

# PANUI - NEWSLETTER - Week 9 Term 1, 2023

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

Kia ora whānau

#### Education is not a political football!

It's fantastic to see the spotlight on education. It's something we are all invested in as parents, teachers, and whānau of the tamariki that attend our school. What isn't fantastic is seeing education used as a football between politicians who often have no idea about the teaching and learning that is happening in our schools to target individual, and very diverse, needs of our learners.

What New Zealand needs right now is a long-term strategy that brings all learners into the fold and gives them good education outcomes all of the time. Right now we have a system that is constantly changing with the government of the day, irrespective of the needs and experiences of our kids. Any curriculum changes must be evidence-based and designed by experts in the field for tamariki within New Zealand contexts.

Thank you for your ongoing support for our teachers. We greatly appreciate your support and understanding with our collective negotiations and acknowledge the inconvenience.

Despite the political football, we are ploughing ahead with our vision, continuing to design and embed practise that places students at the centre of our decision making. At the Board of Trustees meeting last week we discussed the need to begin the planning and implementation process for our Strategic Aims and Vision for 2024 and beyond. In Terms 2 & 3 we will be seeking feedback from you. Some questions will be simple, while others will need considerable thinking and reasoning. What is essential is our community and whānau have a voice in the schools direction and guide us to ensure our strategic direction fits with what you want for your children.

So please start thinking about what you want from our kura, our tamariki, our kaiako in the immediate, short and long term. The greater engagement we get from whānau equates to better outcomes for your children and our kura.

#### Schools/kura are part of the community

Creating, strengthening, and evolving connections



Te Whakangārahu Ngātahi - Planning Together for Ākonga Success: Our School, Our Community

A reminder about the celebration of learning coming up next week on Tuesday 4 April from 3 - 5pm. Kaiako are opening up their doors to showcase and exhibit their tamariki's learning about Manaakitanga this term. As a thank you for attending, the PTA is running a free BBQ! Don't worry there are no strings or 'snags'. Simply, we wanted to say thank you and model Manaakitanga to you. Feel free to chat with the kaiako, form relationships with whanau and celebrate children's learning!

Term 2's focus is Whitireiatanga - We aim high. Again we welcome whānau to be involved in the process and will reach out to our community to support learning programmes. We are using the motto 'Practice makes Progress'. As we all know we will never improve to the standard we want unless we practise. Practice does mean failing, learning, refining and reapplying. Like John F Kennedy said in his 1962 speech about space expedition "We chose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard." At Plimmerton our tamariki will aim high, our kaiako will support them and as a whānau community we will celebrate them!

One final shout out to our amazing staff and the mahi they do with your children each day. They have been working extra hard over the last few weeks to write personalised learning stories about your children. These will be published on Friday 7th April via HERO.

As this will be our last newsletter before the student holidays, thank you from us to you and we hope you all have a safe break. Whether you are going away or staying home, have a great break, and enjoy each other's company.

Chris Steffensen, Principal - Tumuaki

#### Coming Events - to put on your calendar

<u>Week 10</u>	
Thursday 6 April	End of Term 1
Friday 7 April	Easter Friday - school closed

<u> Week 1 - Term 2</u>	
Monday 24 April	MoE Teacher Only Day - school closed (Kelly Club open - see <u>link</u> for details)
Tuesday 25 April	ANZAC Day - school closed
Wednesday 26 April	Taupo Swimming Sports at Cannons Creek pool
Thursday 27 April	Hongoeka Swimming Sports at Cannons Creek pool



#### Futsal

On Friday 24 March three teams of Year 5 and 6 girls entered a Futsal competition held at Te Rauparaha Arena. It was a great day where all the teams played lots of games and showed great sportsmanship.



# Mana Hikoi and Amazing Race

One Friday morning, on a school day, everything was normal, or was it...

Now that I think of it. It was not normal. The whole Mana syndicate was walking around Plimmerton. Also known as the village of wonder according to my opinion.

We strolled up the track to my farm, to see the alpacas and donkeys to feed them. The donkeys ate carrots, rotten crackers and bread. The alpaca's ate nuts. When we finished feeding the animals we walked down to the reserve and then to the good old beach.

By Copper Down - Year 4

On Friday we went on a race. Everyone was running around solving clues. One clue involved ice blocks, everyone had one. Solving the clues was not easy but it was fun. I was feeling super happy. I liked feeding the alpacas and donkeys, it was fun. The donkeys ate their pieces of carrot out of my hand.

By Milla Van Niekerk - Year 3



#### Year 7/8 Netball Tournament



Last week Plimmerton School entered 4 teams in a Year 7/8 netball tournament run by Kapi Mana Netball. The parents and teachers who accompanied the teams were so impressed with the attitude of all the players and how they supported and encouraged their team members. The skill level and height of the teams we played varied a lot but our teams stayed positive and gave it their all.

Each team played 5 games during the day and it was up to them how they organised positions and time on court. All the teams took this really seriously and made sure that everyone had even amounts of game time and got to play their preferred positions.

Thank you to the parents who came and supported the teams. We couldn't have done it without you.



# PB4L at Plimmerton School

#### Getting an adults attention

- > Walk up to them
- ➤ If the adult is talking to
- someone stand quietly until they finish
- Say excuse me and wait
   Make eye contact
- ≻ Kōrero



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Every fortnight Plimmerton School focuses on a specific skill or expected behaviour from one of our four values.

Children who are seen demonstrating this skill or behaviour are given a Plimmerton Gem which they put in one of 4 containers in the foyer. The containers all have different whole school rewards on them. Every four weeks the gems are counted up and the whole school receives this reward.

The week 9 and 10 focus is **getting an adult's attention**. Teachers have discussed and modelled what this looks and sounds like in a classroom and are giving out gems when children approach them and wait.

#### ▶ Have a chat with your child about how they are going with this skill and how many gems they have earnt.

#### Ice Blocks Sales

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school fundraising this Term, please note the last day for ice blocks sales this term will be Tuesday 4th April. Ice block fundraising will take a break for term 2 and term 3 - but fear not, they'll be back for term 4!



#### Student Absences

If your child is unwell and will not be at school please advise the office as soon as possible (before 9am is preferable). You can do this via your Hero App, or you may leave a message on the school's absence line (04 233 8677 press 1), or you can email <u>absence@plimmerton.school.nz</u> the office will then notify your child's teacher.

### Lunchtime Scootering on the Drive



DAY SYNDICATE Monday Taupō Tuesday Hongoeka Wednesday Motuhara Thursday Mana

#### Scooter Rules:

- Wait by the hall steps until the scooter patrol gets there
- No scootering without a helmet
- Only use your own scooter
- •Covered shoes must be worn. No jandals or sandals
- Scooter down the drive and walk up the path
- Tricks can be done at the bottom of the drive
- Listen to the Scooter Patrol
- 3 strikes and you're out for the rest of lunchtime

# 2023 Term Dates, Holidays & Teacher Only Days

**Term 1** Starts: Wednesday 2 February *Waitangi day - Monday 6 February* Ends: Thursday 6 April (Good Friday 7 April)

Term 2

Starts: Wednesday 26 April Anzac Day - Tuesday 25 April Teacher Only days - Monday 24 April, Friday 2 June Queen's Birthday - Monday 5 June Ends: Friday 30 June **Term 3** Starts: Monday 17 July Ends: Friday 22 September

#### Term 4

Starts: Monday 9 October Teacher Only Day - Friday 20 October Labour Day - Monday 23 October Ends: Wednesday 20 December

## Library Corner

It certainly has been cold this week, bringing lots of students to the library - to read, play chess, colour in their Easter bunny picture or just hang out with their mates. On Wednesday lunchtime, the library housed just over 100 students.

Many thanks to those parents who have found some of our missing (unissued) books and left them on my desk. One of the returned books had been missing for over two years so it was great to have it back.



This week's selection of new books has led to lots of discussion about Ramadan and what to wear when visiting a mosque, the war in Ukraine and which animals are the most deadly to humans (the mosquito).

Scholastic Books has been having problems with their warehouse and also teething problems with their new warehouse management software which is why we are still waiting on some of the back orders from Issue 1. Scholastic will fill the backorders as soon as they can.

Don't forget to check out our library catalogue - <u>https://nz.accessit.online/PLM03</u>. Encourage your child to sit down and read a book for at least 10 minutes a day. I am always happy to assist them with finding books if they are struggling to find something.

The library will be open from 3pm until 5pm on Tuesday 4th April. Please feel free to call in, have a chat and take a look around. We would love to see you.

Happy reading, Sarah



The PTA at Plimmerton School is a group of parents and teachers who meet once a month to plan events and activities to raise money for the school. If you are interested in joining the PTA, organising an event or just helping out in some way please come along to the next meeting on Tuesday 2 May at 7.30pm in the staffroom or email Ronit.sacharow@gmail.com who is the secretary, and let her know how you would like to be involved.

## The PTA is looking for a new Treasurer!

Do you enjoy working with numbers and have a few spare hours in the month?

Our long-time Treasurer, David Ellison, is taking a well-deserved break so we are on the lookout for a new team member to work with our finances. As PTA Treasurer you will work closely with the team in the school office and there will be training and a handover of the role available to you. You can fit the work around your life, with the only fixed time commitment being the PTA meeting held monthly and the annual school Gala. Please consider whether you can make this contribution to our school, we promise that the PTA are a fun team to work with :-) Contact Mike Rodgers, PTA chair, to express your interest or find out more, 027 294 9065.

## **Kids Clothes Swap**

Proudly sponsored by AM Janssen - Harcourts, the kids clothes swap is back! Book your tickets to attend at <u>https://www.facebook.com/events/774551920888778</u>

The \$20 ticket price includes a delicious afternoon tea supplied by AM Janssen, the chance to win a luxury hamper AND as many clothes as you would like to take home. Bargain!

Please support our PTA fundraising and come along for a fun afternoon on Saturday 6th of May at 3pm.



Even if you can't make it on the day, you can drop your donation of quality kids clothes at the office from now on. Newborn to teenage clothes, shoes, uniforms and sports clothes are accepted. We always need more boys clothes from ages 5 years up and also clothing for teenagers.

Contact plimschoolkidsclothesswap@gmail.com with any questions.

# **Community Notices**

ARTY FARTY KIDS - Mini Easter Holiday Art Sessions

- ABSTRACT CAT Thursday 13th & Friday 14th April @ 10.00am 12.00pm
- EASTER EGGS & BUNNIES Thursday 13th & Friday 14th April @ 2.00pm 4.00pm
- MEXICAN GUITAR Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th April @ 10.00am 12.00pm
- FLOWER GIRL Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th April @ 2.00pm 4.00pm

#### Please contact; office.artyfartykids@gmail.com



#### RACKETLON HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

#### Thursday 13 and Friday 14 April 2023, 9am - 3pm

Once again Tawa Tennis, Tawa Squash and Wellington North Badminton are running the Racketlon holiday programme these school holidays. Players rotate around each sport spending 1.5 hours at each club. Qualified coaches will take each session. Please note holiday programme is for age 6 years and older.

Cost per day: \$50 a day or \$90 for both days.

Registrations: <u>https://bit.ly/3J7eIAI</u>

For more information contact Babette at <u>babette@wnba.org.nz</u>





#### KELLY SPORTS IS BACK WITH THE APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!

It's another action-packed programme at Porirua's best sports based Holiday Programme! Come and join the Kelly Sports coaches for the best in sports fun. We have some exciting days planned including:

Target Day, The Incredible Race Day, Ball Blast Day, Oodles of Noodles Day, Giant Day, Kelly Sports the Best of the Best Day plus trips to: Avalon Park, The Police Museum & Mini Golf and lots more..

This sports based holiday Programme will give your children the opportunity to try different sports, learn new skills, build their self-confidence, and most importantly have a huge amount of FUN. Your child can expect high energy, all-inclusive games and activities to keep them entertained and engaged for however long they are staying! Click on the link to see the Activity Planner.

#### KELLY SPORTS IS BACK FOR TERM 2 - ACTIVE AUTUMN SPORTS!!

The Kelly Sports sessions are a great way to improve your child's motor skills and coordination within a FUN environment. We aim to develop and enhance balls skills, catching, kicking, and throwing all while having a great time! In Term 2 we will be focusing on the following sports: Basketball, Netball, Football and Rippa Rugby

Classes start in week 2 of term 2 for 8 weeks, Thursday's 3.05pm-4.05pm. Click on the <u>link</u> for more information.

To Enrol to any programme go to www.kellysports.co.nz



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#### CodeCamp April School Holidays

CodeCamp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment.

Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create games, apps.

PERFORMING ARTS

Thorndon School: 11th - 14th April & 17th - 20th April.

Book Now at <a href="https://codecamp.co.nz">https://codecamp.co.nz</a>

# Does your child like to sing, dance, act and perform?

## Would you like your child to build more confidence and make more friends?



# Performing arts classes led by a London West End performer!

After school and weekend classes in Aotea, Johnsonville, Karori, Newtown, Lower Hutt, and Upper Hutt!

Two-week trials available.

For more information, please visit

www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz



# KAPI-MANA MUSIC FESTIVAL 2023

# King's Birthday Weekend Sunday 4 and Monday 5 June

Performing Arts Centre Pātaka Art + Museum, Porirua

Open to school students in the greater Wellington region – all instruments and voice at all levels

This year's festival is non-competitive, but instead reach a standard

> Enter online from **10 April** Closing date: **14 May 2023**



Full details at **www.kapimanamusic.org.nz** 



# Read Around the World

Join us these April school holidays as we Read Around the World!

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# Read Around the World

# **April School Holiday Programme**

When and Where	What's On
Wednesday 12 April 10.30am Children's Library, City Centre Library	Wave Listen to stories from Japanese authors and illustrators, then recreate Katsushika Hokusai's famous painting, Under the Wave off Kanagawa, in collage. All ages.
Friday 14 April From 9.30am <b>Reading Room,</b> City Centre Library	<b>Pick up the Pieces</b> Pick your puzzle and join the challenge to complete it in one day. We'll have two 500-piece puzzles competing for completion, with spot prizes of fabulous Gecko books by international authors for the keenest puzzlers. We'll keep the vibes global, playing world music in the space all day. Ages 5+.
Wednesday 19 April 10.30am <b>Pātaka Education Space</b>	Stone Soup Listen to audio stories about magical pots from around the world, while clay modelling a keepsake pinch pot to take home. Numbers are limited for this mindful session; RSVP essential to <b>bee.trudgeon@poriruacity.govt.nz</b> Ages 5+.
Friday 21 April 10.30am Children's Library City Centre Library	<b>She is an Artist</b> Learn about some of the iconic female artists depicted in the wildly popular <i>Little People, Big Dreams</i> series, then collage your own portrait homage to the legendary Mexican painter, Frida Kahlo. All ages.

Parents and caregivers to remain with children at all times.

We reserve the right to cancel or replace events if adverse circumstances occur. Join the Porirua Libraries Children's Chat Group on Facebook for most current details: **facebook.com/groups/PoriruaLibraryChildrensChat** or visit our website.

porirualibrary.org.nz/whats-on





General Information: We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. We provide quality childcare in safe and fun surroundings for children out of school. Our hollday programme is focused around sports, games, and outings to local attractions. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

Who can attend: Children aged 5-13 yrs

What do you need to bring: Shoes and appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food.

Food: Please bring plenty of packed food and drink for morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea. Lunch will be from approximately 12:30pm to 1:00pm each day.

Programme activities: Programme activities are adapted to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age depending on numbers. Programme activities may vary without notice dependent on weather conditions and programme numbers.

Payment details: Payment is required before the holiday programme begins. An invoice will be issued when a completed booking is received. All payment details will be included on the invoice.

Work and Income OSCAR Subsidy: Parents / caregivers that meet certain criteria will be able to access a WINZ subsidy to help cover the cost of our programme. For more information visit www.workandincome.govt.nz.

Please note: Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Club accept no liability for any injury sustained to your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property whilst at a programme. If your child/ren are collected late after the conclusion of the programme you will be charged \$20 per 15 minutes or part thereof. 
 Website:
 kellyclub.co.nz/plimmerton

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 Programme Coordinator

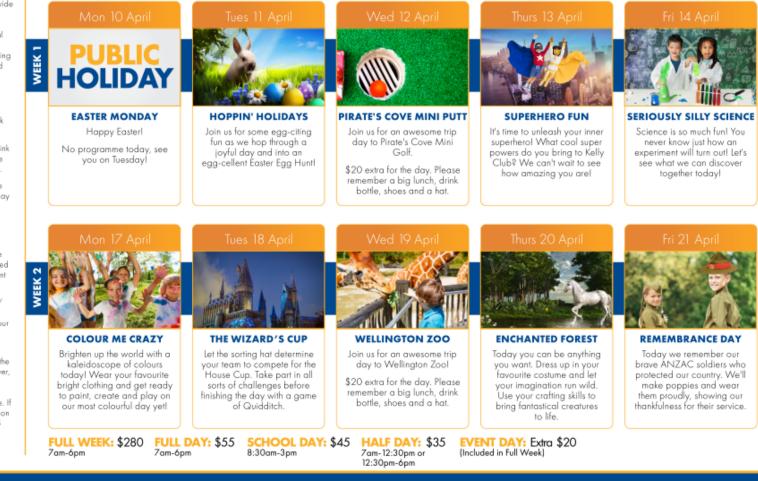
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