



## NEWSLETTER - week 2, term 4, 24 October 2019

### *From the Principal*

Kia ora e te whānau,

We apologise for the late newsletter this week and hope you get to enjoy a relaxing Labour weekend with your family.

#### CLASSROOM TEACHERS FOR 2020

We'd like to welcome the following new teachers who will be joining us next year:

**Kate Nicholson** (Associate Principal and Team Leader) Kate is currently at Ardmore School in Auckland where she leads the Junior area of the school.

**Yvette Pierce** is a newly graduated teacher who has recently had a very successful term as a Teacher trainee in room 12.

**Stephen Deluxe** is currently at Gladstone School in Auckland and has previously been a pupil and teacher trainee at Plimmerton.

**Katherine O'Neill** is currently at Greenacres School and comes to us with an array of performing arts skills.

So our classrooms and teachers for 2020 will be:

##### Kōwhai:

Kate Nicholson, Jeanelle Ymker, Shannon Fergusson, Yvette Pierce, Kansas Davis, Natasha Culevski

##### Mana:

Andrew Brown, Brendon Cross, Clare Layfield, Emma McClutchie

##### Hongoeka:

Dianne Khan, Lisa Cuttance, Melissa Brown, Rebecca Courtney, Stephen Deluxe

##### Taupō:

Andy Tate, Chelsea Jennings, Clayton Schimanski, Jo Verran, Katherine O'Neill

Some of our staff are moving on classroom roles and we wish them well:

Carole Stapleton: After many years of fabulous service, Carole is retiring from full time teaching

Kirstin Toleman: Has chosen to continue with her family focus and will be returning in some part-time roles next year.

Emma Currie: Has chosen to take a year's leave to spend some more time with family and settling into their new home.

Kate Walker: has been on a years leave and has decided to continue the Melbourne experience next year.

#### TAMSIN BAKER

Room 2 are looking forward to welcoming Tamsin Baker back to their class next week. Tamsin has been undergoing treatment for leukaemia for the last two terms and as a result her immune system is compromised. We would ask parents, of children throughout the school, who have been in contact with or contracted measles or chickenpox to contact the school immediately as these viruses could be very harmful for Tamsin. If your child has 'flu or gastroenteritis we would ask you to keep them at home as these illnesses could also be harmful for Tamsin

and contagious to other children. Also, when you ring or email the school to let them know your child will be absent, please ensure you include the illness or issue affecting your child. We will be encouraging all children to be vigilant about handwashing as this good practice will also help to ensure that Tamsin stays well while she continues her treatment. Welcome back Tamsin!

## SUNSMART - SUN HATS, SUNSCREEN

A reminder for us all to keep safe from the sun. We have the following expectations and recommendations for our students:

- All students should have a named sunhat at school each day. We require the students to wear sun hats that provide protection to the ears and neck as well as the face. Bucket hats, legionnaire caps or "cricket"-style are all suitable. Suitable hats are available at the office for \$18. This can be added to your student account.
- Students without an appropriate hat will be asked to remain in designated shade areas during intervals.
- Students should also wear tops or tee shirts that protect the shoulders from the sun.
- We recommend that students apply sunscreen before coming to school each day. Sunscreen is also available in classes to reapply during the day.
- We also encourage students to drink plenty of fluid during this term; even bringing an extra water bottle can be a good idea. Keeping well hydrated helps prevent sunstroke, heat exhaustion and, most importantly, improves concentration!



## SWIMMING PROGRAMMES

Swimming programmes are underway and Hongoeka and Taupō Syndicates have swum during Weeks 1 and 2. Kōwhai and Mana Syndicates will be swimming during weeks 3 & 4. All children are expected to bring their togs for swimming unless they have a note from their parents explaining why they are not able to participate.

## GALA

The School Gala will be held from 11am to 3pm on Saturday, 16 November. This is our school's major fundraising event for the year and as such is critical to our financial health. The proceeds from the Gala benefit every child in the school. We are dependent upon our school parents and staff to provide the people resources necessary to make this event a success. Although it may be nice to enjoy the entire gala as a visitor, we really need our school parents to pitch in and contribute some of their time to help. I'm sure you'll all show your support and community spirit when contacted by the PTA.

## LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

This coming Monday 28 October - a reminder that school is closed on this day. .

*Ngā mihi*

*Mike Forrest - Tumuaki/Principal*

## PTA News

### GALA UPDATES

**HELPERS:** Now is the time to put your hand up and grab the job you want! We are needing LOTS and LOTS of people for LOTS and LOTS of jobs ON THE DAY at the Gala - Saturday 16 November. There is an expectation of all parents/caregivers to contribute towards the Gala and work on the day. This is our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year and entails just two-three hours of your time. Our Gala raises over \$45000 of much needed funds so please do your bit. And it would be appreciated if you could contact us, otherwise we spend precious time chasing people! Please contact the Gala Team [gala@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:gala@plimmerton.school.nz)

## Sports News

### PLIMMERTON SCHOOL TRIATHLON 2020

The Plimmerton School Triathlon is a fun, have a go event for all children in the area. Children from other schools are welcome to enter. The focus is on fun, having a go and trying your best. Registrations will open during Term Four.

DATE: Morning of Sunday, 16 February 2020

LOCATION: Plimmerton School

ENTRY AGE: Entry is open to all ages with individual and team options planned

EVENT DISTANCES

5 to 6 Years: Run 1 lap (400m); Bike 1 lap (300m); Swim 2 lengths

7 to 8 Years: Run 2 laps (800m); Bike 2 laps (600m); Swim 4 lengths

9 to 10 years: Run 3 laps (1.2km); Bike 3 laps (900m); Swim 6 lengths

11+ Years: Run 4 laps (1.6km); Bike 4 laps (1.2km); Swim 12 lengths

Many thanks to our major sponsor [Easyswim Swim School](#)

### WEETBIX TRYATHLON 2020:

Early entries are now open for the 2020 Weetbix Tryathlon. Come and join us as a Plimmerton School group.

DATE: Morning of Sunday, 15 March 2020

LOCATION: Kilbirnie Park, Kilbirnie

ENTRY AGE: Entry is open to all 7 to 15 year olds. (Based on age on event day)

EVENT DISTANCES

7 Years: Swim 50m; Cycle 4km; Run 1.5km

8-10 Years: Swim 100m; Cycle 4km; Run 1.5km

11-15 Years: Swim 150m; Cycle 8km; Run 1.5km

Click on the [Weetbix Tryathlon Register](#) link. For further information please contact Clare Layfield

## It's Cool to Korero!

Kia ora e te whānau!

We've had a couple of lovely days with te rā shining and while we are remembering our pōtae (hats) at kura now, we also need to remember about sunscreen. Te reo Māori actually has several different words for sunscreen, but my favourite is this:

pani pare tīkākā *par-nee par-ree tee-car-car*

It's a bit of a mouthful and admittedly doesn't always roll off the tongue, but I love how this is put together!

pani: to smear, or spread (something on something else)

pare: to ward off or avoid

tīkākā: sunburn

So, it's basically spread to avoid sunburn!! While it warms up after Labour Weekend, see if you can find your pani pare tīkākā to stay super safe in the sun!

Give it a go - it's cool to kōrero!

Ngā mihi,

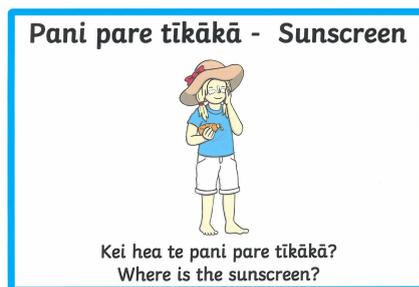
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## Community News

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### LEARN TO SWIM - EASYSWIM SWIM SCHOOL

Bookings are opening for term four swimming lessons at Khandallah, Tawa, Rewa Rewa, Johnsonville and Plimmerton School pools. Early Childhood through to Adults are welcome in our warm private pools. Holiday



Courses are running at Tawa and Khandallah in the first week of the holidays and Johnsonville in the second week. For more information visit [www.easyswim.co.nz](http://www.easyswim.co.nz) to book call 2347946 or email [book@easyswim.co.nz](mailto:book@easyswim.co.nz).

**PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL SHOPPING NIGHT. R18 EVENT. FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8TH 7-9.30 PM**

Over 25 stalls and lots of raffle prizes, come along and enjoy a night of shopping. Tickets cost \$10 if purchased before November 1st, or \$15 on the night. Tickets get you a glass of bubbles and a light supper. Check out our Facebook pages to see all our fabulous stall holders and a link to buy tickets. <https://www.facebook.com/events/377566112822723/>