Te Kura o Taupō

Plimmerton School

Ka ako tahi tātou, ka tupu tahi tātou. Together we learn, together we grow.

PANUI - NEWSLETTER - Week 4 Term 2, 2023

Mai e te Tumuaki - From the Principal

Kia ora whānau

On a dull day like Friday it was wonderful to see so much colour (pink) across the school. Raising awareness about bullying and normalising what is acceptable and not. As humans we are all guilty of saying the wrong thing from time to time, or allowing our emotions to get the better of us. Sometimes it can be solved with an apology and others it takes a little longer and a different approach to strengthen the relationship again. We see this in our children all the time. They haven't understood the comment or action and how it has impacted the other person(s). Nothing is resolved, so the issue remains in the back of the person's mind, reliving this moment over and over. An old saying I love is "Before you hold a grudge - hold a conversation. It may be a result of a misunderstanding". As a kura this is something that we are going to be working towards supporting our tamariki to understand and develop.

One way to start is by identifying the behaviour. By this I mean separating it into three areas; is it RUDE, is it MEAN, or is it BULLYING. Once we can separate the three then we are able to direct our feedback to these so we don't resort instinctively to 'this is bullying'. We want everyone to be able to understand their actions and the impact it has on others. Once we can do this we can normalise the conversation with each other. This is also relevant to us as parents too. If there is ever a misunderstanding in class between students or the teacher, then go straight to the teacher, ask them for their interpretation of events and understand both points of view.

Thank you to all of the wonderful tamariki who showed strong school values of Whitireiatanga and Manawa Titi on Monday during the cross country. It was wonderful to see our kura full of life with an amazing turn out of whanau to encourage not just their own children but all of the children running. Some students find this experience very daunting, but over came personal barriers, set goals, and show grit and determination to finish the event! It is amazing to watch this resilience in our children! Well done everyone.

Thank you to the many positive comments directed Brendon Cross's way for his organisation, planning and preparation of the event. There were a couple of learning opportunities for us as a result of this event so we will take the opportunity to reflect and plan for those next year. If we ever run an event and you are thinking you should say something positive then don't be afraid to share this via an email! The little comments are often the most appreciated!

In the school holidays we invested a significant amount of money (raised from last year's PTA events) to upgrade the lights in every class across our kura! That was 140 brand new LED lights. Not only are these lights sustainable, eco-friendly, and will last for 20,000 hours… but importantly it is an investment in a safe environment for our learners. No more squinting, no more shaded areas across the class, no more flickering lights! So thank you to everyone for supporting our fundraising efforts across the year. In the near future we will be looking to seek

feedback about projects we can do around the school. The funds will come directly from school donations and PTA raised money! So start thinking about fun things you would like to see at our kura!

Just a reminder that on Friday June 2 it is a TEACHERS ONLY DAY.

Again, thank you to everyone who makes our kura great! Until next time, have a great weekend and stay warm!

Chris Steffensen, *Principal - Tumuaki*

Coming Events - to put on your calendar

Term 2- Week 5
Wed: Year 7/8 Tough Guy/Girl Challenge
Fri: Year 7 Vision testing

Term 2- Week 6
Fri: Teachers Only Day

Term 2- Week 7
Mon: King's Birthday
Tues: Parumoana Cross Country

Pink Shirt Day

Today was Pink Shirt Day. This is celebrated worldwide and encourages people to Speak up, Stand Together and Stop Bullying and to accept and include people's differences.

Pink Shirt Day originated when a young boy wore a pink shirt on his first day of school. He received threats from others. Two students noticed the verbal attack and decided to do something about it. The next day they wore pink as well and stood up against the bullies.

On Pink Shirt Day at Plimmerton School we had an interaction day and students were split into mixed-age groups. They went around the classes doing Pink Shirt Day related activities.

Lots of spot prizes were given out during the day as well as a cake for the class who were wearing the most pink. This was Room 11.

The School Life Tupuna thought that everyone did an amazing job at wearing pink and working together during the activities.

Written by the School Life Tupuna, Cristen, Ziya, Kelsey, Tessa, and Josh.

Mana's Got Talent

At the end of last term a group of children from Mana wanted to have a Mana's Got Talent. A group of Year 7 and 8 students offered to organise it and over 2 lunchtimes last week Plimmerton School was entertained by a variety of items. The performances were of a really high standard and the organisers found it really hard to choose a winner. After lots of discussion the winners were announced:

1st: Clementine Gordon-Crosby

2nd: Mariana Watson

3rd: Celia Machin

Cross Country Results

	First	Second	Third
Year 8 Boys	Charlie Hobbs	Tyler Simeonoff	Zach Beamsley
Year 7 Boys	Jake Watson	Jesse Vannathy	Oliver Seavor-Cross
Year 6 Boys	Toby Clark	Liam O'Leary	Jassin Huzir-Ghazally
Year 5 Boys	Charlie Adamson	Callum Bentley	Felix Nichols
Year 4 Boys	Cooper Down	Max Lewis	Frederic Willemsen
Year 3 Boys	Eliot Pearce	Charlie Kneebone	Bastian Van Lijf
Year 2 Boys	Cooper Guild	Vinnie Drummond	Max Antunovic
Year 1 Boys	Riley Kennedy-Horwood	Benjamin Ross	Max Bourke

	First	Second	Third
Year 8 Girls	Jessica Woodside	Gabriella Staniforth	Ysabella Marriah
Year 7 Girls	Elsa Hobbs	Molly Pearce	Kyler Wilson
Year 6 Girls	Hazel Simeonoff	Charlotte Thiebaut	Giana Martin
Year 5 Girls	Indigo Horrigan	Kayla Vannathy	Kiri Wilson
Year 4 Girls	Clementine Gordon-Crosby	Isabella Seavor-Cross	Sofia Layfield
Year 3 Girls	**(first equal)** Daisy de Almeida & Celia Machin		Mariana Watson
Year 2 Girls	Jordan Gough	Ruby Lewis	Frida Robertshawe
Year 1 Girls	Audrey de Almeida	Rosie Jordan	Ella Kell

Saints Basketball

On Wednesday 17 May Kenneth Tuffin and Nathaniel Salmon from the Wellington Saints basketball team visited Plimmerton School and spent time with some of our basketball players. They took our basketball players through a variety of drills and finished the sessions with a children vs Saints game.

Library Corner

Thanks to all families that supported Issue 3 of Scholastic Book Club. Our library earnt nearly $220.00 which will be spent on new books for our library shelves. Orders will hopefully be delivered to school next week.

We already have students who have completed their first pizza wheel by reading seven books. Just awesome.

The recent dip in temperatures saw record numbers of students in the library.

Over the last few weeks, our older students have been learning about the Berlin Wall (thanks to a fabulous book entitled "Escape From East Berlin" by Andy Marino), the Dawn Raids ("A New Dawn" by Emeli Stone), the 1860s New Zealand Gold Rush ("Children of the Rush" by James Russell) and the US Marines who were stationed in New Zealand during WWII ("Here Come The Marines" by Lorraine Orman). Our younger students have had lots of fun listening to Andy Lee's "Definitely Do Not Open This Book" and Amy Harrop's "Who Took The Toilet Paper".

A reminder that book week is scheduled for the last week of this term. It will be a busy week for our school, but we do appreciate your support for our library. There will be a book fair running all week and a "dress-up as your favourite book (or movie) character" on the last day of this term.

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

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
Labour Day - Monday 23 October
Teacher Only Day - Monday 13 November
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: PTA Quiz Night

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. A google form will be sent home via HERO next week.

Community Notices

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

AOTEA COLLEGE
OPEN EVENING

We warmly welcome parents and students to our Open Evening for enrolling Year 8 students for 2024.

Come along to view the school and see what learning and extracurricular activities we can offer your child.

Enrol now for 2024

Open Evening Sessions

Thursday

15th June 2023

3:30 to 5:00 pm

5:30 to 7:00 pm

Aotea College
Okowai Road, Porirua
Phone: 04 237 3166
Email: enquiries@aotea.school.nz
Website: www.aotea.school.nz

OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!
*Conditions apply

PLIMMERTON SCHOOL

We've got an amazing programme planned including baking, crafts, games and more! Book online now for our fun-filled one day holiday programme. See you there!

Full Day: $55
7am-6pm

School Day: $45
8:30am-3pm

Half Day: $35
7am-12:30pm or 12:30pm-6pm

Contact: Esita Tuidamu
Phone: 021 246 1717
Email: plimmerton@kellyclub.co.nz
Facebook: @KellyClubPlimmerton

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.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

Rātā Youth Orchestra - New Under 13 Youth Training Orchestra

This orchestra for young musicians (under 15 years) will be fun and you will learn the skills of playing together without having to audition! The Rātā Youth Orchestra will be run by the super talented Mana Waiariki and supported by members of our own adult WELLSO Orchestra (Wellington Late Starters Orchestra). Any orchestral instruments are welcome, String, Brass, Woodwind and of course Percussion. Age range as follows: Woodwind and Brass aged 8 to 12 and Strings age 6 to 12. For details visit https://ratastudios.co.nz/rata-youth-orchestra/

YOU'RE INVITED TO A FUNDRAISER SCREENING OF

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LIGHT HOUSE PAUATAHANUI
3 PAEKAKARIKI HILL ROAD

WED 31ST MAY 6PM | ARRIVE FROM 5PM

TICKETS $20 OR GREATER DONATION

Fundraising for Extreme Dance Performance Troupe trip to Christchurch for NZ Dance Awards

Tickets available from the Extreme Dance office (cash only), or email miriamplume@gmail.com to book.

Bring cash for candy bar sales and raffle tickets - lots of amazing prizes to be won!

Mana Arts Society
EXHIBITION
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PLIMMERTON
10AM - 4PM
AN EXHIBITION OF WORK BY
MANA ARTS SOCIETY MEMBERS
THE OPENING EVENT IS FRIDAY 9TH JUNE 5-7PM
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Plimmerton Mid Winter Dip

BBQ KAI - BAKE SALE - COSTUME COMP - BIG DIG - SPOT PRIZES for DIPPERS
$4000 in RAFFLE PRIZES SILENT AUCTION over $2500 http://bit.ly/mwd2023

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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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Te Aro, Wellington 6011
04 384 7353

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To take part ask a pharmacist in store or email georgina.bird@mrinz.ac.nz

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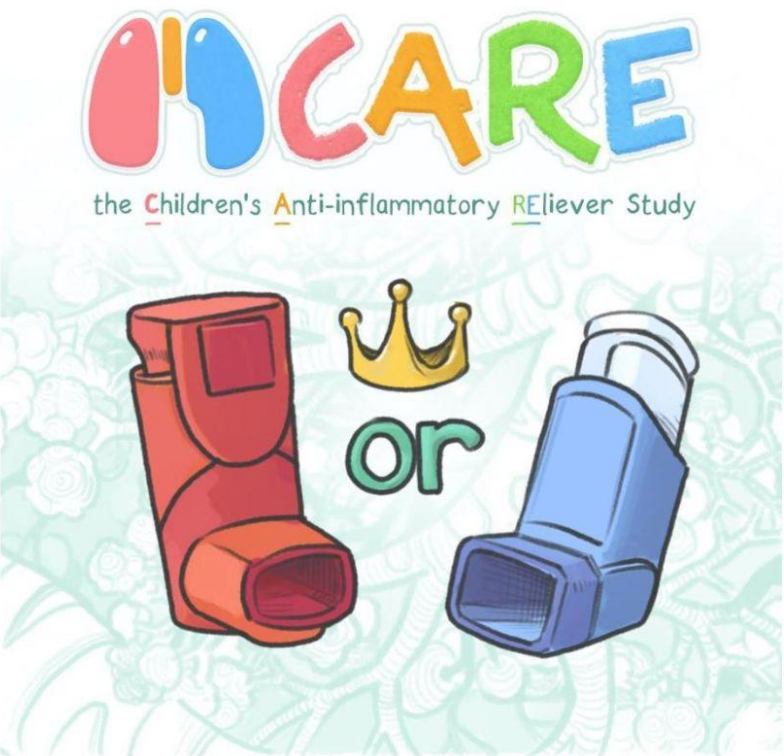

CHILDREN'S ASTHMA STUDY

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for children with asthma to take part in a study comparing two different asthma inhalers

To take part in this study you must:

- ✓ Have been diagnosed with asthma by a doctor
- ✓ Be aged between 5 and 15 years
- ✓ Only use a reliever inhaler

Can you help? Scan the QR code or contact us:

- ✓ Study site at Maraeroa Marae Clinic, Waitangirua
- ✓ 027 327 1191
- ✓ care@mrinz.ac.nz

What does it involve?

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1 year

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3 visits +
2 phone calls

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Inhalers provided free of charge

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Asthma education

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