



2019 Mana Syndicate News

Term 1

Kia Ora Whānau

We hope you all had a lovely relaxing break together over the holidays.
We are looking forward to the exciting term ahead!

Important Information

Our Team

The syndicate is comprised of 5 classes this year:

Room 1	Emma Currie	emmac@plimmerton.school.nz
Room 2	Andrew Brown <i>Assistant Team Leader</i>	andrewb@plimmerton.school.nz
Room 3	Emma McClutchie	emmam@plimmerton.school.nz
Room 5	Clare Layfield	clarel@plimmerton.school.nz
Room 6	Brendon Cross <i>Team Leader</i>	brendonc@plimmerton.school.nz

Rosemary Oxnam and Helen Grindey-Suriman are the Reading Recovery teachers. Rosemary will also provide support for students with special needs in the syndicate.

Anne Spicer and Trisha Kolston will support the team covering teacher release. Teacher aides will also work within the syndicate.

Integrated Topic

This term we are looking **MANAAKITANGA - RESPECT**. Each class will particularly focus on the Key Competencies of Managing Ourselves and Relating to Others and includes our Mana Sleepover at school. We will also look at using a growth mindset and ways to calm ourselves when feeling stressed or anxious.



Snack time

Each class has a snack time around 10am to keep our brains ticking.

Your child will need a fruit, nut or vegetable snack each day. Please make sure they have something cut up and small so it is quick and easy. For example they can eat a few slices of apple, cucumber, celery or carrot sticks or a small mandarin.



Seesaw

Seesaw is a student-driven digital portfolio that empowers students to independently document and share what they are learning at school. Each class in Mana is using Seesaw to share student learning that is happening in their classroom. It's really exciting for students when they receive feedback on what they share so please check in when you can! You can also link grandparents and wider family to your child's account as well.



Home Learning Challenges:

For those that would like more homework The Home Learning Programme is for you. It consists of a set of optional significant home learning challenges for students at each level of the school.

[Y3 Home Learning Challenge](#)

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School Library

Our school library is available for the children to use on a daily basis. Each class has a weekly library time during which they are able to issue a book to bring home to read. Please make sure the book is returned the following week.

Monday - Room 6

Wednesday - Room 1

Thursday - Rooms 2 and 3

Friday - Room 5

Important dates for your diary!

Pōwhiri: Tuesday 12 February, 9.15 (hall)

Mana Sleepover: Thursday 28th February

Parent interviews: Week 9 - Thursday 4th April
Week 10 - Tuesday 9th April

School Assemblies: 15th February, 22nd March,
12th April

Swimming Sports: 12th April

Thank you for your support and we look forward to another fun and successful term at Plimmerton School.

Kind Regards

The Mana Syndicate Team,
Brendon, Andrew, Whaea Emma, Clare & Emma C



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KOWHAI and MANA – Swimming Timetable, Term 1

7 February 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Kowhai and Mana Syndicates will be swimming in weeks 2 & 3 and 6 & 7 of this term.

Your child will need to bring their togs and a towel in a bag to school each swimming day.

It is a great help if your child wears clothes that are easy for them to take off and put on and if all clothing is named. Goggles would be of great benefit. If your child has a pair could you please ensure they bring them.

Swimming timetable 2019 Mana and Kowhai

	Monday 11 & 18 Feb 11 & 18 Mar	Tuesday 12 & 19 Feb 12 & 19 Mar	Wednesday 13 & 20 Feb 13 & 20 Mar	Thursday 14 & 21 Feb 14 & 21 Mar	Friday 15 & 22 Feb 15 & 22 Mar
9.00-9.30	Room 12	Room 6	Room 6	Room 6	Room 6
9.30-10.00	Room 11	Room 13		Room 3	Room 12
10.00-10.30	Room 3	Room 8	Room 2	Room 1	Room 13
10.30-11.00	Room 5	Room 1	Room 13	Room 5	Room 11
Interval					
11.20-11.50	Room 9	Room 9	Room 9	Room 9	Room 2
11.50-12.20	Room 8	Room 11	Room 1		Room 3
12.20-12.50	Room 13	Room 12	Room 3	Room 2	Room 1
Lunchtime					
1:50-2.20		Room 2	Room 11	Room 8	Room 8
2:20-2.50		Room 5	Room 12		Room 5

Kowhai and Mana Syndicate Teachers