



From the Principal

Kia Ora Koutou

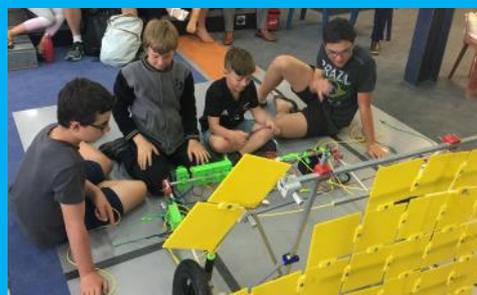
PARUMOANA INTER-SCHOOL SPEECH COMPETITION – Congratulations to Holly McManaway, for her fabulous first place in the Year 5&6 competition, and Logan Smith, for his superb second place in the Year 7&8 competition. A fantastic result that reflected their skill and the hard work that they had put into developing and practising their speeches. They both entertained with their speech topics ("Embarrassing dads" and "Being an Adolescent"), but had good positive messages too.



REGIONAL SEMI-FINALS & FINALS: EPro8 INTER-SCHOOL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMPETITION –

Congratulations to the Year 7&8 "Plimmerton 1" team (James de Hair, Mackenzie Bell, Xavier Evans and Logan Smith) who progressed to the Regional final after placing second in their semi-final of the EPro8. The team showed great determination during the 3 hour event, grappling with some very tough engineering challenges, and finished in a very creditable 8th place.

Congratulations also to the Year 5&6 "Techno Plimms" team (Isaac Wall, Matthew Short, Lauree Penty and Ruby Keene) who competed in the semi-final of the EPro8 and came 4th, just missing out on the finals.



BYOC 2019 - If you have a child starting in Hongoeka syndicate next year, or you have been thinking about purchasing a chromebook for your child who is in year 5-8, information regarding purchasing Chromebooks is now available on our website or via this [link](#).

BOOK RETURN - LIBRARY STOCKTAKE - As the school year is coming to an end the librarians have started the annual book and resource stock take. Please could all families do a thorough search and retrieve mission for any school resources that may have been misplaced around the house.



From the Principal...continued

Please check behind the bed with the lost socks, on bookshelves amongst your own books and in the scary mouldy depths of the school bag as these are some of the favourite hiding places of AWOL books! We would be delighted to see any returned books.

CHRISTMAS GIVING - It is the season for giving, a time of year when we can encourage our children to think of others. We are collecting food bank donations and toys suitable for a child at Christmas on behalf of the Salvation Army. Encouraging your child to make a contribution would be a good way to emphasise the Christmas spirit of giving to those in need. We are collecting donations in the school office and will have a donation station at the Christmas Concert. Some children and parents have asked if they could bring in a small gift for each of their classmates. Please remember we cannot distribute food items to other students. We would prefer that the children showed their Christmas spirit by giving food donations or a child's Christmas present to the collection for the Salvation Army.

Important whole school events coming up...

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - The Christmas Concert will be held next week, 6.30pm - 7.30pm Thursday 13th December. This will be an outdoor concert on the main court area. Everyone is welcome and families are invited to bring a cushion or blanket to sit on. Parking will be available on the field - if we have some dry weather next week!

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - Our final regular school assembly will be next Week at 9.15am on Friday 14 December.

END OF YEAR REPORTS - End of year student reports will be sent home with students next week on Friday 14 December.

FINAL SCHOOL LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY - The final assembly will be held at 11:00am on Thursday 20 December. This is traditionally our most formal occasion of the year and the assembly will be attended by the Board of Trustees and a great number of parents. The assembly usually takes approx. 1 hour and the occasion is used to officially farewell our Year 8 students. All parents and friends of the school are very welcome to attend.

FINAL DAY (THURSDAY 20 DECEMBER) FINISHING AT 12 NOON - School will finish immediately after the Final assembly at approx. 12:00 midday. If you have an After School Care booking on the last day, please let the supervisor know if your child needs care on the last afternoon.

2019 BEGINNING OF YEAR DATES – Teacher Only Days will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday 29-30 January. School will commence at 9:00am on Monday 4 February (Wednesday 6 February is Waitangi Day). 2019 term dates are published on the Homepage of our website. Stationery Lists for 2019 will be available on the website Monday 10 December and stationery packs can be purchased from the office from Tuesday 18 December.

Today's Roll – 508 Students

Ngā mihi
Mike Forrest
Tumuaki - Principal



ON BOARD

BOARD OF TRUSTEE TRI-ELECTIONS

Our three year term finishes in June next year, when the Board of Trustee tri-elections will be held. The holiday period is usually a good time to reflect and to consider our future plans. We encourage you to consider standing at the next election. The best place to start is to talk to our current Board members about their own experience. (The Board is profiled on the school website). We will be holding an information evening next year and you can come along and observe one of our meetings.

Lauren Prosser, who has been on the Board for almost nine years, will be finishing up at the end of this term. This week Lauren shares about her own personal experience.

In what areas has it helped your own personal and professional development?

It's really helped me on my leadership journey. As a board, we've had to make some pretty big decisions, ask lots of questions and respect each other's perspectives. It's given me a great insight into the education sector and a deep respect for the huge impact teachers have on the lives of our young people. I was a policy advisor when I joined the board and I'm in a managerial role now. I've drawn from my experience on the BoT in job interviews and it's absolutely helped my career.



How much time commitment has it been?

In the beginning it was a couple of hours every six weeks for each meeting, plus reading material. I chose to attend the odd training course and read up on new documents published by the Ministry of Education, School Trustees Association and Education Review Office. There's lots of training and guidance available. Later, as Chairperson, I met with the principal for an hour each week, set the annual work programme for the Board, and the agenda for each meeting, so it possibly averaged about 6-8 hours a month.

What have been the biggest challenges?

The biggest challenge was recruiting a new principal, as Mr Laird had huge boots to fill, but it was also the biggest highlight! We've also had to make some big decisions around digital learning and being involved in a Community of Learning.

What would you say to someone considering standing on the BOT?

Go for it! It seems like a cliché about giving back to the school but I really wanted to do something as my children have had such wonderful support. I'm passionate about seeing children believe in themselves and achieve their potential. I'm not a great fundraiser, I'm not a great parent help, but I was genuinely interested in helping the school. You don't need to be a lawyer or business person or experienced in education. The important thing is to care about the future of our children and ask lots of questions! It's been an absolute privilege to be able to influence the future direction of our school and work with our amazing staff to do the best by our children. I have learnt so much and will really miss being part of such a great team.



PTA NEWS

Looking for a local gift with your street on it? -Here it is! We have designed tea towels, listing all Plimmerton, Camborne and Mana street names. You can purchase them at the office and also next week at the Christmas concert. \$12.50 each or \$20.00 for two. EFTPOS is available, cash is also accepted.

SCHOOL NEWS

Special message from Deputy Principal Rosemary Oxnam:

SCHOOL ROAD PATROL

In 2019 a School Traffic Safety Team will be operating a patrol on the Steyne Avenue crossing every afternoon.

This should make crossing safer for our students and improve the traffic flow. The patrol will operate from 3pm-3.15 pm each day and the Year 7 & 8 students who will be operating the patrol were trained on Tuesday by Constable Sue Bush from New Zealand Police.

School patrols are not allowed to operate without an adult supervisor. We are needing adults who would be available from 2.50-3.15pm to supervise the patrols. Our aim is to have enough supervisors to only roster each person one day per fortnight. There will be some training for the supervisors before the patrols start in February.

If you would be available to help please contact me on 2338677 ext 9 or by email rosemaryo@plimmerton.school.nz. In making up the roster i will be considerate of the day of the week that is most suitable for you as a supervisor.

Thank you.

Rosemary Oxnam



SPORTS NEWS

MINIBALL

Plimmerton movers 6 v TKMP Tararua 4 - PoD...Charlie Adamson and Rex Lewis

Plimmerton Shakers 10 v Discovery Shooters 26 - PoD...Gordon Lang

Plimmerton Thunder 10 Natone Rangituhi 12 - PoD Ethan Tod

Plimmerton Lightning 18 v TKMP Tipimana 10 - PoD Charlie Hobbs

KELLY CLUB NEWS

KELLY CLUB Summer **HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

Contact
CLAIRE HARRISON
plimmerton@kellyclub.co.nz
021 246 1717
BOOK ONLINE AT
www.kellyclub.co.nz



IT'S COOL TO KORERO!

Kia ora e te whānau,

With all the social action being taken by our kura (school), I thought it would be great to introduce kupu relevant to looking after Papatūānuku, the earth.

- Reduce: whakaiti (far-car-tee)
- Reuse: whakamahi anō (far-car-mar-hee are-no)
- Recycle: hangarua (har-nar-roo-are)
- Compost: mahi wairākau (mar-hee why-rac-coh)

Do the right thing: Whāia te tika (Faar-ee-are te teek-are)

Give it a go - maybe you could make kōrero Māori your social action project at home?
Remember, it's cool to kōrero!

Ngā mihi,

Whaea Emma





COMMUNITY NEWS

KELLY SPORTS TERM 1 2019: - Back to School Sports!" (Yrs 1-4) – Friday's 3:05-4:05pm

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 1 with their fun and exciting classes. Come and try **Circus Skills, Cricket, Football, Dodgeball**. 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 or email adminwqtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

The Plimmerton FunRun 2019!
 Something for the whole family!
 Head to www.plimmertonfunrun.com or our facebook @plimmertonfunrun to sign up!



Event :

- 21 Km Run
- 10 Km Run
- 5 Km Run or Walk
- 2.5 Km Kids Run

Sunday 3rd March 2019
 Dress up/ Spot Prizes/ Family day out



WORKING BEE

1st 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



JOIN US FOR A SCREENING OF
THE STAR
 THE STORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

SAT 15TH DEC | 2PM-5PM | FREE EVENT | THE ROCK CHURCH
 FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES • BYO BEAN BAG • SNACKS PROVIDED