



PANUI - NEWSLETTER - Week 6 Term 4, 2023

Mai e te Tumuaki - From the Principal

Kia ora whānau,

As you know, we were closed for a (Ministry instructed) Teacher's Only Day on Monday. It was a full day of learning, thinking and, importantly, a day of Whakawhanaungatanga (growing connections). We invited all kaimahi (workers) from our kura and also had the new staff for 2024 join us. The day was full of designing and understanding what our learning Principles, Pedagogies and Practices will look like and how we will work towards this in 2024. With the design and development of our local curriculum and a forward-thinking, future-focused learning design, our kura will become the most innovative and progressive kura around. And feel free to quote me on that! We will have students at the centre, high support for our kaimahi and look forward to working in reciprocal partnerships with the community and whanau.

We are already seeing growth in our roll and are attracting high-calibre teachers for vacancies. The BOT has been working diligently on the Strategic Plan and liaising with staff for feedback and input. This is nearly finalised and will be shared, and explained before the end of the year. The most pleasing aspect of this plan is that the community has a voice, the staff have a voice, and the last piece of the puzzle happens next week when our tamariki have input and voice.

2024 Classes

In the last newsletter, I had said we hoped to let tamariki know which class they would be in for next year today (Friday). We still need to make a few more tweaks, and as the roll continues to grow, we need to keep updating our lists, so this won't happen today.

Instead, the students will find out on Friday next week and then spend the afternoon with their teacher for 2024. Your child get a piece of paper with a picture of and information about their teacher for 2024 to bring home. Students will spend three afternoons (weeks 7,8,9) building relationships with their 2024 class and kaiako. The focus during this time is on Whakawhanaungatanga and making connections with one another.

Motuhara	Mana	Hongoeka	Taupo
Rm 1 - Lisa Cuttance	Rm 10 - Dianne Khan	Rm 19 - Mackenzie Batchelor	Rm 15 - Kate Walker & Stana Billot
Rm 2 - Jeanelle Ymker	Rm 11 - Brendon Cross	Rm 20 - Rebecca Courtney	Rm 16 - Phil Morris
Rm 3 - Tarsh Wichman	Rm 12 - Grace Macrae	Rm 21 - Katherine O'Neil	Rm 17 - Demelza Murrihy-Topp
Rm 4 - Shannon Ferguson	Rm 13 - Andrew Brown	Rm 22 - Steve Deluxe	Rm 18 - Emma McClutchie
Rm 5 - Molly Baxter	Release teachers: Emma Currie, Trish Kolston, Kirstin Toleman		
Rm 6 - Yvette Pierce			

As we welcome new staff, Molly Baxter, Grace Macrae, Mackenzie Batchelor, Phil Morris and Demelza Murrihy-Topp, it means we farewell others. Andy Tate, Lisa Cowley, Holly Williamson, Loutje le Grand, Ruzia Ataria and Brooke Sutherland.



Andy Tate

Andy will finish up at the end of the year after spending 10 years at Plimmerton School, working across a number of different age levels and for the last few years being the Team Leader in Taupō Syndicate. For anyone lucky enough to have spent time with Andy, they know he is an 'ideas' person. If he can imagine it, then it will happen! This includes the much talked about Go-Kart racing karts, one which still hangs from the roof of his class! Andy is a super generous and caring person who has impacted the lives of everyone he has come across.



Lisa Cowley

Lisa gets a mention each year as she often takes on the roll growth new entrant classroom. This year was slightly different as she started with us and kept her classroom until the end. Anyone lucky enough to have their children in her class knows she is one of a kind. She is kind, caring, compassionate and a fabulous teacher. She certainly sets up our tamariki for success. But don't worry, we won't be losing Lisa... she will be back later in 2024 when we start up a new classroom!



Holly Williamson

Holly joined us this year as a beginning teacher on a fixed-term maternity leave contract for 2023. Holly blew us away at her interview with her bubbly personality, love for learning and background of life experiences unparalleled by her peers. Holly has learnt an amazing amount about teaching this year and is taking her skills a little closer to home for next year. Holly has proved to be very kind and caring and will always go above and beyond what is asked of her. In her second term with us, she planned and organised the entire Taupō Social! Holly will be a shining light in her new kura and we thank her for starting her teaching career with us.



Loutje le Grand

Loutje is another who joined us on a maternity leave contract. Loutje has spent the year working with our year 2 students and established a wonderful connection with her class and syndicate. Loutje has a passion for learners with diversity, so she looks at different ways to encourage and connect with these students and adapt her learning programme to enhance their experiences. We know Loutje will enjoy her new kura, especially as she will be able to bike to and from it!



Brooke Sutherland

Brooke took up a short-term contract with us while returning from maternity leave. Brooke brought 6 years of experience in intermediate teaching with her and built strong relationships and a hard-working culture for the learners of Room 17. Brooke's high energy and enthusiasm will be missed by us next year but will benefit the students at her next kura in 2024.

Ruzia Ataria

Ruzia answered an SOS call in term 2 to cover the large shoes left by Naomi. Ruzia worked full-time in Term 2 and then part-time/job sharing for the remainder of the year. Ruzia is passionate about teaching and learning and went about ensuring the children in Room 16 had high expectations of themselves and others. Ruzia always tried to prepare the learners in this room for college and to look at learning opportunities and life choices from different perspectives.

Coming Events - for your Calendar

Saturday 18 November	GALA DAY
Term 4 - Week 7	Bee Healthy Dental van at school
Friday 24 November	Students spending time with their 2024 teacher (2pm)
Term 4 - Week 8	
Monday 27 November-Friday 1 December	Mana Syndicate Beach Safety week
Tuesday 28 November	Taupō Syndicate Speech finals
Wednesday 29 November	Fire Brigade visiting Motuhara Syndicate
Thursday 30 November	Rock band performing at Summerfest at Rangikura School BOT meeting
Friday 1 December	Parumoana Speech Competition 2nd Y7 & 8 Gardasil injections Students spending time with their 2024 teacher (2pm)

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.

Mana Swimming Sports

Mana syndicate had an amazing morning swimming at Cannon Creek pool on the last day of week 4. All the students tried their best and had fun competing in the water. Thanks to all the parents who helped out and supported the students from the sidelines.



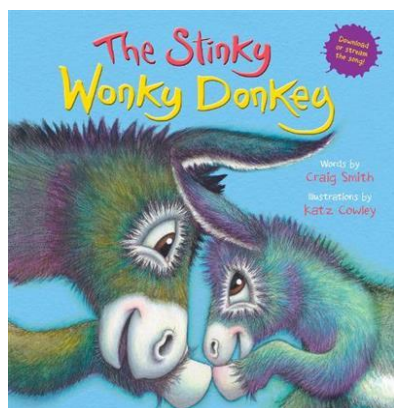
School Sports Uniforms - to be returned Week 8

Please return any sports uniforms to Katie in the office in a named bag.

School Donations

Each year, the donations received from our school whānau make a huge difference in what we can offer our students. The school donation is voluntary, so thank you to those who have already contributed this year, we are very grateful for your continued support. More information and payment details can be found on the [school website](#).

Library Corner



If your child has come home this week asking if you're hoof-hearted, blame the latest picture book addition to the library - *The Stinky Wonky Donkey* by Craig Smith.

The annual library survey is underway where students and staff have the opportunity to make suggestions about how our library can improve. We currently have 159 completed surveys. If you have any comments or suggestions, then please email them to me by the **30th November** (sarahs@plimmerton.school.nz).

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 me or search the catalogue first to ensure that we don't already have it. Thank you so much for your support.

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

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



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GALA - News

The Plimmerton School Gala is tomorrow, from 11-3pm.

Only one sleep until the gala!!!

The office has been taken over by mystery jars and items for the grocery raffle but it is not too late to drop your items in. We will be accepting items until 5pm today.

Cake boxes can be dropped to the office any time today and the judging of the cake boxes will be at 4pm.

The white elephant is looking quite full but there is still room for more. The hall will be open until 5pm today for you to drop off those last minute bits and pieces.

There is a wide variety of food on offer at the gala tomorrow so be sure to make time to visit some(or all) of the following food stalls:

- Gourmet cheeseburgers
- Loaded bratwurst or cheesy kransky
- Curries (butter chicken or vegetarian) with rice from Natraj
- Vege fried rice from Thai Plimmerton
- Chicken nuggets and chips from Plimmerton Fish Supply
- Hellers sausage sizzle
- Nachos (beef and vegetarian)
- Candyland Ice cream sundaes

Thank you to all the amazing people who are helping out in some way tomorrow. We really appreciate you giving up a couple of hours to support the school.

A huge thank you also to all our awesome sponsors for donating goods, money or time.

We are really looking forward to seeing all our school families tomorrow at the gala between 11am and 3pm.
The PTA committee



Community Notices

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 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 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

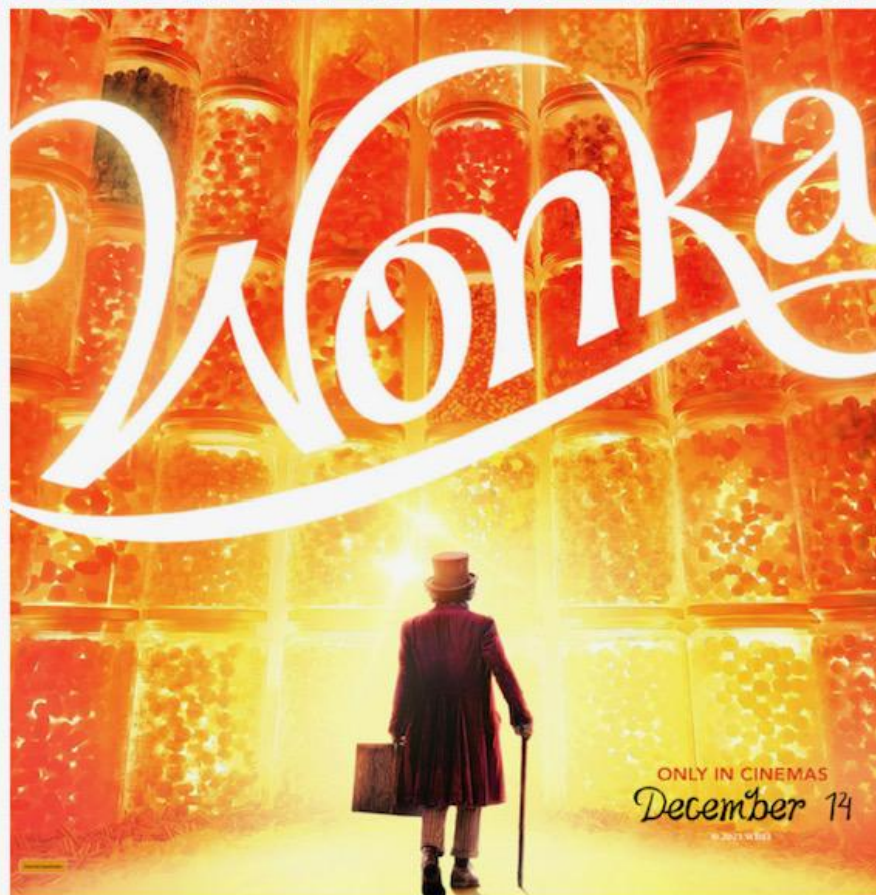
Unleash Your Inner Rocky at Our Christmas Spectacular!

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

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

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ŌTAKI CHRISTMAS Market

Rātapu | Sunday

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10am - 2pm
main highway, Otaki

50 + stalls
Delicious kai
Ice Cream
FREE crafting table
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Christmas Trees

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