



PANUI - NEWSLETTER - Week 10, Term 2, 2022

Mai e te Tumuaki - From the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

This is my last newsletter at Te kura o Taupō - Plimmerton School. I would like to extend my gratitude and thanks to the parents and whānau for such great support of the school, especially those who have served on the PTA and the board. And also to all our talented staff for their hard work and excellence in what they do. It has made my five and a half years here a very enjoyable and satisfying time. It is a great school and while I have some sadness about leaving, I know that our students are in great hands and that our new Principal Chris Steffensen is bringing a fresh perspective and energy that will be positive for the school.

We hope you all enjoy the school holidays, and if driving, travel safely. Chris and the team look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 25 July!

THE GREAT RACE

Taupō syndicate's Great Race took place on Wednesday - it was a fantastic showcase of the mahi our students, their parent helpers, and teachers have put into the go-kart topic. Our junior students delighted in the go-kart rides on the courts before the time trials took place down the drive and the Great Race DJ entertained our excited spectators as final preparations and safety checks were made. In the end, it was the Hot Wheels team from Room 17 who had the fastest time taking out the Great Race (time trial) trophy. A big thank you to all the parents who provided time and equipment for this project, it wouldn't have been possible without your help.



CARTER OBSERVATORY TRIP

Kōwhai syndicate have been learning about space this term and were lucky enough to catch the bus into town to go to the Carter Observatory. We were all soooooo excited as this was the first school trip for lots of children. We learnt all about the sun, stars and solar system and we got to explore their Space Place where they had lots of interesting activities about what happens if you are an astronaut in space. It was a fun-filled trip!



PLIMMERTON SCHOOL BASKETBALL

This term the Plimmerton School Year 7 and 8 basketball team have been playing in a competition at Rangikura School. They played in division 2 and have won every game except one.

On Wednesday they played in the division 2 final against Adventure School who were the only team that had beaten them in the earlier rounds. Both teams came out firing and gave it their all throughout the game. It was a close scoring game with Adventure edging ahead in the 2nd half and coming out victorious. Thank you to Ben Smith who coached the team this year and to all the parents who came and supported the team each week.



WE'RE HIRING

It is with much sadness that we will be saying farewell to Lisa Samuel next term. Lisa has been the heart of the school for 10+ years, caring and supporting our staff and students and coordinating services for our school whanau and wider community. Lisa will be working with children and serving the local community in her new role and I'm sure you will all join us in wishing her well for her next adventure.

We have some big shoes to fill! Visit [SEEK](#) for more information and the job description.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be in the office foyer for the 1st week of Term 3 (until Friday 29 July) after that all items currently held in lost property will be donated to charity

*Ngā mihi,
Mike Forrest, Principal*

POROPOROAKI - MR FORREST'S FAREWELL

We farewelled Mr Forrest today in what was a warm and heartfelt celebration of his time as tumuaki of Te kura o Taupō - Plimmerton School. Along with speeches and waiata each syndicate worked on a special farewell presentation and gift for Mr Forrest. Taupō syndicate presented Mr Forrest with a Lemon tree and performed his favourite line dance (which Mr Forrest joined in on!), Hongoeka syndicate presented Mr Forrest with a collaborative painting of Mana Island, Mana syndicate presented and gifted a collection of poems, and Kowhai syndicate presented Mr Forrest with a framed collection of comments, in their own words, about Mr Forrest. *See below*



MR FORREST



I like how Mr Forrest helps kids. He is just so good to kids. I think Mr Forrest waters the plants and stops people from hurting people. I think Mr Forrest helps people when they are sad and works in the office all day. I will miss him because he is so good at being a principal. I like Mr Forrest because he is good at working. I love Mr Forrest because he put up a rainbow flag at school. I like Mr Forrest because he knows my name. He is good at making good ideas. I will miss his work. I like how Mr Forrest comes inside the classroom and he says our writing is amazing! I will miss Mr Forrest because he will not come back, he will go to the supermarket instead. I like how Mr Forrest looks after kids and when they get hurt he looks after them. I like how Mr Forrest knows my name is James. I will miss all of his work. I think Mr Forrest works by telling the children what to do. I like how Mr Forrest has new number blocks since he is free from jail. I think Mr Forrest buys cheese for the teachers and has lunch. I like Mr Forrest because he goes to the supermarket and gets the teacher's cheese. I like how Mr Forrest says Hi in the mornings. I think Mr Forrest helps the kids when they are making bad choices. I like Mr Forrest because he always remembers your name. Mr Forrest has white hair! I will miss when he says hello to all of the kids in the mornings. I will miss when Mr Forrest says hello to all of the kids in the mornings. I will miss Mr Forrest giving out certificates. I will miss when he says good morning at the gate. I will miss Mr Forrest when he says good morning to me and the other kids. I will miss seeing Mr Forrest in his office as I walk past. I love you Mr Forrest. I think Mr Forrest is nice and a great principal. I will miss seeing you when I walk around the school. You are the best principal in the whole world. I will miss Mr Forrest so much. I know Kowhai is Mr Forrest's best syndicate. I know Mr Forrest is super rich because he pays all of the teachers. Mr Forrest works so hard, he never has a holiday like we do. Mr Forrest mops and cleans the staffroom. Mr Forrest tells Gavin what to do. Mr Forrest does hundreds of meetings. Mr Forrest cleans up the school on the weekend. Mr Forrest tells the teachers when they are doing a good job. Mr Forrest buys all of the things the school needs. Mr Forrest sorts out the things that no-one else can do. Mr Forrest makes sure the kids are learning. Mr Forrest helps parents know how to do homework. Mr Forrest takes care of us. Mr Forrest is the leader of Plimmerton. Mr Forrest does lots of talking and lots of writing down notes. Mr Forrest goes on duty and checks noone is playing in the toilets. Mr Forrest decides if the field is closed. Mr Forrest is leaving our school because he is so tired so he needs a break. Mr Forrest cares about kids. I think Mr Forrest will miss us and we will miss him too. Love from Kowhai xxxxx

SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

School Board Parent Election 2022 - Nomination Round

Our school will be undertaking a parent election for 5 School Board vacancies. This process will start with the issuing of nomination papers to our caregiver community by Friday 15th July 2022. We have employed Canterbury Education Services (CES) to undertake the election process on our behalf.

This year with legislative change, our nomination form and full instructions on how to place your nomination onto our own school's Election website will be emailed to you if we have your email address in our database, or if we don't have your email in our database you will receive a nomination form and full instructions by post.

Nomination papers will also be available at the school office, the school will send these completed forms on to CES for processing upon receipt from candidates.

Nominations close on Wednesday 3rd August at 12 noon. Election day is Wednesday 7th September 2022. We look forward to your participation in this process.

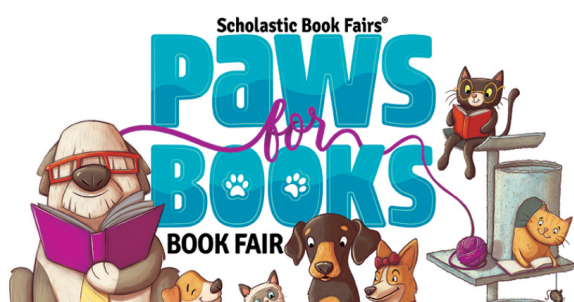
Library Corner

Those associated with our amazing library would like to say a huge thank you to Mike and wish him all the very best as he starts a new phase in his life.

Liz Nichols, our previous Librarian, commented that *"Mike has always been an advocate for the library and was instrumental in driving forward the new library project. His vision for a modern learning space for students to access books, learn and collaborate can be seen in the stunning Te Korowai Manaaki that we have today. His patience and perseverance in navigating the various guidelines and requirements is a testament to his commitment. At a time when so many schools are scaling down their libraries to become classrooms or don't have libraries at all, the students of Plimmerton School are incredibly lucky. Thank you Mike"*



I would like to add my appreciation. Mike has been a fantastic supporter of the library and has introduced me to a much larger community of librarians with whom I can share ideas. The library building itself is a testament to Mike's dedication to creating a fabulous reading and quiet space for our students. We wish Mike all the very best for his next adventure.



Term 3 will be a very exciting term...Book Week starts on Tuesday of Week 9 and there will be lots of activities planned around reading.

The library will be hosting a Book Fair, there will be an Interaction Day where students are encouraged to dress up as a book character, and year 5 - 8 students can participate in an essay writing competition where they write a persuasive essay recommending a new book for our library shelves. There will be lots of prizes to be won for all year levels. To finish book

week, we will be visited by a very special guest on the last Monday of the term.

Also, from Monday of term 3, the library will be extending its opening hours to include 8:30am until 8:55am; and 2:55pm until 3:30pm Monday to Thursdays. Please feel free to drop by with your children and share a book with them. We would love to see you.

Check out our library catalogue to see what books are available (<https://nz.accessit.online/PLM03>). Wishing everyone a fabulous holiday and we look forward to seeing you in term 3.

Happy reading, Sarah



Please get your Year 9 enrolment forms into the school as soon as possible to assist us with planning for next year. A reminder that out of zone applications **MUST** be at the school by Monday 25th July 2022 to be included in the ballot for a small number of spaces available for out of zone enrolments. If you have any questions, please contact our enrolments officer Debbie via email: aln@aotea.school.nz

PTA News



Saturday, 19 November 2022

The next Gala meeting will be on Tuesday 16th August 2022, at 7.30pm in the staff room.
If you are able to offer assistance but unable to attend the meeting, please email the PTA (pta@plimmerton.school.nz) and let us know specifically how you wish to help. Thanks in advance for your support.



The PTA is going to continue selling ice blocks on Tuesdays and Fridays during Term 3. Ice blocks will be \$2 each. Children need to give their money to their classroom teacher in the morning and the ice blocks will be delivered to their classroom before lunch.

Come join the PTA

If you're keen to join the PTA, or if you have any suggestions for fundraisers, or if you'd like to know more, please contact the PTA at PTA@plimmerton.school.nz



Community Notices

Would your child love to learn Irish Dancing? Come along to one of our Frozen themed Free Open Days. Dress up as your favourite Frozen Character! It's going to be unreal fun!

Saturday 23 July, Adventure School
10.45 - 11.30am - 5 & 6 Years

Sunday, 24 July, Plimmerton School
10.45 - 11.30am - 5 & 6 Years

To book in for our Frozen Themed Free Open Day Contact Kristina at
kerryschoolofirishdancing@gmail.com



For year 7 & 8s!
ANCHOR NEXT GEN
Can you be a 'minute to win it' champion?
Sunday 10 July 3-5pm
Come along with a buddy
Games Snacks Bible Chill out
Anchor Church, 1 Joseph Banks Drive, Whitby



**E lelei ke kitatou iloa
mitaki ke iloa
sai ketau 'ilo**
Good to know!

Free food & fun

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Why Culture Matters
Connections**

11- 22 July 2022
Senior Youth 14-18 yrs
9am - 3:30pm Weekdays (lunch included)
Chapel Hall Cnr Hereford/Champion, **Cannons Creek**
Registration Txt name 0279105515

***seki as!**

Two photographs are included: the top one shows three people (two women and one man) standing together, and the bottom one shows a group of people in traditional Maori attire performing a haka.

Senior Youth starts Mon 11 July, Final Concert is Fri 22 July 2022 in Cannons Creek.
All Free! Everyone Welcome! Find out more [here](#)

Does your child like to sing, dance, act and perform?

Would you like your child to build more confidence and make more friends?



Performing arts classes led by a
London West End performer!

After school and weekend classes
in Aotea, Johnsonville, Karori and
Lower Hutt!

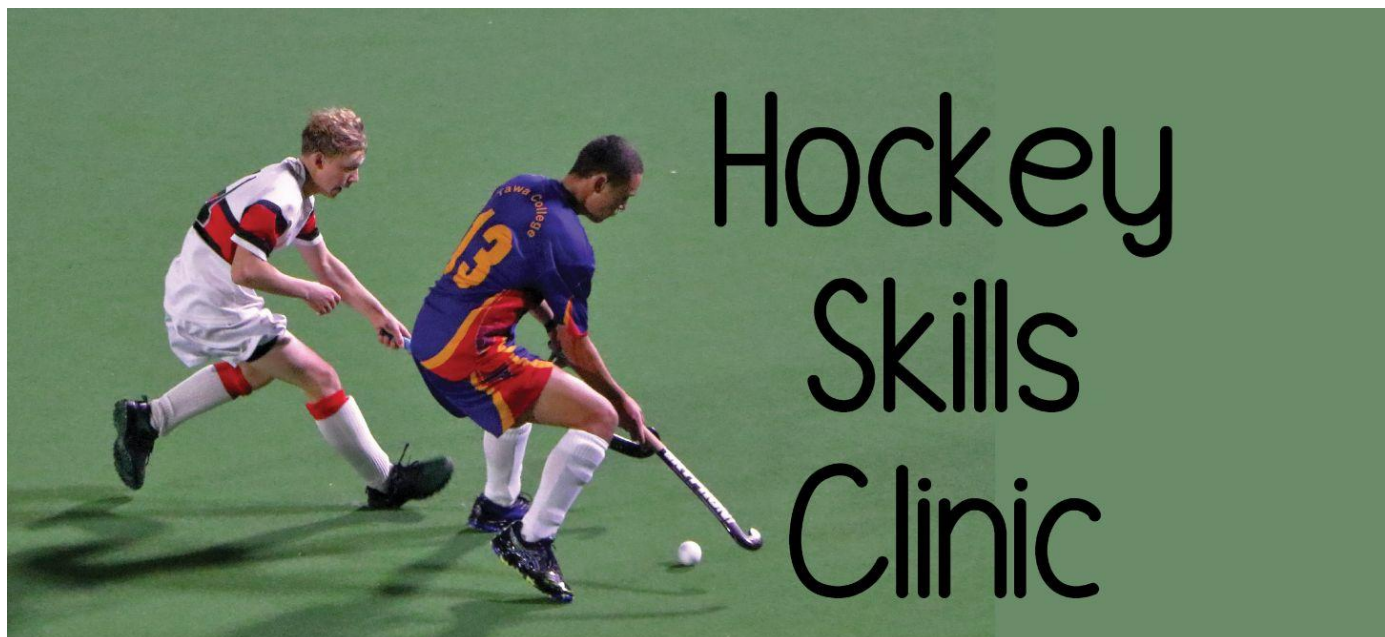
Two-week trials available.



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Hockey Skills Clinic



Fundraising for the Tawa College 1st X1 Boys and Girls Hockey teams to get to Winter Tournament in Nelson

July school holiday skills clinics for children between Year 3 and Year 8.
Coaching from some of Wellington's top young hockey players currently playing in the Tawa College Boys and Girls 1st X1 teams in Wellington Hockey's Premier 1 grade.
They will be supported by their coach, Kiri Rakuraku-Akavi, who is a well-known coach at all grades including all representation levels across Wellington and teaches hockey on behalf of Wellington Hockey Association in schools across the region.

Dates

Tuesday 19th July, 10am-12pm

Thursday 21st July, 2pm-4pm

Cost

\$30 per child per session

Can register for one or both

Location

Tawa College Sports Turf

What to bring

A drink, shin pads,

hockey stick and mouth guard



To book contact:

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J. Todd 38-9011-0082903-04

Reference Details Reference: Skills
Code & Particulars: First & Last Name



KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME - Ngatitoa Domain Hall

Our hugely popular Kelly Sports Holiday Programme is back for the July Holidays for children aged 5-13 years. Come and join the Kelly Sports coaches for the best in sports coaching and competitions, we have created an action-packed programme including:

- *Battle Royal Day*
- *International Sports Day*
- *Rural Games Day*
- *Hockey Day*
- *Commonwealth Games Day*
- *"A Magical Madness day with Zappo the Magician who is coming to Kelly Sports with his brand new Magical Workshop"*

plus great trips to:

- *Laserforce*
- *The Lanes (Ten Pin Bowling), and*
- *the movie "Lightyear"*

To see the Activity Planner click [here](#).

KELLY SPORTS WINTER WARM UP SPORTS! - Plimmerton School

TERM 3 (Yrs. 0-4) – Thursday's, 3:05-4:05pm

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 3 with their fun and exciting classes!

This 8 x 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 the confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

Come and try *Football, Basketball, Hockey and Tag Games!* It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability and have lots of fun!! It Starts Week 2 of Term 3.

To see more click [here](#).

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.



Does your child love to sing?

Wellington Cathedral of St Paul is currently recruiting more singers aged 8-15 to join the Cathedral Choristers. This is a terrific way to gain a musical education and learn vocal techniques from one of the foremost conductors in the country free of charge. Please see this [link](#) for more information, and this [link](#) to hear the Choristers talk about their own experience. For further information or to organise an audition, please contact Michael Stewart at dom@wellingtoncathedral.org.nz