

Te Kura o Taupō



NEWSLETTER - week 7, term 4, 2020

From the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

In a year of ups and downs...

Katherine O'Neil, one of our lovely teachers in Taupō syndicate, has recently had a breast cancer diagnosis. Fortunately, after numerous medical assessments the outlook is looking positive and very treatable. Katherine will be starting chemotherapy soon and this will continue into term 1 next year. We are putting in place support to help Katherine and her family, and we are sure those in our school community who know Katherine will also rally around.

This term we have so far been fortunate to stay in Level 1, and continue with many school and inter school events - sometimes with some adaptations in case of changes in alert levels. News on some of those is in this newsletter, along with reminders of events coming up.

MONSTER GARAGE SALE THANK YOU

What a wonderfully successful Monster Garage Sale! There was a great turnout and lots of bargains bought! The profit is yet to be finalised but we do know that it is in excess of \$10,000 - an excellent result!

A big thank you to the large numbers of parents and friends of the school who worked together to create this event. The day ran very smoothly thanks to the hard work that went on to prepare for the day. Congratulations to the P.T.A. and a huge thank you to all helpers and supporters. Special thanks must go to the coordinating team who worked so hard in a challenging year. Congratulations to them and the many workers - Thank you all.

We sincerely thank our major Sponsor 'Harcourts Real Estate' and all the other generous sponsors who supported the Monster Garage Sale - they are all listed on our [website](#). Please take the time to look at this list and make an effort to support the businesses that support our school.

FUN DAY TOMORROW

Tomorrow is our school fun day. This is an opportunity for the students to participate in some of the fun activities we would have normally had at our gala day, had it been a "normal" year. We are looking forward to having lots of fun together as a whole school. Activities will run from 11 am till 1 pm. There will be plenty of food for students to purchase for their lunch, lots of free activities that will have prizes and some activities that will require money to participate in.

- Jaffa Roll - \$1 per jaffa and \$50 prize
- Lucky Key - \$ 2 per key and \$100 prize
- Mystery Jars - \$2 each

Food on sale will include:

- ice blocks - \$1
- potato chips - \$2
- drinks - \$2
- sausage sizzle - \$2 (Kōwhai and Mana Teachers will collect pre orders for delivery at lunch time)
- Home made sweets and decorated cupcakes - \$2

We welcome parents of Kōwhai students who would like to come along and support the children as they manage their money and enjoy their day. We do kindly ask that you do not bring pre-school children with you.

MATHATHON - Room 11 \$766.00

Congratulations to the students in Room 11 who raised \$766.00, the most money from a class for the Mathathon. Your class prize is coming - Jill is busy baking that yummy cake!

HONGOEKA AND TAUPŌ SPEECH FINALS

Hongoeka and Taupo syndicates have been writing and presenting speeches this term and had their finals last week. The finalists' speeches were all well written and rehearsed, and presented with great presence.

Congratulations to James Morahan (Taupo syndicate) and Chloe Moreton (Hongoeka syndicate) who will be representing Plimmerton School at the Parumoana speech contest tomorrow morning and will present their speeches at the week 9 assembly. Good luck to you both.

ROAD PATROL



Thank you to the Year 7 and 8 students who volunteered to do road patrol this year. They have been a responsible and reliable group of students who have given up their time after school to keep our students safe. Please say a nice thank you to them as you use the patrols over the last few weeks of term.

We will soon be inviting students from Years 6 and 7 who are interested in doing road patrol next year to complete a form. These forms will be available tomorrow. Students will be trained on the first day of the new school year. We are also interested in hearing from parents who would be available to support the road patrol, after school, on one day per fortnight. Please contact Rosemary Oxnam if you are interested. (rosemaryo@plimmerton.school.nz)

END OF YEAR EVENTS

- **Library Books:** please return all school library books by Friday of week 8 - Friday 4 December
- **Christmas Concert** The school End of Year concert will be held on Wednesday 9th December at 6pm. This will be on the courts and turf, with the library deck as the stage area. Families are invited to have a picnic on the field or the courts from 5pm onwards and students will be asked to go to their designated areas at 5.45pm. Students are encouraged to wear Christmas attire. **If the weather is iffy** we will make the call at Midday to cancel and an email will be sent out to parents.
- **Reports emailed home** Teachers are currently writing an "End of Year Summary Report " for each student in their class. These reports are designed to provide parents/caregivers and students with an overview of progress and achievement attained in the year completed. In the past these have been sent home with the students, however, this year the reports will be emailed home to parents/caregivers on Monday 14th December.
- **Visiting next year's classroom** We are busy sorting out class placements for next year. Students will be told who their teacher for next year will be on Monday 14th December and they will go to their new room and spend some time with their new teacher (where possible), and their new class. To help with the transitioning into new syndicates students will also have the opportunity to attend a hui with their new syndicate during the final week of school.
- **Year 8 Leavers' Dinner** On Monday 14th December the Year 8 leavers will be celebrating the end of their journey at Plimmerton School with a special leavers dinner. A group of parents have been busy organising this event which this year is being held at the Plimmerton Boating Club. This is a lovely opportunity for our Year 8s to get together before they head off to various colleges next year. A special thanks to the Taupō staff and the parents who have been working hard to make sure this is a memorable and special event.
- **Final School Assembly: Leavers' Poroporoaki** The final assembly will be held at 11:00am on Thursday 17th December. This is traditionally our most formal occasion of the year and the assembly will be attended by the Board of Trustees and a great number of parents. The assembly usually takes approx. 1 hour and the occasion is used to officially farewell our Year 8 students and other leavers. In Level 1 all parents and friends of the school are very welcome to attend.
- **School finishing at 12 noon on Thursday 17th December** School will finish immediately after the final assembly at approx. 12:00 midday. If you have an After School Care booking on the last day, please let the supervisor know if your child needs care on the last afternoon.

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2021 TERM DATES & TEACHER ONLY DAYS

School will commence at 9:00am on Wednesday 3 February. The Ministry of Education provided all schools with the opportunity to take 8 teacher only days over 2020-2022. We will be taking 3 of the teacher only days next year. 2021 term dates, holidays and teacher only days are below:

	START DATE	END DATE	HOLIDAYS and TEACHER ONLY DAYS
Term 1 - 11 weeks	Wednesday 3 February	Friday 16 April	Holidays: Waitangi Day 6 Feb, Good Friday 2 April, Easter Monday 5 April and Easter Tuesday 6 April School Holidays: Saturday 17 April - Sunday 2 May (includes ANZAC).
Term 2 - 10 weeks	Monday 3 May	Friday 9 July	Teacher Only Day: Friday 4 June Public holiday: Queen's Birthday 7 June School Holidays: Sat 10 July – Sun 25 July
Term 3 - 10 weeks	Monday 26 July	Friday 1 October	School Holidays: Saturday 2 October – Sunday 17 October
Term 4 - 9 weeks	Monday 18 October	Wednesday 15 December	Public holidays: Labour Day Monday 25 October Teacher Only Days: Tuesday 26 October & Friday 26 November School Summer Holidays begin: Thursday 16 December

ICEBLOCKS - YEAR 8 LEAVERS DINNER FUNDRAISING



The year 8 leavers fundraising for their leavers dinner continues. They are selling ice-blocks at lunch time on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The ice blocks are \$1. Mana and Kowhai students can order in class in the morning and their ice blocks will be delivered to their class. Hongoeka and Taupo students will purchase their ice blocks from tables set up on the courtyard.

Week 8: Tuesday 1 December, Wednesday 2nd December, Thursday 3 December

Ngā mihi,
Mike Forrest
Tumuaki/Principal

Sports News

PARUMOANA ATHLETIC SPORTS

A team of Hongoeka and Taupō students competed at the interschool athletics on Thursday 12 November. Many of our students were placed in the top 3 in their events. Plimmerton School won the trophy for the most points overall. Results are below. A special Mention to Nick Allott who broke the high jump record. Miss Cooney and Miss J were very proud of the way the students competed and represented our school.

Thank you to the parents who provided transport. Good luck to those heading to the regionals next week.

Year 8 Boys

Lui TT: 2nd 100m Sprint, 3rd Long Jump, 2nd Discus, 1st Shot Put
Nicholas A: 1st High Jump
Brodie T: 3rd Vortex Throw
Maui P: 3rd 1500m Race

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Year 8 Girls

Holly M: 3rd 100m Sprint, 1st= High Jump, 2nd Y7/8 4x100m relay

Chloe T: 3rd Long Jump

Annamieka M: 2nd Y7/8 4x100m relay

Year 7 Boys

Zack K: 1st 100m Sprint, 1st 200m Sprint, 2nd High Jump, 2nd 1500m Race

Kevin M: 3rd 200m Sprint

Felix T: 1st Discus, 2nd Vortex Throw, 2nd Shot put

Year 7 Girls

Lily-Grace B: 1st 100m Sprint, 2nd 200m, 1st Vortex Throw, 2nd Y7/8 4x100m relay

Ava M: 1st Long Jump, 1st= High Jump, 3rd Vortex Throw

Zara T: 2nd Long Jump, 1st= High Jump, 2nd Discus, 3rd Shot Put

Chloe S: 2nd Y7/8 4x100m relay

Year 6 Boys

Toby O: 3rd 80m Sprint, 3rd 150m Sprint, 1st Long Jump, 1st High Jump

Samuel K: 2nd Vortex Throw

Year 6 Girls

Pippa C: 2nd Long Jump

Year 5 Boys

Asher T: 1st 80m Sprint, 3rd Shot Put

Charlie H: 2nd 150m Sprint, 1st Long Jump

Year 5 Girls

Aaliyah C: 3rd 80m Sprint

Jessica W: 1st Long Jump, 3rd High Jump, 1st Quoit throw, 2nd 800m Race

Madison L: 2nd Vortex Throw

2020 MANA SYNDICATE SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

On Friday 20 November Mana syndicate had their annual swimming sports at Cannons Creek Pool. There were a lot of races, lots of cheering people on and lots of parent support. Thank you to all the parent helpers. We couldn't have done it without you. The children all enjoyed themselves and we're proud of their efforts.

Top 3 places:

Breaststroke length: Girls: Molly P, Charlotte T, Anya L Boys: Oliver S-C, Quincy M, Phineas

Freestyle length: Girls: Hana B, Molly P, Cassidy H Boys: Oliver S-C, Isaia, Robbie T

Backstroke length: Girls: Molly P, Lana, 3= Charlotte T & Alex R Boys: Oliver S-C, Phineas, Maxx T

Length House Relay: Rata, Totara, Kauri

Length Class Freestyle Relay: Room 10, Room 11, Room 13

Length Class Medley Relay: Room 13, Room 10, Room 11

Freestyle Width: Girls: Addison T, Taylor D, Arabella L-F Boys: Benson F, Kymani B, Gordon L

Backstroke Width: Girls: Greta F, Taylor D, Luciana M Boys: Gordon L, Tana R, Harsh S

Width House Relay: Ngaio, Rata, Totara

Width Class Freestyle Relay: Room 11, Room 12, Room 10

PTA News

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