



## NEWSLETTER - week 8, term 4, 2020

### *From the Principal*

Kia ora e te whānau,

The ups and downs continue..

After having such a wonderful Fun Day for the students last Friday, it was terrible to have our community struck by the floods over the weekend. Let's hope we can get through the last few weeks of the year without any more dramas and get to enjoy a wonderful Christmas break.

### FLOODING SUPPORT

Sadly quite a number of our school families have been severely affected by the flooding last weekend. We are very grateful for generous donations of food, so we have been able to continue providing school lunches and morning teas to students from families affected this week, provide some family grocery supplies, and provide some food to the emergency hub. Thank you for your manaaki.

Families that need to continue having some support for school lunches next week please contact Jill - [jills@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:jills@plimmerton.school.nz)

### 'THE PROJECT' CPR SONG COMPETITION

Room 14 recently entered a competition run by Westpac and the 'The Project' on TV3. They created a video of the class dancing and performing to a new CPR song written by Kings. To our delight they won the competition and last Monday had a visit from a Project TV crew and Sophie Pascoe. Awesome effort Room 14! They have also won 200 junior rash vests and a \$2,500 cash prize for the school! Thanks Room 14. We have promised them a shared lunch next week, and the balance will be used to get some outdoor furniture for the deck by Te Korowai Manaaki, the school library. Videos of the episodes are available on the TV3 website and WestPac NZ and The Project Facebook pages. See you if you can spot your friends from Room 14 and room 1.

*Pictured below is Sophie Pascoe and Room 14 giving out rash vests to Kōwhai students.*



## PTA THANK YOU

The PTA had their final meeting for the year this week. This dedicated group of volunteer parents has worked hard in what has surely been the most challenging and unpredictable year we have had! Despite having to cancel or scale back many key events the PTA has still managed to fundraise over \$30,000 for the school this year! Huge thanks to Chair Mel Clark and the PTA committee for their leadership. Thank you to all parents and whanau who have helped out with and supported PTA activities and events.

## PARUMOANA SCHOOLS SPEECH FINALS

Congratulations to - James Morahan (Taupo syndicate) and Chloe Moreton (Hongoeka syndicate) who both represented our school at the recent inter-school speech contest. The level of speeches at this event is always very impressive and both students performed incredibly well. James came away with the Year 7 & 8 trophy after delivering a very humorous speech on the perils of sultana cookies! Both students delivered their speeches to the school at assembly today.



## FUN DAY LAST WEEK

The Fun Day for students last week lived up to its name and it was wonderful to see so many happy and smiling faces. Thank you to all the families who helped with providing treats and prizes for the day, school staff for great organisation and running of activities, and our fabulous Year 7 & 8 students who all set up & ran fair stalls.

## CUPCAKE WINNERS

The cup cake competition for Fun Day was hotly contested! Congratulations to Olive McL who was the overall winner, and to John D, Lola P and Miri L whose creations were all highly commended.

*Cakes pictured below L-R as made by Olive, John, Lola and Miri.*



## THANK YOU FOR TRIP AND EVENT SUPPORT THIS YEAR

Thank you to the huge number of parents who have helped on our class trips and sports events throughout the year. There have certainly been a lot of them, especially this term, and I think we have had more postponements this year than any other! Your great support helps us to provide those memorable school experiences for our students.

## REMINDER - END OF YEAR EVENTS

- **Library Books:** If not returned please return ASAP. Thanks.
- **Christmas Concert:** The school End of Year concert will be held on Wednesday 9th December at 6pm. This will be on the courts and turf, with the library deck as the stage area. Families are invited to have a picnic on the field or the courts from 5pm onwards and students will be asked to go to their designated areas at 5.45pm. Students are encouraged to wear Christmas attire. **If the weather is iffy** we will make the call at midday to cancel and an email will be sent out to parents.
- **Reports emailed home:** Teachers are currently writing an "End of Year Summary Report " for each student in their class. These reports are designed to provide parents/caregivers and students with an overview of progress and achievement attained in the year completed. In the past these have been sent

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home with the students, however, this year the reports will be emailed home to parents/caregivers on Monday 14th December.

- **Visiting next year's classroom:** We are busy sorting out class placements for next year. Students will be told who their teacher for next year will be on Monday 14th December and they will go to their new room and spend some time with their new teacher (where possible), and their new class. To help with the transitioning into new syndicates students will also have the opportunity to attend a hui with their new syndicate during the final week of school.
- **Year 8 Leavers' Dinner:** On Monday 14th December the Year 8 leavers will be celebrating the end of their journey at Plimmerton School with a special leavers dinner. A group of parents have been busy organising this event which this year is being held at the Plimmerton Boating Club. This is a lovely opportunity for our Year 8s to get together before they head off to various colleges next year. A special thanks to the Taupō staff and the parents who have been working hard to make sure this is a memorable and special event.
- **Final School Assembly - Leavers' Poroporoaki:** The final assembly will be held at 11:00am on Thursday 17th December. This is traditionally our most formal occasion of the year and the assembly will be attended by the Board of Trustees and a great number of parents. The assembly usually takes approx. 1 hour and the occasion is used to officially farewell our Year 8 students and other leavers. In Level 1 all parents and friends of the school are very welcome to attend.
- **School finishing at 12 noon on Thursday 17th December** School will finish immediately after the final assembly at approx. 12:00 midday. If you have an After School Care booking on the last day, please let the supervisor know if your child needs care on the last afternoon.

Ngā mihi,  
Mike Forrest  
Tumuaki/Principal

## PTA News

The Plimmerton School Parent Teachers Association (PTA) is excited to bring you this very special fundraiser - right in time for Christmas!

The Goddess Dressing has been made by our very own Technology Teacher, Jo Gradwell, for over 20 years. The dressing is made from all fresh ingredients including basil, garlic, cider vinegar, olive oil and parmesan cheese. It is a delicious condiment for salads, fish, pasta, pizza and more. The Goddess Dressing is gluten free and sugarless. It comes in 250ml bottles costing \$15. Great for your summertime BBQs and as a Christmas gift!

**Don't miss out, Jo makes these fresh to order! Use this [form](#) to make your order. Orders close 11 December.**

Payment can be made directly to the Plimmerton School PTA bank account 12 3254 0090644 000 and payment needs to be made before the 11/12/20 to ensure your order is processed. Please include your Surname as a reference, and "Goddess" in the particulars.

## THE PLIMMERTON SCHOOL PTA NEEDS YOUR HELP IN 2021

We are seeking people to assist with the organisation, and running of two of our most popular yearly events, The Beer Fair, and the Quiz Night.

You will work alongside our helpful and knowledgeable PTA team to get these events up and running, but without "project managers" for these events, they simply will not go ahead next year.

Both of these events run really well when a group of friends take on the organisation and running of them... Please contact us if you can offer any assistance with event planning, marketing, or project management.

If signing up to the PTA meetings for the year is not "your thing" never fear - you can still help us with one off events! 2020 was a rough year, let's make 2021 amazing by working together to support our school. Contact us on [PTA@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:PTA@plimmerton.school.nz), or come and speak to Aleida in the office. The more helpers the better!

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