

# Kōwhai Syndicate News

Term 1 2022



**Kia Ora and welcome to Kowhai Syndicate.**

*Welcome back to school. We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning.*

## Our Team

This year we are delighted to have Lisa Cuttance joining us in Room 3 and Lisa Cowley joining us in Room 4.

<b>Room 3</b>	Year 1/2	Lisa Cuttance	lisac@plimmerton.school.nz
<b>Room 4</b>	Year 1	Lisa Cowley	lisaco@plimmerton.school.nz
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<b>Room 6</b>	Year 1	Shannon Ferguson	shannonf@plimmerton.school.nz

## Important Information

### Communication

*Communication from school will be sent by email, the school app and is on the website.*

*Staff are generally available before and after school if you have any questions or queries. We start teaching at 8.55am.*

*Please ask or email for an appointment if you need one.*

*Please do talk to us, we would rather sort out any queries or problems before they become bigger. It is also helpful for us to know of any significant events happening at home that may affect your child at school.*

### Seesaw

*Seesaw is a digital portfolio where we share what your child is learning at school. It's really exciting for students when they receive feedback on what they share so please check in when you can! Your class teacher will get in touch on how to join the journey!*

*Please remember up to 10 family members can sign up, there is also an option to translate text in 55 languages.*



### Arriving at School

*It is important that your child is at school on time each day.*

*The first bell rings at 8.55am. Arriving before this bell gives children time to put their belongings in the correct places themselves, and have time to settle in for the day ahead.*

*SCHOOL OPENING TIME FOR STUDENT ARRIVAL - Students should arrive at school after 8.30am. There is an 8.30am bell. While many teachers are at school before that time, they are busy preparing for the day or in meetings and are often not in the classroom. This means we are not able to supervise students before 8.30am.*

### Homework

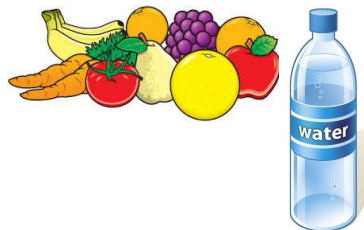
*Homework to support your child's learning in Structured Literacy is in their homework book. There will be a one page sheet of homework each week to practise*



what they have learnt in class. Please send the homework book back to school each day and encourage your child to be independent and responsible for their bookbag. Please continue to read to your children as well. This is a great opportunity to model good reading, develop comprehension, extend vocabulary and instill a love of books. Remember - there is no app to replace your lap! Regularly practising number knowledge is important as this is key to making progress in mathematics.

### Snack time

Each class has a snack time around 10am to keep our brains ticking. Your child will need a snack of fruit, nuts or vegetables each day. It may be worth putting this in a separate container.



### Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle each day.

### Slip, Slop, Slap

Children are required to wear sun hats and sunsmart tops outside the classroom during terms one and four. The hat needs to cover the ears and back of the neck. Shoulders need to be covered. Please apply sunscreen before school. There is sunscreen available at school for reapplying. Plimmerton School hats are available for purchase at the office.



### Swimming

Unfortunately the school pool is still under maintenance so there will be no swimming this term.

### Toys & Valuables

We encourage children to bring resources to support studies and programmes but **please do not bring toys or valuable equipment to school** as we are unable to accept responsibility in the event of breakage or loss.

### Lost Property

Please make sure that all clothes, hats and belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name. Lost property is located in front of the school office.



### How you can help (in Orange):

- putting books away each week. This is a **really** big help!!
- by helping with the making, maintenance and storage of resources
- by accompanying your child's class on trips
- by supporting the Parent Teacher Association
- by sharing your special skills, talents or interests

Please discuss with your child's teacher the most appropriate times for parent help. Parents are reminded that information acquired whilst assisting a class is confidential.

### Our Learning

This term we are revisiting our Positive Behaviour 4 Learning (PB4L) values. We are looking at ways to be kind, resilient, aim high and look after our place. We will also be focusing on learning different ways to independently problem-solve.

In social science, we are learning about ourselves and our families. We will be discovering toys and games we like now and what our parents and our grandparents liked when they were the children's age.

*This year we are continuing our journey of the iDeal Structured Literacy Programme to teach foundation literacy skills. There is lots of information and videos on the website to get yourself familiar with Structured Literacy.*

**Important dates for your diary**

**Waitangi Day Observed:** Monday 7th February  
(School Closed)

**Term finishes:** Thursday 13th April

**Good Friday:** 14th April

**Easter Monday:** 15th April

**Easter Tuesday:** 16th April

**Term 2 starts:** Monday 2nd May

All of these dates can also be found on the website on the school calendar.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to a fun and successful year at Plimmerton School.

Kind Regards  
The Kowhai Syndicate Team,  
***Shannon, Chelsea, Lisa  
Cuttance and Lisa Cowley.***

