



## NEWSLETTER - Pre Term 1, 31 January 2019

### *From the Principal*

Kia ora e te whānau

Just a few days left before the school year starts!

#### STATIONERY

Stationery packs are available from the office tomorrow (Friday 1 February) between 10am and 2pm and will be available during the first week of school.

#### SCHOOL PATROLS - AFTER SCHOOL ON STEYNE AVENUE

A reminder that student patrollers will be manning the pedestrian crossing on Steyne Avenue after school. The patrol will operate from 2.55pm to 3.15pm on school days. We are very grateful to the students and parents that have volunteered to take on this important duty. We hope that all students, parents and community members will be very supportive of this new road safety measure and will follow the instructions of the patrol teams.

We do **urgently need** a few more parent or adult volunteers who will be trained to support our student patrollers. Please contact Rosemary Oxnam by email - [rosemaryo@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:rosemaryo@plimmerton.school.nz) or by phoning the school.

#### MOBILE PHONES

We suspect that some of our older students may have been glued to their mobile phones over the holidays, and may take some adjusting when back at school. At Plimmerton School we strongly recommend that, where and when possible, students who have mobile phones leave them at home. Students are not permitted to use their phones from arrival at school until the end of the school day (including intervals). Thank you in advance for your assistance - especially if it is a bit of a battle to prise that device away from your child!

#### MEET THE TEACHER MEETINGS

These are being held on **Thursday 7th February between 3.10pm and 8.00pm**. Our teachers are looking forward to meeting you. The purpose of the meeting is for parents to meet their child's teacher and to bring to the teacher's attention information that will help the student's learning, such as their interests and strengths. To book appointment times use this [link](#) or go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the Code 'qw8wd' and proceed to book your interview(s). If you are unable to do this online please contact the office for assistance.

#### INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS

In the past teachers have sent home a paper form before the Meet the Teacher interviews for you to provide some information about your child and their learning. This year we are hoping that you will fill it in online using this [link](#).



## PŌWHIRI

Our first pōwhiri for the year will be held next week on **Tuesday 12 February at 9.15am**. New students and their whānau will be formally welcomed to the school. Invitations to attend have been sent home to the whānau of newcomers (manuhiri). If you or your child have missed being welcomed at a previous pōwhiri, then you are most welcome to come and join the pōwhiri with the group being welcomed into the school. Also any parents or family members who have been previously welcomed (tangata whenua) are most welcome to attend to help us welcome our new families. The Pōwhiri will be followed by morning tea for the manuhiri.

*Ngā mihi*

**Mike Forrest - Tumuaki/Principal**

## Community News

*These are provided as a service to the community and may not reflect the policies and practices of the school.*



**TOOL BOX**

**PRIMARY YEARS 5-9**

### Primary Years Toolbox course

11 Steyne Avenue, Plimmerton

Starting Wednesday 20 February

Please note that the course will start 20 Feb, and run for two more sessions, then have a break for a week, then resume for three more weeks from 20 March. So session dates will be 20/02/19, 27/02/19, 06/03/19, 20/03/19, 27/03/19 and 03/04/19

**Cost**

The cost is \$75 per person or \$110 per couple. However, if you're unable to contribute in this way, we'd still love you to join us. Get in touch and we'll get you booked in.

What to expect	Topics include
6 sessions per course. Run in small groups by a trained facilitator. Fun, practical and inspirational.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The importance of love and connection</li><li>• Different parenting styles</li><li>• Understanding your child and their big feelings</li><li>• Discipline and boundaries</li><li>• Play, and lots more!</li></ul>

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