

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



### From the Principal

#### Kia Ora Koutou

**FRACTIONS & FRANKFURTERS** – Wow! What a huge turnout of parents and students for the maths evening last Thursday. It was fantastic to see students sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm for mathematics with their parents. Thank you to all those who came and gave their child or children a chance to share their learning. A special thank you to Katrin and the many parent volunteers who helped cook and distribute frankfurters! And a special thanks to the many parent helpers who spent hours putting together the maths game packs.



**TEACHER STRIKE AND SCHOOL CLOSURE** - The teachers union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, has announced their intention to hold a full day strike on Friday 16th November. It is looking likely that the strike will go ahead. The Board of Trustees has again decided that Plimmerton School will close for that day if the strike proceeds, and families will need to make alternative arrangements for the care of their children.

The decision to close was taken after careful consideration by the Board. The majority of our School's teachers and reliever teacher pool are union members, and the Board cannot ask support staff to do the work of a striking teacher. The Board believes the school cannot provide effective instruction or ensure a safe level of supervision in the absence of those teaching staff who are union members.

If you have any queries or concerns about this decision please contact the school office or email [bot@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:bot@plimmerton.school.nz)

If you need quality care for your children, Kelly Club can help as they are providing a full day of care. They'll be open from their normal time at 7 am, all the way through to 6 pm. For details and to look at their various booking options, go to Kelly Club's website: <https://www.kellyclub.co.nz/plimmerton>.

**PARKING** - The parking wardens have been making some visits to School at collection and drop-off times. Please remember to follow the road and parking rules.

**GALA** – It is now just a little over 2 weeks until our gala (11am to 3pm on Saturday, 17 November) and preparations are gathering momentum! The gala committee still have a long list of 'needs'. Please read the attached Gala Newsletter and do your bit to help where you can. Every child in the school benefits from the monies raised. If you haven't already, please contact Natalie Jones on 027 2337747 or email [gala@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:gala@plimmerton.school.nz) to offer your assistance. Remember - 'Many hands make light work'!



## From the Principal...continued

**2019 OUT OF ZONE STUDENTS** – The board has accepted 11 x Out of Zone students for 2019 – 10 x New Entrants and 1 x Year 7. The board only accepted New Entrant students who had priority rights (siblings and children of past pupils and board employees) and declined all other applications.

**MARATHON TO SUPPORT CAT WALK** - Alice Pritchard who is the teacher of Room 13 will run the New York Marathon on Monday 5th November, our time. Alice was invited by CAT WALK SCI Trust to run this marathon. CAT WALK SCI Trust is an organisation which aims to raise funds to support spinal cord injury research to help get those affected, back on their feet. Alice has a personal connection with CAT WALK.

As a way of supporting Alice, our students in each syndicate are going to run the equivalent of the marathon distance in the playground on Monday. We estimate that students will run an average of 400 metres each. Parents are invited to come to encourage their children and offer support for the cause. The estimated times for each syndicates run are :

9.00-10.00am Mana Syndicate

10.00-11.00am Hongoeka Syndicate

11.20- 12.00 noon Taupo Syndicate

12.00-1.00pm Kowhai Syndicate.

We will have a barometer drawn on the playground so students can see how we are covering the distance.

There will also be the letters of CAT WALK on the playground and we hope to cover those with coins which we will add to the over \$50,000 Alice has already raised to contribute to the cause. Students will need to wear suitable clothing and footwear for their run. Thank you for your support.

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

**Today's Roll** – 505 Students

Ngā mihi

Mike Forrest

Tumuaki - Principal



**PTA NEWS**

**T2R 2018 GALA**



Keep things simple .....  
 with a TICKET TO RIDE (T2R).  
 The kids can have a heap of fun  
 without raiding your pockets for coins.  
 Each ticket has 6 x \$3 tokens that can  
 be used at your choice of rides,  
 displaying the T2R Sign.  
 ON SALE FROM THIS FRIDAY.  
 Offer finishes Fri 16 Nov 4pm.  
 This deal will not be available on Gala  
 Day.  
 Pay now and collect your TICKET TO  
 RIDE from the T2R  
 booth by the entrance gate at the  
 bottom of the driveway on Gala Day,  
 Saturday 17 November.

In the event of cancellation of the Gala the  
 ticket will be fully refunded.

**\$18 worth of rides for**

**\$15**



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 Drive a V8 Car  
 Bubble Soccer  
 Electric Cars  
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 much more ...*



**Plimmerton School Gala  
 Ticket to Ride Pre-sale Special**

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of tickets to ride \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15  
 Total enclosed cash / cheque \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## PTA NEWS

**It's Almost Gala Time!! Saturday 17 November – only 16 sleeps to go!**

Welcome to the 5th 2018 Gala Newsletter.

### **HELPERS STILL NEEDED!**

**The Gala is our biggest fundraiser of the year and there is an expectation of every family to help in some way. Please HELP to keep Plimmerton School enjoying everything they have to offer.**

**HELPERS** – Thank you to everyone who has put their name down to help - if you don't have a job yet please contact us URGENTLY at [gala@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:gala@plimmerton.school.nz) We do not want to cancel stalls but we may have to if the helpers aren't there! We desperately need helpers for the following;

|                             |                                |                        |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Books 1x AM/PM              | Bumper Boats 1x AM/PM          | Kids Café x1           |
| Selling tea towels 1x AM/PM | Adult Clothing 1x PM           | Crockery Smash 1x AM   |
| Toys x2 PM                  | White Elephant x10 AM/PM       | Kitchen x3 PM          |
| Clean Up x10                | Set Up x4 (7am)                | Bottom Field x16 AM/PM |
| Carpark x1 (10am)           | Raffles x1 PM                  | Silent Auctions x1 PM  |
|                             | Quick Fire Raffles x4 (12-1pm) |                        |

**Cake boxes** – Cake boxes will be coming home with your child next week. The cake stall is one of our most popular stalls at the Gala and we would appreciate it if you could bake a cake or cookies or something sweet and return your box to the office on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November or on the morning of the Gala Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

If you can't bake, we will happily receive fresh produce like lemons, limes or eggs!

**Mystery Jars** – PLEASE BRING YOUR MYSTERY JARS FOR THE MYSTERY JAR STALL! We do have jars available in the office. If you have spare empty jars, please bring those also. And if you have anything which would be suitable for a mystery jar, drop it onto the office as we have a team of elves busily making them!!

**White Elephant** - The White Elephant is getting immediately sorted as items arrive. The hall will be open from Saturday 10th November right through till Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November for your drop-offs. We are happy to accept any sports goods including clean rugby/soccer boots. Remember, NO computers, printers or TVs thanks. Items need to be resalable, clean and not broken – if in doubt, leave it out! Please separate clothing into adults and children's. Also remember nothing torn, dirty, worn out or

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underwear with clothing. Cars cannot come up the driveway between 8:30-9:00am, 11:00-11:20am or 2:45-3:20pm and PLEASE be mindful of children and the speed limit on the driveway.

**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 from tomorrow. Please NO magazines, videos or if you're old enough to know, no cassette tapes.

**LOST PROPERTY** - There is an enormous amount of lost property at school including lots of jackets. Please check it for your child's belongings as if it is not claimed by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November...it becomes Gala clothing!

**MAJOR RAFFLE** - There are some fabulous prizes up for grabs including a \$300 Pak n Save voucher! Please return any unsold books NOW so we can reallocate to families who have sold theirs and return sold tickets and money to the school office by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Thanks to those who have already done so!

**Crockery** - we require LARGE amounts of chipped/cracked crockery (no glass please) for our infamous Crockery Smash. Please deliver any items to the hall.

**Banana boxes / eco bags / paper bags** - We need LOTS!! Please deliver to the hall.

**Sweets / Preserves** - We need LOTS of sweet makers!! If you can help with some fudge, candy, coconut ice or other sweet - please let us know or drop your items off to the office. The sweets are always extremely popular and always sell out. There will be bags available from the office for packaging your treats.

**Grocery Trolley Raffle** - The Grocery Trolley is looking a little unloved!! We ask all families to donate a grocery item please. The trolley is parked in the hallway by the office. Anything is welcome but please check expiry dates before depositing your items.

**THANK YOU** - to everyone who has helped so far. We know it can be overwhelming at times but we really do appreciate every little bit of help! And there are only 16 more sleeps to go!

For all Gala enquiries contact: - [gala@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:gala@plimmerton.school.nz)

**REGIFTED ITEMS** - We all have a little something we were gifted and it's not quite right? Any regifted items happily received for raffle items. Please drop to office.

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## HEALTHY KIDS NEWS

### FEEDING THE BRAIN

Your brain weighs 2 percent of your total body weight. It uses 20 percent of your body's energy. Brain cells require a delicate balance between water and various elements to operate well. **Top Brain foods include: Water, avocados, oily fish, blueberries, beans, whole grains, broccoli, blackberries, nuts and seeds.** Around 10 am our students are encouraged to have a healthy snack and a drink, to give their brains a boost and see them through until morning tea at 11 am.



**Whatever your child calls it in their class - brain food, snack break, morning energiser... here are some healthy and package free ideas:**

- For a fruit or vege snack, a container of peas, cherry tomatoes, olives, grapes, slices of apple, oranges or pears.
- Cut carrots, celery or capsicum into sticks and add hummus for a dip
- Chop up fruit and put in the freezer the night before to keep fruit firm, cold and fresh.
- Lite cream cheese or cottage cheese on crackers as an alternative to slices of cheese.
- Make up a snack mix of dried fruit, nuts, seeds, coconut or banana chips.
- Plain popcorn
- Yogurt and fruit skewers
- Apple slices and peanut butter

### Hummus Recipe

420g can of Select chick peas

- 2 heaped dessert spoons of tahini
- 2 cloves garlic
- 5 Tbls olive oil
- juice of 1 lemon
- ¼ tsp paprika
- Salt and pepper to taste

Drain chick peas and place in a food processor. Add the tahini, garlic, lemon juice and 3 Tbl olive oil and process to a fine paste, add the water as the machine runs. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Tip into a bowl and smooth out to level then pour the remaining oil over the top of the dip, then sprinkle with the paprika, then serve.

## SPORTS NEWS

### MINIBALL - Year 3 and 4's

Plimmerton Magic 5 V Natone Rangituhi 7 - POD Riley Pratt  
 Plimmerton Thunder 20 V Discovery Slammers 8  
 Plimmerton Lightning 9 V TKMP Matairangi 13

### MINIBALL - Year 1 and 2's

Plimmerton Movers 13 V St Theresa's Stars 3  
 Plimmerton Shakers 3 V Holy Little little Siva's 9



## YEAR 8 LEAVERS NEWS

### SILENI WINES

Have you ordered your Sileni Wine – orders due TOMORROW! 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@kemihiko.co.nz](mailto:viv@kemihiko.co.nz). Our committee can deliver if you live in the school zone area – other areas by arrangement. Thank you for your support.



## STUDENT WORK

### EARTHQUAKES AND TSUNAMIS

#### What causes an earthquake?

Earthquakes are caused for multiple reasons!

Tectonic plates getting stuck and pulling or 2 tectonic plates rubbing against each other are two.

Where two tectonic plates meet is called a fault line. New Zealand is right on top of a fault line so we get frequent earthquakes in NZ. Tectonic plates are scattered all around the Earth, like giant puzzle pieces. They are under the Earth's crust.

When you feel an earthquake, you need to Drop, Cover and Hold. You must try to hold on to something like a table leg and try to move with it. Cover the back of your neck with your fingers - if your fingers break, they are easy to fix. Not so much a broken neck or back!

If you're outside, stay away from glass and lampposts if you can. Drop, Cover and Hold, don't try to run inside!

#### What causes a tsunami?:

Tsunamis are caused by underwater earthquakes.

The earthquake causes lots of water to be displaced very quickly, forming a tsunami.

Tsunamis are not always a really big wave. They are often as tall as a bench! The reason tsunamis are so destructive is because they can travel at 130 kmph (80 mph.) That's faster than a cheetah, so don't try and outrun a tsunami!

The waves are powerful enough to carry boats, debris, cars and buses onto land, and they can even destroy whole buildings!

You should head straight for higher ground so the waves can't reach you.

By Alex! :) \*



## ITS COOL TO KORERO!

Kia ora e te whānau

This week I'm profiling our tu meke t-shirts we are selling through the office! At just \$20 each (for both adult and child sizes), they are a bargain and a great way to tautoko (support) the kura (school).

The Taupō nui tonu design was gifted to us by Te Mako Stan Orzecki from Hongoeka Marae. This is pretty special - no other school in Aotearoa NZ has this design... or the story that goes along with it.

Taupō Pā used to cover the land from the fire station, over the tennis courts and into the grounds of what is now our kura.

The designs on the taonga are stylised or contemporary versions of the original kōwhaiwhai images from the Taupō Pā meeting house or whareniui.

The colours represent the food gathered from the whenua and the moana - land and sea.

The triangular design represents Whitirea te maunga, which you can see across the bays of Taupō-Plimmerton.

The lower koru represent those who have passed away and those still living.

The diamond design in the centre represents the ever-changing Māori world - although Māori culture has changed, the people still look to the past for guidance.

The manawa (heart line) in the centre has two hearts - these link te kura o Taupō - Plimmerton School to Hongoeka Marae, and also to the kīwaha (saying), Aroha ki te tangata, ahakoa ko wai, ahakoa nō whea. Goodwill to all, whoever you are or wherever you come from.

This kīwaha is found on the tāhuhu (ridge pole) at Te Heke-mai-raro, the whareniui (meeting house) at Hongoeka Marae.

Show your support for our kura and Hongoeka Marae and see if you can remember the kōrero that goes with the taonga you wear on your t-shirt! You can order these through the office or online.

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

Ngā mihi,  
Whaea Emma



### Taupō nui tonu: Kōrero



Designed & gifted by Te Mako Stan Orzecki, Hongoeka Marae

The designs are a stylised variation of original kōwhaiwhai images found on the old Taupō pā meeting house.

**The triangular shape of the emblem acknowledges Whitirea te maunga.**

**The bottom koru represent those who have passed on to 'Te Ao Wairua' and those who remain.**

**The diamond shaped section represents 'Te Ao Hurihuri', or our ever-changing world. Māori culture continues to draw on the past for guidance.**

**The koru designs central to this section show the manawa (heart line) which links Te Kura o Taupō Plimmerton School to Te Heke Mai Raro found on the tāhuhu (ridge pole) of the meeting house at Hongoeka.**

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### Taupō nui tonu



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ahakoa nō whea.  
Goodwill to all people, whoever they are  
and wherever they come from.**

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