

Kōwhai Syndicate News

Term 3 2020



Kia Ora and welcome back to Term 3.
A big welcome to our new students and whānau.

Our Team: This term we have a few staffing changes. We are lucky to have Miranda Mercer and Trish Kolson in Room 3 and Lisa Cowley and Kirstin Toleman opening Room 7 later in the term.

Room 1	Year 2	Natasha Culveski	natashac@plimmerton.school.nz
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Room 4	Year 0/1	Kate Nicholson (TL)	katen@plimmerton.school.nz
Room 5	Year 1	Yvette Pierce	yvettep@plimmerton.school.nz
Room 6	Year 1	Shannon Ferguson	shannonf@plimmerton.school.nz
Room 7	Year 0	Lisa Cowley	lisaco@plimmerton.school.nz

Important Information

Communication

Communication from school will be sent by email, the school app and is on the website.

Staff are generally available before and after school if you have any questions or queries. We do start teaching at 8.55am.

Please ask or email for an appointment if you need one.

Please do talk to us, we would rather sort out any queries or problems before they become bigger. It is also helpful for us to know of any significant events happening at home that may affect your child at school.

Seesaw

Seesaw is a digital portfolio where we share what your child is learning at school. Children love getting feedback on what they share so please check in when you can!

Please remember up to 10 family members can sign up, there is also an option to translate text in 55 languages.



Arriving at School

It is important that your child is at school on time each day.

Students can be in classrooms from 8.30 - a bell will ring. Before this teachers are preparing for the day.

The first bell rings at 8.55am. Arriving before this bell gives children time to put their belongings in the correct places themselves, and have time to settle in for the day ahead.

The end of the day

At the end of the day we will continue to walk Kōwhai students to the field but please feel free to come up and visit your child's class in the morning.

Homework

Home readers will be sent home in your child's book bags. Please encourage your child to be independent and responsible for their book bag coming back to school each day.

It is important that children understand what they are reading so please talk to them about their book.

As children become fluent readers you may notice that the level of book they are reading will stay the same for longer, this is how the levels have been designed. At this stage, reading becomes more about comprehension and extending vocabulary. Celebrate that your child is now reading to learn rather than learning to read.

We encourage you to continue to read to your children as well as listen to them read. Remember - there is no app to replace your lap!

Regularly practising number knowledge is important as this is key to making progress in mathematics.



Snack time

Each class has a snack time around 10am to keep our brains ticking. Your child will need a snack of fruit, nuts or vegetables each day.

It may be worth putting this in a separate container.



Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle each day.

School at Level 1

We are keeping regular hand washing and sanitizing routines.

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell.



Toys & Valuables

We encourage children to bring resources to support studies and programmes but **please do not bring toys or valuable equipment to school** as we are unable to accept responsibility in the event of breakage or loss.

Lost Property

Please make sure that all clothes, hats and belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name. Lost property is located in front of the school office.



How you can help:

- by helping with the making, maintenance and storage of resources
- by accompanying your child's class on trips
- by supporting the Parent Teacher Association
- by sharing your special skills, talents or interests

Please discuss with your child's teacher the most appropriate times for parent help.

Parents are reminded that information acquired whilst assisting a class is confidential

Our Learning

This term, our focus is Technology with a focus on the design process and Digital outcomes. We will be designing, testing and improving super sandwiches and snacks.



*We will be encouraging your child to try a range of fillings and bread. **Please make sure that your medical notes at school are up to date and we are aware of any food allergies.***



Physical Education: We will be practising jumping, throwing, skipping, dodging, and running as we develop our Fundamental Movement Skills.

Maths: In addition to number, we will be learning about shape, patterns and fractions this term. You can help by using fraction words at home when cutting fruit, pizzas etc. Identifying numbers around the community e.g. letterboxes and talking about what comes before and after is a good way to build number knowledge.

Important dates for your diary

Parent teacher conferences: Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th July

Scholastic book fair: Week 2 in the Library. Open for book sales 8.30-9 and 3-3.30

Pōwhiri: Date to be confirmed

NZ Playhouse school production: Monday 10th August

PTA Disco: Friday 14th August (Year 1-4 6-7pm Year 5-8 7.30-9pm)

School Assemblies: Friday 9.15am 7th August, 28th August, 25th September

PTA Photos by Kirsty- Sunday 13th September

Term 3 finishes: 2.55pm Friday 25th September

Term 4 starts: Monday 12th October

Thank you for your support and we look forward to a fun and successful term at Plimmerton School.

Kind Regards
The Kōwhai Syndicate Team,
**Kate, Shannon, Jeanelle,
Miranda, Natasha and
Yvette.**

