



## PANUI - NEWSLETTER - Week 7, Term 3, 2022

### *Mai e te Tumuaki - From the Principal*

Kia ora e te whānau,

Since the last newsletter we have managed to celebrate so many great things... including some sun! Not only did we get to watch two heats of "Plimmerton's Got Talent" but we also came together as a school to raise money for the Wellington Free Ambulance via "Onesie Day." One of our lovely parents from [Moana Road](#) generously donated three "Onesies" and three super lucky winners' names were pulled out of a hat - congratulations to Sophie, Isabella-Rose and Chase and thank you again to Moana Rd.

In the spirit of celebrating I also pulled out the names of three lucky students Macklan, Tai and Vai who received a hot chocolate and a chat with me at one of our local cafe's! Lucky them :)



In the last newsletter, I shared 5 questions to ask your child at the end of each day. The aim was to promote positive talk around the table and for children to understand that school is not always about being right. Importantly, school is about taking risks, making mistakes, growing, and becoming resilient. All traits that align with our school values of Manawa Tītī (We are resilient), Whitireiatanga (We aim high), Kaitiakitanga (We look after our place), and Manaakitanga (We are kind). The reason I talk about our values is because generally, at this time of the year our tamariki are tired, have been cooped up due to the rain and their patience wears quite thin.

So today's theme is about Respect. According to Michael Grose, a leading parenting and educational writer, author of nine books, and speaker respect starts well before your child makes it to school each day, and he has some great advice to support whanau and I thought would share three key things:

**TEACH THEM TO TREAT OTHERS WELL:** Sometimes it's not what we say, but what we don't say that makes all the difference. Insist brothers and sisters treat each other well. Listen to the language they use and insist they don't become personal - focus on the behaviour, not the person. It is important that we don't let disrespectful behaviour go unchallenged.

**LOOK AND LISTEN:** As a parent or carer it's important to be aware of how young people interact with each other. Be prepared to challenge negative and disrespectful attitudes, but also be mindful that your children's attitudes mirror those of people they respect, which can be confronting when you don't like what you hear.

**PROVIDE KIDS WITH THE RIGHT SKILLS:** Help young people give voice to their concerns constructively, fairly and assertively. Coach your sons to ask for what they want and to express frustration properly. Mentor your daughters to stand up for themselves when they feel disrespected or unsafe. These build trust and will ultimately bring you closer together.

Some great life lessons that we can all take something from.

Nga Mihi

Chris Steffensen  
Principal - Tumuaki

## School attendance awareness campaign launched

*'Every School Day is a Big Day' is a new campaign to encourage school attendance. It was launched on Monday 22 August, at Rangikura School in Porirua by Associate Education Minister Jan Tinetti.*

*The campaign is a part of 'kia kotahi te ū ki te ako – all in for learning', which is an on-going nation-wide strategy with a focus on supporting ākonga to attend school regularly. The campaign is in recognition that regular attendance at school is important for our children's learning, wellbeing and futures. To read more about this campaign and access these resources, visit Te Mahau: [All in for learning | Kia Kotahi te ū ki te ako – Te Mahau](#)*

## Coming Events - to put on your calendar

Monday 12 to Friday 16 September:	Te wiki o te reo
Tuesday 13 September:	Year 5 & 6 Parumoana Inter School Swim Sports
Wednesday 14 September:	<b>Crazy Hair/Wig Wednesday</b> to support child cancer - gold coin donation
Thursday 15 September:	Year 7 & 8 Parumoana Inter School Swim Sports
Monday 19 to Friday 23 September:	Scholastic Book Fair at school
Friday 23 September:	<b>Dress up as your favourite book character</b> & whole school interaction day PTA Burger Bonanza Plimmerton School Quiz night
Monday 26 September:	Stu Duval author visit
Friday 30 September	End of Term 3



## Calendar Art

Order forms will be sent home on Monday for ordering calendars, cards and diaries but we have also included the ordering details below.

## Absence Notifications

Absences can be reported by phoning 04 233 8677 or emailing [absence@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:absence@plimmerton.school.nz). When sending an absence email or leaving an absence phone message it is essential to leave a clear explanation/reason for your child's absence. Please note that the School Stream App is no longer active.

## Arriving and Leaving School Grounds

It is great to see so many families walking to and from school each day. When you are walking your child to or from their class please ensure you walk on the path inside the fence adjacent to the field. We have contractors, couriers, and other school visitors using the school driveway at all times of the day so for your safety, and that of your tamariki, please use this path rather than the driveway pathway, thank you.



## Kōwhai Football Tournament

Kōwhai syndicate had a football tournament during lunchtime at the beginning of the term. It was great to see our large ball skills being put to use. The games were close and competitive. The finals for the year 2's was won by Room 5 and the finals for the year 1's was a draw between Rooms 3 & 6. Congratulations to all of Kōwhai for getting involved and giving it their best. A big thank you to Mr Cross for giving up his lunchtime and running this for us.



## Mathswell

Mathswell is a competition run by the Wellington Maths Association. Students from year 5 to year 11 are invited to participate in teams of 6. Mathswell aims to promote the enjoyment of Mathematics and challenge students. Plimmerton School entered a Year 5 & 6 team and a Year 7 & 8 team. The teams had to work together to solve multi-choice questions and word problems.



## Girls Futsal Festival

Some of our year 5 & 6 and year 7 & 8 girls took part in the Capital Football Girls Futsal Festival this week. What is Futsal you ask? Futsal is the only FIFA and NZ Football approved version of five-a-side football and the world's fastest-growing indoor sport. The name futsal is derived from the Portuguese words futebol (football) and sala (hall). Futsal is a small-sided - 5v5 - game played with a smaller (size 3 or 4) low bounce ball, on a basketball sized court without rebound walls or nets.



Year 7 & 8: Maia N, Tilly S, Eva W, Lily McC, Sarah M, Evie S, Hannah P, Pippa C and Abby B.

Year 5 & 6: Kyler W, Anya L, Giana M, Taylor D, Saskia M, Sierra H, Molly P and Charlotte T.



## Onesie Day in support of Wellington Free Ambulance

On Friday 2 September Plimmerton School had a Onesie Day. Students and teachers donned their favourite onesies, pyjamas, and odies for the day. Students were asked to bring a gold coin to donate to the Wellington Free Ambulance and we raised \$742! Thank you to all the families who supported this worthwhile cause.



## AIMS Games

Earlier in the week swimmers Lola, Freddie and Asher attended the Zespri AIMS Games in Tauranga. The Zespri AIMS Games gives 11, 12 & 13 year olds an opportunity to compete as an individual or a team against other children their age in 23 codes. There were 10,000 children competing from 120 schools.

There were 400 Year 7 and 8 swimmers entered and our swimmers had some fantastic results. Asher got a gold in the 50m breaststroke and broke his Wellington record. He also came 4th in the 100m breaststroke and 5th in the 200m breaststroke. Freddy came 4th in the 50m breaststroke and 5th in the 200m backstroke. In the 200m individual medley he came 5th and in the 100m individual medley he came 9th. Lola entered 8 different events and came in the top 20 in all her events.

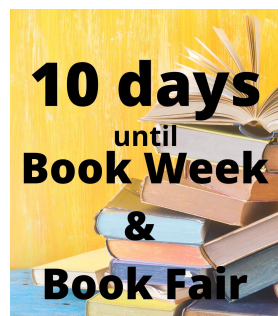


Click on the Facebook link below, find the photo of our superheroes and like it. If that photo is the most liked then our school could win \$1000 worth of sports equipment.

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## Library Corner

Ten days and counting until the start of Book Week on Monday 19 September. EFTPOS facilities will be available and all students will get a peek at the books on display at the Book Fair on Friday 16th. We would like to extend an invitation to all our families to visit the Book Fair in Room 1 and check out all the books that are for sale. Book Fair opening hours for the week are:



Monday (19th September)	8:30am - 8:55am	2:55pm - 3:30pm
Tuesday (20th)	8:30am - 8:55am	2:55pm - 7:00pm
Wednesday (21st)	8:30am - 8:55am	2:55pm - 3:30pm
Thursday (22nd)	8:30am - 8:55am	2:55pm - 7:00pm
Friday (23rd)	8:30am - 8:55am	2:55pm - 3:30pm

We have a huge variety of activities planned during book week, including visits from three very special guests - one is a prominent figure on TV at the moment, another a successful author who will be running a writing workshop for some of our senior students and of course Stu Duval who will be sharing his fabulous writing and drawing skills with all students. There are also lots of competitions in the library that students will be able to enter.



On Friday 23rd September, we want all students and staff to dress up as their favourite book character. From 9.10 to 9.30am the whole school will take part in a parade on the turf to show off their costumes to the rest of the school. Parents and caregivers are most welcome to come and watch. There are lots of prizes to be won.

We look forward to seeing you when you visit the book fair in Room 1 and hope that you will use this week to make a special effort to encourage reading at home. There is a lot of research about the benefits of reading *“Reading a story for just 10 minutes a day works wonders for a person’s mental well-being and creativity.”* (Dr Angus Fletcher, 2021)

The persuasive essay writing competition for Hongoeka and Taupo students closes today. A big thank you to all students who have taken the time to craft an essay. The winning essays will be announced during book week.

Happy reading, and see you at Book Week!  
Sarah

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

## Lunchtime Scootering on the Driveway

DAY	SYNDICATE	Scooter Rules:
Monday	Hongoeka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No scootering without a helmet</li><li>• Only use your own scooter</li><li>• Scooter <b>down</b> the drive and walk <b>up</b> the path</li><li>• Ticks only at the bottom</li><li>• Listen to the Scooter Patrol</li><li>• 3 strikes and you’re out for the session</li></ul>
Tuesday	Kōwhai	
Thursday	Taupō	
Friday	Mana	



## Out Of Zone Places For 2022

At the last board of trustees meeting it was agreed that there are unlikely to be any out of zone places for students in 2023. This is in line with the board’s decision not to take out of zone students from 2022.

To be clear about what this means for **families who currently live outside the school zone**:

- Any students who are already attending school will not be affected.
- Any younger brothers or sisters not yet at school who were offered an out of zone placement for this year will not be affected and can still enrol.
- Any younger brothers or sisters not yet at school, who will start school in 2023 or future years, will not be able to enrol at Plimmerton School.

The board has to make long term preparations for the increased roll growth expected from the Plimmerton Farm and Grays Farm developments. The Ministry of Education has been clear that they expect our school to accommodate a further 250+ students in the short to medium term before they will consider opening a new school. When the Ministry assesses a school’s capacity to decide if extra classrooms are needed, it does not count any out of zone students. As students attend the school for eight years we need to maintain the process of reducing out of zone numbers now. This is the best way we can prepare the school for what is coming.

## In Zone Enrolments For 2023 & Student Leavers

It is that time of year when we start to plan for the number of classes in each syndicate for next year. Having a clear picture of ‘arrivers and leavers ’ helps us to keep classes to an appropriate size.

**Do you have a child starting school in 2023?** To pre-enrol your child (or check if they are already pre-enrolled) please contact the school office or go to the enrolment page of the school website. If you know of any friends or family in our zone who may not have pre-enrolled their child please encourage them to contact us too.

**Do you have a child (Year 1 to Year 7) leaving our school during, or at the end of 2022?** Please advise the school office so that we can prepare the appropriate transfer information.

## School Donation

The school donation is voluntary, but any donation makes a huge difference in what we can offer our students. A BIG THANK YOU to those families who have already made donations, we are extremely grateful for your support! If you would like to make a donation but are yet to do so, please read on for further information and for easy payment options.

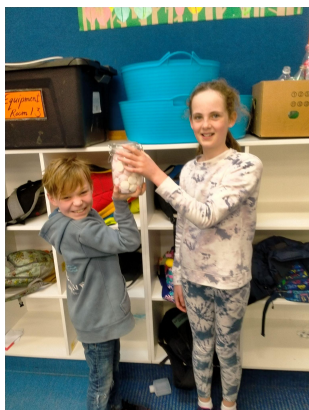
In line with the government donation scheme the suggested donation this year is \$150 per student. As it is a donation the amount is up to you and voluntary. If this amount is a stretch feel free to adjust it accordingly. At the same time if you feel you could contribute more, please also feel free to adjust the amount. The school office will generate a tax receipt for any donation amount of which you can then claim 1/3 back from the IRD.

Payments can be made:

- At the school office via Eftpos or by credit card
- By direct credit to the school bank account. Please clearly state your child's surname, DONATION, and your 4 digit parent account number. **Plimmerton School Board of Trustees: 12-3478-0062343-00**
- Alternatively, please complete the [School Donations form](#) on our school website to request payment of the donation via your parent account - you can then pay this off over the next few weeks.

We appreciate your support.

## PTA News



**Winners!** Mack and Anya were the lucky winners of the 'guess how many marshmallows in the jar' promotion at interview night! All they had to do was bring their parents over to sign up for a job at the gala.

If you have not yet chosen a job, please email [pta@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:pta@plimmerton.school.nz) to let us know what area you would like to be involved in.

Congratulations Anya and Mack, don't eat them all at once!

## SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, 19 November 2022**

We are still looking for volunteers that can: coordinate stalls and rosters prior to the gala, do a 2- hour slot on a stall on gala day, sort donations in the hall the week before, help set up stalls on Friday 18 November and pack up after the gala. Thanks in advance for your support.



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Orders to be returned by:

*Friday, 23rd September*

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Fill out one form per child)

Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

	Calendars	Cards	Diaries	Total of each Row
	\$ 14.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 17.00	
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### KELLY SPORTS OCT HOLIDAY PROGRAMME - NGATITOA DOMAIN, PORIRUA

Our hugely popular Kelly Sports Holiday Programme is back for the October Holidays for children 5-13 years. Come and join the Kelly Sports coaches for the best in sports!

We have created an Action Packed Programme including: : *The Tough Kids Challenge, Batt & Ball Day, Galaxy Defenders Day, All Stars Day, Football Fun Day, Kelly Sports Classics plus trips to Awesome Bounce, Wgtn Museum, Space Place and Zealandia!*

**Click on the following link to see the activity planner** - Kelly Sports October Holiday Programme Activity Planner

To enrol [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz), email [adminwgtn@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellyclub.co.nz) or ph. 021 972 728

### Kelly Sports - Spring into Sports term 4- Thursday's 3.05pm-4.05pm

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 4 with their fun and exciting classes. Come and try *Football, T-Ball, Cricket and Rippa Rugby!* It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability.

We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. Learn the fundamental skills for all sports - throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more - all while having a great time!

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### **ARTY FARTY KIDS are running some Mini Holiday Art Sessions**

Week 1 - Thursday & Friday in Tawa

Week 2 - Monday & Tuesday in Whitby

Please contact: [office.artyfartykids@gmail.com](mailto:office.artyfartykids@gmail.com) for further information.

### **Join us at Ngā Manu Nature Reserve for Conservation Week this weekend 10th - 11th September**

To celebrate Conservation Week, we have a weekend full of conservation focused family fun with face painting, sausage sizzle, coffee cart, a pre-loved clothing sale fundraiser and Eel feeding at 11am and 2pm. You can also meet our cheeky birds and rare reptiles with free Expert and Ranger talks on kaka, kereru, kakariki, tuatara, geckos, skinks, ruru and dactylanthus.

We're holding free demonstrations on composting, worm farming, bokashi and pest trapping.

See our website <https://ngamanu.org.nz> for more info.

### **Conservation Week at Ngā Manu Nature Reserve**

**When:** 10am – 5pm, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept

**Where:** 74 Ngā Manu Nature Reserve Rd

**What:** [www.ngamanu.org.nz](http://www.ngamanu.org.nz)

#### **Featuring:**

NZ Conservation Legend David Mudge - talks on Ruru and Dactylanthus

Ranger talks – meet our cheeky native birds and rare reptiles

Demonstrations – composting, worm farms, bokashi and pest trapping

Eel feeding, Face Painting, Sausage Sizzle, Coffee cart

Pre-loved clothing sale fundraiser



**Te Wiki Tiaki Ao Tūroa  
Conservation Week**

[conservationweek.org.nz](http://conservationweek.org.nz)

