

Te Kura o Taupō



NEWSLETTER - week 12, term 2, 2020

From the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

As we draw to the end of what has been a very challenging and extraordinary term we would like to thank our whānau and community for their wonderful support. No-one could have imagined at the beginning of the year that we would all be suddenly thrust into lockdown and teaching and learning remotely. It has been an incredible learning experience for everyone and would not have been the relatively smooth transition it was without the positivity, flexibility and huge effort from our staff, the support of the Board of Trustees and you, our amazing parents and caregivers, who suddenly became teachers, while juggling your own work commitments and family. More than ever I hope everyone takes time these holidays to recharge, relax and refresh. You all deserve it. We look forward to everyone returning next term - hopefully for a “normal” rest of the year.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our next school assembly will be **tomorrow**, at 9.10am (Friday 3 July). This is our first ‘live’ assembly for some time! 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.

FAREWELL

Tomorrow we farewell 3 members of our staff. Clare Layfield and Kansas Davis are both moving to Pauatahanui School to take on new teaching positions. We thank them very much for their wonderful contribution to Plimmerton School over the past 3 ½ years and wish them all the very best at their new school. Ken Buchanan has been a cleaner at our school for the past 7 years and has now retired. We thank Ken for his tireless work around the school and wish him a long and enjoyable retirement.

MID-YEAR MATARIKI CONCERT ONLINE

Our matariki concert items and art display have been recorded and are now shared on a special [Matariki page](#) on the school website. Each syndicate has shared songs and waiata from choir and kapa haka, and slideshows of a variety of art work they have been working on during the term. Bands from across the school have also recorded an item. We hope you enjoy our virtual concert. A special thank you to Daniel Woodside for overseeing the technical side of this.

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 are available online at <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/> or via the link on our website. The code for the interview bookings is **bnrey**. Interviews are 15 minutes and start at 3:15pm - 5:00pm. The second block is from 5:45pm to 7:45pm. 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.

YEAR 7 AND 8 BASKETBALL TEAM - COACH NEEDED

Nicky Duncan has kindly volunteered to manage our basketball team next term. We are looking for a coach to train our team on a Monday after school or any morning before school. The team plays in a competition on Wednesdays after school, however Nicky is happy to supervise the team at their game.

PINK RIBBON BREAKFAST

This morning the student council leadership team hosted a Pink Ribbon Breakfast for the staff. They were up bright and early cooking a delicious breakfast in the staffroom and raised \$300 for the Breast Cancer Foundation. Thank you to Paremata New World for donating the food, The Warehouse Porirua for the decorations and Kath and Steve from Shevington Farms for donating the eggs.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

During weeks 2 and 3 of next term we'll be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in the new school library. A Book Fair is a partnership between Scholastic and school that helps to fundraise for the school, while allowing families to browse and purchase a wide range of the most popular children's books. The Book Fair will be managed by our student councillors and will be open before and after school during weeks 2 and 3, as well as during parent interviews on Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th July.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tomorrow is the last day for ordering school photos. You can either order online at www.schoolmemories.co.nz or bring your order form and money into the office first thing in the morning.

SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

A reminder that the cross country is 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. See times below.

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 school holidays in

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preparation for week 1. The amount of laps and the distance, and the approximate event times for each age group are listed below.

• 5 year olds	600m	2 laps of the field	9.10 - 9.30am
• 6 year olds	900m	3 laps of the field	9.30 - 9.50am
• Year 3	1200m	4 laps of the field	9.50 - 10.10am
• Year 4	1200m	4 laps of the field	10.10 - 10.30am
• Year 5	1500m	5 laps of the field	10.30 - 11.00am
MORNING INTERVAL			
• Year 8	2400m	8 laps of the field	11.30am -12.10pm
• Year 7	2400m	8 laps of the field	12.10 - 12.50pm
LUNCH BREAK			
• Year 6	1500m	5 laps of the field	2.10 - 2.50pm

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.

HOCKEY RESULTS

Plimmerton Lightning v Greenacres Toru 10-1, player of the day - Tilly Fyfe-Gits

Plimmerton Thunder v Tawa Tornadoes 8-0, player of the day - Rowen Wells

Plimmerton Thunder v Greenacres 9-2, player of the day - Harry Keating

Ngā mihi,
Mike Forrest
Tumuaki/Principal

From the Board of Trustees

Our Plimmerton Farm Submission

The Board of Trustees has made a submission to the Porirua City Council on the proposal to rezone Plimmerton Farm for property development ([Proposed Plan Change 18](#)).

Our submission states:

"We oppose the provisions due to the lack of clarity around future schooling provision. Plimmerton School currently has approximately 1800 households in our zone resulting in a current school role of 500. Plimmerton Farm proposes to add an additional 2000 households to the Plimmerton School zone with no plan in place as to how the additional students will be catered for.

Recent experience of the effect the Aotea development had on Papakowhai school have given us grave cause for concern. Papakowhai School doubled in size over a period of 10 years with an average increase of 30 students per annum. The school had students learning in the hall, a significant reduction in play area, huge traffic management issues and the challenge of safely managing a constant building site year after year as the Ministry of Education played catch up.

We seek the following decision:

A commitment to resolve schooling capacity issues before the district plan change is approved. The recent experience of the Aotea subdivision and the effect it had on Papakowhai School demonstrates the risk of proceeding without the council accepting responsibility for resolving this issue before proceeding."

Early this week a sub-committee met with the Ministry of Education to discuss our concerns as part of a wider conversation started about a year ago. We will continue to meet with the Ministry on the issue of Plimmerton Farm and the effect it will have on Plimmerton School and will keep you updated.

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2021 school terms and holidays

	START DATE	END DATE	HOLIDAYS
Term 1 (11 weeks)	Wednesday 3 Feb	Friday 16 April	Holidays: Waitangi Day - Mondayised to Monday 8 February, Good Friday 2 April, Easter Monday 5 April and Easter Tuesday 6 April School holiday: includes ANZAC.
Term 2 (10 weeks)	Monday 3 May	Friday 9 July	Public holiday: Queen's Birthday 7 June
Term 3 (10 weeks)	Monday 26 July	Friday 1 Oct	
Term 4 (9 weeks)	Monday 18 Oct	Wed 15 Dec	Public holidays: Labour Day 25 October

NOTE: Teacher only days (3) are yet to be finalised.

Community News

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

Keen to play Squash?

Come along to Mana Squash club at Ngati Toa domain, Mana and give squash a go.

Squash is a great sport that can be played all year round, sun or rain.

We run junior club nights on a Friday from 5pm to 7:30pm.

Plus we run junior coaching programs during the school terms for all ages and levels, from new beginners and up.

We can provide the kids with rackets and eye wear, all they need is a pair of non-marking shoes and a drink bottle.

Contact Marica at juniors@manasquash.co.nz or via mobile on 027244 2589

Visit our website at www.manasquash.co.nz for more information.