



PANUI - NEWSLETTER - Week 10 Term 3, 2023

Mai e te Tumuaki - From the Principal

Kia ora whānau

We have had an incredibly busy two weeks since the last newsletter; camps, assemblies, teacher talent show, sharing of learning, disco and some consultation to add to the mix. Thank you to everyone who was involved in planning or running events! You have all made the end of a wet term enjoyable for our tamariki! Thank you.

Also, thank you to everyone who gave feedback to the BOT about the Strategic Vision of our Kura. Your feedback was invaluable. The BOT will look to share the updated version of their plan in Term 4. Please, if you ever do have questions, pop in and see me to hear about what we are doing, why, and how. A simple conversation can clear misunderstandings and allow me to understand things we may have missed or can do better.

I was lucky to spend some time at Brookfield Camp with both Hongoeka Camps this week. The talent shows proved very popular and brought out some interesting jokes, skits and talents! The best part of the camp was the children being able to be children; playing, talking, challenging themselves and having fun! A huge thank you to the teachers for organising the camp, the children for attending and all of the parents who helped out at camp. You are all stars and have shared in creating memories of a lifetime for our tamariki!

In Week 10, we were also lucky enough to have a visit from a group of players in the Wellington Lions team! These professional athletes signed autographs, answered the tamariki's questions and then spent about 40 minutes on the field playing games! Our tamariki loved the experience, asked great questions and enjoyed trying to race former international players Julia Savea and Brad Sheilds!



Have a great two weeks with your children, be safe and we look forward to seeing you all next term.

Nga mihi

Chris Steffensen, Principal - Tumuaki

Calendar Art - Last Chance to Order

Our tamariki have been busy creating some beautiful works of art, which we're turning into keepsakes for you to gift to loved ones or to use and admire at home. This is always a popular school fundraiser - a great way to help the school and celebrate your little artists!

This year there are 5 options to choose from, all of which make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas.

- Calendars \$15.00
- Cards \$15.00
- Diaries \$18.00
- Mouse Mats \$18.00
- Sketch Pads \$18.00

Follow these instructions to place your order and pay online:

1. Go to www.kidsartworks.com
2. Use the Entrance Code: **KZ2004**
3. Select **Yes** to confirm Plimmerton School
4. Enter your child's room & name when prompted

- Payment can be made over the website by credit card or direct bank transfer via account2account.
- Ordering is open from now until Monday 25th September.
- Orders will be delivered to school early in Term 4 and will be sent home with your child.



If you have any questions please contact the school via office@plimmerton.school.nz or by call us on 233 8677. Thanks in advance for your support!

Coming Events - for your Calendar

Term 4

Week 1 starts 9th October - Sunhat's Compulsory this term

Week 1 Saturday 14th October - General Election (voting will be open in the school hall)

Wig Wednesday

Last Wednesday the school was full of crazy hair and wacky wigs as we raised money for the Child Cancer Foundation.

We raised \$496.40. Thank you to all the families who supported this great cause. If you would like to donate more you can do so via this [link](#).

'When kids with cancer go through treatment, they often need to brave the world with no hair.'



Wig Wednesday is a fun day in September where schools, workplaces and community groups can show their support for these tamariki. Taking part is easy. Simply wear a wig, style a funky hairdo or even shave your head, while raising money for the Child Cancer Foundation.

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, so we will be raising funds and awareness for tamariki with cancer all month long. Every dollar you raise will go directly towards supporting Kiwi kids with cancer and their families through the toughest time in their lives.'

- Child Cancer Foundation

Kiwi Competitions

At the beginning of term a group of Years 5-8 children sat exams in English, Science and Maths. These are skills based timed exams that align with the New Zealand Curriculum and are designed by NZ teachers for NZ students.

We would like to congratulate all the students who took part.

The following students received Excellence in the exams they sat:

Year 5/6

Cory E- Math and Science
Beth J- Science and English
Grace P- English

Year 7/8

Lamar E- Science and Math
Kyler W- Math



Student Achievement

This week Honor Dreaneen (year 8) completed in the Solway Dressage competition under the Plimmerton School banner, along with three other riders (all of College age). Due to the age of the other girls in the team Honor had to participate in the Senior Division. The team had a fantastic day, picking up 2nd placed Senior Team, and 3rd placed overall out of 30 school teams. Honor also picked up a 2nd placing and a 4th placing in her classes. One of the riders (Lucy) won Senior Champion and Overall Champion. These are amazing results considering they were up against the top equestrian schools in the North Island.



Library Corner

As you read this, I am likely to be on my way to Palmerston North for the annual Library Association Conference which is running over this weekend. I am hoping to come back inspired and brimming with new ideas for our library.

It has been another busy term in the library with the essay writing competition (see below for the winners), the knockout chess competition, adding missing book covers to the on-line library catalogue to make it visually easier for students when searching for books, running Issue 5 of Book Club and I also completed a course on Non-Fiction collection development - Making Non-Fiction more accessible. I have completed the new labels for our Non-Fiction and am planning to continue enhancing this collection during Term 4 and the first half of 2024.

Congratulations to Beth (Room 22), Grace (Room 23), Annabelle (Room 16) and Claudia (Room 18) who were the winners of the 2023 Persuasive Essay writing competition. Their recommendations are in the process of being purchased for the library and I hope that they enjoy spending their \$25.00 PaperPlus voucher.

Thanks to Rooms 2 and 16 for providing awesome new art work which is on display in the library. Feel free to drop by and check it out during term 4.



Te rā i te rangi - Rm 2



Atua - Rm 16

We have had a wide range of new books introduced to the library this term. I hope that your child has brought home some great books from the library to read over these holidays.

Please remember to check out our library catalogue - <https://nz.accessit.online/PLM03>.

Happy reading,
Sarah

2023 Term Dates, Holidays & Teacher Only Days

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

Teacher Only Day - Friday 25 October

Labour Day - Monday 28 October

Ends: Wednesday 18 December

Plimmerton School PTA

GALA - Saturday, 18 November

The Plimmerton School 2023 Gala is on Saturday 18th of November! We sincerely thank AM Janssen and Team Group/Harcourts Paremata for their continued support as the primary sponsor of our event, back again in 2023 :-)

Would your business like to support our event too?

This year we have three tiers of support on offer:

1. Gold Sponsors - \$500 + of cash or product/service
2. Silver Sponsors - \$200 + of cash or product/service
3. Bronze Sponsors - \$100 + of cash or product/service

For all the details of what you get for these tiers and how to sign up, please email sponsorship@plimmerton.school.nz.

We remind you to support with your patronage the sponsors from 2022:



Primary: AM Janssen and Team Group/Harcourts Paremata

Gold: Pacific Horizon, REVL, Buildwell Builders, FS Cycles, Easyswim Swim School, LifeHack Coaching, Plimmerton Motors, Zohar Centre of Wellbeing, Cityfitness, Paremata New World, Moana Rd, Nineness Funeral Home, The Interislander and Mana Pharmacy.

Silver: Parka, Van Schaik Health and Safety Solutions, Bluebridge, The Co-op, Your Wellington Florist, Leacroft Nurseries, WOOP, Paremata Auto Services, Plimmerton School of Dance, Kapiti Chocolate Factory, Lighthouse Cinema, Pacific Yoga Flow, Circa Theatre, Smartair Solutions, Big Mac Slabs Furniture, Countdown, Kirsten Walsh Photographer, Tennis Central, NZSO, Plimmerton Fish Supply and JD Construction Ltd.

Bronze: Fishermans Table, Staglands, Whittakers, Enjoy Store, Dash, Plimmerton Deli, The Big Salami, Flame Hair Stylists, H2O Extreme, Embassy Theatre, HangDog Climbing and Spoil Yourself Spa.

Join the 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





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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.

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OCTOBER 2023 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

PLIMMERTON SCHOOL

WEEK 1	Mon 25 September	Tues 26 September	Wed 27 September	Thurs 28 September	Fri 29 September
	 <p>DARING DETECTIVES</p> <p>We're going undercover for a day of detective work. We'll need our spy gadgets and undercover team to solve the intriguing mysteries.</p>	 <p>NERF WARS!</p> <p>Today we battle it out in an all out Nerf War with team challenges and replenish your energy after a team bake off!</p> <p>Who will come out on top?</p>	 <p>EVENT DAY</p> <p>Join us for an awesome trip day to Jumperama. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat.</p> <p>\$20 extra for the day.</p>	 <p>YEAR OF WORLD CUPS</p> <p>This year our top Rugby, Netball, Football and Cricket players are all competing for World Cups. Today you can join the competition as we combine all four into our own Mega Cup!</p>	 <p>MMM-MONSTERS</p> <p>The monsters are casting a shadow over our Kelly Club land! Let's give them a big hug and show them all the fun that can be had!</p>
WEEK 2	Mon 2 October	Tues 3 October	Wed 4 October	Thurs 5 October	Fri 6 October
	 <p>GINORMOUS GALAXIES</p> <p>It's World Space Week so prepare for blast off! All our systems are go as we embark on an astronomical adventure here at Kelly Club.</p>	 <p>BOOK DAY</p> <p>Step between the pages of your favourite book and become part of the story. Where will we end up today? Come along dressed as your favourite book character and find out!</p>	 <p>TERRIFIC TRANSPORT</p> <p>Moving from one spot to another can be fun, especially when you're on your bike or scooter! Safety first so remember no helmet = no ride.</p>	 <p>EVENT DAY</p> <p>Join us for an awesome trip day to Porirua Ten Pin Bowling. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat.</p> <p>\$20 extra for the day.</p>	 <p>SMILES ALL AROUND</p> <p>Putting a smile on your dial today and everyday! Let's make each other smile through acts of kindness, sharing jokes and making smiley treats!</p>
<p>FULL WEEK: \$280 7am-6pm FULL DAY: \$55 7am-6pm SCHOOL DAY: \$45 8:30am-3pm HALF DAY: \$35 7am-12:30pm or 12:30pm-6pm EVENT DAY: Extra \$20 (Included in Full Week)</p>					



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PLAY HOCKEY



AOTEA COLLEGE HOCKEY OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER, 10AM | ALL YEAR 8S WELCOME

Aotea College Hockey is holding an Open Day on Sunday Sept 17th from 10am-11.30am at the Aotea College Turf for all year 8's who would like to play hockey in 2024 or would like to 'give it a go'. This is a player lead initiative. Year 8's will meet some of our Aotea hockey boys and girls who will take them through some fun skills and drills followed by games.

For health and safety reasons, all parents and caregivers coming along to watch will be asked to stay outside the turf fence.

- Sticks supplied
- Mouth guards recommended.



New fares coming 1 Sept, under 13s now qualify for free travel!

Metlink is introducing new fares, with new concessions for children and young adults from 1 September 2023, bringing the 'half price fares for all' to an end. You can apply for this new concession from 26 August through the [Snapper portal](#).

The new fares were part of the Government's Budget 2023 announcement, to help alleviate financial burdens on families and make public transport more appealing across New Zealand.

What's Changed for Under 13 (5 to 12-year-olds)?

- Children aged between 5 and 12 will be able to travel for free anytime on Metlink buses, trains and ferries*
- Free fares for bus and trains are only available to children who have applied for the Under 13 Free Pass and have it loaded on their Green Snapper card. These free fares are NOT accessible to those paying by cash on buses and trains.
- Although the fares are free, children are still required to tag on and tag off the bus using their Green Snapper card.
- 5 to 12-year-olds with a Free Pass on their Green Snapper card cannot tag on other customers.
- Free fares are available on the ferry using all forms of payment including cash and EFTPOS

**Some exclusions apply (including Metlink on demand services and Te Hunga Whaikaha Total Mobility taxis) and concession discounts are based on the full adult fare with applicable discount during off-peak hours.*

Applying for the Free Pass

- You can apply for your Free Pass on your Snapper card at [Snapper.co.nz](https://snapper.co.nz) or by calling Metlink Contact Centre on 0800 801 700 from 26 August.
- The pass expires 180 days from its first use - once it expires then the Green Snapper card defaults to the child fare. You will get a 7 day countdown on the Snapper card readers (bus and train) to remind you the pass is expiring.
- It is recommended you keep a balance on your Green Snapper card to avoid the card being blocked if a default fare is incurred due to failing to tag off at the end of your journey.

You can also find out the best fare for the rest of your family by using the [Fare Selector Tool](#) on the Metlink website.

Detailed information about the new fares and on how to apply for them can be found on [Metlink](#) and [Snapper](#) websites. Additional support and assistance is available on 0800 801 700.

[Apply For Your Concession](#)

RACKETLON HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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 the holiday programme is for ages 6 years and older.

Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 September 2023, 9am - 3pm

Cost per day: \$55 a day or \$150 for all 3 days.

Registrations: <https://rb.gy/s556m>

For more information contact Babette at babette@wnba.org.nz

*Join our Western Suburbs
Fantails Hub today!*



Are you wanting to give football a try?



Introducing **Western Suburbs** Fantails Hub!

Our Fantails Hub is for **girls aged 6-12 years** who are new to football, or want to play football more socially.

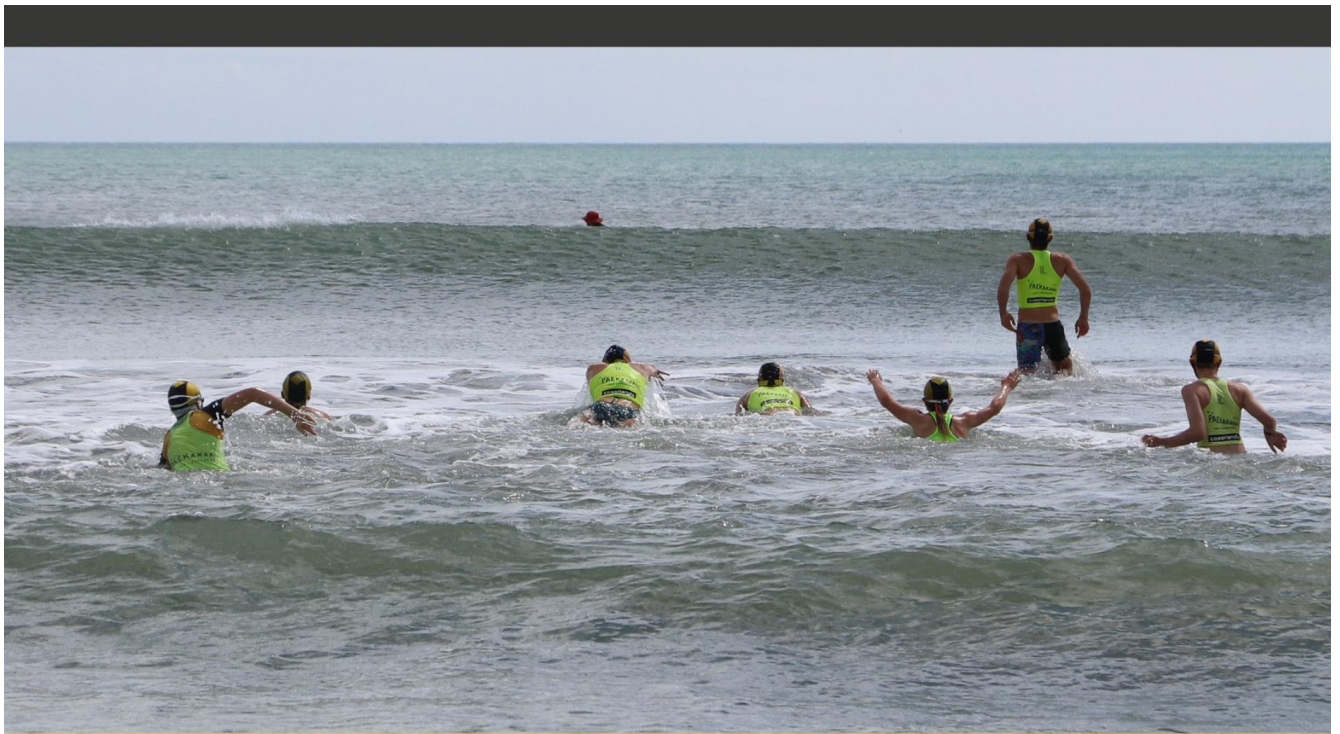
Our sessions introduce young females to the beautiful game of football with a focus on helping girls make friends, having fun, improving their skills and being active.

Find out more and register via the QR code or at
<https://westernsuburbs.co.nz/wests-fantails/>



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NIPPER OPEN DAY SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER 1.45PM

Come along and take part in a fun nippers session at Paekākāriki beach to kick off the junior surf season.

7 - 13 years old all welcome. For more info contact
psnippers@gmail.com

Judgeford Junior Golf Open Day!

Saturday 30 September

10am to 12 Midday
 Registrations for the 2023-24 Season
 Ages 7 to 19 year
 Snag golf, putting
 Email wood278@xtra.co.nz
 Ph 235 7633

At Judgeford Golf Club
 SH 58
 Porirua

Do you know a child who loves to sing?

Bring them along to our CHORISTER OPEN DAY, where they can experience what it is like to sing with the Cathedral Choristers.

Includes a tour of the Cathedral and Fish and Chip supper.

Thursday 19 October, 3:30-6:30pm

Register here: <https://www.wellingtoncathedral.org.nz/chorister>



HONO MAI JOIN THE TEAM

Want to put some
aroha into your mahi?

Volunteer with the CAB

Citizens **Advice** Bureau

Te Pou Whakawhirinaki o Aotearoa



Are you looking for a volunteer role that is interesting and rewarding, where no one shift is the same? Then Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) Porirua would love you to get in touch.

The volunteer role at CAB is stimulating and interesting and meets a genuine need in our Porirua community, the role is flexible enough if you are going on holiday or are unwell.

CAB Porirua offers a full volunteer induction and ongoing training for volunteers with an excellent intranet resource to support our volunteers as they assist clients.

If you would like to find out more, please get in touch with us on the email:
manager.porirua@cab.org.nz

We hope to hear from you soon!



We are Back for the September/October School Holidays!! Join Connor and the team for a fun filled holiday programme! We have lots of exciting days including: Rippa World Cup Day, Wonderful Winter Day, Dodgeball Mania Day, Kelly Sports Classic Sports, Kids Vs Coaches Day, Football Cup Day! plus, trips to: *Te Rauparaha Arena for a Swim, Gymnastics, Roller skating and a Magician is coming to Kelly Sports.* Kelly sports is run out of Ngatitoo Domain, Pascoe Ave, Porirua to Enrol go to www.kellysports.co.nz

KELLY SPORTS IS BACK FOR TERM 4 - SPRINT INTO 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 4 we will be focusing on the following sports: *T-Ball, Athletics, Cricket and Football!*

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! Kelly Sports is available at the following schools: *Adventure, Discovery, Paremata, Plimmerton, Redwood.* To Enrol go to www.kellysports.co.nz



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OCTOBER 2023 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME NGATITOO DOMAIN HALL

WEEK 1	Mon 25 September	Tues 26 September	Wed 27 September	Thurs 28 September	Fri 29 September
	 <p>RIPPA WORLD CUP We are going to host our very own Kelly Sports Rippa World Cup. Which country will you be representing in our mini Tag Rugby tournament?</p>	 <p>TRIP - ROLLER SKATING We are heading to the Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club for a day of Roller Skating! Extra \$18 for the day.</p>	 <p>WONDERFUL WINTER Before we head into summer sports let's play all of your favourite winter sports like Netball, Hockey, Basketball, Football, Rippa Rugby and more. Get nice and warm with lots of running around!</p>	 <p>TRIP DAY - SWIMMING We are off swimming to Te Rauparaha Arena. Please remember your togs, towel a big lunch, drink bottle, and a hat. \$18 extra for the day.</p>	 <p>DODGEBALL MANIA Let's get on the court and have some Dodgeball fun! We will be playing games like Dodgeball, Moving Target, and Champion. Let's see how accurate your throw is!</p>
WEEK 2	Mon 2 October	Tues 3 October	Wed 4 October	Thurs 5 October	Fri 6 October
	 <p>KELLY SPORTS CLASSICS Today we are revisiting our favourite sports/activities from Kelly Sports past! Join us in celebrating all the best things about Kelly Sports!</p>	 <p>TRIP DAY - GYMNASTICS We are heading to Hutt Valley Gymnastics Club. We will learn the basics in gym: A Warm Up, The Beam, Floor, Bar, Circuit & lots more. Extra \$18 for the day</p>	 <p>KIDS VS COACHES We'll be playing the best of the best games and sports today! Play your favourites all day, then face off against your coach with the kids vs coaches to show them who's boss!</p>	 <p>FOOTBALL CUP DAY This year we have the biggest Football Tournament in NZ & Australia. Let's have our own competition! Whose your favourite team?</p>	 <p>IN HOUSE - MAGICIAN Agradacadabral Andrew Wilson the Magician is coming to Kelly Club! Come along and watch the magic show (a morning show, 11am-11.45am). Extra \$12</p>
<p>FULL DAY: \$59 7:30am-5:30pm SCHOOL DAY: \$47 8:45am-3:15pm HALF DAY: \$39 7:30am-12:30pm or 12:30pm-5:30pm EVENT DAY: Extra \$12-\$18</p>					

OSCAR PROGRAMME
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SUNDAY

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OCTOBER

10am - 2pm

main highway, Otaki

Ages 5 - 19 years old



Register for a stall
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