

## Plimmerton School Newsletter - Week 2, Term 4, 2018



### From the Principal

#### Kia Ora Koutou

See you all at tonight's "Fractions and Frankfurters" night!

**PŌWHIRI** – Thank you to all students for their enthusiastic and respectful participation in the Term 4 Pōwhiri, which made sure the welcome for our new students and their families was a special occasion. Special commendations to the girls who carried out the karanga: Jayda, Kate, Eilidh and Amy. Also to Eben and Will for their expert use of te reo Māori in the delivery of welcome speeches. It was tumeke (awesome) to see lots of students and staff wearing their Te Kura o Taupō t-shirts with the Taupō nui tonu image designed by Te Mako Stan Orzecki. For a description of the significance of this design please follow this [link](#). If you would like to order one of these tumeke tshirts please click [here](#).



**EPRO8 CHALLENGE** - Last week we had 2 Taupō and 2 Hongoeka teams of 4 students compete in this event. For those of you wondering what it is about here's an excerpt from the EPro8 website - "The EPro8 Challenge is a competition, an engineering and problem solving race. Teams compete to - build large sized structures; solve practical problems; engineer using pulleys, motors, gears, wheels and axles; invent machines that can complete simple tasks; construct basic electronic circuits; and solve interesting problems using practical maths. (Phew!) All the teams really enjoyed the experience, and we have a team from each syndicate going on to the next round of competition. Check out the student report later in the newsletter.

**GALA** – The gala will be held from 11am to 3pm on Saturday, 17 November. Preparations are gathering momentum and PTA members are working hard. This is a time for all hands to the pumps and the PTA still need helpers for many activities. A huge thanks to all those parents who have already volunteered and are on the roster included in this newsletter. If you are not yet signed up, then please contact Natalie Jones on 027 2337747 or email [gala@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:gala@plimmerton.school.nz) to offer your assistance. Thank you.

**2019 CLASS PLACEMENTS** – During this term we will be making up class lists for next year. We will be working hard to ensure that we have balanced classes in each area of the school. Positive learning relationships will be considered in this process. We are unable to consider requests for placements with friends or for specific teachers. Parents are requested not to contact me or any teacher to request placement of a child with a friend or with a particular teacher. Parents are welcome to contact me before the end of November if they wish to discuss any other additional needs that they think we may not be aware of and they would like considered in relation to the placement of their child. Students will be told who their 2019 teacher will be on Tuesday 18 December and they will go to their new room and spend some time with their new teacher (where possible) and new class.

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY** - Next Friday 2 November, 9.15am in the Hall.

**Today's Roll** – 502 Students

Ngā mihi  
Mike Forrest  
Tumuaki - Principal



## PTA NEWS



**It's Gala Time Again!! Saturday 17**

**November... only 23 DAYS to go!!**

Welcome to the 4th 2018 Gala Newsletter.

# HELP NEEDED!

**HELPERS** – Thank you to the amazing people who have responded for jobs but we still need more! Attached to this newsletter is a spreadsheet with all the jobs and all the people...and all the gaps! 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 to help;

<b>JOBS INCLUDE:</b>	POSTER DISTRIBUTION	BOOKS	ADULT CLOTHING
	CROCKERY SMASH		BBQS WAFFLES
	NACHOS	WHITE ELEPHANT	HAM ROLLS
	CANDY FLOSS	DAIRY	STRAWBERRIES
	CURRIES	SET UP	CLEAN UP
TICKET SALES	RAFFLES	CAR SMASH	LARGE AMUSEMENTS
			SILENT AUCTIONS

**Mystery Jars** – Taking all Mystery Jar donations at the office now - if you prefer, you can drop items to office and we will package

**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 10<sup>th</sup> November right through till Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November for your drop-offs (Saturday and Sunday 10/11<sup>th</sup> 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 this 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Harcourts**

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## STUDENT NEWS

### EPRO8 TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE - HONGOEKA

On Friday 19 October two teams from Hongoeka Syndicate went to Titahi Bay Intermediate School to compete in a technical challenge called EPro8.

The two team names were the TechnoPlims and the A.I (Artificial Intelligence) Creators. In the TechnoPlims team we had Ruby Keene, Lauree Penty, Isaac Wall and Matthew Short. In the A.I Creators we had Kayla Searancke, Aurora Gritt, Robbie Hemphill, Nicholas Allott and Orion Berryman- Assemahli.

A.I Creators came 8th and the TechnoPlims came **1st**. The challenges we liked the most were the Rat Wheel, Ball Pit and the Automatic Counter.

Thank you to Ms B. and all the parents who came and supported us.

**By Kayla Searancke, Ruby and Lauree**



### EPRO8 TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE - TAUPO

Last week, two teams travelled to Titahi Bay to represent Plimmerton School in the epro8 technology challenge.

The team of Kate Blake-Palmer, Lexi Henderson, Saskia Janssen and Savannah Gritt worked together to complete a range of challenges to an extremely high standard. In fact, they led the standings for the majority of the competition, before finishing in a commendable 4th place overall. Their outstanding problem solving ability was matched by their enthusiasm, smiles and impromptu dance moves.

The team of Mackenzie Bell, Logan Smith, Xavier Evans and James De Hair collaborated wonderfully well during every challenge and this was reflected in their second placing overall and qualification for the semi final round of the epro8 challenge. The boys' calmness under pressure, out of the box thinking and creativeness served them very well as they progressed through the challenges.

Both teams did Plimmerton School proud. What fantastic role models for the schoolmates!



## STUDENT NEWS cont

### CAPITAL E STORY STUDIO LIVE

On Friday 19 October, five performers from the Capital E Story Studio Live company visited the year 5-8s at Plimmerton School. First they talked about and showed us how they create sounds using different objects.

They then performed two scripted acts where they demonstrated using more sounds with other objects. The first act was called Voyages. It was written by a fifteen year old called Hannah. The play was about Hannah and what happened to her at school. She doesn't have many friends since they all turned against her when she was put with a boy for a project and they became friends. The boy, James, liked pirates and had an idol who was a pirate. Hannah had dreams that she was on a ship and met James there.

The second play is called Beautiful Ideas, which was written by a twelve year old. It's about a woman and a man who do the same job but never see each other because Robert works the day job and Gwendalyn works the night job. Robert is a very tidy man who doesn't tolerate things out of place. Gwendalyn is a very colourful, bubbly person who loves flowers and everything positive. Gwendalyn adds flowers to lighten up the place and opens the window. Robert does not like this. This carries on until Robert starts to like it. When he and Gwendalyn finally meet, they fall in love.

Personally I really liked the second play the most because of just how nice it was to watch. I would definitely like to watch the Story Studio Live team do more of their plays. I hope they come back next year for others to enjoy like me.

By Jodie Kriel, Year 8.

## YEAR 8 LEAVERS NEWS

### SILENI WINE FUNDRAISER

Don't forget the Sileni Wine fundraiser – orders due next week! Stock up for Christmas and the summer BBQ's and at the same time helping us cover the cost of and create wonderful memories at the Year 8's leavers dinner. This offer is open to anyone so please spread the word far and wide – they are great deals. Click on the link for an order form and for more information please contact AM Janssen 021461131/ [am@kiwiwear.co.nz](mailto:am@kiwiwear.co.nz) or Viv Barham 0274503978/ [viv@kemihi.co.nz](mailto:viv@kemihi.co.nz). Our committee can deliver if you live in the school zone area – other areas by arrangement. Thank you for your support.

Y8 Leavers fundraising

**\$5**  
per car

**CAR WASH**  
& SAUSAGE SIZZLE

**SUNDAY**  
**28 OCT**  
10AM-2PM

On the  
Plimmerton School Field  
See you there!



## ITS COOL TO KORERO!

Kia ora e te whānau,

This week we have our maths basic facts testing for the mathathon and I've noticed that a few kids are doubting themselves. So, here's a bit of a growth mindset kīwaha (saying) for tēnei wiki...

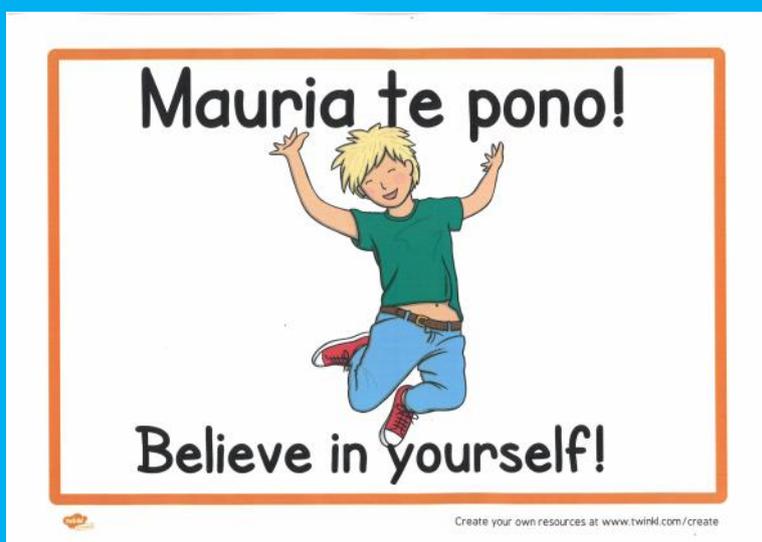
Mauria te pono! Believe in yourself!  
(Mow-ree-a tear por-nor)

This is a great kīwaha to say when our tamariki are feeling a bit 'Eeeek!', especially when they really want to achieve something. It's actually a great kīwaha for everyday - it's a nice way to start before heading off to kura (school) and mahi (work).

If you are having trouble remembering the vowel sounds, just remember that sentence... Are there three or two? There are your 5 basic vowel sounds i te reo Māori!

Give it a go! Remember, it's cool to kōrero!

Ngā mihi,  
Whaea Emma





# 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 [adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201



We are giving all Wellingtonians a chance to come out sailing for the day if they are keen. Or just come along side Queens Wharf and check her out because she is very beautiful and we only travel South every two or three years.

We have two half day sailings around the Harbour on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
 Either 9am – 12noon or 1pm – 4pm

Bookings can be made directly on our website - <https://www.spiritofadventure.org.nz/voyages/voyage/public-day-sail> .  
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