



PANUI - NEWSLETTER - week 2, term 3, 2021

From the Tumuaki - Principal

Kia ora e te whānau

It was great to welcome back all our students for term 3 which looks to be a very busy 10 weeks. Mana and Hongoeka syndicate have their production underway and we look forward to seeing all their hard work come to fruition in week 7.

OUT OF ZONE PLACES FOR 2022

At the last board of trustees meeting it was agreed that there are unlikely to be any out of zone places for students in 2022. This is in line with the board's decision not to take out of zone students from 2022, as reported in the 20 October newsletter last year.

To be clear about what this means for **families who currently live outside the school zone**:

- Any students who are already attending school will not be affected.
- Any younger brothers or sisters not yet at school who were offered an out of zone placement for this year will not be affected and can still enrol.
- Any younger brothers or sisters not yet at school, who will start school in 2022 or future years, will not be able to enrol at Plimmerton School.

The board has to make long term preparations for the increased roll growth expected from the Plimmerton Farm and Grays Farm developments. The Ministry of Education has been clear that they expect our school to accommodate a further 250+ students in the short to medium term before they will consider opening a new school. When the Ministry 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.

IN ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR 2022 & STUDENT LEAVERS

It is that time of year when we start to plan for the number of classes in each syndicate for next year. Having a clear picture of 'leavers and arrivers' helps us to keep classes to an appropriate size.

Do you have a child starting school in 2022?: To pre-enrol your child (or check if they are already pre-enrolled) please contact the school office or go to the enrolment page of the school website.
If you know of any friends or family in our zone who may not have pre-enrolled their child please encourage them to contact us too.

Do you have a child (Year 1 to Year 7) leaving our school during, or at the end of 2021? Please advise the school office so that we can prepare the appropriate transfer information.

LOST PROPERTY

All unnamed lost property from the office corridor and after school care will be donated at the end of the week if not collected by then.

An Aotea College girl's white shirt was picked up from the footpath in Bodmin Terrace about a week ago. One of our students picked it up and brought it to school. It has been washed and is at the school office. Unfortunately there is no name on it.

PŌWHIRI

This term's pōwhiri will be held next week on **Tuesday 10 August 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.

MATHATHON

Thank you to all those families that are supporting their children to practise their basic facts at home and collecting sponsorship for our mathathon. The students will be tested in their class next week and the total correct will be shared with parents so the sponsorship can be collected. The completed forms and money need to be back at school by Friday 20th August.

MID YEAR PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

The first round of mid year interviews were held on Wednesday night and the second round will be next Wednesday 11th August. If you have not yet booked an interview with your child's teacher you can do so for next week via [this link](#). The code is 4mjgk.

OPEN NIGHT AT THE TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

The Technology Centre will be open next Wednesday night during parent interviews. This is a great opportunity for students and their whanau to have a look at the 5 different technology classrooms, and meet the teachers that work there. The technology teachers will be available to talk about their programmes and share some of the students' work. The technology programme is for Year 7 and 8 students, but the open night is for students and whanau of all students in Taupō and Hongoeka syndicates. Taupō students can show their parents what they do in Technology, and Hongoeka students and parents can get an idea of what technology is all about before they start classes there in Year 7.



FUTURE OLYMPIANS

I'm sure many of you have been enjoying watching the Olympics over the past couple of weeks and in particular celebrating the success of some of our kiwi athletes.

A number of students from Plimmerton School have also been excelling in their chosen sports. Jessica Woodside (pictured) and Epiny Roswell represented Wellington at the 2021 New Zealand Gymnastic championships in Auckland. Epiny competed in the 13-14 years Women's Individual Trampoline and Jessica in the Step 5 Women's Artistic Gymnastics. Jessica had an outstanding competition placing second in the vault and second in the beam. She also got the top all around total score to become the Step 5 Women's Artistic Gymnastic National Champion. At the closing ceremony Jessica was also awarded the Tony Quirk Trophy for Women's Artistic Gymnastic Junior Gymnast with the highest E (Execution) score.

Congratulations also to Laith Ismail who has been selected for the Wellington U13 representative hockey team.

TAUPŌ SOCIAL

Finally Taupō got to hold their syndicate social last Friday night. It was a fantastic night with a near 100% turnout. The theme was the “Wild Wild West” and the hall looked the part complete with hay bails. Students had been practicing dances as part of the physical education curriculum and a highlight of the night was showing off their line dance and waltz to their parents. A special thank you to the wonderful students on the organising committee who did an awesome job. Thank you also to Johanna Merinheimo for taking some beautiful photos.

RED NOSE DAY

The Kelly Club which operates our breakfast club and after school care organised a “Red Nose Day” today. It was lovely to see so many students come through the gate this morning wearing red to support the Cure Kids fundraiser. This year Cure Kids hopes to raise \$1,000,000 to fund research into a wide range of health conditions to improve, extend and save the lives of children in Aotearoa. Officially the Red Nose Appeal day is July 30th but because this clashes with other events our Kelly Club held it today.

WIG WEDNESDAY

We will celebrate Wig Wednesday on Wednesday September 1st. Students can wear a wig to school or decorate their hair in a funky style to support kiwi kids with cancer. More details will be in our next newsletter but mark this date on your calendars.

PINK RIBBON BREAKFAST

The fundraising group on the student council hosted a pink ribbon breakfast for staff. They raised over \$300 for breast cancer research. Thank you to Paremata New World for donating the bacon and Shevington Farms in Otaki for donating the eggs.



PATAKA TRIP

A group of students represented Plimmerton School at the Kahui Ako Ropu at Pataka at the end of last term. They learnt about their whakapapa and made hei tiki. They explored the exhibit, Whiti Te Ra, learning about Ngati Toa Rangatira and Kupe’s great navigation from Hawaiki. In the picture the students are with the anchor stone that Kupe left on the shores of Porirua.

Kayleigh-Rose, Lenaia, Jamal, Ollie, Maddison, Lily and Aaliyah at Pataka

Library News

This week in the library, students have been issued with their pizza wheels for the Hell Pizza Reading Challenge. Please support and encourage your child to participate. Seven books read in return for a free pizza. A great initiative from Hell Pizza.

We have an amazing selection of brand new books on display this week. Ask your child who Joan Wiffen was. They might also be able to tell you about the Mt Tarawera eruption of 1886, show you new Karate moves or talk about the beautiful illustrations in Ella Bella Ballerina and Swan Lake.



A huge thank you to all those families who have already ordered their scholastic books. Orders close on Friday 13th August. There are spare catalogues in the library and at reception if needed. ALL ORDERS MUST BE MADE ON-LINE. The school office will not accept orders. Simply log-in to mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz and click ORDER in the top menu (or REGISTER first to save your details for next time). You then select Plimmerton School and your child's class. Add your child's first name and last initial, and the item numbers from the catalogue. All orders will be delivered to school. If you have any problems, either see Sarah in the library or contact scholastic at bookclub@scholastic.co.nz; phone: 0800 266 525.

Thank you for your support.

Sarah (library@plimmerton.school.nz)

PTA News

TWO WEEKS TO THE PTA DANCE PARTY! BOOK THE DATE



Sports News

INDOOR NETBALL YRS 3 & 4

Where: Porirua Kennel Club, Elsdon

When: Soon...tbc...depending on interest.

Up to 8 players per team.

If your child is interested in playing, please email the office to add your name to the list.

office@plimmerton.school.nz



PLAY LIKE A SPORTS HERO! – TERM 3 (Yrs. 0-4) – Friday's 3.05pm-4.05pm (STARTS FRIDAY 6 August 2021 WEEK 2!)

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 3 Week 2 with their fun and exciting classes.

This term we will focus on the following sports: ***Football, Hockey, Ultimate Frisbee and Dodgeball!***

This weekly programme gives children the skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future. It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability.!

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit:

[KellySportsPlimmerton](https://www.kellysports.co.nz) email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

Kind regards

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