



PANUI - NEWSLETTER - week 4, term 1, 2021

From the Tumuaki - Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

As part of our EOTC (education outside the classroom) programmes the last couple of weeks have seen Mana syndicate participate in their sleepover at school and Taupo syndicate camp out at Kaitoke. The weather has come to the party and a great time was had by all. Hongoeka syndicate head off to Brookfields camp in Wainuiomata next week and we wish them well and hope the weather continues to oblige. Thank you to the many parents who have volunteered to help out with these very valuable experiences for the children, and thank you to the staff who dedicate a great deal of time and energy in planning and organising these.

KiVA

Alongside PB4L this year Plimmerton School will also be implementing the KiVA programme. This is a bullying prevention programme, developed in Finland, and it's effectiveness has been proven through research. KiVA offers a kete of tools for schools to use to address bullying. Staff attended their first workshop on KiVA on our teacher only day this year and have started implementing classroom lessons. A meeting to introduce parents to KiVA will be held on Wednesday 24th March at 7pm and again on Thursday 25th March at 9 am. Kieu PhAm, a Programme Manager for KiVA will be joining us for these meetings. We encourage parents to attend one of these meetings to get an overview of the programme and how it will be implemented at Plimmerton School.

MANA SLEEPOVER

Mana syndicate held their annual sleepover at school last week. The weather played its part and the students had a fabulous time participating in a variety of activities including swimming, water slide, toasting marshmallows, yoga and a treasure hunt. For a number of children it was their first night sleeping over without their parents, but they displayed Manawa Titi - resilience, one of our school values along with Whitireiatanga - aiming high by getting involved, doing their best and following the rules of an activity. A huge thank you to the many parents who helped out, especially those who stayed overnight.





TAUPO CAMPS

Taupo syndicate have been camping out in tents at Kaitoke Regional Park this week. Again the weather has been kind and the children have been able to participate in a variety of outdoor activities, including biking the Rimutuka incline. Cooling off in the river during the warm weather was a popular activity. The students worked in groups to plan and cook their own meals and took responsibility for pitching their own tents. Throughout the 3 days the students displayed our school values in a variety of situations. Thank you to all the wonderful parents who helped out over the week.





SCOOTING AND CYCLING - SCHOOL ROAD, STEYNE AVENUE AND RAILWAY PLATFORM

Users of the footpath near school have been at risk of being knocked over or crashed into, and we have been receiving a number of complaints. Before and after school all bikes and scooters should be walked in School Road. Due to the high number of reported near misses, after school students must now walk their bikes and scooters along Steyne Avenue (both sides) until they are at the railway underpass.

It is also very dangerous and not permitted to scooter or cycle in the railway underpass or on the train platform. The station staff have advised that some camera footage is on its way to school of students riding on the platform.

PTA TRIATHLON

Our first fundraiser for the year is the PTA triathlon on Sunday 7th March. This is also a fun day out for students and we encourage as many children as possible to participate as individuals or as teams. This is a great build up for the Weetbix triathlon later in the month. See more information in the PTA section below.

HOCKEY COACHES

We will be entering teams in the Kiwi hockey competition held in Tawa on Saturdays. We are looking for coaches for the Year 5 & 6 teams, who will play on the turf at Tawa College. Our ability to enter teams in Kiwi hockey will depend on the availability of coaches. Please contact Rosemary Oxnam if you could coach a team.

ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATES

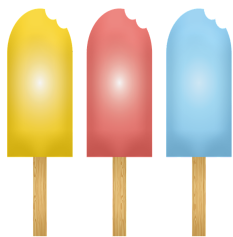
Here are some of our fabulous students who received values awards at our last assembly. The next assembly will be on Friday 12 March at 9am.



Tye, Isabella-Rose, Mia, Grace, Cannon, Lincoln, Hazel, Taylor
Jasper, Tyler, Cobe, Leni, Ella, Nate, Lachlan, Rafael, Chloe
Theo, Carma, Junie, Kyra, Caleb, Tovi, Odin, Malakai, Mallory, Maddie, Maia
Mariana, Charlie, Cam, Tommy, Daniel, Kobe-Max, Cooper, Mack, Daisy, Moira, Betsy, Adele



Kieran, Olive, Lily, Raizel, Rosie, Evie, Skyla
James, Felix, Hamish, Maia, Bentley, Max, Elsa, Caitlyn
Annabelle, Sian, Madison, Anya, Mitchell, Phillip, Maisey, Trinaya, Gordon, Cristen



ICE BLOCK SALES

Our year 8 students will be selling iceblocks over the next two weeks. This is some early fundraising for the end-of-year leavers' dinner. Getting in while the weather is hot! Iceblocks will be \$1. Mana and Kōwhai students can order in class in the morning and their ice blocks will be delivered to their class. Hongoeka and Taupō students will purchase their ice blocks from tables set up on the courtyard.

Week 5: Wednesday 3 March, Friday 5 March
Week 6: Wednesday 10 March

Ngā mihi

Mike Forrest, Tumuaki - Principal

BOARD SHORTS

ANNUAL PLAN

At Plimmerton School we value the importance of reviewing our practice and providing professional development for our staff. This ensures that our knowledge and skills remain relevant and up to date and our teaching is based on current best practice, providing the best possible outcomes for all our students. With this in mind we identify areas of our curriculum in which we want to review and develop each year. Over the past few years we have been focusing on our mathematics programmes and our results have been pleasing despite the interruptions of covid and the poor results nationally for year 8 students (only 40 percent at curriculum expectation), reported in the news recently. We are pleased that 78.5 % of our year 8 students achieved at or above expectation in mathematics - but always room for improvement!

This year we are looking to focus on literacy with a school wide review of effective literacy practice. This will involve Kowhai syndicate investigating a "Structured Literacy" approach and reviewing our current support processes and practices for students with specific learning needs.

The school also recognises the need to strengthen our localised curriculum to meet community aspirations and student learning needs. This year we are planning to investigate a possible "nature, science and exploration programme" that makes the most of our unique environment here in Plimmerton.

We are moving into our third year of implementing "Positive Behaviour for Learning" (PB4L). The Plimmerton School purpose statement for implementing PB4L is "together we teach and promote positive behaviours, that foster kindness, empathy, gratitude, respect and resilience to grow great citizens".

As mentioned above, alongside PB4L this year Plimmerton School will also be implementing the KiVA programme. This is a bullying prevention programme, developed in Finland, and its effectiveness has been proven through research. KiVA offers a range of tools for schools to use to address bullying.

POLICY REVIEW - HOME LEARNING

The Home Learning policy is up for review by the board this term. If you would like to view and provide feedback on this policy please follow the instructions below.

1. Visit the School Docs Website - <https://plimmerton.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (plimmerton) and password (respect).
3. Click on the 'current review' tab and follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.
9. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

PTA News

SECOND MEETING FOR 2021

Why not try the PTA? Our first next meeting will be on Tuesday, 9th March, 7.30pm in the staffroom. We are very keen to have new parents join us this year.

PLIMMERTON PTA SCHOOL TRIATHLON Sunday 7 March 2021

Registrations now open! Please follow this link for individual and team entries: [Click here to register](#)

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.

DATE: Sunday 7 March 2021. First race at 9.00 a.m. (11 to 13-year-olds)

LOCATION: Plimmerton School

ENTRY AGE: Entry is open for 5-13 year olds with both individual and team options available

EVENT DISTANCES

11-13 Years:	Run 4 laps (1.6km);	Bike 4 laps (1.2km);	Swim 12 lengths
9 to 10 years:	Run 3 laps (1.2km);	Bike 3 laps (900m);	Swim 6 lengths
7 to 8 Years:	Run 2 laps (800m);	Bike 2 laps (600m);	Swim 4 lengths
5 to 6 Years:	Run 1 lap (400m);	Bike 1 lap (300m);	Swim 2 lengths

Course map: [click here](#)

Further event information: [click here](#)

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

For further information please contact Pete Barton, Event Director on 0220670357 or plimmertonschooltriathlon@gmail.com.



Community News

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& may not reflect the policies and practices of the school.*



**PAREMATA
PLIMMERTON RFC**

JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATIONS 2021

We would like to invite all returning
and new players to now register for
the 2021 junior rugby season!

Registrations are now open online!!
GO TO: www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/142956

REGO DAYS @	Tues 9th March 5.00 – 7.00 pm
NGATI TOA DOMAIN	Sat 13th March 9.00 – 11.00 am
	Wed 17th March 5.00 – 7.00 pm

Keep an eye out for more updates
right here. Any queries, email:
juniorconvener@pareplimrugby.co.nz



WELLINGTON BRICK SHOW

13th – 14th March

Lower Hutt Events Centre
30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt, Wellington

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Saturday and Sunday

\$10 entry per person
Under 3s FREE
\$30 family pass
(2 adults, 3 children)

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Registration for **PUKERUA BAY SOCCER CLUB** for grades 5 (turning 5 in 2020) to 14 is now open:

- Registration closes 1st March 2021.
- Low Registration Fees: \$50 for grades 5&6, \$90 for grades 7-12 and \$100 for grades 13&14 (mixed competition), \$100 for Sunday girls' competition. Includes Nike shirt and shorts. Family discounts available!
- Practices potentially in Pukerua Bay and/or Plimmerton (or wherever most suitable for team).

To register or for more information visit www.pukeruabaysoccer.org.nz/ or call Iain Maclean (0274203056) or Neil Snowling (0212291739) or email pkb@pukeruabaysoccer.org.nz.