setting up and playing, as well as people's reactions to the band.

Check out the link : [Trackstoppers- Drax Project Rail Safety Week](#)

## ITS COOL TO KORERO!





## SCHOOL NEWS

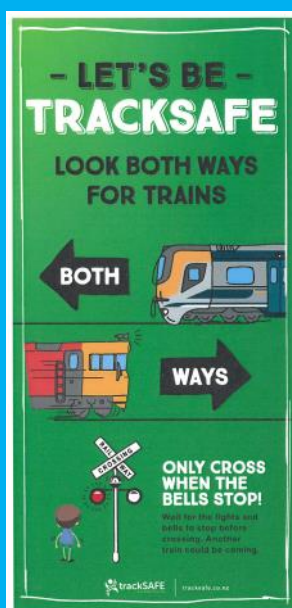
### SCHOOLSTREAM APP UPDATE

The new School Stream update has been released on the Apple and Google Play Store this week.

Please check that you update the app when it's released. You can even set your phone's app updates to automatic. Here are the instructions for the Apple App Store (<https://goo.gl/mvC9as>) and the Google Play Store (<https://goo.gl/XCgkL1>).

**To get the most out of the app features we do recommend creating an account so you can easily manage the content the school sends through.**

To create an account, go to the side menu via the top-left corner and click on "Log-in". This is a quick and easy process that will require your first and last name, and a mobile number, email, or Facebook account authorisation. Once you have created your account, you will be able to access all of the new app features which will be highlighted in the welcome video.



### Yummy Roti Bread for Sale



10 Roti per pack for \$15

## Year 8 Leavers fundraising

Roti are made locally by Balesse's Kitchen Ltd in Porirua. Great for curries, soups, pizza bases. They can keep up to 2 weeks in fridge and 3 months in freezer. Preservative Free.

Please fill out the order form and email to [Y8Leavers2018@gmail.com](mailto:Y8Leavers2018@gmail.com)

Payment: Internet banking: Year 8 Fundraising 03-1395-0498476-000  
Please reference **Child's name - class - "ROTI"**

Cash payments can be left at the office. Please remember order form and child's room number.

**Orders and payments** must be in by **30th August** at the latest.

Delivery date in planned for **Monday 24th September**.

**Any queries email [Y8Leavers2018@gmail.com](mailto:Y8Leavers2018@gmail.com) or Mel 021349737 Kirsty 0276837711**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of packs @ \$15 each: \_\_\_\_\_ Total cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment method: Cash  Internet banked

- I have ordered 5 or less packs so please deliver to my child's room.  
 I will collect my order from the hall between 3:00 and 5:00pm.

Thank you for your participation and support for this Year 8 leaver's dinner fundraiser.

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## SPORTS NEWS

SENIOR NETBALL RESULTS – Saturday 11th August		Score	Player of the Day
Plimmerton Gold	Papakowahi Divas	13-15	Tamzyn McGregor
Plimmerton Navy	Discovery All Stars	27-19	Maddy & Zara
Plimmerton Dragons	Pauatahanui Magic	15-3	Whole Team
Plimmerton Pauas	Discovery Tornados	16-8	Jessica Knowles

INDOOR FOOTBALL- Year 3&4- Tuesday 14 August		Score	Player of the Day
Plimmerton Tuataras	Rangikura Rebels	5-0	Colin Lang
Plimmerton Taniwhas	St Pius Shooters	Won by default	

HOCKEY RESULTS – Saturday 11th August		Score	Player of the Day
<b>Plimmerton Shortsticks</b> - see photos below	Hampton Hill Hawks	14-0	Olivia Glensor
Plimmerton Storm	Linden	5-3	Lyla Wilson
Plimmerton Panthers	Pauatahanui Hawks	3-6	Lucia Gits
Plimmerton Pumas	Tawa Tigers	4-0	Tilly Fyfe-Gits
Plimmerton Sharks	Redwood Redsticks	4-3	Isaac Swallow



JUNIOR NETBALL RESULTS – Saturday 11th August		Score	Player of the Day
Plimmerton Wildcats	Discovery Dodgers	Lost 4-14	Zoe Chapman
Plimmerton Pumas	Titahi Bay	lost 3-4	Aspen Smallbone
Plimmerton Falcons	HHS Hyenas	6-9	Everyone!
Plimmerton Nightmares			
Plimmerton Phoenix	Natone	20-10	Phoebe Keating