



NEWSLETTER - week 6, term 2, 06 June 2019

From the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau

BOARD ELECTIONS - VOTING CLOSING

It is really important that you have your say in our Board of Trustee elections. Please, either post your vote or drop the envelope in to the school office BY TOMORROW - FRIDAY 7 JUNE.

SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK

Last Monday morning Aifili Patelesio raised the Samoan flag at the Porirua Peace Memorial to celebrate the beginning of Samoan Language Week. She did a fantastic job of representing our school.



MATARIKI CONCERT

Our matariki concert this year will be held at the school hall on Wednesday 3rd July. (Please note, this was in the event calendar for Thursday). Kowhai and Mana syndicates concert will begin at 6 pm and finish around 7 pm. The Hongoeka and Taupo concert will start at 7:15 and finish around 8:15. Students will share songs and waiata from choir and kapa haka and the various bands will perform. Some art work will be displayed in the hall. Mark this date on your calendar, we would love to see lots of whānau.

READ-A-THON

Each year as part of our fundraising efforts the school holds a sponsored "athon". This year we have decided to have a "Readathon". The purpose of the readathon is not only to raise money but also to encourage the students to read over the school holidays. More information about this will be shared before the holidays.

AOTEA COLLEGE VISIT

Some students from Aotea College will be visiting school on Monday 10th June to talk to the Year 8 students about life at College. We always enjoy welcoming back our former students to hear about their college experiences.

PARUMOANA CROSS-COUNTRY

Fifty students from years 4-8 will be representing Plimmerton School at the Parumoana cross-country at QE2 Park on Tuesday 11th June. If the weather is bad, the event will be postponed until Thursday 13th June. We wish our students all the very best for their race.

FORMER STUDENTS VISITING SCHOOL - OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS PLEASE

With late starts at some colleges, teacher only days and the occasional Secondary Schools strike day, we do get a number of former students coming for a 'visit' during our school hours. While we like to find out about what these students are up to, we do request that they do not come during school hours (unless by arrangement) as this can be disruptive for our current students in class and the playground.

A VISIT FROM AUTHOR DES HUNT

On Friday we were lucky enough to have Des Hunt, a New Zealand author visit the year 4 to 8. Des Hunt explained his book rejections and achievements with thrilling science experiments, which kept us wanting to see more. Des started off as a science teacher at Hawera High School in 1964, writing non-fiction science books for his students. Des finally decided to write something for kids, so he made a book called "The Last Tuatara". When it was finally done, he gave a copy to each of his students. He was excited to see what they thought of it, but when the time came to find out, it turned out that only 4 students had finished the books, all of them saying it was boring. Des explained how he tried to find out what was wrong with the books, showing us with a science experiment what it needed to hook the reader. He got out a small slide like object, along with marbles and some magnets. He then explained how a good book needs to have a problem at the start which keeps getting worse as the book goes on. He demonstrated this by attaching a magnet to near the bottom of the slide and grabbing a marble. He then said that the problem would draw the reader in, like the marble would be drawn to the magnet. Des let go of the marble and we watched as it raced to the magnet. He continued getting higher and higher until the marble was near the end of the slide. Suddenly the marble slid down to the bottom because there was no longer anything to draw the marble onwards. Des went on with saying that this was where the character would figure out how to solve the problem, before defeating the villain/issue. He attached another magnet, and the marble dashed to the top. Des continued talking about how he had sent the improved "The last Tuatara" book off to 7 publishers and got rejected 7 times. He then told us about how he had got over his shame which led him to send it to another publisher, finally achieving his goal. Des Hunt has now written many more books. We loved the visit and are honoured to be lucky enough to have him visit us.

By Petra

It's Cool to Korero!

Kia ora e te whānau,

Here is the rauemi (resource) mō te wiki nei (for this week).

So, the kīwaha (or phrase) is...

Whakahokia te ... ! Put the ... away/back!

Far-car-hor-key-ya tear ... (Your tone of voice will obviously denote the urgency of the kīwaha!)

Whakahokia te ... is the perfect chance to put in words in English, and to code-switch, using two languages and dipping in and out of them.

Whakahokia te iPad! Put the iPad away! Whakahokia te pukapuka. Put the book away.



Whakahokia te Chromebook. Put the Chromebook back.

Note, 'te' refers to one thing. If you would like more than one of the same thing put away, you would use the word 'ngā' instead of 'te' at the beginning. 'Ngā' denotes more than one item - te reo Māori doesn't use an 's' at the end of a noun to show plurals. It operates much like French (le or la /les).

Remember to have a look at <https://kupu.maori.nz/> - you can log in to receive daily or weekly kupu straight to your in-box! Even better, the kupu comes with sentence examples and an audio clip.

Give it a go - it's cool to kōrero!

Ngā mihi,
Whaea Emma

PTA News

It's disco time again!! The term 2 discos are being held this Friday (7th June) in the school hall.

Kowhai and Mana's disco is from 5.30 to 7pm.

Hongoeka and Taupo's disco is from 7.30-9pm.

Drinks, chips, ice blocks and lollies are for sale as well as heaps of glow products.

There is a \$5 entry fee.

Parents need to sign their children in and out of the disco. Please note these discos are only for Plimmerton School children.

CRAFT BEER FAIR - Saturday 22 June

- Plimmerton school PTA Craft beer fair tickets are now on sale - visit this [link](#) to purchase tickets.
- Home brew comp 2019 is now taking registrations, email plimmertonschoolpta@gmail.com for entry forms.
- We require some more help on the day if you are keen to help on the day please email plimmertonschoolpta@gmail.com



ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

One of our Plimmerton School fundraisers is the Entertainment Book which is a book or a phone app which provides hundreds of discounts on local Wellington and Wairarapa dining options, shopping, travel and leisure, arts, sports and attractions, hotels and resorts and car hire. Plimmerton School gets a portion of the \$65 price. If you love eating out - this is for you. It's easy for the discounts to quickly exceed the cost of the Book or app, it's well received by the restaurants, retail outlets and services that are featured and it's a great way to try new eating

out options for less! The New Membership books are out and look amazing! You can now use your Plimmerton School Parent Account to purchase the book and collect your book at the office or get it sent home via your child! <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/105g178>.

Feel free to contact Melanie Clark - 021-02503592 or clarkbyname@gmail.com.

Student News

TE KURA O TAUPO T-SHIRTS

It is tumeke (awesome) to see lots of students and staff wearing their Te Kura o Taupō t-shirts with the Taupō nui tonu image designed by Te Mako Stan Orzecki. If you would like to order one of these t-shirts please click [here](#).

AOTEA COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

2020 Year 9 Enrolments - Parents and students are invited to our Open Evening ~ Wednesday 12th June 2019

We will be running two sessions ~ 3:30 to 5:00 pm & 6:00 to 7:30 pm

For further information contact our enrolment officer: Debbie Allan 237 3166 ext 822 or aln@aotea.school.nz

ST MARY'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY

St Mary's College Open Day - June 13th 2019, 9am

Sports News

Miniball - Week 6 - Tues 4 June		Score	Player of the Day
Plimmerton Thunder	St Theresa's Tigers	0-12	
Plimmerton Rockets	Ngatitooa Nuggets	9-6	Kobe-Max Tauvae
Plimmerton Jets	SDA Cougars	10-0	Zach Beamsley
Plimmerton Knicks	St Theresa's School	20-6	Maddy St Just
Plimmerton Breakers	Bay Breakers	30-14	

Community News

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

For tickets, contact Julia on 021 02409908 or fundraising.paremataplaycentre@gmail.com

YOU ARE INVITED TO A
FUNDRAISER SCREENING OF



YESTERDAY
RATING TBC

LIGHT HOUSE PAUATAHANUI
3 PAKAKARIKI HILL RD

THURSDAY 27 JUNE 8.30PM | TICKETS \$25
ARRIVE AT 7.30PM FOR SUPPER,
RAFFLES & AUCTIONS

FUNDRAISING FOR PAREMATA PLAYCENTRE

