

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



### From the Principal

#### Kia Ora Koutou

Welcome back to the final term for the year, and a special welcome to our new students and families.

**INTER-REGIONAL PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY** - At the end of last term Nathan Butchard (Year 8) competed in the Inter-Regional Primary Cross Country as a member of the Wellington Region team. The event was held at Rabbit Island in Nelson, and it was a tough course, with the best runners in the country competing. Due to his position on the start line, Nathan didn't get a great start, but he showed plenty of resilience and determination and battled his way to an amazing 15th place. A huge congratulations to Nathan, and the Wellington Year 8 boys who all did well and won their event. Overall the regional team did well enough to win the Phil Costley Shield, beating out Canterbury by just two points!



**U.V. PROTECTION** – Our U.V. Protection Procedures came into effect from the beginning of the term and students are required to eat their lunch in the shade and to wear brimmed, bucket style or legionnaire hats when outside at school and on excursions between 10.00am and 4pm. Students are required to wear clothing that covers their shoulders and are encouraged to cover necks, arms and legs. Sun Bathing is prohibited at school and students are encouraged to use SPF 30+ broad spectrum sunscreen.

**POWHIRI** – The Term 4 powhiri to welcome newcomers to the school will be held next Tuesday 23 October (the day after Labour Day). Invitations to attend have been emailed home to the whanau of newcomers (manuhiri) and existing families (tangata whenua) are welcome to attend. The Powhiri will be followed by morning tea for the manuhiri.

**GALA** – The School Gala will be held from 11am to 3pm on Saturday, 17 November. This is our school's major fundraising event for the year and as such is critical to our financial health. The proceeds from the Gala benefit every child in the school. We are dependent upon our school parents and staff to provide the people resources necessary to make this event a success. Although it may be nice to enjoy the entire gala as a visitor, we really need our school parents to pitch in and contribute some of their time to help. I'm sure you'll all show your support and community spirit when contacted by the PTA.



## From the Principal...continued

**STAFFING UPDATE FOR 2019** - As term 3 came to a close we finalised some team leader and classroom teacher positions for 2019.

Firstly, an update on our four staff who have been on leave in 2018. Anne Spicer, after many fabulous years of full-time service at Plimmerton School, has decided not to return in a full-time capacity next year. We are pleased that she will be continuing with some part-time work and relief teaching. Liz Nicol is going to be continuing as a full-time mum next year, which is wonderful news for her lovely daughter. Stana Billot has made the tough decision not to return next year, as she focuses on her brain injury recovery. We are delighted that Carole Stapleton is returning to join us after her time in the Wairarapa this year.

We also have three current teachers branching out in various ways. Kirstin Toleman and Kate Walker are taking a years leave - Kirstin to have a year dedicated to family, and Kate to experience teaching in Melbourne. We wish them both all the best for next year. Alice Wohlers is also heading off to Auckland to be with her partner who has transferred there. We wish her all the best for her new teaching position at Victoria Avenue School.

We have appointed permanent team leaders in Taupō and in Kōwhai. We are delighted that Andy Tate will be continuing in the Taupō leadership role. We are also thrilled that Kate Excell will be returning from a year at Te Anau School to take up the Kōwhai Team leader role.

So after all those staff movements we had 4 classroom teaching positions to fill for next year. We interviewed some really good applicants - but the ones that stood out for the panel were our current staff who have been in fixed term positions this year. So I'm really pleased that Clare Layfield, Chelsea Jennings, Dianne Khan and Clayton Schimanski will all be part of the team in 2019.

Likely teachers and teams for next year are:

Kōwhai (Year 1 and 2): Kate Excell (Leader), Alice Pritchard, Jeanelle Ymker, Kansas Davis, Shannon Ferguson.

Mana (Year 3 and 4): Brendon Cross (Leader), Andrew Brown, Clare Layfield, Emma Currie, Emma McClutchie.

Hongoeka: Melissa Brown (Leader), Carole Stapleton, Dianne Khan, Lisa Cuttance, Rebecca Courtney.

Taupō: Andy Tate (Leader), Tim Parkes (Assistant Leader), Chelsea Jennings, Clayton Schimanski, Jo Verran.

**SWIMMING PROGRAMMES** – Swimming programmes are underway and Hongoeka and Taupō Syndicates are swimming during Weeks 1 and 2. Kōwhai and Mana Syndicates will be swimming during weeks 3 & 4. All children are expected to bring their togs for swimming unless they have a note from their parents explaining why they are not able to participate.

**LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY** - Next Week on Monday 22 October. A reminder that school is closed on this day next week.

**Today's Roll** – 505 Students

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





## PTA NEWS

**It's Gala Time Again!! Saturday 17 November... only ONE MONTH to go!!**

**Welcome** to the 3rd 2018 Gala Newsletter

**HELP NEEDED!** – Thank you to the few who have responded for jobs but we still need more! We have over 700 parents at this school and only 80 people have jobs!! (not even 10%) We can't run this Gala with this number of helpers. Please have a look at the list and let us know where you would like to help, we don't have time to ring everyone! Please contact the Gala Team at [gala@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:gala@plimmerton.school.nz) or 0272337747.

### **JOBS INCLUDE:**

**\*POSTER DISTRIBUTION \*MYSTERY JARS \*BOOKS \*ADULT CLOTHING \*BLOWUP TOYS \*CROCKERY SMASH \*NERF SHOOTING \*BAG CHECK IN \*TOYS \*NACHOS \*WHITE ELEPHANT \*HAM ROLLS \*BBQS \*AMERICAN HOTDOGS \*DAIRY \*STRAWBERRIES \*WAFFLES \*CANDY FLOSS \*CURRIES \*SET UP \*CLEAN UP \*LARGE AMUSEMENTS TICKET SALES \*RAFFLES \*CAR SMASH \*SILENT AUCTIONS**

**Mystery Jars** – The Mystery Jar is our all time favourite stall at the Gala! This is a great activity for the children to get involved with. It's so much fun...fill a jar or two with treasures, wrap and deliver to the school office!

**White Elephant** - time to de-clutter! We would love all your fabulous pre-loved treasures, furniture, clothes, toys, white elephant and bric a brac. Same as last year, the White Elephant is getting immediately sorted as items arrive so the hall will be open from Saturday 10th November right through till Friday 16th November for your drop-offs (Saturday and Sunday 10/11th November 1 – 4pm). We are happy to accept any sports goods including clean rugby/soccer boots. Remember, NO computers, printers, screens, hard drives, computers or TVs. Items need to be resalable, clean and not broken – if in doubt, leave it out!

**White Elephant Early-Bird Opportunity** - This year we will be offering an Early-Bird opportunity to enter the hall for White Elephant 15 minutes prior to the Gala starting at 11am. There will be a \$10 cost on the day. Tell your friends!

**Books** – books will be getting sorted in the hall this year, so any books you may have can be dropped to hall the week prior. Please NO magazines, videos or if you're old enough to know, no cassette tapes.

**MAJOR RAFFLE** – The major raffle for the Gala is happening! It is an integral part of the Gala and generates around 13% of the income. Most families will receive one book (10 tickets) of raffles next week and it would be great if you could sell them to your friends and family. It's an easy job to do prior to the Gala and if you need more, please contact us. **Sold books and money to office by Wednesday 14th November please.**

**Crockery** – we require large amounts of chipped/cracked crockery for our infamous Crockery Smash. Please deliver any items to Gavin's garage (at the end of the Senior playground)

**Grocery Trolley Raffle** – This is one of our most popular raffles at the Gala – a shopping trolley FULL of groceries! We ask that each family donate at least one item for the trolley. The trolley is parked in the hallway by the office. Please check expiry dates before depositing your items.



## HEALTHY KIDS NEWS

### SUN SMART KIDS

Now that Term 4 has begun, it is time to remind children about care out in the sun. Children need to come to school prepared with a wide brimmed hat, t-shirts with sleeves and sunscreen to protect themselves from the sun. Children will need to reapply sunscreen after swimming at school. Your children are at school over the most at risk period of the day from 10am- 4pm. Here is some information and statistics about skin cancer adapted from the Cancer Society Sun Smart Schools Website.

- Skin cancers are the most common form of cancers in New Zealand-almost 80% of new cancer cases in New Zealand are skin cancers.
- New Zealand has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world, and together with Australia we have the highest melanoma rates.
- There are nearly 67,000 new skin cancers a year, including 2400 new cases of melanoma which is a particularly aggressive form of cancer.
- There are over 300 deaths from skin cancer annually,
- Limiting how much ultraviolet radiation (UVR) students get from the sun during school years could reduce the rate of skin cancers in later life.
- Sunburn, particularly in childhood and adolescence, increases the risk of getting melanoma.
- The majority of skin cancers are preventable - it has been estimated that over 90% of melanomas in Australasia are caused by sunlight exposure.
- 80% of UV radiation can still get through on a cloudy day.
- Maori and Pacific Islanders represent a low percentage of overall skin cancers diagnosed, however they are more likely to suffer from fast growing and difficult to diagnose melanomas.

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At school we advocate that children wear clothing and a hat to protect their face, ears, nose, shoulders, trunk, arms and legs. Sleeved t-shirts, hats and application of sunscreen on any exposed areas of skin before the school day is important and we require the cooperation of parents to achieve this. School sun hats are available for purchase from the school office.

## HELP NEEDED

### FRACTIONS AND FRANKFURTERS

The "Fractions and Frankfurter evening" is on next Thursday and we urgently need helping hands to make and sell American hot dogs (Frankfurter in a hot dog bun). If you have half an hour to spare between 4.30 pm and 6.30 pm please contact Katrin asap [katrinellison@gmail.com](mailto:katrinellison@gmail.com)

### ADULT READING TUTORS

If you could spare one hour each week to support students with reading please contact Rosemary Oxnam. You will be given some training and will work with the same four students each week so over time you will see the difference your support makes. We would welcome grandparents as tutors, or adults that may be friends of your family who could support children with reading. Please call Rosemary on 2338677 ext 9 or email [rosemaryo@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:rosemaryo@plimmerton.school.nz)





## YEAR 8 LEAVERS NEWS



### YEAR 8 LEAVERS' COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER - SILENI WINES OFFER

Sileni Wines have offered parents and caregivers a great fundraiser, where you can buy superb wines to enjoy now or stock up for Christmas, presents or for summer BBQs. For every case sold Sileni will donate \$40 for the Year 8 Leavers' Dinner. You can buy by the bottle or by the case, whatever suits. To see the wines on offer and to access an order form please use this [link](#). The order form is also available from the school office. Orders are open until Friday 2 November. Information about payment options, enquiries, etc is also on the order form. We encourage you to circulate the wine order form to family, friends and colleagues.

The fundraising committee greatly appreciates your support.

## STUDENT NEWS

A group of Hongoeka children is implementing a new school-wide recycling system, with the support of Carol Shaw. All paper, card, clean plastics, and tins will be gathered in the green containers. The recyclers will be collecting this and disposing it into the Porirua City Council recycling bins placed around the school. Food scraps go into the food scrap bins.

Muesli wrappers or chip wrappers with a foil base will be sent home in lunch boxes as these cannot be recycled.





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## ITS COOL TO KORERO!

Kia ora e te whānau,

Remember **Are There Three Or Two?** These provide our basic vowel sounds i te reo Māori!

Here are some more answers to 'Kei te pehea koe?' which you can use with the whānau (family).

This week we have:

hīkaka (eager) - hee-car-car

hiakai (hungry) - hee -are-k-l

hiamoe (sleepy) - hee-are-mor-ee

matemoe (exhausted) -mar-tear-mor-ee

hiainu (thirsty) - hee-are-eee-nuu

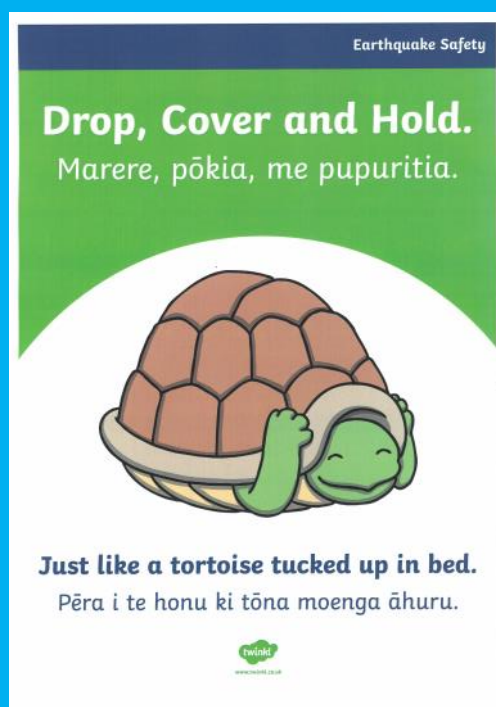
Kei te pehea koe? How are you?

Kei te hiainu ahau. I'm thirsty.

It's also the NZ Shake Out tēnei wiki (this week) - so I've also included a bilingual "Turtle" poster, reminding you to Drop, Cover and Hold! (Marere, pōkia me pupuritia!)

Give it a go - remember, it's cool to kōrero!

Whaea Emma



**hīkaka - eager**

Kei te pēhea koe?  
How are you?

Kei te hīkaka ahau.  
I am eager.



**hiakai - hungry**

Kei te pēhea koe?  
How are you?

Kei te hiakai ahau.  
I am hungry.



**hiamoe - sleepy**

Kei te pēhea koe?  
How are you?

Kei te hiamoe ahau.  
I am sleepy.



**matekai - starving**

Kei te pēhea koe?  
How are you?

Kei te matekai ahau.  
I am starving.



**matemoe - exhausted**

Kei te pēhea koe?  
How are you?

Kei te matemoe ahau.  
I am exhausted.



**hiainu - thirsty**

Kei te pēhea koe?  
How are you?

Kei te hia inu ahau.  
I am thirsty.







# COMMUNITY NEWS

Please note "Kelly Sports Porirua is under new ownership!"

## KELLY SPORTS TERM 4 2018: - "Play Like a Sports Hero!" (Yrs 1-4) – Friday's 3:05-4:05pm

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 4 with their fun and exciting classes. Come and try **Athletics, Tball, Touch Rugby and Ultimate Frisbee**. Try 2 weeks each of these sports. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. Learn the fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more – all while having a great time! For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201



# LiGHT PARTY

**DINNER & A SHOW!**  
 Wed 31 October - 5pm -7:30pm  
 Gates open from 5pm

Performances by  
**Circus Act by Zane (6pm)**  
**Moana, Elsa & Spiderman (6.45)**

Bouncy Castles  
**PIZZA & HOTDOGS**  
**ICE CREAM & DRINKS**  
**ALL FOR A DONATION !**

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## SPRING GALA

Saturday 27th, October 2018, 11am - 3pm




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- CHALLENGE yourself on one of the obstacle courses
- CHECK OUT the 'MirrorMe' photo booth
- EAT WELL from our food hall and outdoor stalls
- ENJOY outdoor games and activities
- SNAP UP delicious homemade sweets & cakes
- HUNT for top-quality, pre-loved bargains: books, adults & children's clothing and toys
- BUY plants
- TRY YOUR LUCK on raffles, silent auction or spin the wheel for a prize pack
- DELIGHT in our wonderful selection of crafts

For more info go to:  
[paremata.school.nz](http://paremata.school.nz)  
 and select 'GALA 2018'

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