



PANUI - NEWSLETTER - Week 2 Term 2, 2023

Mai e te Tumuaki - From the Principal

Kia ora whānau

Welcome to Term 2 and a special welcome to the four new tamariki who started with us last week. It is always a special occasion to start school and I am proud that we make the day even more meaningful by celebrating through Powhiri. This is a very special occasion for all involved and showcases Manaakitanga in action. It is a chance for our tamariki to shine and our school to come together to exhibit pride in our place and who we are. I truly thank everyone involved and for the amount of positive comments afterwards.

This term our school learning focus is Whitireiatanga - We Aim High. The learning across the term will be showcased via a night market at the end of the term. Throughout the learning journey students will work through many design phases in order to complete a product they are happy with and want to showcase and sell. This will be an outstanding experience for our tamariki and something that will enable them to aim high, celebrate and showcase their learning. They will also be demonstrating patience, resilience and digging deeper than what they first thought possible with their product creations. So watch out for many discussions around the table about learning!!

In the holidays you should have received your first HERO learning post about your child/ren! This is the start of the reporting we will be sharing with you. The aim is we involve you in the journey so you can see through the picture evidence of what your child can do, followed by a teacher comment that explains the level of learning measured against the NZ curriculum. Term two learning posts will feature a Writing, Reading and Maths report comment, followed up with a Parent/Teacher/Student learning hui. We are just debating whether the date we have the learning hui's are best suited at the end of this term or the start of term 3.

Lots of congratulations ... Congratulations to both Hongoeka and Taupō syndicates who held their swimming sports last week! It was great to see students aiming high and challenging themselves across different swimming disciplines. Next up is the Cross Country in Week 3, so we look forward to our students setting goals and working hard to achieve them, even if they are difficult.

Today Taupō Syndicate took part in a Careers Expo called "Inspiring the Future Aotearoa". It was a novel way of understanding a career pathway for them in the future and hearing from a mixture of experts in the field. We had 7 local role model's with vastly different backgrounds; Marketing, Marine Scientist, Scientist, Water Engineer, Manager, Arborist and a Builder. The students had 20 yes/no questions to ask the role models before they left the room. They returned in their work attire, shared their background and then the students rotated around each person learning more about their career and pathway.



At the end of Term 1 we said farewell to Adie Dott who had been teaching in Room 21 while Whaea Rebecca was on maternity leave. We expected nothing less than high standards and hard work from the students under her guidance and were not let down. We thank Adie for setting this classroom up for success, the guidance and wisdom shared during her three terms working full time. Adie will still relieve around our kura and be in Room 21 each Tuesday.

This term we welcome Mrs Ruzia Ataria to Room 16. Ruzia has a long history of success teaching intermediate students, and is looking forward to getting to know our tamariki and community. She is highly passionate about teaching, in particular; literacy, physical education, PB4L. She puts a huge emphasis on building a positive classroom culture and high expectations of her learners. Welcome Ruzia to our team.

Lastly, I wanted to also acknowledge a behavioural incident that happened in the last week of term 1 that resulted in a student from our school being suspended. I can't go into details however, I want to reassure you that our tamariki were safe and we have a range of processes moving forward to support the student and other students who find emotional regulation challenging. Any behaviour is a communication of sorts, so as a school we have been looking at ways we can support all students differently and in ways they can communicate their feelings and emotions instead of escalating into something difficult to control.

Until next time, continue to say hello at the gate or when walking past my office and thank you for raising the wonderful tamariki who call Te Kura o Tāupo home.

Chris Steffensen, *Principal - Tumuaki*

Coming Events - to put on your calendar

Term 2- Week 3

Thurs 11 May - BOT meeting

Fri 12 May - School cross country

- Whole school assembly 2pm

Term 2- Week 4

Wed 17 May- Saints basketball session with Year 5-8 basketball players

Fri 19 May- Pink Shirt Day

ANZAC Day Remembrance

Each year Porirua hosts an Anzac Day civil service at the Peace Memorial at Te Rauparaha Park and schools from around Porirua are invited to take part in the march and service. This year Plimmerton School was represented by the following students: Cristen and Mia James, Liam Adamson, Rebekah, Belle and Matthew Gamble, Dechlan, Lillian and Harper Halvorsen.



Plimmerton Underpass Mural

At the end of last term ten young artists joined mayor Anita Baker to unveil the vibrant artwork they had worked on last year with artist/teacher Margaret Tolland. The theme of the mural is Rail past, present and future and the students worked from old photographs and publications, as well as lots of imagination. The production of the mural was organised by the Plimmerton Residents' Association with support from KiwiRail, Metlink, Greater Wellington Regional Council. The mural unveiling also marked the completion of rail underpass works by the KiwiRail PACE project team. The artists who worked on the mural were Amethyst Chu, Miri Lavelle, Pippa Percy, Skyla Debbage, Chloe Morton, Ziya Omar, Anabelle Nichols, Aiza Kamal, Asher Thomas and Isaac Gilmour.



School Lunches - Sushi Friday

As posted on Hero, every Friday from 5th May 2023 you will be able to order school lunches from Lunch Online. Order cut-off is at 8:30am on the day of delivery(Friday). It's simple, all you need to do is register at www.lunchonline.co.nz and follow 4 easy steps to get started. Any menu questions should be directed to Lunch Online 0800 LOL LOL (0800 565 565) or info@lunchonline.co.nz

1. Register an account (Families - Create Account)
2. Add member/s including your name and delivery location (Plimmerton School)
3. Make a payment to have funds in your account before you order. (min top up is \$10)
4. Select your lunch from the menu, and place an order for your selected date.

For information and to view the current menu **Sushi from Kurashi Catering** visit the school [website](#) or access Lunch Online via your Hero App.



Library Corner

Great to hear about all the reading that our students have done over the holidays. The first week back of Term 2 was a short school week so instead of having a New Books display, we had a display dedicated to ANZAC Day. Mr Steffensen kindly lent the library a display of his grandfather's medals and pictures from WWII. I brought in my Great Uncle's medals from World War I and told students the story of why he enlisted and what happened to him.



Taupo syndicate are about to start their Friday chess sessions. There have been a lot of students practising. The library knock-out competition will take place in Term 3.

Students will have brought home Issue 3 from Scholastic Book Club. Scholastic has apologised for the delay in getting out some of the Issue 1 orders. They changed their warehouse system which resulted in many unforeseen problems and delays. They have also reverted back to the old magazine style format for Issue 3 and have confirmed that 30% of the products in this issue are priced \$10 and under.

Issue 3 orders must be made by **Friday 12 May. Orders must be made online.** The school office will not accept orders. Simply log-in to 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; phone: 0800 266 525. All orders will be sent to school for collection and will be delivered to the classroom. If you are ordering books as a gift and would prefer to collect them from the library, then please let me know and I will set them aside for you. Thank you for your support.

Students have also been given a Hell Pizza Wheel each. This is completely optional but is an initiative by Hell Pizza to encourage reading for Year 1 - 8's. Once 7 books have been read and signed off, students need to get a stamp from the library and then take their completed wheel to Hell Pizza (with an accompanying adult). They will receive a free child's size pizza.

Don't forget to check out our library catalogue - <https://nz.accessit.online/PLM03>. Encourage your child to search for books and also to click on some of the links on our catalogue to assist their research projects.

Happy reading,
Sarah

PTA Kids Clothes Swap - This Saturday

The Kids Clothes Swap event is on this Saturday, May 6th at 3pm in the school hall. If you still have clothes and shoe donations please drop to Julia Barton at 21 Cluny Rd, Plimmerton.

Buy your \$20 ticket to attend now. There is a luxury basket spot prize sponsored by AM Janssen- Harcourts for those who buy their tickets early. See the Facebook event for details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/774551920888778>

If you can't make it on the day but would like to participate, we have the option of a mystery shopper who can select clothes for you. Get in touch via plimschoolkidsclothesswap@gmail.com to arrange. Thanks for your support.



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 absence@plimmerton.school.nz 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

The Plimmerton School PTA

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 (see the school website for the next meeting date) or email pta@plimmerton.school.nz

Save the date:

The next PTA event is a quiz night at the Plimmerton Bowling Club on Friday 16 June. Last year's event sold out quickly so start talking to your friends about making up a table of 8. Tickets are \$30 per person which includes a platter. More details will be coming out soon so keep an eye out on the PTA website and HERO.

Community Notices

Helen O'Grady Drama Academy Drama Classes- for over 40 years. Our international curriculum will help explore performance skills and creativity, overcome shyness, develop positive self esteem, grow imagination, make new friends and have lots of fun. Fun after-school classes for 5 - 17 year olds held in Khandallah, Tawa, Whitby, Lower Hutt. To enrol or for more information please visit our www.helenogradynz.co.nz.



ST MARY'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Date and Time: Tuesday 23 May 9:00-11:00am

Meeting Place: Gabriel Hall

TO CONFIRM YOUR PLACE, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS [FORM](#) AND SUBMIT.

You will receive a email confirming your place(s) within 24 hours.

If you have any questions please contact us at:

enrolment@stmw.school.nz or call on 04 473 5554



HOST FAMILIES WANTED

Aotea College is looking for host families for a short stay group of male students visiting from Japan, July 22nd-July 30th. We also have a second co-ed group from Wednesday 11th October and Sunday 22nd October.

Why host?

Hosting a student is an enriching experience for both yourselves and the student. You'll experience a true cultural exchange, sharing knowledge of your culture whilst learning about the many different cultures represented by our students. Often host families build lasting relationships with their students

What is expected from host families?

- Involve their student in their life, spend time talking with their students to give them confidence speaking in English and treat them as a member of the family.
- Be caring and understanding, patient but able to set boundaries
- Show their students how to get to and from school (e.g. where the bus stop is, how to access the bus schedule, how to walk to school).
- Provide three meals a day and snacks (including a packed lunch during the school week).
- Provide a furnished bedroom
- Provide bed linen (sheets, pillow, and blankets) and towels
- Provide wifi

What we provide

Aotea College has a well-resourced International Department, with a Homestay Co-ordinator who is able to provide you with advice and support. Homestay families are paid a weekly fee of \$300.

For more information about hosting a student please check out: international.aotea.school.nz/homestay or email cox@aotea.school.nz



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

Sessions start on Thursday 4 May 2023 from 3.05pm-4.05pm for 8 weeks!

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 ball skills, catching, kicking, and throwing, while improving strength, flexibility, hand/eye coordination and spatial awareness. We teach new skills and improve ability by using games, drills and exercises. It's a great way to try new sports and maintain fitness - all while having fun!! Term 2 we will be focusing on the following sports: **Basketball, Netball, Football and Rippa Rugby**. To enrol go to www.kellysports.co.nz and in the school box put "Plimmerton"

FUN Sticks

FUN Sticks is an 8-week hockey programme designed for children aged 5-6 years (school Years 1 & 2). 2023 FUN Sticks will focus on individuals' movement and motor skill development, helping build a young person's physical literacy and preparing them for sport. Hockey skills will be taught through fun, games-based activities.

FUN Sticks offers:

- An introduction to hockey with an emphasis on having fun
- An opportunity to develop fundamental skills - running, dodging, striking
- A positive and quality coaching environment
- Full involvement for all participants
- Regular changes of activities to maintain enthusiasm and interest
- A safe environment for all activities
- Equipment required to play hockey (Hockey Stick & Ball) is provided
- We encourage parents to join in with kids if they want

Festival Day:

On the last week of the programme, there will be a festival day held at the National Hockey Stadium on the morning of Saturday 1st July. FUN Stick participants will be able to play games with players from different locations.

Please Note: There are no postponement days scheduled (excluding the festival day)

Where: FUN Sticks is run at the following locations across Wellington,

- National Hockey Stadium (NHS), Wellington - 10:00 am - 11:00 am - Saturday starting 6th May
- Hutt (Fraser Park) - 10:00 am - 11:00 am Saturday starting 6th May
- Porirua (Elsdon Park) - 3:45pm - 4:45 pm - Tuesday 9th May
- Kelburn (Kelburn Normal School) - 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Tuesday 9th

The cost for the 8-week programme is \$50. Register using the following link for the Player registration system PlayHQ <https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/5a8236>

Mana Squash

Junior Group Coaching

with James Thompson

Group coaching sessions available to juniors of all levels.

James is a high level squash player and loves helping others develop their game and enjoy their squash!

Sessions are grouped by ability.



MANA SQUASH CLUB

Mondays/Tuesdays
3:45pm and 4:30pm start times
Starts up on May the 1st

Get in touch to discuss which session would suit your child.

\$90/term
(8 x 45min weekly sessions)

For information or to register, contact James:
email: coaching@manasquash.co.nz
phone: 027 767 9456



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Sunday 7 May 2023
Plimmerton School Hall
11am - 2pm

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**Find us on facebook or
contact sasha@duguid.nz for more information**



ARTY FARTY KIDS

Term 2 Sessions

- 'Cactus Artwork' - Monday @ 5.00pm - 6.30pm
- 'Whimsical Artwork' - Wednesday @ 5.00pm - 6.30pm
- 'Art Journaling' - Saturday @ 9.30am - 10.45am (ages 5 - 10 years)
- 'Art Journaling' - Saturday @ 11.00am - 12.15pm (ages 10 - 15 years)

Arty Farty Kids LTD 022 174 8558



Pre-Loved Clothing Sale Designer and Premium High Street

Saturday 13 May, 10am - 3pm

Performing Arts Studio, Pataka Art & Museum

FREE ENTRY!

Brands For Sale include:

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Alice McCall	Eb & Ive	Max	Taylor
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For tickets contact Dee Jones:
deejonesnzuk@yahoo.co.nz or 0275 345 429



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

Junior Squash

Mana Squash Club

6c Pascoe Avenue, Ngatittoa Domain, Mana

Ever wanted to give squash a go? Squash is a great, social sport for kids and is perfect for fitness and developing hand-eye coordination.

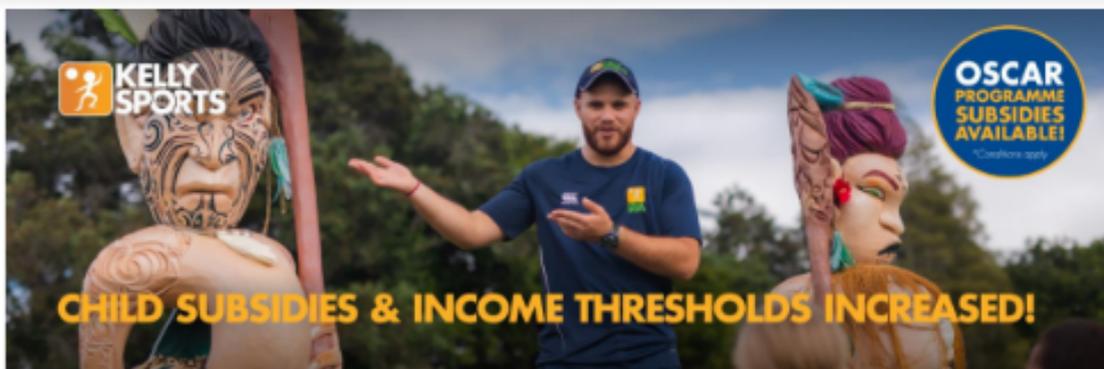
Every Friday night during the school term from 6pm-7:30pm is Junior Club Night. Here kids will learn the basics of squash including the rules, serving, practicing different shots and games. Rackets, balls and eyewear are provided, you just need a pair of non-marking shoes.

Come check it out for a few weeks before deciding if you want to sign up - membership is cheap at only \$50/year for kids aged 10 and under, or \$90/year for over 11s. Bring a friend or come make some new ones!

Or for more information contact Ben at juniors@manasquash.co.nz
Mana Squash Club also offers a coaching programme for junior players.

For information contact: James @ coaching@manasquash.co.nz





Great news! More families will now qualify for Childcare Assistance and the rate will increase for those already qualified. Please note: Subsidies are only available for our Kelly Sports Holiday Programmes.

From 1st April income thresholds for Out of School Care and Recreation (OSCAR) Subsidy will increase following a policy change by the Government. The highest rate for Childcare Assistance increases to \$6.10 an hour per child. Families with a gross weekly income of \$2,755.99 are eligible to apply. The new income thresholds and hourly rates from 1st April 2023 can be found [here](#).

Already receive Childcare Assistance?

You don't have to do anything! Your Childcare Assistance will automatically be reviewed from Monday 3 April 2023 and Kelly Sports will apply the new rate.

You don't need to contact Work and Income unless you have a change in your personal circumstances.

If you don't currently have Childcare Assistance and wish to apply?

- **Firstly**, request a client number from Work and Income ([How to get a client number](#))
- **Then** apply online through [MyMSD](#). Work and Income will also check to see if you can get any other help from them based on the answers you give in your application.

Or

- Download or ask your local Kelly Sports for an application form. Kelly Sports can assist with completing your application by filling in the childcare provider section. Once the form is complete it can be sent to Centralised_Childcare_Reviews@msd.govt.nz.

DOWNLOAD APPLICATION FORM

For more information:

Visit the NZ Work and Income website:

[Childcare assistance available to more people](#)

Contact Work and Income:

Phone: 0800-559-009

Email: Centralised_Childcare_Reviews@msd.govt.nz

Kind regards,

Kelly Sports Wellington

Phone: 04 972 7201

Email: adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz

Website: www.kellysports.co.nz

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To take part in this study you must:

- ✓ Have been diagnosed with asthma by a doctor
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- ✓ 027 327 1191
- ✓ care@mrinz.ac.nz

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