

Te Kura o Taupō



NEWSLETTER - week 2, term 1, 2020

From the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

The term has started with a hiss and a roar! Hongoeka syndicate are at the beach this week enjoying their Beach Safety programme. Kowhai are in the pool enjoying their swimming programme. Tonight we will be seeing you all as you meet your child's teacher. Thank you for supporting your children's activities.

From next week, we will be sending out the newsletter fortnightly. This will mean less mail in your inbox, but the newsletter will contain more information to read with a relaxing cuppa every second Thursday evening!

SYNDICATE NEWSLETTERS

Here are the links to each syndicates term one newsletter for your reference:

[Kowhai](#) [Mana](#) [Hongoeka](#) [Taupo](#)

PŌWHIRI

Our first pōwhiri for the year will be held next week on **Tuesday 18 February at 9.15am**. New staff, students and their whānau will be formally welcomed to the school. Invitations to attend have been sent home to the whānau of newcomers (manuhiri). If you or your child have missed being welcomed at a previous pōwhiri, then you are most welcome to come and join the pōwhiri with the group being welcomed into the school. Also any parents or family members who have been previously welcomed (tangata whenua) are most welcome to attend to help us welcome our new families. The Pōwhiri will be followed by morning tea for the manuhiri.

PLIMMERTON SCHOOL TRIATHLON

Registration close **2.00 p.m. on Saturday 15th Feb** (event day from 8.00 a.m. on Sunday 16th Feb)
Please follow this [link](#) for individual and team entries.

The Plimmerton School Triathlon is a fun, have a go, event for all children in the area. Children from other schools are welcome to enter. The focus is on fun, having a go and trying your best.

DATE: Sunday 16 February 2020 from 8.00 a.m. (rain or shine)

LOCATION: Plimmerton School

ENTRY AGE: Entry is open for 5-13 year olds with both **individual** and **team** options available

EVENT DISTANCES

5 to 6 Years: Run 1 lap (400m); Bike 1 lap (300m); Swim 2 lengths

7 to 8 Years: Run 2 laps (800m); Bike 2 laps (600m); Swim 4 lengths

9 to 10 years: Run 3 laps (1.2km); Bike 3 laps (900m); Swim 6 lengths

11-13 Years: Run 4 laps (1.6km); Bike 4 laps (1.2km); Swim 12 lengths

Many thanks to our major sponsor [Easyswim Swim School](#)

For further information please contact Pete Barton on 0220670357 or plimmertonschooltriathlon@gmail.com

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our School assemblies are a time to celebrate achievements, share some of what has been happening in our school and acknowledge students who have shown our school values through the presentation of values awards. Our next assembly is next week - Friday 21 February at 9.10am. All families and friends are most welcome to attend.

Ngā mihi,
Mike Forrest, Tumuaki - Principal

From the Board

We need your help!

In 2019 the school asked for a donation of \$150 per student, which was dropped to \$130 per student if paid or set up an automatic payment before the end of March.

Last year 52% of our students contributed a donation. This was quite a bit less than we had budgeted. The school donation is voluntary and there is no requirement to pay it, but any donation makes a huge difference in what we can offer our students.

The school is primarily funded by the Ministry of Education. They cover our basic needs of staffing, property, and educational and administrative resources. Anything extra is over to us.

The extras that Plimmerton School provide are:

- a music programme
- a kapa haka programme
- a significantly subsidised swimming programme
- additional reading recovery hours
- additional teacher aide hours
- full library services, including a librarian
- additional digital technology resources
- release time for staff to allow them to be more responsive to student needs

Most Ministry funding streams are targeted for specific purposes. There is very little scope for cost savings or redirecting ministry funding to cover these extras. The school donation along with the PTA and other fundraising efforts are essential if we wish to continue providing these extras.

Last year the government announced a policy to fund decile 1-7 schools \$150 per student if schools didn't ask their parents for a donation. This policy is currently **not** available to us as we are a decile 10 school.

In line with the government donation scheme the suggested donation this year is \$150 per student. As it is a donation the amount is up to you and voluntary. If this amount is a stretch feel free to adjust it accordingly. At the same time if you feel you could contribute more also feel free to adjust the amount. The school office will generate a tax receipt for any donation amount (of which you can then claim 1/3 back from the IRD).

Payments can be made at the school office via eftpos, or by direct credit to the school bank account. Please clearly state your child's surname, donation and your 4 digit parent account number.

Plimmerton School Board of Trustees
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We appreciate your support.
Mel Swallow
Board Chair

Student News

BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

Last year we managed to collect an enormous amount of bread tags for a great cause, so we decided to put our school down as a host collection point! All you need to do is start collecting them and drop them in to the school office - this way we save them going into landfill! They are then recycled into products which are sold to raise funds for some much needed wheelchairs for those who need them in South Africa. Check out the link below.

<https://www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za/index.html>

For further information please contact Clare Layfield (Ruma 12)

Community News

These are provided as a service to the community & may not reflect the policies and practices of the school.



EVENT :

- 21KM RUN
- 10KM RUN OR WALK
- 5KM RUN OR WALK
- 2.5 KM KIDS RUN

SUNDAY 1st MARCH 2020
Dress up/ Spot Prizes/ Family day out

Want to play Football??



Registration for **PUKERUA BAY SOCCER CLUB** for grades 5 (turning 5 in 2020) to 14 is now open:

- Registration closes 1st March 2020.
- Low Registration Fees: \$50 for grades 5&6, \$90 for grades 7-12 and \$100 for grades 13&14 (mixed competition), \$100 for Sunday girls' competition. Includes Nike shirt and shorts. Family discounts available!
- Practices potentially in Pukerua Bay and/or Plimmerton (or wherever most suitable for team).

To register or for more information visit www.pukeruabaysoccer.org.nz/ or call **Iain Maclean** (0274203056) or **Neil Snowling** (0212291739) or email pkb@pukeruabaysoccer.org.nz.



SUMMER SOUNDS
ELLA MAY LIVE AT THE SUPPLY ROOM
SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY
2.00PM
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