

PANUI - NEWSLETTER - week 9, term 1, 2021

From the Tumuaki - Principal

Kia ora e te whānau

** NO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 6 APRIL **

This is a short week as we head into the Easter holidays. I'm sure many families are looking forward to this break and some time with whānau. We haven't had the Easter break in term time since 2018, so some parents may not be aware, or may have forgotten that the Tuesday after Easter is also a school holiday in all schools in New Zealand. Kelly Club will be operating a programme on Tuesday 6 April (see flyer at the end of this newsletter).

PARENT-TEACHER INFORMATION SHARING INTERVIEWS - Thursday 8th and Tuesday 13th April

Information sharing interviews are coming up and bookings are now open. The purpose of these meetings are to share the picture of your child's current achievement and to discuss next steps and how you can help at home. Students are welcome to attend with their parents. Bookings for appointment times are available directly at this <u>link</u> which will take you to "Book School Interviews Online". Enter the Code **v3tdb** then book your interview(s.) If you are unable to do this online please contact the office for assistance.

FAREWELL TO OUR FABULOUS LIBRARIAN...

Congratulations to Liz Nichols, our fabulous Librarian, who has won a new position with the Porirua City Council. Liz has been a huge part of transitioning our library from a temporary space into Te Korowai Manaaki, it's lovely new home. Liz has made the library a warm, inviting and much loved place for our students. We all wish Liz well when she starts her new role after Easter.

...AND RECRUITING A NEW FABULOUS LIBRARIAN

We are looking for a new librarian. If you are interested in this position, please follow this link for a <u>Job</u> <u>Description</u> and <u>application information</u>. Applications close Friday 9 April and we would expect the position to commence Monday 3 May.

HONGOEKA ATHLETICS

Hongoeka syndicate have been working hard over the past few weeks developing their athletics skills with a focus on jumping, throwing and running. On Thursday 1st April they would love to share their progress with their whanau. The event starts at 9:30 am and finishes at 1 pm. The students will rotate around a variety of athletics activities. The postponement date for this event is Wednesday 8th April.

HOCKEY COACHES URGENTLY NEEDED

We will be entering teams in the Kiwi hockey competition held in Tawa on Saturdays. We are still 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.

KŌWHAI WORKING BEE - THANK YOU

Many thanks to all the parents who came and helped out at the Kōwhai working bee to make and organise literacy resources. It is a big job, and we would appreciate help again this Wednesday and Thursday. If you are available to help, please contact Kate Nicholson katen@plimmerton.school.nz. Many thanks from the Kōwhai Team

KŌWHAI SYNDICATE GRANDPARENTS DAY

Kowhai syndicate hosted their grandparents and special people at school on Friday morning. The students enjoyed sharing books, games, activities, special taonga and a cup of tea with their grandparents and special people. We had a very big turnout with some grandparents/special people video calling from overseas. Thank you to everyone that came to support the children. Please enjoy the photos below.



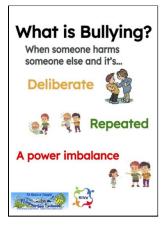
KIVA PARENT MEETINGS

Thank you to all those parents and caregivers who attended our Parent sessions on the KiVa programme. KiVa is a bullying prevention programme that focuses on reducing and preventing bullying and minimising the negative effects that can be caused by bullying. The programme has been implemented in many schools both overseas and

in New Zealand, and has proven to have positive results. Introducing KiVa at our school fits in well with the goals of Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) which we have introduced, and our school values.

There are three key elements to the programme:

- **Classroom lessons** throughout the year that help children to develop the skills to understand bullying and how to support those being bullied, to build empathy and responsibility, to understand peer pressure and resist negative influence of others.
- A response process for reported cases of bullying with staff trained (the KiVa Team) to provide supports for the child being bullied, and help change the behaviours of those who are involved in bullying behaviour.
- **Ongoing monitoring** to identify any trends in behaviour to focus support and attention.



An important part of the KiVa programme is that all members of the community have a clear definition of what bullying is, and what makes it different from other forms of negative behaviour or conflict, such as an

argument, an accident or a one off conflict between peers. The definition of bullying is harmful or degrading treatment to another person that is deliberate, repeated and targeted at a relatively defenseless or less powerful person. Alongside this newsletter item are examples of the posters that we are using to explain this to students. There is a junior and a senior version shown.

For those that would like to know more about KiVa are links to:

- The New Zealand KiVa website
 - The KiVa programme parents' guide

SCOOTERING AND BIKING IN SCHOOL GROUNDS AFTERSCHOOL

We love having many of our younger students and their preschool siblings playing in the playground after school while mums and dads connect. To keep them and all the children leaving school safe, we would remind everyone that we don't ride our scooters and bikes in the school grounds until after 3.30pm.

Ngā mihi

Mike Forrest, Tumuaki - Principal









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