

# Te Kura o Taupō



## NEWSLETTER - week 1, term 4, 2020

### *From the Principal*

Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome to term 4. We hope you all had a lovely break exploring the great things our own backyard has to offer. Term 4 is a busy term with swimming, water awareness programmes and the end of year activities. Each syndicate will be sending home a newsletter this week outlining what is coming up this term. We also have a number of fundraising activities organised by our PTA which we would love your support with.

#### **PINK SHIRT DAY**

Tomorrow is Pink Shirt Day. Across New Zealand people will be wearing pink and joining together to “speak up, stand together and stop bullying.” We are encouraging students and staff to wear pink tomorrow to support this important message. Many classes will be taking part in activities around this theme.

#### **MATHATHON**

Thank you to everyone who has gathered sponsorship for our Mathathon. It would be great if we could have all sponsorship forms back to classroom teachers by Monday 19th October. The basic fact test will then be given to the students next week, after which your child’s results will be entered on the sponsorship form by their teacher. Your child will then bring home the sponsorship form so they can collect money from their sponsors. Please ensure each sponsor signs the form when the money is collected. The completed forms and money need to be back at school by the 30th October with either cash or eftpos at the office.

#### **CALENDAR ART**

Students have been busy creating some fabulous art for their calendars. You are able to order calendars, diaries, mouse pads and notepads with your child’s artwork on. Order forms went home last term however there are spare forms in the office. Orders must be in by Monday 19th October.

#### **SWIMMING**

Two days of swimming - this many lost goggles!! Please make sure your child's goggles are named.



## PŌWHIRI

Our second pōwhiri for the year will be held next week on **Tuesday 20 October at 9.15am**. New 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.

## PB4L - POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

### VALUES BEHAVIOUR

Plimmerton School is in our second year of implementing Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L). Positive Behaviour for Learning aims to provide a positive school climate and to create a supportive environment for personal, social and academic growth for students and staff.

Our students are focussing on our school values:

Whitireiatanga - We aim high

Manawa Titi - We are resilient

Manaakitanga - We are kind

Kaitiakitanga - We look after our place.

To support students in doing this teachers have identified behaviours for the whole school to focus on over a fortnight so that we do have a positive school climate and create a supportive environment.

In the last four weeks of Term 3 we focussed on :

- Following instructions
- Moving around the school.

This fortnight we are focussing on *Being aware of others and being aware of our surroundings*

Being aware of others and being aware of our surroundings Manaakitanga - We are kind	
Looks like	Sounds like
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Allowing adults to go first</li><li>• Opening the door for others</li><li>• Wait your turn to enter and exit shared spaces in the school</li><li>• Moving around quietly</li><li>• Walking around games in the playground not through them during school and break times</li><li>• Walking your wheels to and from the scooter and bike stands to the pedestrian crossing</li><li>• Being aware of other people on the footpath</li><li>• Only crossing on the pedestrian crossing</li><li>• Refraining from bouncing balls on the pedestrian crossing</li><li>• Keeping the footpath outside the shop clear</li><li>• Walking on the footpath to and from school</li><li>• Waiting patiently at bus stop and pedestrian crossing</li><li>• Moving over to the side of the footpath when someone is coming the other way</li><li>• Focussing on your surroundings not your screen</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Saying 'thank you,' 'excuse me,' 'you go first,' 'sorry I didn't see you'</li><li>• Standing quietly</li><li>• Saying 'thank you' to people who help you'</li><li>• Listening to road patrollers</li><li>• Use the appropriate volume and language when down at the shops</li><li>• Offering your help to people who need it</li></ul>

We would really appreciate the support of parents in implementing our values behaviour. You could do this by discussing what it looks and sounds like, with your child and encouraging them to demonstrate the behaviours that will create a positive school climate and create a supportive environment at Plimmerton School.

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## SUNSMART

In Term 4 all children should have a named sunhat. Sunhats need to provide sun protection to the ears, neck and face. Bucket hats, legionnaire caps or “cricket”-style hats are all suitable. Students without a hat will remain in shade areas during intervals. Suitable hats are available at the office for \$18. This can be added to your student account.

We also encourage students to drink plenty of fluid during this term; even bringing an extra water bottle can be a good idea. Keeping well hydrated helps prevent sunstroke, heat exhaustion and, most importantly, improves concentration!

## TEACHER ONLY DAYS THIS TERM

This is a reminder of two teacher only days scheduled for this term. These will be held on:

- Week 2 - Friday 23 October (the day before Labour Day weekend); and
- Week 5 - Friday 13 November.

## CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR NEXT YEAR

During this term we will be making up class lists for next year. We will be working hard to ensure that we have balanced classes in each area of the school. Positive learning relationships will be considered in this process. We are unable to consider requests for placements with friends or for specific teachers. Parents are requested not to contact me or any teacher to request placement of a child with a friend or with a particular teacher. Parents are welcome to contact me before the end of November if they wish to discuss any other additional needs that they think we may not be aware of and they would like considered in relation to the placement of their child. Students will be told who their teacher for next year will be on Monday 14 December and they will go to their new room and spend some time with their new teacher (where possible) and new classmates.

## CLASSROOM TEACHERS FOR 2021

Firstly, a welcome to Naomi Fairley. Naomi is currently at Paremata School and will be starting with us next year as a teacher in Taupō syndicate. Naomi is a highly respected and experienced senior school teacher. We are delighted to have her join our team.

We are also thrilled that Kate Walker and Larissa Cooney, who are currently in fixed term positions, will be continuing with us in 2021.

So our classrooms teachers for 2021 will be:

### Kōwhai:

Chelsea Jennings, Jeanelle Ymker, Kate Nicholson, Natasha Culevski, Shannon Fergusson, Yvette Pierce

### Mana:

Andrew Brown, Brendon Cross, Emma McClutchie, Kate Walker

### Hongoeka:

Dianne Khan, Larissa Cooney, Melissa Brown, Rebecca Courtney, Stephen Deluxe

### Taupō:

Andy Tate, Clayton Schimanski, Jo Verran, Katherine O’Neil, Naomi Fairley

## NETBALL

The netball season has finished and we would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and staff who coached and managed teams this year. Thank you also to the students who participated and demonstrated our school values throughout the season. Congratulations to our Plimmerton Navy team who won their grade.

Ngā mihi,  
Mike Forrest  
Tumuaki/Principal

## ***From the Board***

### **PLIMMERTON FARM AND THE FUTURE FOR OUT OF ZONE PLACES**

The plan change process for the planned Plimmerton Farm subdivision on the Cambourne side of State Highway One is continuing. Today Mike Forrest and a board representative spoke at the hearing in support of the school's submission.

The concerns we have are:

1. There is no confirmed schooling provision planned for Plimmerton Farm. The Ministry are currently looking into purchasing land for a school, and they have indicated to us that a new school is likely. This does not mean a school will be built.
2. There is no transition plan. If a new school is built, then Plimmerton School will need to accommodate an increased number of students while the number of students required for a new school to be built arrive and then once this happens while the school is built. This number is estimated to be an additional 300-400 students. This level of roll growth would put huge pressure on the existing school facilities.
3. Traffic management issues around the school at pick up and drop off times, particularly with the increased number of students.

While we are pleased with the understanding and empathy that we are receiving from the Porirua City Council and the Ministry of Education we remain deeply troubled by the lack of plan. We will continue to keep you updated.

In light of this issue the board has made the tough decision to not take any out of zone enrolments for the 2022 school year. The reason for this decision is that when the Ministry of Education assesses a school's capacity to decide if extra classrooms are needed, it does not count any out of zone students. As students attend the school for eight years we need to start the process of reducing out of zone numbers now. This is the best way we can prepare the school for what is coming.

We understand this news will be difficult for some of our families who are living out of zone, as it will have an impact for any of their preschool children who are siblings of current students. The board made the decision to bring this into effect from 2022 to give affected families some time to plan.

## ***PTA News***

Kia ora e te whānau

The PTA as usual is working hard in the background to keep earning the extra funds that keep our school running. This year has been a challenging environment to fundraise in with event restrictions and cancellations. It has been tough on us all and on the school finances!

The PTA has been working with the school to make a plan for the gala. Each year the gala has set up costs. These costs are comfortably covered by the profits earned on the day. This year with the risk of restrictions or even cancellation it doesn't feel prudent to spend this money in advance, as there is a risk the PTA could actually end up losing money. So this year we will be doing things a little differently.

### **Monster Garage Sale**

This will be held on Saturday 21 November. The Monster Garage sale will combine the white elephant, children and adults clothing stalls, toy stall, plants stall and book stall into a bargain bazaar held in the hall and neighbouring classrooms. Bargain hunters will be able to replenish themselves at the coffee cart, sausage sizzle and snack shop.

The aim is to make some money for the school from an event that can go ahead at level 1 or 2 and does not carry the risk of incurring debt if cancelled at level 3.

### **School Day Fun Fair**

This will be held on a school day in term four. It will be a day for some good old fashioned fun. There will be activities on the field run by staff and students, traditional picnic games and some exciting surprises for kids of all

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ages. The aim is to give students a chance to blow off some steam and have some fun after an uncertain and challenging year. This event will also be designed to go ahead at level 1 or 2.

The focus of the School Day Fun Fair is for students to have fun. We will need to cover our costs but are not aiming to make money out of this event. There will be a couple of optional fundraising activities that students will be able to participate in such as the jaffa roll, lucky keys and a sausage sizzle.

#### WHAT WE NEED:

**Goods to sell** - start putting aside your good quality items for us to sell.

**Volunteers** - for the monster garage sale to help run the stalls on the day and to help sort donated goods the week prior.

**Sponsorship** - both for the Monster Garage Sale and for Fun Fair prizes. The PTA will not be approaching business directly this year as we are conscious that this has been a hard year for a lot of businesses. However, if you or your business are keen to help, please do get in touch. We would love your help.

Please support these efforts in any way you possibly can. Everyone has a part to play, no matter how small it may seemingly appear.

Thank you  
Mel Clark  
PTA Chair

## CALENDAR ART

**Celebrate Creativity**

*All children are creative.  
Encourage this.  
The confidence to creatively make the most of life.  
A world changing every day, driven by imagination.  
To believe creativity is personal.  
That a square peg is OK in a World of round holes.*

*To see how proud their families are of them.  
On Granddad's office wall.  
Beside the phone in the kitchen.  
Self-esteem nurtured through a creative process.  
Shared with their teachers and classmates.  
Celebrated by their families.  
Kids' art, really works.*

**Calendar Art 2020**

The graphic includes a rainbow at the top, a girl with pigtails holding a paint palette, a purple butterfly, and a calendar for January 2021 with a landscape painting on the cover.

## 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. 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](#).

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## Sports News

### PARUMOANA INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

### YEAR 7 & 8 FINALS

	50m Freestyle	25m Breaststroke	50m Backstroke	25m Butterfly
Year 7 Girls	2nd Chloe	4th Chloe 7th Ellie	4th Angel 6th Aspen	6th Chloe 7th Angel
Year 7 Boys	1st Felix 11th James	1st Felix	6th Zac	1st Felix
Year 8 Girls	5th Niamh 7th Ruby	4th Holly 7th Ruby	3rd Holly	2nd Holly 5th Ruby
Year 8 Boys	7th Joe	10th Joe	5th Joe	
Relays	2nd Year 7 Girls 3rd Year 8 Boys			

If any student wants to know their individual times for any event, please see Chelsea Jennings in Room 16.

### KELLY SPORTS - FRIDAY AFTERNOONS

**BACK TO SCHOOL SPORTS! - TERM 4 (Yrs. 0-4) - Friday's 3:05-4:05pm**

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 4 with their fun and exciting classes. Come and try *Football, Basketball, Cricket, Ultimate Frisbee and Fun Games!* It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability.

We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. Learn the fundamental skills for all sports - throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more - all while having a great time!

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201

### MINIBALL AND BASKETBALL

The YMCA Miniball and Basketball competition at Te Rauparaha Arena started this week. Plimmerton School has eight teams across all year levels and we wish them well for their games.

## Community News

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Taika Waititi presents 'Baby Done' - starring Rose Matafeo and Matthew Lewis. A great night out for mums, dads and any grown ups who want to support our kindy.

Tickets \$25: visit <http://bit.ly/plimmovie2020> to book!

Doors open 7pm for nibbles, raffle and silent auctions; movie screens 8.30pm

Your ticket includes admission to the movie, plus a delightful array of nibbles and some awesome spot prizes.

Watch the trailer here: <https://youtu.be/26UNs0OUygM>

NB - In the event of Covid L2 restrictions, the movie viewing will be spread across two nights, 22nd and 29th Oct to allow for social distancing.

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