

Plimmerton School Newsletter - Week 9, Term 4, 2018



From the Principal

Kia Ora Koutou

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - The Christmas Concert will be held TONIGHT 6.30pm - 7.30pm Thursday 13 December. IF CANCELLING A TEXT WILL BE SENT OUT. 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. Please remember we are collecting food bank items and child Christmas presents on behalf of the Salvation Army. We'll have some shopping trolleys out for donations tonight.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - Our final regular school assembly will be tomorrow at 9.15am (Friday 14 December).

END OF YEAR REPORTS - End of year student reports will be sent home with students tomorrow afternoon (Friday 14 December). Please remember to hunt them out of your child's school bag. These reports are a summative assessment of your child's achievements throughout the year.

CLASSES FOR 2019 – Next Tuesday students will be told who their next year's teacher will be and they will meet with their new class and teacher (if available) during the morning. Class lists will not be posted at school or on the school website. Teachers have put a huge amount of work into deciding on ensuring a good mix of students in all rooms. Placements are non-negotiable and parents are asked not to contact me or any other staff member to request changes.

2019 YEAR 7&8 CAMP AND YEAR 3&4 SLEEPOVER ONLINE FORMS – Online forms have been sent out by email last week about the Taupō Camps in the Kaitoke Regional Park (to Year 6 and 7 families), and the Mana Syndicate Sleepover (to Years 2 and 3 families). These events are early in Term 1 next year. Please fill out these forms, particularly if you are volunteering as a parent helper. This will enable us to police vet all parents who are staying overnight. Please note the Year 5 and 6 Camp will be in Term 2 next year.

BUYING YOUR CHILD A PHONE OR DEVICE THIS CHRISTMAS? - Some excellent advice from familyinsights.net: "The day a child gets their first phone or device is a milestone - one that many parents dread. Yet, unlike some other milestones in a young person's life, there is no set age at which it is most appropriate to give a child a smartphone or computer; this could vary significantly from family to family. So how can parents begin the new year with a peace-of-mind knowing their child or children have phones or devices? Well, we recommend families take the time to sit down together and establish a set of 'First Phone/Device Guidelines'. Read our [7 tips for establishing guidelines](#)." I especially recommend [this online tool](#) to establish an agreement with your child.

YEAR 8 LEAVERS' DINNER - This is being held next Monday night (17 December) at 6.30pm in the School Hall. A special thanks to the parents on the Year 8 Leavers' Dinner committee, and all the parents who have contributed to fundraising for this special event.

FINAL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY: LEAVERS' POROPOROAKI - 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



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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.

STAFF END OF YEAR FUNCTION –This will be held in the staffroom/BBQ area next Thursday afternoon. The pool and BBQ area will be closed to the public until 6:00pm. Parents and children are asked to give staff privacy for their end of year function.

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 next week and stationery packs can be purchased from the office from Tuesday 18 December.

END OF YEAR THANKS - I would like to thank the entire staff team for their hard work throughout the year; and thank parents and all helpers for their outstanding support. I also thank our Board of Trustees for the excellent governance and the P.T.A. for their amazing contribution. For those parents who are leaving us at the end of the year, thank you for being part of the school community. We wish all families a safe and happy holiday break, and look forward to seeing all those returning in the new year. Meri Kirihimete - Merry Christmas!

Today's Roll – 509 Students

Ngā mihi
Mike Forrest
Tumuaki - Principal

ON BOARD

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING - WED 27 FEBRUARY 2019

Plimmerton School's Strategic Plan 2019-2023

The Board of Trustees provides leadership focused on promoting student achievement. The strategic plan provides the basis for our focus and funding over the next three to five years – all that happens in the school and the measurement of its effectiveness relates back to the strategic plan.

The strategic plan outlines:

- the school's aspirational goals based on identified areas for improvement in teaching and learning
- the actions for supporting students' educational outcomes
- how the Board intends to use its resources to achieve the outcomes that are set out in the plan.

Your input as a parent community is invaluable to the long-term planning of our children's future. At the end of February the Board will be hosting a parent evening where we will be presenting our draft strategic plan. We will be asking for your feedback, as well as giving you the opportunity to do this online.

We wish you all a very happy and safe holidays.



SPORTS NEWS

MINIBALL

Plimmerton Movers 2 V Papakowhai Blue 30 - No POD

Plimmerton Shakers 18 V Holy Family Little Siva 18 - POD Elsa Hobbs and Brooke Jordan

Plimmerton Thunder 24 V Papakowhai Red 34 - POD Toby O'Leary

Plimmerton Magic 12 V Rangikura Rattlers 12 - POD Riley Pratt

Plimmerton Lightning 24 V Holy family Wayfinders 14 - POD Liam Campbell

KELLY CLUB NEWS

KELLY CLUB Summer **HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

Contact
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BOOK ONLINE AT
www.kellyclub.co.nz



SCHOOL NEWS

CHRISTMAS CARDS

This week Kayla-Rose and Lana went down to the Porirua library to present them with over 200 cards for the elderly this Xmas. This initiative is something that Plimmerton school has been involved with now for 2 years and looks set to become one of our school traditions. On Christmas morning, people in retirement villages will enjoy a message of kindness from one of our students. The cards were gratefully received by Porirua library and will no doubt be enjoyed by elderly people all over the Wellington area this Christmas. Thanks to everyone who put time and love into making these cards. Tino pai Plimmerton whanau. ☐



YOUTHTOWN

On Thursday the 6th of December some students from Taupo syndicate went to a Super 10's tournament. We played two different games, Turbo Touch and Tapuwae. It was raining throughout the whole tournament until the end when it cleared up. There were four different schools that went to this event: Tawa, Pauatahanui and Postage. Thank you YouthTown and Tim for organising this event. I think that everyone enjoyed it.

Written by Jack Falconer





SCHOOL NEWS

FRANCES CLARKE MEMORIAL AWARD

Heath Barcham, one of our year 8 students, was a joint youth winner at last night's Frances Clarke Memorial Awards which recognises achievements and contributions from those with Downs Syndrome. Heath received his award at the Grand Hall at Parliament from the Hon Carmel Sepuloni (Minister for Disability Issues). Mary Fisher the paralympic gold medal swimmer was the guest speaker.



YOUNG OCEAN EXPLORERS- NORTH ISLAND TOUR.

On Monday 10th December we were lucky enough to have Steve and Riley Hathaway, the producer and presenter of Young Ocean Explorers, presenting their Clean Communities, Clean Oceans Tour.

Riley shared photos, stories and videos they had collected during their amazing adventures. She shared an important

message- we need to clean up and protect our oceans as we have 80 percent of our native species living in our oceans! We also learnt that by 2050, there is going to be more plastic in the ocean than fish. She finished off by appealing to the students that they should all pick up 1 piece of rubbish a day to stop this from happening! Check out www.youngexplorers.com which has interactive activities about the ocean, sustainability, ecology, the environment, habitats and endangered species.



IT'S COOL TO KORERO!

Kia ora e te whānau,

Kua tae ki te wā Kirihimete! It's almost Christmas time! Hana Koko (Father Christmas) will be visiting all the good tamariki from Plimmerton School, I'm sure!

Meri Kirihimete!

Meri Kirihimete is how to say Merry Christmas i te reo Māori. Think about the 5 vowel sounds and say the sentence, 'Are there three or two?'. Now try breaking up the two words 'Meri Kirihimete' into syllables using the sounds from **there** and **three**.

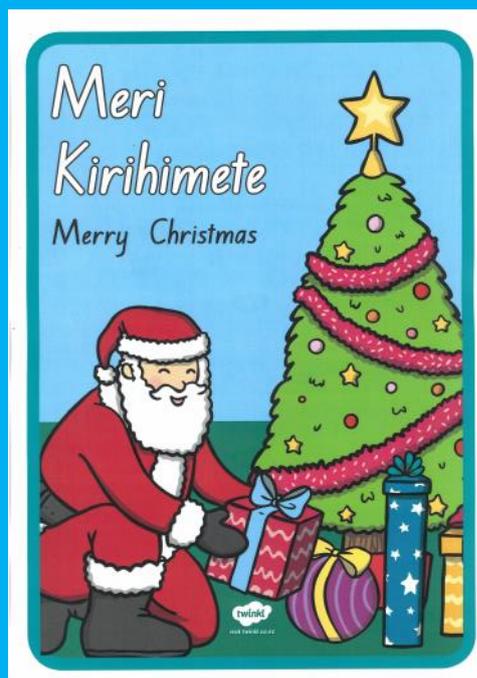
Meh-ree key-ree-hee-meh-teh

He transliteration tēnei! This sounds a lot like the English 'Merry Christmas!'

I'm looking forward to sharing more te reo Māori with you next year. Meri Kirihimete me te Tau Hau ki a koutou - Merry Christmas and New Year to you all.

Whaea Emma

Kia kaha - it's cool to kōrero!



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.



HEALTHY KIDS CORNER

IN AND AROUND THE WATER

Your child has had the opportunity to be a part of a Water Awareness programme these last weeks, to teach important survival skills and to build their confidence in and around water. Check out the Water Safety New Zealand website. It is full of really useful information about how to be safe in the water this summer. [Water Safety NZ](#)

Beaches

Understanding the ocean is very important. **Ideally, swim between the flags.** As soon as you get to the beach, look around and familiarise yourself with the area. It's also a great time to remind the kids of what is around them and even outline a 'swim zone' that they shouldn't swim past or beyond. If it is a beach with red and yellow flags, make sure they only swim in that area. This is where the life guards patrol, and indicates the safest place to swim on that beach. Surf Life Saving New Zealand patrol over 80 of our busiest beaches each summer. Always swim between the red and yellow patrol flags, as they identify the safest area to swim when an active life saving patrol is on the beach. [Surf Life Saving NZ](#) Visit the Surf Life Saving website for information on patrols. [Find a beach](#)

Rip currents A rip is a strong current of water running out to sea. They can be very dangerous to swimmers as they can sweep you out to sea quickly and easily. Rip currents can be hard to identify, look for these features:

- Discoloured or murky brown water caused by sand stirred up off the bottom
- A smoother surface with much smaller waves, with waves breaking on either side.
- Debris floating out to sea
- A rippled look, when the water around is generally calm.

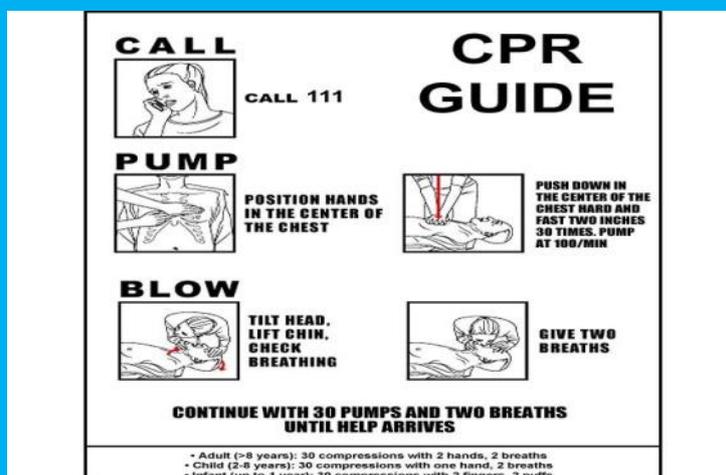
If you get caught in a rip:

- Don't panic.
- Don't try to swim against the rip back to shore.
- Let the rip carry you out until the current subsides.
- Then swim parallel to the beach for 30-40 metres before swimming back to shore.
- If you get tired or become frightened, stay calm, raise your arm, call for help and wait for assistance. (adapted excerpt from the Water Safety New Zealand website)

In case of an emergency situation, know CPR

The good news is that all you need to remember is **30 compressions** to **2 breaths**, no matter the age of the patient. The pressure of the compressions is the only technique that varies according to age. Remember all effort is better than no action in an emergency. Hopefully, there will never be a time that you need to assist someone.

Healthy Kids are Safe Kids in and around water!





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

