



NEWSLETTER - week 7, term 1, 2020

From the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

It certainly is challenging times at the moment, as we all navigate the impacts of the covid 19 pandemic. We are grateful for the calm and supportive way that you, our community, have responded, despite the stress and uncertainty. Our whole staff has been magnificent as we help our students understand good hygiene practices without making them over-anxious about the situation. For those that may not have seen it here is a [link](#) to our last email update sent out on Tuesday.

SUPPORT OUR PTA

As the saying goes, it takes a village to raise a child. The same goes for raising funds to benefit the school and all our kids. Come along to the PTA meeting on Tuesday 7 April, 7.30pm in the staffroom to meet the parents and staff who work as a team to come up with fun ways to raise money to give Plimmerton School students the best possible opportunities. We need fresh ideas and would love your input. It's also a great way to make connections with other parents and be involved in your tamariki's schooling.

SPORTS EVENTS

Due to covid 19 situation the following sports have been affected:

- Year 3-8 Rip Rugby Tournament (24 March) cancelled.
- Hongoeka and Taupō swimming sports (week 10) postponed, possibly term 3.
- All school and community netball (trials, games, practices) suspended until 2 May
- All school and community hockey (trials, games, practices) suspended until 2 May

ALTERNATIVE TRYATHLON



With the Weetbix tryathlon cancelled at the weekend a few intrepid adventurers decided to create their own mini tryathlon! A short swim in the sea, followed by a bike ride to Hongoeka marae and topped off with a run round Karehana Park. Lots of others also had their own mini tryathlons. Great work Try-Athletes!

A very good example of manawa tītī! - Resilience! And nice to have a great example of not letting the situation take over from what we can do.

SEEKING PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for some adult volunteers to either make up some maths resources (please email [Jill Symonds](#)) or to train for our reading support programme which will start when appropriate (please email [Rosemary Oxnam](#)).

MOVIN MARCH

Movin March is an initiative by the Greater Wellington Regional Council and supported by the Porirua City Council. It celebrates the benefits of students getting active. The student council have been at the gate and the snicket every morning this week stamping students Movin March passports, if they walked, scooted or cycled to school. Student council members will continue to be at the gate stamping passports until Tuesday 31st march. Once a student's passport is full they will be collected and will be in the draw to win some great prizes.



Olive, Hope and Eda, 3 of our Student Council members ready to stamp passports for Movin March.

*Ngā mihi,
Mike Forrest,
Tumuaki - Principal*

PTA News

In 2019 the Plimmerton School Parent Teacher Association presented the amount of \$70,000 to the Board of Trustees. This was raised by your support of events like the Craft Beer Fair, the Quiz Night and of course our amazingly successful Gala.

Some of the stalwarts of the PTA have moved on now as their children are attending college. This means that to continue to be able to provide Plimmerton School with additional resources and staffing not funded by the Ministry we need active innovative parents to join the PTA. The resources we have which make us a desirable school, have been contributed to by parents who want to make a difference for their child and their learning.

We would like to invite you to the Annual General Meeting of the PTA which will be held in the Staffroom at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 7th April. This brief meeting will be followed by our monthly meeting. Even if you would just like to come to find out more about the PTA's role at Plimmerton School please know you will be made very welcome at this meeting.

If you have any queries please contact Katrin Ellison 02108001086 or Rosemary Oxnam on 2338677 ext 9.

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Community News

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

PORIRUA HARBOUR CLEAN-UP — LOVE YOUR COAST 2020 - WELLINGTON REGION



WHEN: Saturday 4 April, 12.00 - 2.00pm

WHERE: Porirua Harbour

ADMISSION: Free

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