



## NEWSLETTER - week 2, term 3, 1 August 2019

### *From the Principal*

Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been another busy week at school. The framing has started going up for the new library, parent interviews have taken place, and the Scholastic Book Fair is underway. Delicious aromas have been wafting from the staffroom as staff have been treated to the infamous meals of our Deputy Principal Rosemary Oxnam, during the parent interview dinner breaks. Next week promises to be just as exciting with a week of Cook Island culture.

#### STAFF CHANGES

Kate Excell has been successful in winning a promotion to the Deputy Principal Position at Pauatahanui School. Kate is a much loved, teacher, colleague and friend to many and we are very grateful for her excellent contribution to Plimmerton School over many years. This is a fantastic and much deserved opportunity for her and we know she will be superb in this exciting new role. I'm sure you'll all join us in celebrating Kate's achievement in gaining this hotly contested position. Kate will take up her new position in Term 4. We are very fortunate that Kirstin Toleman will be taking over Room 9 on a full time basis for the remainder of the year. Kirstin will also take over the role of team leader in the Kowhai syndicate. We are very grateful that we have someone of Kirstin's calibre to fill these roles.

#### NOTIFICATION OF ILLNESS

One of our Year 4 students, Tamsin Baker is undergoing another round of chemotherapy at the moment which means her immunity is low. It is therefore extremely important that we are aware of any illnesses children may have. Please make sure if your children are unwell they do not come to school and notify both the class teacher and the absence line of their illness.

#### PARENT INTERVIEWS

Interviews have been held this week. Thank you for your attendance at these interviews. If you were unable to attend, and would like to meet, please contact your child's teacher to make an appointment.

#### COMMUNITY MURALS

Local artist Rachel Benefield is working with groups of Taupo students to create new murals for the train subway. The topic of the murals are "The Taupo Stream"; particularly the native plants, birds and aquatic life of the stream, "The Plimmerton Domain" and its use and history; the brick works, pony club and flax plantation. The murals will be painted over a six week period and the project is being funded by the Plimmerton Residents Association and Porirua City Council.

#### POWHIRI

Next Tuesday is our powhiri where we welcome new families to our school. Whanau are invited to a morning tea in the staffroom following the powhiri.

## VISITING PERFORMERS

The junior school were treated to a fun and engaging performance of “The Hare and the Tortoise” by the NZ Playhouse Theatre. Squeals of laughter could be heard from the hall and many happy faces emerged at the end of the show.



## READATHON

The school “Readathon” finished on Wednesday. Children now need to collect their sponsorship and bring their forms and money to school by Friday 9th August. Prizes will be awarded for the students with the most sponsorship. Thank you to everyone who took part. In a couple of weeks we will be able to let you know how much money was raised for the furniture and equipment on the deck outside our new library.

## COOK ISLAND LANGUAGE WEEK

Kia Orana, next week is Cook Island Language week. The Cook Island Cultural group from Porirua College will now perform for the school on Thursday 8th August rather than the previously advertised day. On Tuesday, Cook Island donuts will be for sale. The cost per donut is \$2 and students can place an order in the morning in their classroom. Unfortunately we do not have any dairy free or gluten free options. The whole school will participate in hula fitness on Friday.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Some of you may have noticed a large red dog at the gate over the last couple of days. This is “Clifford” and he is here to remind people about the scholastic book fair that is up and running for the next couple of weeks. The “book shop” has been set up in room 4 and is open from 8:00-8:30 every morning and 3:00-3:45 every afternoon. It will also be open tonight during parent interviews. Room 4 is packed with great books for all ages and parents and caregivers can purchase books using cash or eftpos. Children are also permitted to purchase books during the opening hours. The school will receive a percentage of the books sold which will be used to purchase books for the library. Here is a photo of Clifford visiting Room 23!!



*Ngā mihi*

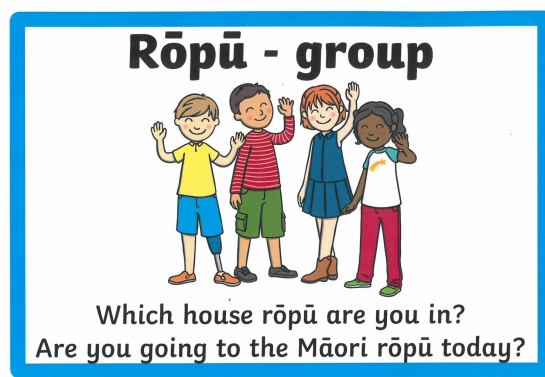
*Mike Forrest - Tumuaki/Principal*

## It's Cool to Korero!

Kia ora e te whānau!

Our kupu mo te wiki nei is **rōpū**. (*roooor-puuu*). **Rōpū** means group. Your tamariki might be part of several **rōpū** outside of **kura** - rugby, gymnastics, dancing, just to name a few.

We have started a new **rōpū** at **kura**, every Tuesday at lunchtime. It is for anyone and everyone who is excited about all things from **Te Ao Māori**, the Māori world. Our first hui (**meeting**) last week was **mīharo** (awesome) with about 60 **tamariki** attending! If you have some spare time of a Tuesday, from 1-2, we would love to see you! Email [emmam@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:emmam@plimmerton.school.nz)



Create your own resources at [www.twinkl.com/create](http://www.twinkl.com/create)

if you're able to pop in or if you have any ideas of things we could do!

Here's a [wero](#) (challenge) for you this week. Can you use the [kupu Māori](#) (Māori word) [rōpū](#) instead of group at home? Give it a go - it's cool to kōrero!

Ngā mihi,  
Whaea Emma

## PTA News

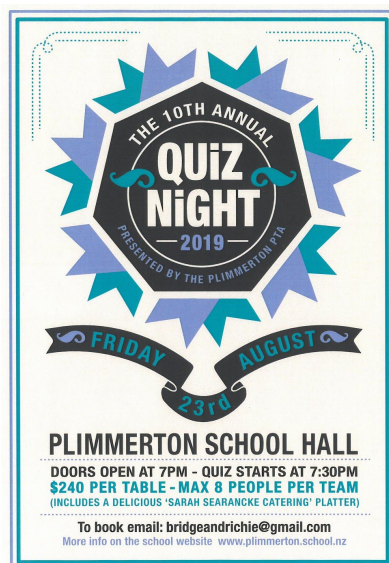
Plimmerton School Quiz is an action packed night full of fun and prizes - grab your bata bullets and sort your team.

**Registration closes 9th August** and tables are limited - avoid missing out finding yourself at home, filled with regret, crying into your tea!

Pacific Horizon Motorhomes have donated an awesome weekend hire (valued at over \$1000). This amazing experience will be auctioned on the night. Our other amazing sponsors will be shared via the Plimmerton School PTA Facebook over the coming weeks! (<http://www.pacificmotorhomes.co.nz/>)



Local Plimmerton company - Pacific Horizon – have donated a 3-day hire of any Pacific Horizon motorhome\* (Valued at over \$1,000) - auctioned on Quiz night!  
\*Ts & Cs apply



Please start saving your grocery paper bags for the Gala - we are aiming to be plastic bag free!

## Sports News

SENIOR NETBALL RESULTS - Saturday 27th July		Score	Player of the Day
Plimmerton Waves	Plimmerton Emeralds	9 - 24	Eilidh O'Hare Quirke

JUNIOR NETBALL RESULTS - Saturday 27th July		Score	Player of the Day
Plimmerton Dragons	Hampton Hill HeiHeis	7-9	Zoe Chapman
Plimmerton Tuis	SFX Extreme	5-8	Olive McLauchlan

