

Te Kura o Taupō



NEWSLETTER - week 10, term 2, 2020

From the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

Now that things have been settling into more of a routine at school, we've been working through how (or if) we will be proceeding with school events that have been missed, and how we'll be managing those still coming up - while also making sure we make the most of learning opportunities, having had so much disruption this year. Please expect that some things will be a bit different, or will be put off for this year. In the background of all our decision making is the possibility that we may have to return to higher alert level restrictions if cases of covid 19 continue to rise. There are some updates in this newsletter and more to come.

The first couple of items are winter related. This week has certainly seen the weather turn to what is more typical this time of year! I'm really looking forward to getting the wet weather gear on and getting out to cheer on some of our sports teams who get underway this weekend. What I haven't been enjoying this week is standing in the rain and watching how the weather has changed our student collection at the end of the day. Sadly, I'm leading off with reminders about what is needed to keep everyone safe at the gate.

3 O'CLOCK MAYHEM AT THE GATE

With our first few wet days much of the progress made to improve the after school collection of students seems to have been lost. School Road and the Steyne Avenue round-a-bout have ground to a halt because so many people have been trying to park in the school grounds or get into the stop and collect area early. Unfortunately this has led to some pretty hair-raising moments with children and parents having to navigate through cars packed into the carpark, and with children being called to run across to cars stuck in the traffic in the middle of the road. The sensible people that have parked five minutes away and put on a coat have managed to avoid the drama and got back to their cars with their children well before the traffic has got itself unstuck in School Road!

Please help us by:

- Walking to school or parking further away, even when it is raining.
- If you use the stop and collect, aim to arrive between 3.05 and 3.15pm to give your child a chance to walk down to the gate and be ready to go.
- Use your indicator when pulling into the kerb, and before pulling out.

We will help you by stopping cars from trying to park in the grounds when it is full, moving on cars that try to wait in the stop and collect before 3.00pm, and having staff wait with your children at the gate until you arrive.

SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS TEAMS

Our hockey teams begin their season this weekend and netball after the holidays. I know the children are very excited to be getting under way. A huge thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to coach and manage teams. Let's hope the weather is kind! If you are involved please take some time to look at our schools sports code of conduct at the end of this newsletter (based on NZRFU junior rugby codes).

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our next school assembly will be at school in two week's time, at 9.10am on Friday 3 July (the last day of term). 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. All families and friends are most welcome to attend.

REPORTING TO WHĀNAU - MID YEAR INTERVIEWS - Term 3, Week 2

Teacher-whānau interviews will be held on Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th July, week 2 of term 3. Bookings for these interviews will be open during the last week of term - information and a booking link will be sent out by email. The purpose of these interviews is to share the picture of your child's current achievement and to discuss goals for the following term. Students are welcome to attend with their parents. Due to the disruption from covid-19, there will not be a written mid year report this year.

MID-YEAR MATARIKI CONCERT MOVING ONLINE

Our matariki concert items and art display will this year be recorded and will be shared on a special Matariki page on the website at the end of the term. Each syndicate will share songs and waiata from choir and kapa haka and the various bands will perform. Some slideshows of class art work will also be posted.

SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

Due to Covid -19 disruptions, we have had to make adjustments to our sports and PE programmes. We normally have our cross-country early in term 2. This year we will be running the cross country on Thursday 23 July (Term 3 Week 1). If the weather is not favourable we will try for Friday 24th July. The event will be held at school. Parents may come to watch their child/children compete if we are still in Alert Level 1.

As it has not been a scheduled part of the PE programme, this year the cross country will be optional for students. Those who wish to compete can do their own training with friends and whanau over the next few weeks and the school holidays in preparation for week 1. The amount of laps and the distance for each age group are listed below.

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| • 5 year olds | 600m | 2 laps of the field |
| • 6 year olds | 900m | 3 laps of the field |
| • Year 3, Year 4 | 1200m | 4 laps of the field |
| • Year 5, Year 6 | 1500m | 5 laps of the field |
| • Year 7, Year 8 | 2400m | 8 laps of the field |

Students participating will run the course, one year group at a time. The top 10 boys and top 10 girls from Year 4-8 will be recorded. Of these the Top 5 will be selected to form a team to compete in the Parumoana Cross Country planned for week 5 term 3. There will be certificates presented to those children who finish in the top 3 places. These will be shared at the following school assembly.

KEEP IT REAL ONLINE

The Department of Internal Affairs with Netsafe and the Office of Film and Literature Classification is about to launch a 'Keep it real online' campaign. The campaign will support parents and caregivers to reduce the risks of online harm such as cyber-bullying, inappropriate content, pornography and grooming.

Parents and caregivers can find information including tips on how to have conversations with their kids at <https://www.keepitrealonline.govt.nz/keeping-your-family-safe-online/>

We strongly recommend that parents of Year 5 to Year 8 students take the opportunity from this campaign to have some frank discussions with them about online behaviour, particularly on social media and in the chat features of online games. Over the course of the lockdown period there has been a rise in the number of students with personal online accounts, and some of the behaviour has caused friendship issues at school.

Thank you to those parents who ensure that they are a friend or follower on their child's account and have regular check ins with them.

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ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

As noted previously, students should not arrive at school before 8.30pm. Classes will not be open, and students have no supervision from staff. Teachers who are here earlier are having meetings and preparing for student lessons and the arrival of students at 8.30am. Before school care is available for students that need to be dropped off earlier.

FISH AND CHIPS

Now that we are in the routine of Alert Level 1, students from Year 4 up may go to Plimmerton Fish Supply to buy fish and chips at lunch times. They must have a signed and dated note from their parent/caregiver giving permission. Students must sign out in the office and sign back in. Students need to sit down at the tables outside their classroom to eat these. Permission does not include trips to the dairy or buying fizzy drinks.

Ngā mihi,
Mike Forrest
Tumuaki/Principal

Community News

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

Rongonui Kenpo Karate School

Has your child ever wanted to try Karate? We offer Junior classes right here at Plimmerton School Hall on a Tuesday and Thursday from 6.15-7pm. Our Junior programme starts from the age of 5 and is taught in a relaxed, fun, and safe environment. We have a wonderful team of talented senior instructors who help our junior students develop and learn respect, discipline, focus and confidence. Come along and try a free trial class. For more details go to rongonui-kenpo-karate.co.nz.

Aotea College Open Evening

We warmly invite prospective 2021 year 9 students and their families to attend our open evening, Thursday 18th June 2020:

Session 1 - 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Session 2 - 5.30pm - 7.00pm

Tawa College Open Evening and Year 9 Enrolments for 2021

Due to the impact of Covid19 the Tawa College Open Evening planned for Thursday 11 June 2020 will not take place this year. We are developing a **Virtual Open Evening** for prospective students and their family/whanau. This will be available for viewing via our website. In the meantime however, please go to the Tawa College website, under the Join Us link, to complete the online enrolment form. This includes nominating course selections. Follow this link to complete your **online application**: **OUT OF ZONE** applications for Year 9 in 2021 close on **Monday 27 July 2020**. **IN ZONE** parents of Year 9 students in 2021, are encouraged to complete online enrolment before **Monday 27 July 2020** as this will assist us with our transition planning for your student. In Term 3 we will begin communicating with parents about the transition process, interviews and the student orientation programme in November.

Please contact the college office on 232 8184 or email secretary@tawacollege.school.nz if you have any queries concerning the enrolment process.

Rock and Reel Irish Dancing

Rock & Reel are holding FREE OPEN DAYS for new little dancers aged 2 - 7 who would like to come and give Irish Dancing a go ✨ Come and join our fun and interactive Pre-School & Beginner Irish Dance program. ✨

OPEN DAYS ARE ✨

Saturday 18 July, Plimmerton School

10.00 - 10.30am (Preschool 2- 4 Years)

10.45 - 11.15am (5 + Years)

Sunday 19 July, Plimmerton School

10.00 - 10.30am (Preschool 2- 4 Years)

10.45 - 11.15am (5 + Years)

Cost to attend the Workshop FREE ✨ Feel free to attend as many classes as you like

✨ Please bring a drink bottle and wear shorts and a t-shirt

If you would like to book your child in to attend this workshop please contact Kristina

kerryschoolofirishdancing@gmail.com

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PLIMMERTON SCHOOL - SPORTS EVENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

FOR PLAYERS

If I am playing for Plimmerton School I will:

- not argue with an official. If I disagree with a decision I will inform the captain, coach or manager during a break or after the competition.
- control my temper. I understand that verbal abuse of officials and other players, or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted behaviour in sport.
- work equally hard for myself and my team
- treat all players in my sport as I like to be treated. I will not be mean or take unfair advantage of another player
- co-operate with my coach, teammates and opponents
- display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat
- participate for my own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches
- respect the rights, dignity & worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- thank the opposition and officials at the end of the game
- use appropriate language with players, coaches, officials and other spectators.
- present myself and act in an appropriate way at pre-game and after-match functions.

FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS AND SPECTATORS

At Plimmerton School we expect and encourage parents, caregivers and spectators to:

- respect officials' and coaches' decisions
- respect the efforts of the opponents
- applaud good plays & performances by both our team & the opponents
- give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort
- support our team's efforts and performance
- thank the coaches, officials & volunteers who give their time to sports
- assist when asked by a coach or official
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.
- acknowledge that the game is the player's game not mine.
- use appropriate language with players, coaches, officials & spectators.
- act in an appropriate way at pre-game and after-match functions.



FOR COACHES & MANAGERS

If I am coaching or managing a sports team for Plimmerton School I will:

- remember that players participate for enjoyment and winning is only part of the fun
- never ridicule or yell at players for making a mistake or not winning
- be reasonable in my demands on players' time, energy, and enthusiasm
- operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach my players to do the same
- ensure that the time players spend with me is a positive experience. All players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities (this includes equal game time and equal starting opportunities across a season).
- ensure equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players
- display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport including opponents, referees, coaches, officials, administrators, parents, and spectators. I will encourage my players to do the same.
- show concern and caution toward sick and injured players and follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition
- respect the rights and dignity of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or culture
- use appropriate language with players, coaches, officials and spectators.

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