



## PANUI - NEWSLETTER - Week 4 Term 3, 2023

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

Kia ora whānau

On Monday 7th August I was lucky enough to attend the Porirua Primary School Leadership Awards 2023, run by Rotary International in partnership with Porirua City Council. Plimmerton School students Maisey Suter and Cristen James were the Plimmerton School recipients, receiving a certificate of achievement from our Mayor Anita Baker and also had their individualised citation read out as they walked confidently across the stage.

It was an incredible achievement and humbling experience for the pair as they were recognised for the many selfless acts of kindness and leadership skills they bring to our kura. Leadership is about guiding and impacting outcomes, enabling groups of people to work together to accomplish what they couldn't do working individually. In this sense, leadership is something you do, not something you are. So congratulations to both of these young leaders and thank you for the leadership and service you give to our kura and your peers.



Speaking of leadership. I would like to introduce our community to the wonderful Brooke Sutherland. Brooke will join Taupō Syndicate in Term 4, taking over in Room 17. Brooke is an incredible educator and person, so will add some additional X-factor to this team.

*Kia ora Koutou, Ko Brooke tōku ingoa.*

*I am excited to join the year 7 & 8 teaching team at Plimmerton Primary School after six enriching years teaching at Newlands Intermediate.*

*Beyond the classroom you will find me enjoying time with whānau and friends, travelling (thank-you school holidays), ticking off many of New Zealand's Great Walks, reading, and writing stories for my daughter Millie.*

Thank you everyone, enjoy the learning comments about your child on Friday and stay warm!

Nga mihi

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

## Brothers Netball Tournament

Last Friday a group of year 7 & 8 boys went to Mungavin netball courts to participate in the Brothers Netball Tournament. This is run by local schools in the area with the aim of having fun, showing great sportsmanship, participation and getting more boys involved in the game of netball. We were lucky enough to take 3 teams along with the boys having a few practices leading up to the event to try and quickly learn the rules. It was a beautiful day and all the teams had a great time and enjoyed meeting other boys from the area. They all showed our school values on the trip and were great role models for the school.

A special mention to Isaia Asiata who was voted MVP of the day by all the refs of the game. A big thank you to all our parent helpers and the year 7/8 girls who helped ref on the day. Without this support events like these couldn't go ahead - so thank you!



## Coming Events - for your Calendar

### Term 3 - Week 5

Wednesday	16 August: Cricket Smash visiting Motuhara classes
Friday	18 August: NE Vision and Hearing testing

### Term 3 - Week 6

Tuesday	22 August: Parumoana Year 5/6 swimming sports
Thursday	24 August: Parumoana Year 7/8 swimming sports
Friday	25 August: Assembly 2pm

## Wet Weather

During the winter months it is really important for all children to bring a spare set of clothes to school. Please send a change of clothing to school with your child, especially during these wet days. These can be kept in their school bags. Unfortunately we do not have enough spares so if your child gets wet we will be needing to call you.



## Lost Property

We already have a number of items in our lost property this term, do you recognize any of it?

Please be sure to name your child's clothing so that we can return it if found. We had an unprecedented amount of unnamed lost property clothing last term that went unclaimed, which has since been donated to charity. Lost property is located in the hallway next to the school office and you are always welcome to come and check for lost items before, during and after school.



## Library Corner

*"It is not enough to simply teach children to read; we have to give them something worth reading. Something that will stretch their imaginations - something that will help them make sense of their own lives and encourage them to reach out toward people whose lives are quite different from their own."*

—Katherine Patterson

Each week we introduce new books to our students, hoping that one or more will peak their interest. If your child says that there is nothing to read in our library (and they are a year 5 - 8 student), then encourage them to enter the library's persuasive writing competition where they write an essay recommending a new book for our library. Entries close on 31 August and the top two essays from both syndicates will receive a \$25 book voucher and their book will be purchased for our library collection.

The knockout chess competition still has one game to go before we have our semifinalists. The competition is heating up with many students getting in practice games in between rounds.

Thanks for your support of Issue 5 of Book Club. Books will hopefully be delivered to classrooms next week.



***New books introduced this week***



***Lunchtime in the library***

Our new books this week have encouraged discussions on racial equality (and how badly various races have been treated historically purely based on the colour of their skin). We also have a superbly written book entitled Runt by Craig Silvey, about a talented dog who cannot perform tricks or complete agility courses when he has an audience. For our younger students, there are three new picture books including one about a rabbit trying to find out who he is (while trying to avoid being eaten by a weasel).

Stay warm and please remember to check out our library catalogue - <https://nz.accessit.online/PLM03>.  
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

## 2024 Term Dates, Holidays & Teacher Only Days

### Term 1

Starts: Thursday 1 February  
Waitangi Day - Tuesday 6 February  
Easter - Friday 29 March - 2 April  
Ends: Friday 12 April

### Term 2

Starts: Monday 29 April  
Teacher Only Day - Friday 31 May  
King's Birthday - Monday 3 June  
Matariki - Friday 28 June  
Ends: Friday 5 July

### Term 3

Starts: Monday 22 July  
Ends: Friday 27 September

### Term 4

Starts: Monday 14 October  
*Labour Day - Monday 28 October*  
Ends: Wednesday 18 December

## Enrolments for 2024

***Is your child turning 5 in 2024?  
Are you living in our school zone?***

Please register your child's enrolment now.

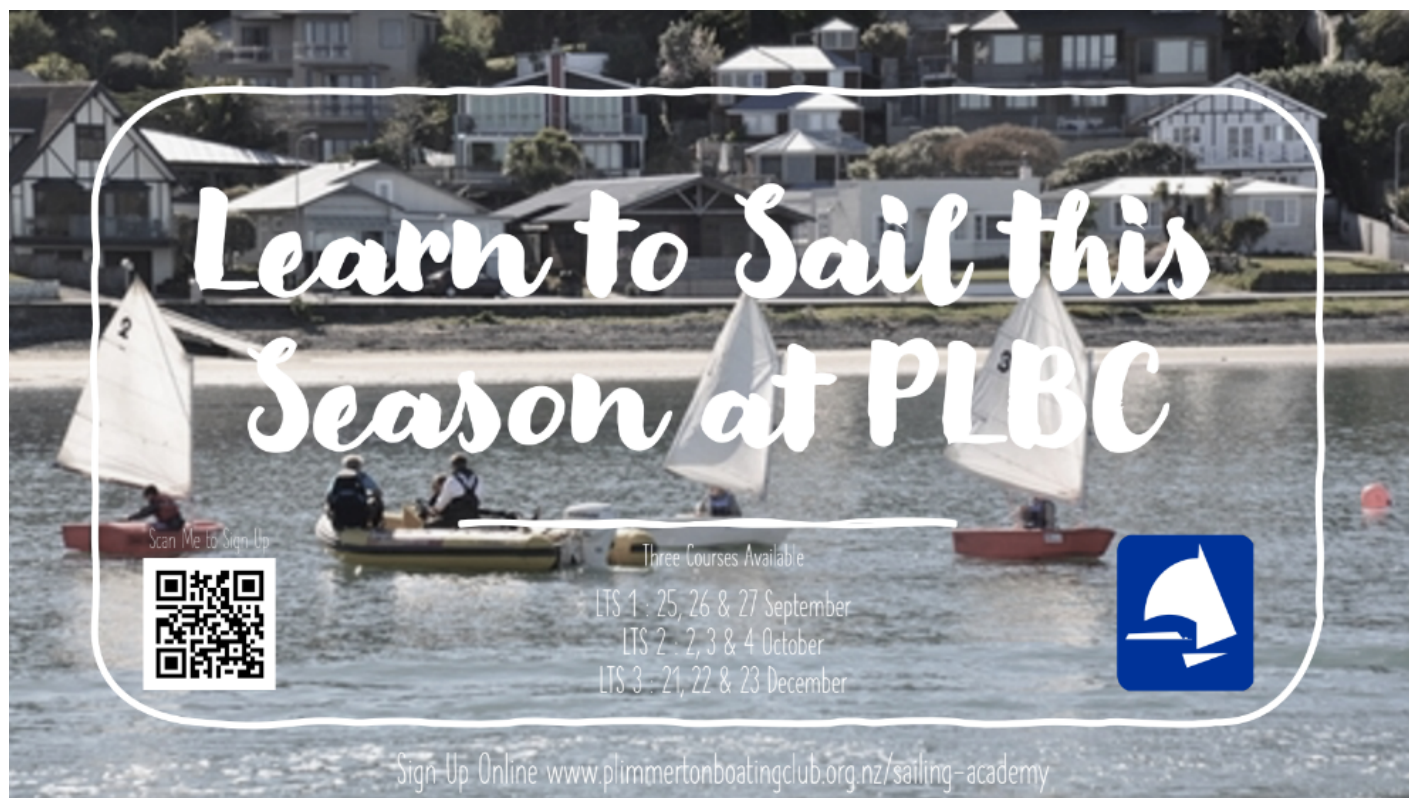
You can do this via our [website](#) or you can enquire at the office between 8.30 - 3.30pm.

## Plimmerton School PTA

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)









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#### 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.



Spring Flower Show

Titahi Bay horticultural Society

Saturday 26 August | 12 - 5pm  
Sunday 27 August | 10am - 3pm

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Spring  
Flower  
Show

# Children's Fashion Parade

Sunday 27 August 12.30 pm  
Pātaka Performing Arts Studio  
cnr Parumoana & Norrie Sts, Porirua

**Theme: In the Garden**

Children up to 12 years old are invited to take part  
in the Spring Flower Show Fashion Parade.

Competitors should gather at 12.15pm by the Spring Flower  
Show entry desk into the Performing Arts Studio.

The organiser will be there to meet you.

Costumes must relate to something found in a garden,  
eg. an insect, a flower, a garden gnome, or a vegetable.

Prizes will be presented to 1st, 2nd & 3rd places.



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## **Train stations - Take care please**

There have been a number of assaults at train stations across the Wellington Region over the past few weeks.

Police have made a number of arrests in the last few days and are continuing to follow up. The young people who have been victims are usually walking alone and have had high-value items like phones or even items of clothing taken from them. We advised students to make sure they keep safe by walking together with peers or other adults whenever possible and moving directly through areas such as train stations - these are not areas to hang around in for longer than is needed.

Anyone who has concerns about criminal activity is urged to contact Police on 111 if anything happens at a station or other place or 105 if it is after the fact.

If you have been a victim of a robbery or assault on the Wellington, Hutt Valley or Kapiti Train lines recently, please contact Police quoting file reference 230803/0809; Operation Corridor.

## **Calling all parents and guardians this one's for you! Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street**

Tickets are on sale now. A centuries old penny dreadful tale, gripping and grisly, will give audiences a thrill at every turn. When the lights go down and the curtain goes up, you won't dare look away. Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street is onstage at the historically iconic Civic Theatre in Ōtaki. 24 August - 9 September. Civic Theatre, Ōtaki [www.otakiplayers.nz](http://www.otakiplayers.nz)

## **We are looking for parents to undertake PAID market research!**

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