

Te Kura o Taupō



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NEWSLETTER - week 5, term 3, 2020

From the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

I'd like to thank all families for the way the return to Alert Level 2 guidelines has been supported. It was a sudden change, but thanks to your support a relatively smooth one. I'd also like to thank parents and caregivers for promptly providing us with the information needed in case we returned to Alert Level 3. Thankfully we didn't but now we are well placed to make the transition should that need to happen.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS THROUGH ALERT LEVEL CHANGES

The return of Covid cases, along with the return of media attention, and the changes in Alert Levels can be unsettling. Helping children cope with changes caused by covid-19 means providing accurate information, discussing facts without causing undue alarm, and where possible maintaining routines. Here is a [link](#) to some useful advice from the Ministry of Education. It is intended as well-being advice for helping children who are learning at home, however there is plenty of good advice that is applicable for any student currently experiencing anxiety.

If you have concerns about how your child is managing please come and talk to us so we can work together to support your child.

SPORTS AND EVENTS - WHAT'S CANCELLED OR POSTPONED AND WHAT'S ON

Here is a quick update as things currently stand.

Postponed or Cancelled

- School Pōwhiri (was being held next Tuesday 25 August) Postponed until we are out of Alert Level 2.
- Parumoana Inter School Cross Country - Cancelled.
- Year 7/8 Basketball (at Rangikura School on Wednesdays - Postponed until we are out of Alert Level 2.
- YMCA Futsal (held at Te Rauparaha Arena on Tuesdays or Wednesdays) - postponed until 8-9 September

What's On

- Ngati Toa primary school Saturday netball will resume this Saturday - with [guidelines](#) for Alert Level 2
- Primary schools Saturday Hockey - continues with only 1 parent per player and strict contact tracing

Yet To be Decided

Decisions will be made based on the government's announcements on alert levels tomorrow, regarding

- Year 5/6 Inter School Swimming sports - Thursday 27 August,
- School assembly scheduled - next Friday, 28th August. If we are still at level 2 next Friday a virtual assembly will be posted on the school website at 9:15 on Friday morning.
- PTA Sausage Sizzle lunchtime on Friday 28 August
- Year 7/8 Inter School Swimming sports - Thursday 3 September

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

ONESIE DAY

Last year Lucas Renshaw, a student in Year 6 raised money for Epilepsy New Zealand. Lucas lives with epilepsy and was keen to support them as a way of raising awareness and thanking them for their support. This year he has chosen to support Wellington Free Ambulance, as they were the first responders to his first seizure. On Friday September 4th it is Onesie Day. This is Wellington Free Ambulance's annual appeal to raise money to help keep their emergency service free to everyone who needs it. Lucas would like to encourage everyone to wear onesies on this day and to bring a gold coin for the coin trail.

Ngā mihi,
Mike Forrest
Tumuaki/Principal

Student News

TAUPO CHESS TOURNAMENT 2020

On Friday 7th of August, 16 Taupo students (four teams) from Taupo Syndicate went to a Chess Tournament for the day at Hutt International Boys School.

It was really fun playing different people, learning new tactics and skills, while also meeting several people. We didn't qualify for the next round but we felt it was worthwhile participating and look forward to returning next year to compete again.

By Chloey Trist and Lauree Penty.



School News

TE KURA O TAUPŌ T-SHIRTS



We still have a few Te Kura o Taupō / Plimmerton School T-shirts available to order. The t-shirts are black with a crew neck. The cost of the t-shirt is \$20 for all sizes and can be paid for at the office by eftpos or using your Parent Account. Please email Lisa at the office if you would like one office@plimmerton.school.nz.

We have the following sizes available at the office now:

1 x Medium 4 x Small 4 x size 8 3 x size 10 1 size 12

PTA News

PTA DISCOS

The School Discos have been rescheduled to Friday 18 September. We are still in need of some willing parents to assist with the running of the event. If you can assist please contact Salina 021-129-6521 or sal_huz@live.com

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

If we return to Alert Level 1 next week, we will have our next sausage sizzle (PTA fundraiser) will be on next Friday, 28th Aug. Get your kids' lunch, just \$1.50 for a sausage, \$1.50 for a Charlie's Juice (for Kōwhai and Mana children it is ordered in the morning and delivered at lunch time).

ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP

Support Plimmerton School by buying an Entertainment Membership! It's a fully digital solution that is valid for 12 months and is easy to use. It includes Dining Options, Retail Shopping & Local Services, Arts, Sports & Attractions, Travel & Leisure, Hotels & Resorts, and Car Hire. Choose from single city or multi-city membership options.

Thank you for your continued support - 20% of every Entertainment Membership goes directly to our school. To support Plimmerton School, just click on this link: <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/105g178>

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From the Board

CASUAL VACANCY FOR BOARD MEMBER

The Board has a casual vacancy for a trustee that the board resolved to fill by selecting a trustee. Our school community was informed by email and a public notice, and has the opportunity to request a by-election. As no requests for a by election have been received to date, the board is expecting to proceed with a selection process.


Those community members who would like to be considered for selection should email an expression of interest to the Board Chairperson, at bot@plimmerton.school.nz by 5pm Friday 4 September. The expression of Interest should include a completed [eligibility attestation form](#) and a brief outline to the following questions:


- Why would you like to be a trustee?
- What skills, strengths and experience would you bring to the role?
- What difference would you like to make?


If you are interested and wish to know more about serving on a Board of Trustees, information on the role of trustees can be found at the following link - NZSTA [Becoming a Trustee](#)


If you would like to discuss the role with an existing member of the Board, and their experience of sitting on the Board, please email bot@plimmerton.school.nz and a board member will make contact with you.

Sports.Results

 SENIOR NETBALL RESULTS - Sat 8th August		Score	Player of the Day
Plimmerton Galaxy vs	Discovery Diamonds	20-3	Jaya D
Plimmerton Foxes vs	TKMP Mura		
Plimmerton Diamonds vs	Discovery Ferns	8-2	Molly L

 JUNIOR NETBALL RESULTS - Sat 8th August		Score	Player of the Day
Plimmerton Dolphins vs		1-17	Isabel B
Plimmerton Tuis vs		4-6	Bella D
Plimmerton Keas vs		4-24	Maia N

 BASKETBALL RESULTS - Weds 12th & 19th August		Score	Player of the Day
Plimmerton School vs	CANCELLED CANCELLED	CANCELLED	CANCELLED
Plimmerton School vs	CANCELLED CANCELLED	CANCELLED	CANCELLED

 HOCKEY RESULTS - Sat 8th & 15th August		Score	Player of the Day
Plimmerton Lightning vs	Titahi Bay Jets	15-0	Skyla D
	Greenacres Rua	12-0	Hannah P
Plimmerton Thunder vs	Pauatahanui Hawks	14-1	Sam W
	Titahi Bay Jets	8-0	Petra H

 Futsal - Tues 11th Aug,		Score	Player of the Day
Plimmerton Hongoeka 2 vs	North Novas	16-0	Laith I

 Futsal - Weds 5th August		Score	Player of the Day
<i>Correction 5th Aug Win vs</i>	Adventure	1-0	Jake W

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