



## PANUI - NEWSLETTER - Week 10 Term 2, 2023

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

Kia ora whānau

Welcome to the end of Term 2, and what a fabulous week it was to end the Term! Week 10 especially was a huge week celebrating as a learning community! Students and teachers alike got into the spirit of Book Week and also Market Day. Market Day provided everyone with a chance to showcase “Practise Makes Progress” (this includes the teachers!) What a magical evening it was with literally hundreds of students and whanau wandering around the school looking at learning! That was truly an example of our community coming together and celebrating the success of everyone. Ka pai to everyone who could make it and to all the tamariki for showing off what and how they learned throughout term 2.

Next term, across the school, our learners will have an Arts lens as the driver for learning. The term motto is “Put your hearts into the Arts - Be bold, be brave, be you”. I’m not sure exactly what the outcomes will be, so in the next newsletter, I will update the community with what each syndicate will produce! As a bit of a hook for you all... watch out for Week 10 when the staff showcase their talents and produce something for our tamariki to enjoy!

In each newsletter, I try to find something positive to say about our staff and/or students. This week I wanted to acknowledge one of our BOT members Hamish Mexted. Hamish last week achieved an incredible milestone, refereeing his 100th Premier Rugby Match. Hamish has shown an amazing amount of determination and perseverance to get to this milestone. We know from last weekend's Super Rugby Final, being a referee can be a very lonely place. Everyone has their opinion and likes to personalise their comments towards what the person in charge missed (according to them). It takes courage, dedication, resilience, and commitment to reach such a milestone and I believe is a great example to our students to look up to in regard to Manaakitanga, Whitireiatanga, and Manawa Titi.



Hamish's first game was way back in 2004, and after taking 7 years off decided to dust off the boots, and get back onto the field to do something he loves and is good at. Well done Hamish and congratulations on your achievement.

Lastly, thank you to every member of our community for the wonderful work you do raising your children and being role models. We have amazing tamariki at our kura and it all starts with the way you raise your children at home. So keep up the great work. Enjoy the time together over the next two weeks and as always stay safe if you are traveling.

Nga mihi

**Chris Steffensen,**  
*Principal - Tumuaki*

## Coming Events - for your Calendar

### Term 3 - Week 1

- Tuesday 18 July:** Term 3 powhiri 9.15am  
Learning conversations (excluding Rooms 12, 15 and 17)
- Thursday 20 July:** Learning conversations (excluding Rooms 12, 15 and 17)

### Term 3 - Week 2

- Monday 24 July:** Closing date for Aotea College enrolments
- Tuesday 25 July:** Learning conversations for Room 16
- Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 July:** Learning conversations for Room 15

## Book Character Interaction Day

Wow, what a fabulous way to end the term. Today Plimmerton School was full of Cats in Hats, Disney princesses, superheroes, wimpy kids and characters from Harry Potter, just to name a few. We started off the day by getting together as a school and having a parade of costumes. Children then got into mixed age groups and rotated around a variety of book related activities the teachers had planned. Some of the books they did activities about included Giraffes Can't Dance, The Man whose Mother was a Pirate, The Rainbow Fish, Kei hea te Hipi Kakariki and Where's Wally's as well as lots of others. The groups were led by an amazing group of Year 7 and 8 leaders who supported our junior children and made sure that everyone was happy and involved. We finished our interaction day by eating lunch together on the netball courts. Please ask your child about their day and what they enjoyed the best.



## *Harakeke project leaders visit the Mayor*

The Harakeke Project is a group of Year 7 and 8 leaders who will help their schoolmates organise, plan and run quality student-lead events. Earlier in the month they visited the Porirua City Council for a Q & A with the mayor Anita Baker. They met with her in the council chambers and posed some very thoughtful and challenging questions about leadership and how she deals with situations that arise.



## *Motuhara Syndicate Football Tournament*

Motuhara syndicate have been playing in a football tournament during lunchtime throughout this term. It was great to see our large ball skills being put to use. The games were close and competitive. Each class was very supportive and the cheering was great, everyone was showing amazing sportsmanship. The finals for the year 2s was won by Room 5 and the finals for the year 1s was won by Room 4. Congratulations to all of Motuhara 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.





## Library Corner

What a fabulous week. Thank you so much for your support of our Book Fair. I still need to tally final numbers, but it looks like we have raised around \$1500 which will be used to purchase new books for the library.

Thanks also to our fabulous students for embracing book week. We have had students counting the number of books in our library, guessing the picture book title from a series of clues, doing a scavenger hunt, creating bookmarks and book covers and dressing up as their favourite character. Some even managed to return their books and get some new ones out to read over the holidays.

Congratulations to the following students who won prizes:

### Best Dressed



### Motuhara Syndicate

Lilly (3), Loretta (6), Jordan (6) and Toby (3).



### Mana Syndicate

Max (11), Radon (12), Tovi (11), Liam (12)



**Hongoeka Syndicate**

Annabel (21), Alessandra (23) and D'Artagnan (22)



**Taupo Syndicate**

Jess (16), James (representing the minions from Rm 17) and Eli (18)

**Guess the Picture Book**



Cody (13), Harry (13), Frankie (6), Kayla (21), Kyler (17), plus Sean (6), Effie (22) and Maisey (18)

**Scavenger Hunt**



Tyler (15), Nate (21), Jess (16), Hugo (21) plus Oakley (5), Aanya (11)



**Best Dressed Staff** - Miss Loutje (Rm 5) , Sarah (our superstar librian and Mrs Oxnam

**Match the Staff member to their bookcase**

Room 18 won this competition correctly matching 25 from 30 photos. They just beat Rm 16 who correctly matched 24 photos.

**Guess the Number of Books In the Library**

1st Toby (20); 2nd Marina (20) and 3rd Tovi (11)

**Pride Competition Winners**

Our Pride Competition art winners were: Ava (15), Alyssa (20) and Beth (22). We had such an amazing selection of art to choose from and we just love the way that our students embrace each other’s uniqueness and right to be who they want to be.



Have a fun, relaxing holiday with plenty of reading, and don’t forget to check out our library catalogue <https://nz.accessit.online/PLM03>. See you in term 3.

Happy reading, Sarah

**2023 Term Dates, Holidays & Teacher Only Days**

**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

**PTA News**

2022 was a very successful year for our PTA, we held a wonderful gala, there were some amazing raffles throughout the year, a super fun QUIZ night and children’s art calendars, just to name some of the many activities that were organised by our small but dedicated PTA. Last year our PTA managed to raise over \$50,000 which was donated to the Plimmerton School Board of Trustees, it surpassed the Boards expectations given the current “cost-of-living crisis”. Every dollar the PTA donates to the Board of Trustees goes back into our school to make it a fabulous place for our tamariki and a place that we can be proud of.

The AGM was held last month and the following people were elected:

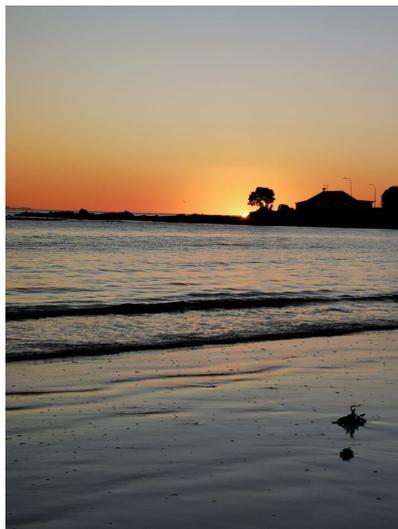
- Chairperson- Jamie McLennan
- Secretary- Ronit Sacharow
- Treasurer- Trina Air

Aleida van Son has chosen to step down from the PTA. Aleida has been a member of the PTA for many years and we would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication.

The PTA is always looking for new members so please think about joining this dedicated group of parents. Meetings are held at 7.30pm in the staffroom on the 1st Tuesday of each month. If you would like to know more about the PTA or offer your help at future fundraising events please email the PTA at [pta@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:pta@plimmerton.school.nz)

On Friday 16 June the PTA held their annual quiz night at the Plimmerton Bowling club. 11 tables competed for the title of winning team. The quiz masters Shannon and Chelsea did a fabulous job of testing the tables on topics such as sport, movie and TV show sets, movie themes, food and drinks from around the world as well as identifying famous lips to name just a few. A huge thank you must go to Mitre Ten Upper Hutt who donated a range of fabulous prizes for the raffles and spot prizes. The Quiz night raised a total of \$1754 and plans are already underway to make next year’s big and better.

## Neurodiversity Parent group



Hi there, my name is Kat and I have a neurodiverse daughter at Plimmerton School. I have created a FB group for any parents of neurodiverse children who would like to connect and support each other. You don't need to have an official diagnosis for your child but they do need to be showing signs of neurodiversity. The FB group is a private group.

You can find it at this link

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/plimmertonschoolparentsofneurodiversekids>

You will need to answer a couple of questions to join the group, one of which is to use a password phrase. This is to ensure all our members are part of Plimmerton School. The password phrase is...**Neurodiversity is my kid's superpower!** I look forward to connecting with other parents who understand the challenges our children face on a day-to-day basis.

## Community Notices



### AOTEA COLLEGE - ENROLMENTS FOR 2024 ARE NOW OPEN

- Out of zone applications MUST be with us by Monday 24th July to be included in the ballot.
- In zone enrolments are requested to be with us by Friday 12th August.

For any questions, please email our enrolments officer on [aln@aotea.school.nz](mailto:aln@aotea.school.nz)



Be part of history and see the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ Original Trophy in Wellington <https://www.wellingtonnz.com/experience/events/fifa-trophy-tour/>

### Porirua Community Visit

Thu 13 July: 12.30-2pm

*Te Rauparaha Arena, 17 Parumoana Street, Porirua City Centre, Porirua*

Join Lia Lewis and Tazuni at Te Rauparaha Arena as they join Wests Football Club in some football activities. Grab a snap with the FIFA Women's World Cup™ Original Trophy.

### More families now qualify for OSCAR subsidies

Did you know that Kelly Club Plimmerton is OSCAR Approved?

On the 1st April, the NZ Government increased the childcare subsidy rates and the threshold for families so more families can now receive the subsidies.

For more information, visit:

[www.kellyclub.co.nz/plimmerton](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz/plimmerton)

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KELLY SPORTS IS BACK FOR THE JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT NGATITOA DOMAIN, PASCOE AVE, PORIRUA!



Join Connor and the team for a fun filled sports holiday programme! We have a packed full programme with lots exciting days including: *Football Cup Day, Multi Sports Day, New Sports Fun, Medieval Tournament Day, Kids VS Coaches Day, Dodgeball Derby!! plus trips to: Laserforce, Awesome Bounce and we are off to the movies to see Elemental!* To book or for

more information go to [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz)

### KELLY SPORTS IS BACK FOR TERM 3 - WARM UP WINTER 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, while improving strength, flexibility, hand/eye coordination and spatial awareness. In Term 3 we will be focusing on the following sports: *Football, Hockey, Turbo touch and Mini Ball!* We teach new skills and improve ability by using games, drills and exercises. It's a great way to try new sports, improve skills and maintain fitness - all while having FUN! Thursday's 3.05pm-4.05pm for 8 weeks. Classes start in week 2 of term 3. To book for any programme go to [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) and put Plimmerton in the school box.

**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 enroll or for more information please visit our [www.helenogradynz.co.nz](http://www.helenogradynz.co.nz).



### CodeCamp July 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.

Thorndon School: 3rd - 6th & 10th - 13th July

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There is lots to do at [Ngā Manu Nature Reserve](#) these July school holidays

- **Scavenger Hunt** - Find the Matariki stars hidden around the reserve, answers the questions correctly and go into win a Ngā Manu annual family membership
- **Wall-e and The Lorax conservation themed movies**  
Enjoy the Ngā Manu movie experience with a big screen, bean bags, chairs, pillows and throw rugs to cuddle up with as you watch. \$5 includes movie entry, a hot chocolate and bag of popcorn (admission to the reserve not included)
  - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2.30pm: Movie **Wall-E**
  - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm: Movie **The Lorax**
- **“The Penguin and the sea monster”** Puppet show by String Bean Puppets
  - Tuesday 4 July, 11am, Koha entry

### Matariki Weekend

- **Come and see our new kiwi, the Giant Kiwi** Introducing our new life-like and life-sized costume replica of the North Island Brown Kiwi, we have aptly named the ‘Giant Kiwi’.
  - Friday 14 July, 11am (official reveal), and 2.30pm 1/2 hour viewing
  - Saturday 15 July, 2.30pm 1/2 hour viewing
  - Sunday 16 July, 2.30pm 1/2 hour viewing
- **Seed Bomb workshops.** Be prepared to get your hands dirty! Learn how Matariki marks a time of year of new life through seed regenerating.

- Saturday 15 July, 2.30pm and
- Sunday 16 July, 11am
- **Sausie sizzle and hot chocolates for sale**
  - Friday 14 July, 10-2pm
  - Saturday 15 July, 10-2pm
  - Sunday 16 July, 10-2pm

### Child friendly wildlife experiences

Check out the new Wildlife experiences available. There are lots of opportunities to experience the Nature Reserve behind the scenes and up close.

- Native Bird Close Encounter, \$20 per child/\$30 per adult
- Ranger Experience, \$75 (8.30am - 12.30pm shadow a ranger)
- Kiwi Night Encounter, \$30 per Child/\$50 per adult. Discover the secret lives of Kiwi at dusk, ages 7+
- Stay overnight in Theo's Cottage with this special winter rate of \$140 per night (valid until 31 August 2023). Stay over after your Kiwi Night Encounter and experience the reserve all to yourself after hours.

We look forward to seeing you all at Ngā Manu soon.



### Whitby Girl Guiding Places Available for Term Three

We have places available for girls to join us at Pippins, Brownies or Guides in Term Three!

Every term we do heaps of different activities to learn more about the world, help our community, explore the outdoors, and be challenged to try new things.

- Pippins (5 & 6 year olds) meet Wednesday 4pm - 5pm; Contact Katrina at [papakowhaipippins@gmail.com](mailto:papakowhaipippins@gmail.com)
- Brownies (7 & 8 year olds) meet
  - Monday 5.15pm - 6.45pm; Contact Beth at [browniesendeavour@gmail.com](mailto:browniesendeavour@gmail.com)
  - Wednesday 5.15pm - 6.45pm; Contact Katrina at [browniespapakowhai@gmail.com](mailto:browniespapakowhai@gmail.com)
  - Thursday 5.15pm - 6.45pm; Contact Alice at [browniescooks@gmail.com](mailto:browniescooks@gmail.com)
- Guides (9 - 12 year olds) meet Wednesday 6.30pm - 8pm; Contact Margaret at [captcookguides@gmail.com](mailto:captcookguides@gmail.com)

All the units meet locally in Whitby. Fees for all ages are \$90 per term. If you'd like to learn more or arrange a free visit, you can email the unit that you are interested in, or contact our Local Coordinator at [ggnz.rangituhi@gmail.com](mailto:ggnz.rangituhi@gmail.com), or enquire via the Girl Guiding NZ website.



# HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Mon 3 – Thur 13 July



Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including an Arctic Explorers Day, craft and cooking activities, awesome games **& MUCH MORE!**

*Some activities may need to be swapped for other exciting ones! Go online to check out a full, up-to-date timetable for your school.*

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# JULY 2023 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

PLIMMERTON SCHOOL

A timetable and full programme information is available online or at the programme venue.

**Who can attend:** Children aged 5-13 yrs

**General Information:** We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

**What do you need to bring:** Shoes and appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

**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](http://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 Sports 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.

## Prices & Session Times:

**Full Week:** \$280  
7am-6pm

**Full Day:** \$55  
7am-6pm

**Event Day:** Extra \$20  
(Included in Full Week)

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

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

**Website:** [kellyclub.co.nz/plimmerton](http://kellyclub.co.nz/plimmerton)

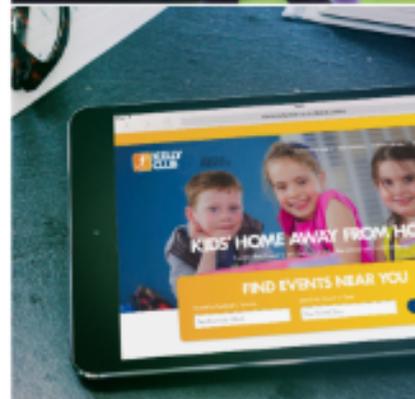
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# Tīrama, Ngā Whetū!

**Come join us for our Matariki  
School Holiday Programme this July.**

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# Tīrama, Ngā Whetū!

## Matariki School Holiday Programme

| When                       | What's On  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Wednesday 5 July, 10.30am  | <b>Maumaharatanga Storytime</b><br>Bring in a memory item to show and tell us about, and listen to stories about special things that help us remember. All ages.                                       |
| Friday 7 July, 10.30am     | <b>Maumaharatanga Craft Session</b><br>Create a glass jar memory lantern to brighten the path for the Māori New Year. Donations of clean glass jars welcome. Recommended for ages 5+.                  |
| Monday 10 July, 10am–12pm  | <b>Memory Galaxy</b><br>Join the ingenious roving poet Katja Starke to help create a memory galaxy, then relax under poetic stars to the music of the Harp Lady, Karen Jones. Recommended for ages 5+. |
| Wednesday 12 July, 10.30am | <b>Tuhinga Pikitia</b><br>Reorua storytime, waiata, and craft session for picture book lovers. All ages.   |

All events happen at Porirua City Centre Library branch Children's Library area. Parents and caregivers to remain with children at all times.

We reserve the right to cancel or replace events.

Join the Porirua Libraries Children's Chat Group on Facebook for most current details: [facebook.com/groups/PoriruaLibraryChildrensChat](https://facebook.com/groups/PoriruaLibraryChildrensChat) or visit our website.

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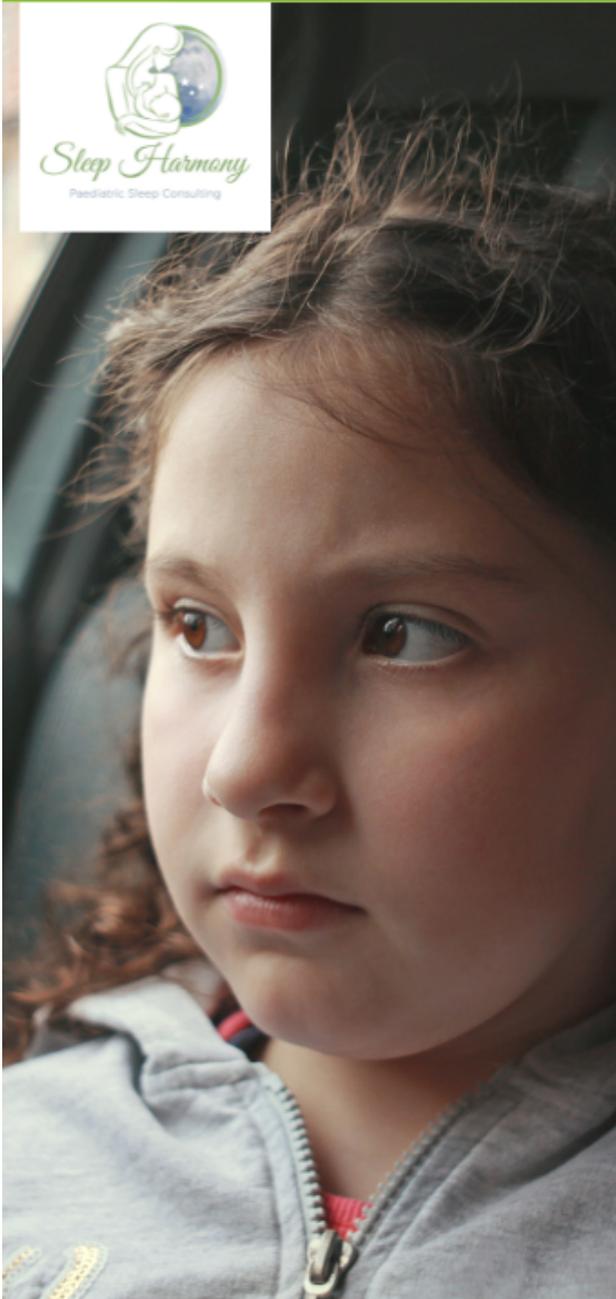
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## Is it hard to get your child to school on time?

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Turn this around and make mornings easier for your family by prioritizing sleep.

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