



## NEWSLETTER - week 5, term 4, 14 November 2019

### *From the Principal*

Kia ora e te whānau,

GALA, GALA, GALA! A very busy week for our fabulous PTA and all the Gala helpers! Let's all get along and support them and the school this Saturday! Preparations are well underway fully underway and there are plenty of exciting things for sale!

#### FINAL GALA UPDATE

Cakes, sweets, mystery jars, groceries and white elephant items (and everything else) can be delivered to school tomorrow (Friday) - there will be plenty of people here setting up throughout the day and the office will be manned. Also raffle butts need to be returned urgently.

The Final Gala newsletter information sheet has been sent out today. The one thing we really need for a successful gala is a great turn-out. Please encourage friends and family to come along and spend up large - it's going to be a great day. Thank you to all those who have worked so hard in preparation. We'll see you all here on Saturday. Thank you.

#### GALA PARKING

Car parks in Plimmerton are always at a premium on gala day and we recommend parking at Plimmerton Domain and walking through the subway! Please park legally and be safe and considerate of our neighbours and local businesses when parking.

#### PARUMOANA ATHLETIC SPORTS

A team of Hongoeka and Taupō students competed at the interschool athletics on Tuesday. Many of our students were placed in the top 3 in their events. Plimmerton School won the trophy for the most points overall. Results are below, but it is worth mentioning Zara T and Luke G who both won their high jump events and also established new Parumoana records! Carole and Miss J were very proud of the way the students competed and represented our school.

Thank you to the parents who provided transport. Good luck to those heading to the regionals in week 8.

##### Year 8 Boys

Jacob: 1st place Vortex, 1st Place Shot Put

Richard: 1st Place 100m, 2nd Place 200m

Luke: 1st Place High Jump

Rauri: 1st Place 200m

Luke set a new high jump record for the Parumoana Schools' Cluster Year 8 Boys. Congratulations, Luke!

##### Year 8 Girls

Milla: 1st Place 100m and 200m, 2nd Place 1000m

Lana: 3rd Place 200m, 3rd Place 1000m

Jayda: 3rd Place Vortex

### Year 7 Boys

Lui: 1st Place Shot Put  
Nicholas: 1st Place High Jump  
Brodie: 2nd Place Vortex, 3rd Place Discus

### Year 7 Girls

Chloe: 2nd Place High Jump, 2nd Place Long Jump, 3rd Place 200m  
Isabella: 1st Place 1000m  
Lauree: 3rd Place 1000m

### Year 6 Boys

Zack: 1st Place 80m, 2nd Place 150m, 2nd Place 1000m  
Felix: 2nd Place Shot Put, 2nd Place Quoits  
Noah: 3rd Place High Jump

### Year 6 Girls

Zara: 1st Place High Jump, 3rd Place Long Jump  
Lily-Grace: 2nd Place High Jump, 2nd Place Vortex  
Zara set a new high jump record for the Parumoana Schools' Cluster Year 6 Girls.  
Congratulations, Zara!

### Year 5 Boys

Toby: 1st Place Long Jump

### Year 5 Girls

Lola: 2nd Place Long Jump, 3rd Place 1000m

## HONGOEKA SPEECH FINALS

Hongoeka and Taupo syndicates have been writing and presenting speeches this term. Hongoeka Syndicate held their Finals today. (Taupō finals next week). I greatly enjoyed the 11 Hongoeka finalist's speeches today. They were all well written and presented with great presence and humour! And what a variety of topics - Bird of the Year, Concussion, Dancing, Sheffield FC, Nudibranchs (which we learnt are a type of marine Gastropod molluscs), to name a few. A great effort from our finalists - Aspen, Chloe S, Hazel, Isaac B, Lauren, Lily S, Lola, Milla P, Ollie B, Scarlett and Zac L.

Congratulations to: **1st Place: Aspen**, **2nd Place: Milla P**, and **3rd Place: Ollie B**. The winners will be representing Plimmerton School at the Parumoana speech contest and will present their speeches at the week 9 assembly. Good luck to all our school finalists.

## EPRO8

Epro8 is a science and technology inter-school competition. The children compete in teams of 4 and complete challenges that incorporate engineering, science, electronics, mathematics and problem solving. Hongoeka syndicate had 3 teams participating on Wednesday and Taupo syndicate also had 3 teams participating on Wednesday evening. All Plimmerton teams were very competitive and worked together well to complete their challenges. The Year 8 team won their competition and will compete in the semi finals in 2 weeks time.

The winning Year 8 EPRO8 team Mackenzie, Xavier E, Louis F-G and Macsen.



*Ngā mihi*

*Mike Forrest - Tumuaiki/Principal*

## PTA News

### GALA UPDATES

Just one day to go! Our last newsletter has been sent via email today.

Our Gala raises over \$45000 of much needed funds so please do your bit. Thank you from the Gala Team.  
Ticket to ride tokens will be delivered to classrooms tomorrow. If your child does not receive their ticket to ride tokens you can pick them up from the booth on the field on Saturday.

### Be in to win \$1000

You can buy a key for \$5. If your key is the one that opens the padlock you will win \$1000.

There will be 400 keys available but only one will open the padlock.

This year we will be selling keys prior to the gala. If you have a lucky number from 1 to 400 you can choose your number, though these will be on a "first in first served" basis.

We will sell keys from Monday and your name will be recorded next to a number. You can collect the key from the stall at the gala on Saturday 16th November or we can try the key for you when all keys have been sold.

Helen Grindey Siriman and Rosemary Oxnam will be available to sell you a key each morning before school at the office from 8.30 am or put the money in an envelope with your name and contact number. If you have a favourite number write that on the envelope too and we will endeavour to allocate that to you.

Keys will also be sold at the gala.



### An extra \$1000 would be very useful for Christmas!



## 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 4.

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