



NEWSLETTER - week 5, term 4, 2020

From the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

One week until the PTA Monster Garage Sale! Drop off of donated goods at the school is available this weekend (Saturday 12-4pm and Sunday 12-4pm). For more information on the goods we are accepting and other drop off times see the [notice later in this newsletter](#). Please support our fabulous PTA!

PTA PLIMMERTON VOICES

Thank you to the PTA for organising the inaugural “Plimmerton Voices” event last Friday night. A special thank you to Salina Ghazally for coordinating this event and doing an outstanding job as compere for the evening. Thank you to the presenters who gave us all a very interesting and entertaining insight into the amazing area we live in. We look forward to making this a yearly event and highly recommend it as an informative and entertaining night out.

MATHATHON - CURRENT TOTAL \$5913.25

Wow!! 😊 Thank you to all the students and parents who have contributed to the mathathon. These funds help us to continue providing great maths resources across the school, including a subscription to the online resource "Mathletics" for all students in Years 5 to 8. We look forward to presenting an acknowledgement to the class who raised the most money (as an average per child) at the next assembly. Any outstanding money can be returned to school with either cash or eftpos at the office.

CLASSROOM SOUNDFIELD SYSTEM

Thanks to the Lions Club of Mana for their generous donation that has contributed to the purchase of a new phonak sound field system that will support a student with a hearing impairment.



SWIMMING POOL

Our very grateful thanks to the generous support of school parents, Symon and Shaye Pierce and Paremata Spa and Pool for their very generous donation of time and pool equipment. Their support has enabled our pool to keep operating this season.

We are looking forward to a likely upgrade of this facility in 2021 - more news to come as we finalise property plans with the Ministry of Education.

NEW BOARD MEMBER - RAJ KRISHNAN

The board welcomes Raj Krishnan as a new member of the team, filling the recently advertised casual vacancy. Many of you will know Raj from his ongoing involvement with the school. Raj brings a wealth of experience from his professional life and the board believes he will make a great addition to the team.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FORMER PUPILS

At last night's Aotea College Senior Prize-giving it was announced that Jemma Brisk will be Head Girl and Max Weinstein will be Deputy Head Boy in 2021. Congratulations to both of these former Plimmerton School students for their great achievements.

END OF YEAR CONCERT - DATE FOR THE DIARY

Our end of year concert will be held on **Wednesday 9th December from 6-7 pm**. This is an opportunity for the bands, syndicate choirs and kapa haka to perform for their friends and whānau. This is also an opportunity for our whānau to connect with other families before the end of the year, and of course, join in with a few favourite Christmas season songs! Everyone is invited to come early and picnic at school before the concert begins. Students are encouraged to wear some Christmas decorations.

BIKES AFTER SCHOOL - STEYNE AVE

Thank you to all the students who are remembering to walk their bikes and scooters on School Road. The footpath on Steyne Avenue is also a very busy place after school, so we ask that students please show the same courtesy for pedestrians here as well.

SCHOOL DRIVEWAY SAFETY

The barrier arm at the bottom of the driveway has now been fixed. We ask that where possible do not drive up the drive. If essential (say for dropping off donated goods for the Monster Garage Sale) please do not use the driveway between 8:30-9:00 am, and 3:00-3:30 pm and during school break times (11:00 -11.20am & 1:00pm - 2:00pm), for the safety of our students.

VAPING AT SCHOOL - NEW LEGISLATION

Vaping has now become prohibited at schools and early childcare centres. This includes inside all buildings and all parts of the school grounds at all times. This came into force this week as part of the [Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products \(Vaping\) Amendment Act 2020](#). New smokefree signage that also includes vaping will be available for schools to install sometime early next year.

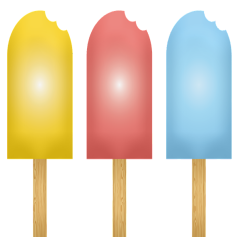
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THE INFLUENCERS - TAUPŌ SYNDICATE MOVIE DOWNLOAD ORDERS

Thank you to all the family and friends who supported the Taupo movie nights. If you would like to purchase a copy of the movie follow the instructions [here](#).

Synopsis of the movie ([trailer link](#))

What would you do if you got stuck in the past? When a normal day turns to the worst. Four kids struggling to find their way back to the present day. Now knowing people have been watching their every move, living next to them, talking to them without them ever knowing they were there. Going back to their everyday lives will never be the same.



ICEBLOCKS - YEAR 8 LEAVERS DINNER FUNDRAISING

The year 8 leavers will be fundraising over the next few weeks for their leavers dinner. 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 6: Tuesday 17 November,	Wednesday 18 November,	Friday 20 November
Week 7: Tuesday 24 November,	Wednesday 25 November,	Thursday 26 November
Week 8: Tuesday 1 December,	Wednesday 2nd December,	Thursday 3 December

Ngā mihi,
Mike Forrest
Tumuaki/Principal

Student News

CHESS TOURNAMENT 2020

On 9th November, twelve students in Hongoeka Syndicate went to the NZCF Primary Chess Competition at Newlands School. Plimmerton School was split up into three teams; Plimmerton A, B and C. Plimmerton A did very well and came 9th place. Sometimes the Plimmerton teams played each other.

Overall it was a fun experience and we'd love to do it again next year.

By Kyla Thomson and Ziya Omar.



KIDS LITERACY QUIZ COMPETITION 2020

On Wednesday 14th of October, eight Year 8 students went to the 2020 Kid's Literacy Quiz at Samuel Marsden Collegiate in Karori. Team One was Nala Trist, Lauree Penty, Ruby Keene and Aurora Gritt. Team Two was Holly McManaway, Gaby Verran, Annamieka Moreton and Molly Lauder.



There were one hundred questions altogether separated into ten categories, which included Buildings, Dogs, Dragons and Classics. Surprisingly the easiest category was Cats and the hardest was Fathers.

We all had a really good time at the Quiz. This is an experience that none of us will ever forget. Thanks so much to Liz Nichols and Seren Penty for taking us to the

event. Extra thanks to Trish and Liz for having the lunchtime practices with us and giving us the opportunity to go to something as special as this.



By Gaby and Holly.

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Student Work

THE TSUNAMI

It was that time again... our annual surfing trip to Devon.

While my parents packed the suitcases and loaded up the car for the long journey ahead, we chatted excitedly about what an incredible holiday this was going to be!

Not too long into the journey, the beautiful clear blue sky became dark and ominous.

All of a sudden crashing towards the long line of traffic was a colossal wave, not the kind you'd want to catch on a board either.

Desperately people raced wildly out of their cars, running, screaming, and panicking, yet as I looked to my left I saw a man...

He just stood there calmly, no worry at all, not a care in the air as the wave came thundering down, the earth starts to shake.

The waves started to fight against the man. He stood still.

He waved his staff, and as the wave started to drift back into the distance we turned around and went home.

And from now, I am only catching a plane to Devon, and now that I am safe in my own home I can say The End...

By Orlando

PTA News

MONSTER GARAGE SALE

Plimmerton School PTA - Monster Garage Sale

When: November 21st 2020, 10am - 3pm

Where: Plimmerton School.

**This weekend the hall is open for drop off of donations,
Saturday and Sunday 12-4pm!**

Important info:

From Monday 16th November, we ask that you do not attempt to drop off your donations during school break times (11-11.20am & 1pm - 2pm), Immediately before or after school, as the safety of students is priority.

We are accepting donations of good quality Furniture, Appliances, Sporting gear, Kitchenware, Linen, Adults and Kids clothes, Books, Toys.

Please **do not** donate Computers, TVs, Printers.

Items need to be resalable, clean and not broken - if in doubt leave it out!

As far as clothing donations go, we ask that the items be clean, free from stains, rips, mould. Please if possible separate kids and adults clothing.

Absolutely NO underwear adults or childrens!, no bras, no pantyhose, no jocks, no swimwear. **No Shoes.**

We still require more helpers - please get in touch if you can if you are able to help with sorting donations during the week, or would like to help on the day of the Monster Garage Sale, please email Aleida van son to arrange. alidav@plimmerton.school.nz

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Community News

FORMER STUDENT - ELLA WOOD

Congratulations to one of our former students, Ella Wood, who will be releasing her new single at the Supply Room on 6 December. <https://www.facebook.com/events/804788490357251/>

PLIMMERTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION BIG SPRING CLEAN

Sunday 15 November 9.30am

Meet at the community shed in Plimmerton Domain

All welcome!

Sausage sizzle to follow, done and dusted before midday.

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