



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

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

Kia ora whānau

Wasn't it interesting to see New Zealand's reaction to the Rugby World Cup results this past weekend. Often we hold fierce opinions about things without knowing all the intricacies or work behind the scenes. Playing under adversity and showing great adaptability and determination was a great message to take away from the game. Second place in the world is an incredible feat.

At the end of Week 6, we will be sending home student class placements for 2024 and we will share our 2024 staffing compositions with you that week in our next newsletter.

Each syndicate will have a new teacher and we look forward to sharing information about them with you soon. For those in, or entering Taupō Syndicate, there are some notable changes to our teaching personnel and internal structures.

We are doing some things quite differently next year to ensure the learning experience and environments centre around our tamariki and reflect our community vision.

Firstly, in preparation for 2024 our tamariki will spend each Friday afternoon (in weeks 7, 8 & 9 of this term) with their 2024 class and teacher where possible. This will enable tamariki and kaiako to form relationships, establish routines and feel welcome in their new environment. Reducing anxiety and fast-forwarding relationship building.

The second change is keeping tamariki with their teacher for two years which we will be starting to implement next year e.g. 2023 year 3's will stay with this year's teacher and become the year 4's in that class. Staying with the same teacher for two years can offer numerous benefits for tamariki. Firstly, it allows for a deeper and more meaningful kaiako-tamariki-whanau relationship to develop. Over time, teachers become more familiar with their tamariki's strengths, weaknesses, and individual learning styles, enabling them to tailor their instruction to meet each tamariki's unique needs. This continuity also fosters a sense of trust and comfort within the classroom, making tamariki more willing to ask questions, seek help, and actively engage in the learning process. Additionally, a two-year span with the same teacher promotes academic consistency and continuity, ensuring that tamariki build upon their knowledge and skills from the previous year without having to adapt to a new teaching style or classroom environment. This stability will result in improved academic performance and a stronger sense of confidence and self-esteem in tamariki. Overall, the continuity of a two-year kaiako-tamariki-whanau relationship can lead to better educational outcomes and a more supportive and enriching learning experience.

Lastly, you will begin to see kaiako working more collaboratively together as a pair. Working collaboratively as a teaching pair offers a myriad of advantages in the educational context. When two educators join forces, they bring together a diverse set of skills, perspectives, and teaching styles. This diversity enriches the learning experience for students as they benefit from a wider range of instructional approaches. Collaborative teaching also fosters a supportive and dynamic environment, allowing kaiako to bounce ideas off each other, share resources, and co-create innovative lesson plans. Additionally, it encourages continuous professional development as educators learn from each other, growing as individuals and as a team. In summary, the collaborative teaching model not only

lightens the load for educators but also nurtures a more comprehensive and engaging learning environment for students.

Just a reminder that Monday 13 November is a Teacher Only Day so our kaimahi can work together to support the implementation of our localised curriculum.

Nga mihi,

Chris Steffensen, *Principal - Tumuaki*

## *Coming Events - for your Calendar*

### **Term 4 - Week 5**

Friday 10 November Wellington Phoenix visiting

Saturday 11 November Hall open from 10am-2pm for Gala drop offs

Sunday 12 November Hall open from 10am-2pm for Gala drop offs

### **Term 4 - Week 6** All week- drop off your gala stuff to the hall during school hours

Monday 13 November Teachers only day

Tuesday 14 November BLAKE NZ-VR Visit to Taupō Syndicate  
Parumoana Athletics (pp Thursday 16 November)

Thursday 16 November Hall open from 5pm-6.30pm for Gala drop offs

Saturday 18 November GALA DAY

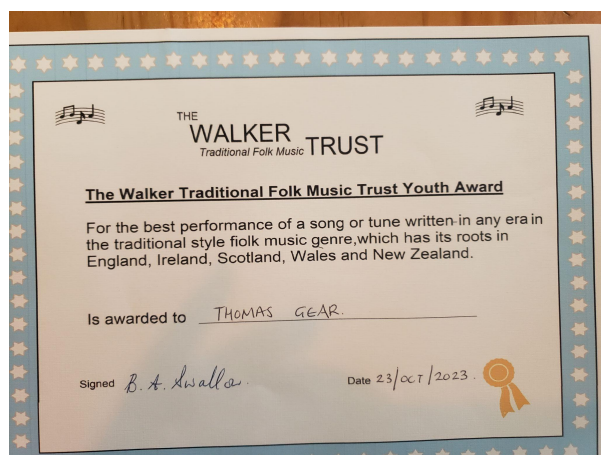
## *Plimmerton School Community Christmas Get-together 2023*

**Save the Date:** Monday 18 December, 5pm- 6.30pm

Whānau are invited to join other school families for an evening of food, friendship and festivities! Bring a picnic or fish and chips, and blankets, chairs or bean bags to relax on. Mix, mingle, listen to Christmas music, join in with the sing-a-long, and welcome in the holiday season.

## *Student Achievement*

Over the recent Labour Day weekend Thomas Gear won the Walker Traditional Folk Music Trust Youth Award and a \$200 cash prize! Last year we were lucky enough to enjoy Thomas's talent on the bagpipes for a period of time when the school bells were out of action.



**Plimmerton School Gala**  
**Saturday 18 November 2023**



# **Ticket 2 Ride Token Packs**

Keep things simple on gala day by buying your child's TICKET 2 RIDE tokens early. Then they can have lots of fun all day at the gala without bugging you continuously for money!

**\$26 worth  
of tokens  
for \$20**

Electric Cars  
Remote control Cars  
Inflatable Castles  
Carnival Games  
Car Rides  
Haunted House  
And much much more

Each pack has **13 x \$2** tokens which can be used at a variety of rides and activities that display the **T2R** sign. T2R can not be used for food.

**Make sure you get in quick!  
This deal will not be available  
on Gala day!**

Ticket 2 Ride token packs can be bought via [lunchonline](#) and are on sale from **Friday 3 November** to **Tuesday 14 November**.

Packs will be delivered to your child's class on Friday 17 November or can be picked up from ticket booth on the field on Gala Day.

In the event of the gala being cancelled all money will be fully refunded.

## Library Corner

"Sarah, you must hate being old. It means that you can't go trick or treating" said a Motuhara student this week. Clearly it must be Halloween week and no, I didn't go trick or treating however the library did celebrate by introducing two new spooky picture books.

For some of our students and staff, 2023 will be your last connection with Plimmerton School. The gift of a book with your family's name inscribed inside the front cover is a wonderful way for us to remember you. We have put together a wish list of books that we would love to have. Just click on this link and you will be directed to The Children's Bookshop. Choose your book, add to cart and then proceed to checkout. Make sure that you select "Click and Collect" and add "For Plimmerton School" in the notes. You will then pay for your book (the click and collect option ensures that postage is not added).

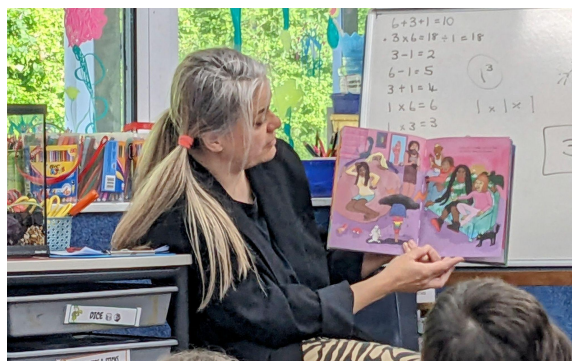
<https://www.thechildrensbookshop.co.nz/wishlists/plimmerton-school/share>

I will collect all books from The Children's Bookshop at the end of the year (and early next year for those on back-order). You may have another book in mind, so please email [sarahs@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:sarahs@plimmerton.school.nz) or search the catalogue first to ensure that we don't already have it. Thank you so much for your support.

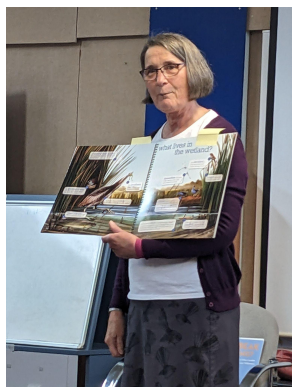
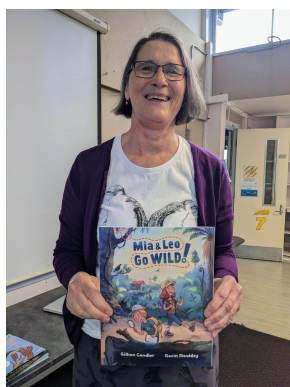
Also thanks for your support of our Scholastic Book Club over 2023. We have run four book club issues, plus the Book Fair. All rewards earned have been used to purchase new books for our library.

### Author Visits

Mana Syndicate Rooms 10 and 11 were lucky enough to hear author **Michaela Keeble** come in to read her book "Paku Manu Ariki Whakatakāpōkai". Beautifully illustrated, this book makes for some awesome discussions around the dinner table. It is pretty unusual - the author has collated the text based on observations that her young son made from the age of two. Some of the text is confronting, sometimes confusing, but as evidenced by our students, incredibly thought-provoking and enjoyable.



Nature author **Gillian Candler** visited Motuhara and Mana syndicates and ran highly interactive sessions with classes all about the natural environment. Gillian spoke about the types of creatures that live in Taupō swamp and how these creatures have special features that allow them to exist in swamp conditions. She also brought along some fabulous paper-maché birds. We have several of Gillian's books in the non-fiction section of our library and she has just released a picture book about mountain safety entitled "Mia and Leo Go Wild".



Please remember to check out our library catalogue when searching for books in our library and also to keep up to date with all the latest library news - <https://nz.accessit.online/PLM03>.

Happy reading,  
Sarah

## ***Te Reo Māori Moment at School***

The Te Reo Māori Moment celebrated the exact time and date that the Māori Language Petition was presented to Parliament in 1972, on the first Māori Language Day. We had the Te Reo Māori Moment on 14 September, we all got together as a kura and sang Whakataka te Hau.



## ***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***



proudly supported by **AM Janssen**  
**Harcourts** Team Group

## **GALA - News**

*The Plimmerton School gala is on Saturday 18 November from 11-3pm.*

Just two weeks to the Gala weekend now!

Thanks to everyone for your help with the Gala preparations so far. Here are some additional ways you can help:

- Please check the post on Hero about volunteers and grab a role if you haven't already got one. We still need a bunch of volunteers to make this Gala as epic as it usually is. We can't do it without the help we so gratefully received. [Sign up here](#).
- Raffle tickets came home last week, if you haven't seen them please check your child's bag. There are some yummy prizes for those that sell the tickets that they have been allocated as well as prizes for those that request more tickets and sell the most. [Parka Insurance](#) has kindly donated the prizes for this.
- The grocery raffle is going ahead! Please drop your donations for the grocery raffle into the office. Remember, check expiry dates ;-)
- Create mystery jars or drop in your jars and 'jar fillers' into the office for our worker bees to make these up for you.
- If you have any spare reusable/paper bags and boxes like Hello Fresh or Bargain box, we will happily take them off your hands for gala day. Please arrange drop off to the school or contact us on [pta@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:pta@plimmerton.school.nz) to ar330range collection.
- If you know of anyone with classic or interesting cars who might be keen to be part of our car rides, email [pta@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:pta@plimmerton.school.nz) as soon as you can.
- Clear out the cupboards for all your quality books, toys, clothes and white elephant items and bring them to school at the following times from Saturday 11th November: Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th 10 - 2pm, Monday - Friday during school hours. Plus late night Thursday 5pm - 6:30pm

On behalf of Plimmerton School, the Board and the PTA we thank you for getting behind the 2023 School Gala and look forward to seeing you there!

## **Volunteers**

The Plimmerton School Gala is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we simply couldn't make it happen without a great team of volunteers! We are looking for families to donate some hours either on the day or prior to the day for sorting in the school hall. There are literally loads and loads of things to be done: working in the kitchen, food stalls, book / clothing / toys stalls - the list is endless! So please complete the form that was sent via Hero or email your interest to [pta@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:pta@plimmerton.school.nz). You can find the form here: [Sign up here](#).

## **Mystery Jars**

The mystery jars are a huge hit each year at the gala and sell out quicker than anything else - except maybe the cakes! For those of you who are new to school or who haven't been part of the gala previously - a mystery jar is exactly that. You simply get a jar (any size) and fill it with goodies that kids would enjoy ie hair ties/clips, mini cars, balloons, stickers, trinkets,



lollies, bubbles - the list is endless). Once the jar is full, wrap it up and drop it to the office!

You can also donate items for mystery jars and we are happy to make them up for you. Also bring in your clean jars with lids for this purpose.

Remember to keep it fun for the kids and put things that they would enjoy in there. Mystery jars can be dropped to the school office in the week leading up to the gala.

### ***White Elephant Sale***

Now is a good time to check out your cupboards, under the stairs, drawers, toy boxes and the garage! Plimmerton School Gala is looking for good quality goods for the white elephant sale! Clothing, toys, sports equipment and gear, books, bric-a-brac and crockery. Remember one man's junk is another man's treasure!

That said, we don't accept TV's, computers, hard drives, screens or printers. All toys must be in saleable and working condition. Clothes should not be dirty or ripped! Please do not send underwear or socks.

Plimmerton School likes to be as eco-friendly as possible. If you have any spare banana boxes, reuseable eco bags or brown paper supermarket bags with handles, we would love to take these off your hands!

The school hall will be open Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 November between 10am - 2pm for drop-offs as well as during school hours from Monday 13th - Friday 17th November.

### ***Raffle tickets***

For those who have not been part of the gala before, the Gala community raffle is sold in the community, prior to and during Gala day. Please sell your allocation of tickets as soon as you can.

We have some amazing prizes for this year's community raffle (see below). We have printed 5,000 tickets, so if we can sell them all we will have made \$10,000! Very soon your family will be receiving two books of raffle tickets to sell (20 tickets - \$2 per ticket). This year we will be offering a selection of prizes for the families who sell the most tickets, these will be on display in the office next week. Come and see the office for more raffle books to sell, or to return your raffle stubs with the money collected. The raffle ticket's highest sales prizes are sponsored by [Parka Insurance](#).

### ***Gala Community Raffle Prizes:***

- 1st prize: Pacific Horizon Motorhomes - 7-day mid-winter holiday valued at \$2,000
- 2nd Prize: City Fitness Porirua - Premium Gym Membership valued at \$883
- 3rd prize: FS Cycles - Fox Racing Clothing Package valued at \$750
- 4th prize: Plimmerton Motors - WOF and service package valued up to \$400
- 5th prize: Mitre 10 Upper Hutt Vegepod Kitchen Garden valued at \$399
- 6th prize: Easyswim - Swimming lessons valued at \$300
- 7th prize: Zohar Holistic Acupuncture - treatment valued at \$200
- 8th prize: Mana Pharmacy - Hamper valued at \$150
- 9th prize: Kapiti Chocolate Factory - Selection valued at \$75

We don't want to bombard you with all of the gala information at once, so stay tuned to future newsletters and Hero messages about how you can contribute to making this our best gala ever!

The PTA Gala Organising Team

### ***GALA - Sponsorship***

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](mailto:sponsorship@plimmerton.school.nz).

## ***Community Notices***

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Limited time | 30th October - 12th November 2023

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\*Offers in this flyer run between 30th October - 12 November 2023. The offer is cost\* + 5-10% on all product storewide, except Gift Card purchases, Tech Solutions, Endeavour products, Tech.Inc products, extended warranties, laybys, delivery fees, Dyson products, Apple hardware (including iPhones) gaming consoles and bundles, iTunes cards, mobile phone top cards, bonus, free or half price items, IT accessories, PC software & consumables, AV accessories, storage & power products unless otherwise stated. \*Average cost reflects the average cost price of the product including administration and handling costs and does include any volume related adjustments which may apply to GST. Offer is available online and cannot be used in conjunction with any deferred and/or interest-free credit offer other than Zip or with any other promotional offer. Flybuys consist of 1 Flybuys for every \$50 spent at Noel Leeming. Noel Leeming Flybuys and Flybuys Membership Terms and Conditions apply. Visit [noelleeping.co.nz/flybuys](http://noelleeping.co.nz/flybuys) for more details. \*All service terms & conditions apply. Any additional work charged at \$99 per hour. Ask us in store, pick up a brochure or visit online [www.noelleeping.co.nz](http://www.noelleeping.co.nz) for more information. myTechSolutions Package - Noel Leeming. An additional 2% surcharge applies when purchasing items on a credit card. See in store for details. Some of our nationally advertised specials may be at a lower price than this offer but you will receive the best price on the day for the item/s you choose.

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valid from 30th October to 12th November 2023



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[warehousestationery.co.nz](https://warehousestationery.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! To Enrol go to [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) and in the school box put "Plimmerton"

#### JOIN AN ATHLETIC COMMUNITY THAT IS PASSIONATE, DETERMINED, AND SUPPORTIVE



Whether joining Athletics for fitness or fun, or looking to compete locally or nationally, we cater for everyone from 5 years and up. The 2023-24 season will run from 17th October 2023 to 31st March 2024, with a short break for Christmas. Club nights offer a mixture of competition and coaching to enable children to gain the necessary skills to participate in a variety of running, jumping and throwing.

Join for a full summer season or join from October-December. If you're unsure about committing, just come along and give a club night a go. Check us out at [manaathletics.co.nz](http://manaathletics.co.nz) or on Facebook: Mana Amateur Athletics Club



Calling all parents and guardians this one's for you!

December 7,8,9 at Southwards Car Museum

Otaki Players present a screening of The Rocky Horror Picture Show

Unleash Your Inner Rocky at Our Christmas Spectacular!

This Christmas, join us for a night of absolute pleasure and festive delight! 🎉

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Feature Presentation: We're screening the iconic Rocky Horror Show for an unforgettable night at the movies. Sing along, dance, and let loose with Dr. Frank-N-Furter and the gang! There will be a meal and plenty of participation...

TICKETS: [otakiplayers.nz/1/pages/280-rocky-horror-picture-show](http://otakiplayers.nz/1/pages/280-rocky-horror-picture-show)