



NEWSLETTER - week 9, term 2, 27 June 2019

From the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau

The shortest day has passed, and the Matariki star cluster has reappeared in the night sky, signalling the start of the Māori new year. Which means we can't be too far away from our mid year Matariki Concert!

MATARIKI CONCERT - WEDNESDAY JULY 3RD

Our matariki concert this year will be held at the school hall on Wednesday 3rd July. 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 artwork created by the students will be displayed in the hall. There will be a sausage sizzle from 5:15 to 6pm before the junior concert and at 6:30-7pm in between the junior and senior concerts. Sausages will be \$150 each. A creche will be available during both concerts. Children in the creche will need to be signed in and out by a parent or caregiver. Parking will be available on the field if it is dry. No parking will be available on the courts. We look forward to whanau sharing in our celebration of Matariki.

KOWHAI CULTURAL DANCE

Tomorrow at 9:10 am Kowhai syndicate are presenting a cultural celebration of dance. The students have been practicing dances from around the world, many of which have been taught by parents. Kowhai parents and whanau are invited to join their children in a fun and energetic celebration of dance followed by a shared morning tea. We look forward to posting some action photos in next week's newsletter.

INFLUENZA - DON'T GET IT - DON'T GIVE IT

Several schools and early child education centres (ECC) in the greater Wellington region have had influenza outbreaks. Dr Annette Nesdale, Medical Officer of Health, Regional Public Health has shared some important information for schools to share with families.

The main symptoms of influenza are:

- fever, cough, sometimes vomiting or diarrhoea in younger children. Symptoms usually last three to four days, but can last up to seven days.

Parents should:

- Advise a staff member if their child has any of the flu like symptoms listed above.
- Keep sick children at home until they are feeling well and are free from symptoms (usually three to four days but up to seven days).
- Keep their children away from social or sporting events, school productions or camps. This is so they can rest and recover and don't spread illness to others.
- Check that the school has correct and up-to-date contact details in case they need to be contacted.

If anyone in your family has influenza, we ask that they don't visit hospitals or community care homes, or see people who may be at high risk of serious illness such as pregnant women, babies or anyone who has cancer, or lung, heart, or kidney conditions. Take care: it is important to use tissues to cover coughs and sneezes and to be very good about washing and drying hands thoroughly. An influenza brochure accessible at www.rph.org.nz/influenza has some good tips for looking after people with influenza and stopping it spreading to other people at home.

A note on meningococcal disease: Initially, meningococcal disease can look like influenza. It's important to know the signs and symptoms because it can develop very quickly. It can be treated with antibiotics but early treatment is critical.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

Parent interviews will be held on Wednesday 31st July and Thursday 1st August. Bookings for these interviews will be open from the first day of Term 3, Monday 22nd July. The purpose of these interviews is to share the picture of your child's current achievement and to discuss goals for the following term. Students are welcome to attend with their parents. Parents will receive their child's mid year summary report at the interview.

REGIONAL CROSS-COUNTRY

Twenty two students from Plimmerton School will be participating in the regional cross-country championships at Queen Elizabeth Park in Paekakariki on Tuesday July 2nd. We wish them well and know they will represent our school with pride.

LOST PROPERTY

Please remember to check the lost property - anything leftover at the end of next week will be donated to charity!

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

With the student holidays coming up, if you know your child will be away at the beginning of Term 3, please let the office know. It is **very important to advise the office** if your child is away on holiday, has an appointment and will be late or is sick. To contact the office you can either phone, go in and see them, or email absences@plimmerton.school.nz Thank you to everyone who follows these procedures.

SCHOOL DROP OFF - BUS TURNING AREA

A reminder to parents and caregivers who drop-off and collect students from school - the bus turning area is for quick stops to "stop and drop" children off in the morning, or to "stop and load" children after school. This should only take a couple of minutes. Please do not park in this area for extended periods of time as it slows the flow of traffic.



48 HOUR FILM FESTIVAL

On the weekend of June 14 - 16th our team TTV (Taupo TV) entered a short film into the 48 Hour Movie Festival. This is an amazing competition where students find out their movie genre on the Friday night then make the movie on the Saturday and then edit the movie on the Sunday. A lot of work - scripting, acting, filming and editing! A big thanks to parent Matty Warmington who was an integral part of our team again this year.

Standing: Phoebe, Grace, Will, Liam, Hiro, Will, Daniel, Mr T.

Seated: Charlie, Harrison, Eden, Amelie.

READATHON

During the month of July we are holding a "READATHON". Every child is encouraged to read for half an hour a day. Students are asked to collect sponsorship from friends and family and the money raised will be going towards some new furniture and items for the new library and outdoor reading and performance space - this is a deck and garden area next to the new library. This is a really exciting project that we will need community support. Sponsorship forms will be distributed on Monday 1st July so students can start their reading and gather their sponsors. There will be prizes for the class and individual with the most sponsorship.

It's Cool to Korero!

Kia ora e te whānau,

Ko Matariki tēnei wiki! It's Matariki this week!

What Is Matariki?

Every year at winter time in Aotearoa, a cluster of stars called Matariki reappear and shine at their brightest. This marks the beginning of the Māori New Year.

Matariki and the Māori New Year means different things to different **iwi** (tribes/people). Depending on where you live in Aotearoa, you will see different numbers of stars in the cluster- there are several hundred stars in the cluster, but we only see 7 to 9 with the naked eye. In **Te-Whanganui-a-Tara** (Wellington) Ngāti Toa Rangatira refer to seven stars.

I'm attaching an information and ideas sheet from [TeacherTalk.org.nz](https://www.teachertalk.org.nz) which you can use to help you celebrate Matariki in your home, classroom or community.

How will you celebrate Matariki with your whānau?

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! (Especially at Matariki!)

Ngā mihi,
Whaea Emma

Matariki hunga nui
Matariki has many people, because Matariki gathers people together.
- Maori Proverb

How is Matariki celebrated?

Once ceremonies from the first sight of Matariki have finished the celebrations begin. Matariki is celebrated in many ways.

"Māori believed when Matariki gathers in the sky, people gather together on earth".
Dr Rangī Matamua, 2017, p.72, Matariki The Star of the Year.

Matariki is a time for the gathering of whānau and friends, learning about whānau and whakapapa (genealogy) and remembering loved ones passed.

The appearance of Matariki marks the time for attention to food cultivation and harvesting. This is also believed to be a very important time for giving thanks to Papatūānuku and preserving all foods grown in the ground. It also signals a time for planting new crops for the coming year.

It is said to be a time for giving. During the Matariki celebrations this is a special time for giving of gifts, provisions, kai (food) and much more.

Matariki is also celebrated through cultural performances, waiata (song), art and dance.



Some ideas to get you started:

- ★ Coming together with friends and whānau through centre events e.g. whānau day.
- ★ Talk about whānau and Māori history.
- ★ Learn about the Maramataka and the language of the environment.
- ★ Engaging in creative arts such as weaving, poi making and dance performances.
- ★ Get creative making an inviting wall display and artwork.
- ★ Tell Māori legends and sing waiata relating to Matariki.
- ★ Plant crops, vegetables and trees, explore the environment around you, enjoy bush walks and looking at native birds and plants.
- ★ Recycle awareness and clean-up day on local beach or park.
- ★ Healthy eating and eating traditional Māori kai, preparation of a hāngi.
- ★ Learn about the natural world, stars and space.
- ★ Look at the the Māori meanings of each month.
- ★ Learn about and understand traditional Māori customs.

Community News

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

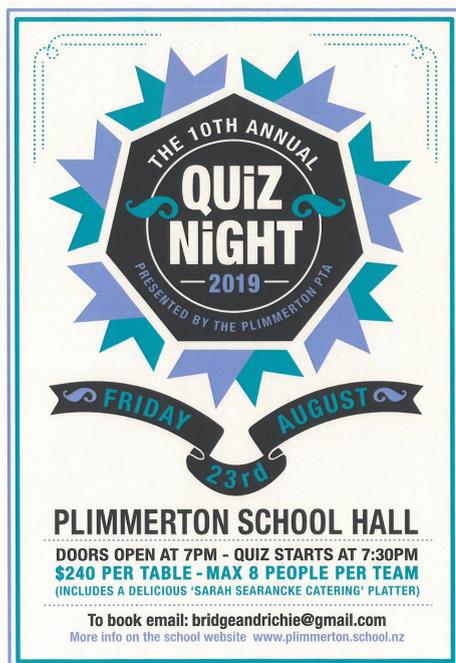
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FUNDRAISER SCREENING OF



RATING TO BE CONFIRMED
LIGHT HOUSE PAUATAHANUI
3 PAEKAKARIKI HILL RD
WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY 6.00PM
TICKETS \$20 | ARRIVE AT 5.30PM
FUNDRAISING FOR TAMSIN BAKER



PTA News



Sports News

Is your child interested in playing YMCA FUTSAL competition after school, at Te Rauparaha Arena, during term 3. Please follow the links for more information and to enter:

[Year 1 & 2](#)

[Year 3 & 4](#)

[Year 5 & 6](#)



One of our Hockey teams, the Plimmerton Sharks faced Redwood Blues last weekend. It was a great team win by the Sharks and their support crew were very happy!

HOCKEY RESULTS - Sat 22 June		Score	Player of the Day
Plimmerton Panthers	Linden	4-0	Amelia
Plimmerton Pauas			
Plimmerton Sharks	Redwood Rockets	6-1	Petra Hubbard
Plimmerton Storm	Pauatahanui Hawks	2-9	Ariana Crawford

Plimmerton Shortsticks			
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SENIOR NETBALL RESULTS - Saturday 22nd June		Score	Player of the Day
Plimmerton Emeralds	Paremata Pumas	36-4	Katie Ballentyne & Tamzyn McGregor
Plimmerton Waves	Discovery Swifts	26 - 8	Lovisa Pennington
Plimmerton Twilight	Papakohai Stars	5-35	Ruby Warmington
Plimmerton Galaxy	Papakowhai Diamonds	18-8	Amelie Flowers
Plimmerton Pulse	Papakowhai Blues	3 - 40	Charli Chandler

JUNIOR NETBALL RESULTS - Saturday 22 June		Score	Player of the Day
Plimmerton Dragons	St Theresa's Stars	18-2	Millie Harvey
Plimmerton Tuis	Greenferns	9-3	Anais Parker-Wadham
Plimmerton Keas	Discovery Dynamo's	3-3	Eva Walton
Plimmerton Kiwis		10-2	Maya Wells-Wright

BASKETBALL RESULTS - Weds 26 June		Score	Player of the Day
Plimmerton A	Postgate	33-25	

Miniball - Week 6 - Tues 25 June		Score	Player of the Day
Plimmerton Thunder	St Theresa's School	28-0	Tyler Beamsley
Plimmerton Rockets	Papakowhai Warriors	14-14	
Plimmerton Jets	Papakowhai Rockets	4-14	
Plimmerton Knicks	Bay Breakers	8-0	Nick Fistonich
Plimmerton Breakers	Porirua Gold	12-2	Tana Roberts