



## PANUI - NEWSLETTER - Week 1, Term 2, 2022

### *From the Principal*

Kia ora e te whānau,

I hope you all had a great term break. We are all looking forward to a term full of things we can do now that we are at the orange covid setting!

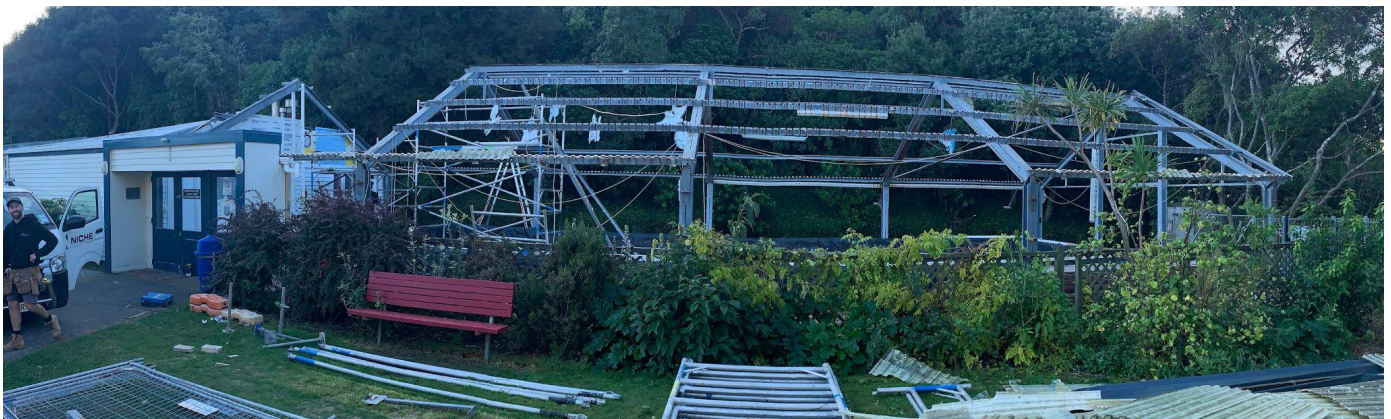
### TEACHER ONLY DAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS THIS TERM

Reminder of the dates that the school will be closed this term:

- Teacher Only day on Friday 3rd June and Queen's Birthday holiday on Monday 6th June.
- Matariki holiday on Friday 24 June and Teacher Only day on Monday 27th June.

### SWIMMING POOL REFURBISHMENT

The refurbishment of the swimming pool is well underway. The steel framing for the enclosure has been removed, and in a few weeks new framing and cladding will be installed.



First the cladding was removed (above) and now the framing has gone too! (below)





## DRAINAGE WORK

Over the holidays work began on clearing the stream/drain that runs along the western side of the school grounds. This waterway had become blocked up with silt, causing the water in heavy rain to flow over the play area and under the Mana classroom block. As part of this work a small area of the bank by room 9 has now been fenced off so the waterway can be cleared more. There are a few children who used to play here that are a bit disappointed! But on the positive side the banded kokopu (native fish) that live further up the waterway will now be able to access the sea for their breeding cycle.



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Week 2, Tuesday 10 May and Wednesday 11 May.

Basketball, netball and hockey teams will have their photos on Wednesday. They will need to bring their uniforms including shoes. Coaches are most welcome to be in the photos. Contact [Jo](#) to find out approx times.

## ANZAC DAY

Our kura was proudly represented by Hana Buchan, Keiran Dunlop-Brown, Cybele Wadham-Parker, Hannah Penty and Chase George at the Porirua City ANZAC service. Our thanks to them for volunteering their time during the term break.





## GO KART MAKING IN TAUPŌ SYNDICATE

Last term Taupō syndicates inquiry involved researching and designing go karts and this week the building started. Each group has to work together to build the go kart they designed. This has involved lots of great discussions and problem solving as well as learning how to use a variety of tools. The area outside Rooms 14-18 has been a hive of activity and they have been lucky enough to have a fantastic group of parents come in to support them.



## FISH & CHIP LUNCHES - SENIOR STUDENTS

Buying fish and chips from our local shop for lunch has been a long-standing tradition for an 'occasional treat' lunch option for students - at the discretion of parents, of course! This has been on hold due to covid restrictions, but we are reintroducing it for our Hongoeka and Taupō students (Years 5 to 8). Parents please be aware that:

1. Students must have a signed and dated note from their parent/carer, giving permission to walk to the fish and chip shop. (Please be aware that this does require children crossing a pedestrian crossing).
2. Students must sign out at the school office, and show their permission letter, before going to the shop, and sign back in at the school office when they return to school.
3. Students must wear a face mask in the shop.
4. This is only for fish and chips - not for soft-drinks, energy drinks, snacks or sweets from the dairy or cafes.
5. Students are required to sit at the undercover picnic tables outside the staffroom when eating their fish and chips.

## STRUCTURED LITERACY - PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

In 2021, we introduced a structured literacy approach to teaching reading and spelling in Kowhai syndicate. This year we are implementing the approach throughout the school. We will be holding parent information sessions to introduce parents to structured literacy. Come along and find out what structured literacy is, what the research and science is to support this approach, and how it will look in your child's classroom. We will be covering the following:

- Why are we making the change?
- What is Structured Literacy?
- What does it look like in classes?
- How you can help support your child's learning?

We are holding two sessions at school on Wednesday 11 May 7-8pm and Friday 13 May 9-10am. Please book using this [form](#).

## PINK SHIRT DAY

As a school we will be having pink shirt day on Friday 10 June, as Friday 20 May is the school cross country. We will be having an interaction day and students will be put into mixed aged groups. The groups will rotate around a variety of fun activities which focus on spreading aroha and kindness and ending bullying. We hope that all students will support this great cause by wearing pink. The interaction day is being organised by our Year 7/8 student councillors.



## PLIMMERTON STATION UPDATE

KiwiRail has been working at and around Plimmerton Station. This has resulted in a significant change to walking routes that is important for students and their families to be aware of. The pedestrian crossing at the south end of the station is permanently closed. This means that to get across the track, pedestrians will need to walk via the Steyne Avenue level crossing at the south end of the station, or via the underpass at the north end, near the Domain. Please give yourselves plenty of time to get to your destination, whether it's to get to school or to catch the train. If you wish to know more about this or any other aspect of KiwiRail's works, please email [wgtupgrade@kiwirail.co.nz](mailto:wgtupgrade@kiwirail.co.nz).

## WINTER SPORTS

Our 3 hockey teams, 8 netball teams and 1 basketball team start their competitions this week/end. We would like to thank all the parents/caregivers who are giving up their time to coach these teams.

If you are going to be a sideline supporter during the winter sports season please take the time to read our [Sports Events Code of Conduct](#).

## ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS - MUST BE AN EXPLANATION FOR ALL ABSENCES

When emailing the [absence email](#) or leaving an absence message, it is essential to leave a clear explanation for your child's absence. This will help us to monitor the current situation.

## CROSS-COUNTRY

The school cross country will be run a little differently this year. We will have two events 1) competitive cross-country races, that students can opt in to, and 2) a fun fitness event on a separate day.

- **Cross Country Races** in Year Groups - Optional competitive event. This will be held at the Plimmerton Domain on Friday 20 May from 9:15am. Postponement day - Monday 23 May. Only runners who opt in to compete will be going to the domain.
- **Fun Obstacle Circuit** around Plimmerton School. This will be held at Plimmerton School on Friday 27 May. Times to be advised. All students will take part. It will be run in syndicate groups and children can run, jog or walk the course. Students will complete as many circuits as time allows.

In week 1-3 of this term we will be training for these events. The main purpose of the training activities is to encourage regular exercise and the health benefits that come from this. Training sessions will be a variety of activities that get the heart rate up and build stamina and endurance, but in fun ways - not just running around the field each practice time!

Many students will want to push themselves (Whitireiatanga), and will be using the training to help them to achieve in the cross country event. The top 5 children from each year group will get certificates at syndicate hui and the top 5 from Year 4-8 will be progressing to the Parumoana Interschool Competition at QEII Park in Paekakariki later this term.

Thank you for your support. Please encourage your child to do their best as that is what we will be asking them to do. More information on courses and race times will be available soon.

## ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

A reminder that students should not arrive at school before 8.30pm. Classes will not be open, and students have no supervision from staff. Teachers who are here earlier are having meetings and preparing for student lessons and the arrival of students at 8.30am.

There is now a very reasonable 8.00-8.30am before school care option available at Kelly Club for students that need to be dropped off earlier. See the Kelly Club flyer on pages 6 and 7.

*Ngā mihi,  
Mike Forrest, Principal*



## Library Corner

Welcome to Term 2 and the month of May which is Scholastic's National Reading Month where families are encouraged to read with their children for 10 minutes every day throughout the month. Enter the challenge by downloading the reading log and other printable resources from [www.scholastic.co.nz/nfrm](http://www.scholastic.co.nz/nfrm). You can also enter the draw to win one of five book packs.

Issue 3 of Scholastic Book Club is now available and was sent home with students on Monday. There are spare copies available in the library if required. **ALL ORDERS MUST BE MADE ON-LINE.** The school office will not accept orders. Simply log-in to [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz) and click ORDER in the top menu (or REGISTER first to save your details for next time). You then select Plimmerton School and your child's class. Add your child's first name and last initial, and the item numbers from the catalogue. If you have any problems, either see Sarah in the library or contact scholastic at [bookclub@scholastic.co.nz](mailto:bookclub@scholastic.co.nz); phone: 0800 266 525. The close off date for orders is 20 May. All orders will be sent to school for collection. Thanks for your support.



This week has seen the introduction of some fabulous new books into the library. These books include a story about friendship, a book about filling each other's buckets using kind words and compliments, and a book set during the blitz where the central characters are a 12 year old boy, an elderly woman and a silverback gorilla.

Check out our library catalogue to see what books are available (<https://nz.accessit.online/PLM03>).

Happy reading, Sarah

## PTA News

### The Plimmerton School PTA kids clothes swap is back!



Donate your good quality clothes and shoes (newborn to teenage) to the kids clothes swap and join us for the Event on Saturday 2nd of July at 2pm. We will be accepting your clothes donations at the office during school hours.

Event details are here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1511296645938563/>  
Google form to reserve tickets: <https://forms.gle/8hUsXVDxEp2dYJ3LA>

We would appreciate your support, buy a ticket, bring a group of friends, share on Facebook.

Please contact us with any questions, [plimschoolkidsclotheswap@gmail.com](mailto:plimschoolkidsclotheswap@gmail.com)

### Ice Blocks for sale!

The PTA is going to continue selling ice blocks on Tuesdays and Fridays during Term 2. Ice blocks will be \$2 each.

Children need to give their money to their classroom teacher in the morning and the ice blocks will be delivered to their classroom before lunch.

Thanks in anticipation of your generous support this year!

### Come join the PTA

If you're keen to join the PTA, or if you have any suggestions for fundraisers, or if you'd like to know more, please contact the PTA at [PTA@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:PTA@plimmerton.school.nz)





## Community Notices

### ***Would your child love to learn Irish Dancing?***

Book your free trial class at the Kerry School of Irish Dancing today!

Saturdays, Adventure School - 10.45 - 11.30am - 5 & 6 Years

Sundays, Plimmerton School - 10.45 - 11.30am - 5 & 6 Years

Monday & Thursdays, Ngati Toa Domain - 4.30 - 5.15pm - 6+ Years

Contact Kristina at [kerryschoolofirishdancing@gmail.com](mailto:kerryschoolofirishdancing@gmail.com)

### ***After School Piano Lessons - Experienced local teacher***

*I teach children from age 6 to adults and currently have after-school lesson times available.*

*I teach from my home in Plimmerton: modern and classical methods, exams if required, and theory. 1/2 hour (\$21) and 45 min (\$31.50).*

*I have been teaching piano for two decades. I am a relief teacher at Papakowhai school.*

*If interested please contact Rosemary O'Hara at 021 201 6764 or [ohararosemary2@gmail.com](mailto:ohararosemary2@gmail.com)*



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## We welcome:

Year 0 to 8 at Plimmerton School

## Before-school options:

7:00am – 8:30am: \$15

8:00am – 8:30am: \$6

## After-school options:

3:00pm – 4:30pm: \$15

3:00pm – 6:00pm: \$22

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# PLIMMERTON SCHOOL - SPORTS EVENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

## FOR PLAYERS

If I am playing for Plimmerton School I will:

- not argue with an official. If I disagree with a decision I will inform the captain, coach or manager during a break or after the competition.
- control my temper. I understand that verbal abuse of officials and other players, or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted behaviour in sport.
- work equally hard for myself and my team
- treat all players in my sport as I like to be treated. I will not bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- co-operate with my coach, teammates and opponents
- display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat
- participate for my own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches
- respect the rights, dignity & worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- thank the opposition and officials at the end of the game
- use appropriate language with players, coaches, officials and other spectators.
- present myself and act in an appropriate way at pre-game and after-match functions.

## FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS AND SPECTATORS

At Plimmerton School we expect and encourage parents, caregivers and spectators to:

- respect officials' and coaches' decisions
- respect the efforts of the opponents
- applaud good plays & performances by both our team & the opponents
- give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort
- support our team's efforts and performance
- thank the coaches, officials & other volunteers who give their time to conduct the event
- assist when asked by a coach or official
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.
- acknowledge that the game is the player's game not mine.
- use appropriate language with players, coaches, officials & spectators.
- act in an appropriate way at pre-game and after-match functions.



## FOR COACHES & MANAGERS

If I am coaching or managing a sports team for Plimmerton School I will:

- remember that players participate for enjoyment and winning is only part of the fun
- never ridicule or yell at players for making a mistake or not winning
- be reasonable in my demands on players' time, energy, and enthusiasm
- operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach my players to do the same
- ensure that the time players spend with me is a positive experience. All players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities (this includes equal game time and equal starting opportunities across a season).
- ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players
- display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport including opponents, referees, coaches, officials, administrators, parents, and spectators. I will encourage my players to do the same.
- show concern and caution toward sick and injured players and follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background
- use appropriate language with players, coaches, officials and spectators.