



## PANUI - NEWSLETTER - week 1, term 1, 2021

### *From the Principal*

Kia ora e te whānau,

We have had a great first few days back at school. Lots of smiling happy children, settling quickly back into school programmes, and a lovely positive feel in the playground as friends reconnect after the break.

#### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - HUI-Ā-KURA

Our next hui-ā-kura will be on Friday, at 9.10am (Friday 12 February). 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 whānau and friends are most welcome to attend.

#### PŌWHIRI

Our first pōwhiri for the year will be held in week 3 on **Tuesday 16 February at 9.15am**. New staff, 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. 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.

#### SCHOOL CROSSING

Yesterday our **new student patrollers** trained with Sue Bush, the School Liaison Police Officer. Please support our School patrollers by being considerate and following their instructions when they operate after school.

Please also be considerate of the students crossing in the morning when it is not manned. Sadly, yesterday one of our students was sworn at by an impatient driver while he was waiting to cross. Extremely disappointing behaviour! If you witness anything like this please come and report it to the school office. Schools can submit crossing infringement forms to the police about this sort of behaviour, and if the driver is known or there is a registration number it will be followed up. Fortunately the vast majority of drivers are very mindful and considerate of students before and after school.



#### OUR SCHOOL PATROL NEEDS YOUR HELP PLEASE!

We have some fabulous adult volunteers signed up to help on the school crossing after school. We would love to have a few more volunteers to roster on. If you are willing and able to help out between 2.45 and 3.15pm about once a fortnight, then please contact [Rosemary Oxnam](mailto:Rosemary.Oxnam).

#### OUR LIBRARY NEEDS YOUR HELP PLEASE!

Do you have a little bit of spare time and could volunteer to cover some books? We have purchased some new books and to help them last as long as possible, we need to cover them. If you volunteer, Liz will make up a pack of approx 10 books with the wrap and you can take them home and then bring them back when done. Please email [library@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:library@plimmerton.school.nz). Thank you in advance.

Ngā mihi  
Mike Forrest, Tumuaki - Principal

## PTA News

### FIRST MEETING FOR 2021

Why not try the PTA? Our first meeting this year will be on Tuesday, 9th February, 7.30pm in the staffroom. We are very keen to have new parents join us this year.

### PLIMMERTON PTA SCHOOL TRIATHLON

Sunday 7 March 2021

**Registrations now open!** Please follow this link for individual and team entries: [Click here to register](#)

The Plimmerton School Triathlon is a fun, have a go event for all children in the area. Children from other schools are welcome to enter. The focus is on fun, having a go and trying your best.

**DATE:** Sunday 7 March 2021 with first race starting at 9.00 a.m. (11 to 13-year-olds)

**LOCATION:** Plimmerton School

**ENTRY AGE:** Entry is open for 5-13 year olds with both individual and team options available



### EVENT DISTANCES

11-13 Years: Run 4 laps (1.6km); Bike 4 laps (1.2km); Swim 12 lengths

9 to 10 years: Run 3 laps (1.2km); Bike 3 laps (900m); Swim 6 lengths

7 to 8 Years: Run 2 laps (800m); Bike 2 laps (600m); Swim 4 lengths

5 to 6 Years: Run 1 lap (400m); Bike 1 lap (300m); Swim 2 lengths

Course map: [click here](#)

Further event information: [click here](#)

Many thanks to our major sponsor [Easyswim Swim School](#).

For further information please contact Pete Barton, Event Director on 0220670357 or [plimmertonschooltriathlon@gmail.com](mailto:plimmertonschooltriathlon@gmail.com).

## Community News

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

## Want to play Football??



Registration for **PUKERUA BAY SOCCER CLUB** for grades 5 (turning 5 in 2020) to 14 is now open:

- Registration closes 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021.
- Low Registration Fees: \$50 for grades 5&6, \$90 for grades 7-12 and \$100 for grades 13&14 (mixed competition), \$100 for Sunday girls' competition. Includes Nike shirt and shorts. Family discounts available!
- Practices potentially in Pukerua Bay and/or Plimmerton (or wherever most suitable for team).

To register or for more information visit [www.pukeruabaysoccer.org.nz/](http://www.pukeruabaysoccer.org.nz/) or call **Iain Maclean** (0274203056) or **Neil Snowling** (0212291739) or email [pkb@pukeruabaysoccer.org.nz](mailto:pkb@pukeruabaysoccer.org.nz).