



PANUI - NEWSLETTER - Week 1, Term 3, 2022

Mai e te Tumuaki - From the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau, No mai haere mai!

Wow! What a welcome on Monday! To be welcomed into Plimmerton School with such mana from the students and staff through waiata, haka, and speeches was a very humbling experience, but a gift I will treasure and embrace. It is a huge honour to lead Plimmerton School and something I am very excited about. My first week has been about forming relationships with our tāmairiki and kaiako, understanding what makes Plimmerton great, and hearing many of the special things that are already happening here.

I see my role as one to bring different perspectives, energy, and experiences that build on or strengthen what we currently do. Throughout the next two terms I will be asking for feedback from whanau in relation to a range of things, so please when given that opportunity take the time to add your thoughts. Thank you to everyone who has also taken the time to say hello, email, or stop for a quick korero. It has made the transition such a warm and welcoming experience. For those of you who I haven't met, I look forward to meeting you at some stage.

Yesterday was a special day for students from Kowhai Syndicate as some celebrated their first 100 days of school! Such a special occasion, which was met with cake, stories and lots of laughter. In other school events, Mid-Year Information Sharing Interviews are fast approaching. In preparation for this, reports will be sent home on Monday so it gives you time to understand your child's progress and what next steps will support their learning.

Ngā mihi,
Chris Steffensen, Principal



Information Sharing Interviews

An email was sent out last week for bookings to be made for Term 3 Information Sharing Interviews. These interviews will take place at school in your child's classroom, or via phone, and all parents/caregivers are encouraged to attend.

If you haven't already done so please schedule a time with your child's teacher so they can share a picture of your child's current achievement, discuss next steps, and how you can help at home. Mid-year reports will be emailed home on Monday 1 August. Please take the time to read these prior to your child's interview.

- Interviews are 15 minutes in length. The first block of interviews is from 3:15pm to 5:00pm and the second block is from 5:45pm to 7:45pm.
- Students are welcome to attend with their parents/caregivers.
- To ensure everyone's safety and meet the current guidance, caregivers attending an on-site interview will need to wear a mask, maintain a 1-metre distance from other families while waiting to go into their interview, and sanitise as they enter/exit the classrooms.
- If you do not feel comfortable coming into school for your meeting please select the phone option when you are booking your interview(s) and your child's teacher will call you for a phone interview at the allotted time. They will also call you if you are isolating at the time of the interviews.

Bookings for appointment times are available directly at this [link](#) which will take you to "Book School Interviews Online". Enter Code **wymd5** then book your interview(s.)

School Donations

The school donation is voluntary, but any donation makes a huge difference in what we can offer our students. A BIG THANK YOU to those families who have already made donations, we are extremely grateful for your support! If you would like to make a donation but are yet to do so, please read on for further information and for easy payment options.

Lost Property

Lost property held over from Term 2 will be in the office foyer until Friday 29 July, after that all items in the lost property will be donated to charity.



Ride-On Mower For Sale

We are selling Gavin's beloved, and very well-taken care of ride-on mower, Husqvarna YTH2546 TD with a 48" wide cut.

If you, or someone you know, are in the market this is a great deal!

Details on [TradeMe Listing](#) #3703651100

School Donations

Last year your donations meant we could purchase 50 student Chromebooks, expand the catalogue of books in Te Korowai Manaaki, our new library, to engage and encourage all our readers, and provide additional reading recovery and teacher aide hours to support our students.

The school is primarily funded by the Ministry of Education. They cover our basic needs of staffing, property, and educational and administrative resources. There is very little scope for cost savings or redirecting ministry funding to cover any extras. Any additional resources are over to us.

As you are aware, COVID has had a significant effect on our PTA being able to fundraise. COVID will impact these efforts again this year, so we have had to cut back on teacher aide time and technology replacement to balance our budget. That means donations this year are even more important to our school, and the greater the generosity, the more we can offer our students.

In 2019 the government announced a policy to fund decile 1-7 schools \$150 per student if schools didn't ask their parents for a donation. This policy is currently **not** available to us as we are a decile 10 school.

In line with the government donation scheme the suggested donation this year is \$150 per student. As it is a donation the amount is up to you and voluntary. If this amount is a stretch feel free to adjust it accordingly. At the same time if you feel you could contribute more, please also feel free to adjust the amount. The school office will generate a tax receipt for any donation amount of which you can then claim 1/3 back from the IRD.

Payments can be made:

- At the school office via Eftpos or by credit card
- By direct credit to the school bank account. Please clearly state your child's surname, DONATION, and your 4 digit parent account number. **Plimmerton School Board of Trustees: 12-3478-0062343-00**
- Alternatively, please complete the [School Donations form](#) on our school website to request payment of the donation via your parent account - you can then pay this off over the next few weeks.

We appreciate your support.

School Board Parent Election 2022 - Nomination Round

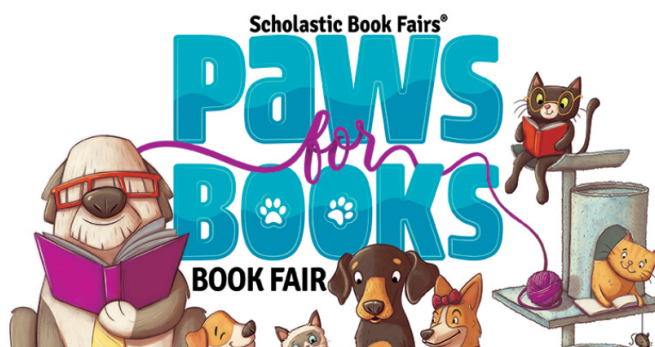
Our school is undertaking a parent election for our School Board. This process has started with the issuing of nomination papers to our caregiver community. We have employed CES to undertake the election process on our behalf. This year with legislative change, our nomination form and full instructions on how to place your nomination into our own School's Election website will be emailed to you if we have your email address in our database or you will receive it by post if we don't have your email in our database. Nomination papers will also be available at the school office. The school will send those on to CES for processing upon receipt from candidates.

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

Library Corner

Welcome back to term 3 - a very exciting term for our library!

We will be holding a Book Week during week 9 of this term. Book Week will include a week long Book Fair and, on Friday 23 September, a school wide Interaction Day, for which students will be encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character - there will be prizes to win across all syndicates for creativity and originality. To round off our Book Week activities we have a celebrated author/illustrator visiting on the last Monday of this term.



In addition, the annual Hongoeka and Taupō syndicate persuasive essay writing competition will be held this term. Our senior students are encouraged to write an essay promoting a book of their choice to the library (that is not currently in our collection). The top two essay writers from Hongoeka and Taupō syndicates will be awarded a \$25 book voucher and their recommended books will be purchased for the library. The winning essay writers will be announced during Book Week. All entries must be submitted to Sarah by Friday 9 September.

Issue 5 of Scholastic Book Club is now available and was sent home with students on Monday. There are spare copies available in the library if required. 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. If you have any problems, either see Sarah in the library or contact scholastic at bookclub@scholastic.co.nz; phone: 0800 266 525.

The close off date for orders is Friday 12 August. All orders will be sent to school for collection. Scholastic are offering a special deal with this issue. If you spend over \$30, you will receive one free book; over \$50 (2 free books) and over \$70 (3 free books). A list of free titles to choose from will display before Checkout. Thanks for your support.

Just a reminder that the library is now open to students and their families from 8:30am until 8:55am; and 2:55pm - 3:30pm on Monday to Thursday. Please call by, we would love to see you.

Check out our library catalogue to see what books are available (<https://nz.accessit.online/PLM03>).

Happy reading, Sarah

PTA News



Thanks everyone for supporting the Kids Clothes Swap which was held earlier in the month. We raised \$1,338 for the school, and had heaps of people take home some fantastic new clothes for their kids. Please look out for next year's event.



SAVE THE DATE

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.



Ice Blocks for sale!

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, have any suggestions for fundraisers, or if you'd like to know more, please contact the PTA at

PTA@plimmerton.school.nz



Community Notices

*Have a child destined for the stage?
Or a child super-shy or who just loves to act?
Why not try Speech and Drama.*

Speech and Drama lessons are available at Plimmerton school and after school in Camborne.
Contact Roz (Rosalind) Baxter Speech and Drama teacher jonnyrozb@xtra.co.nz or visit
rosalindbaxtercelebrant.co.nz



KELLY SPORTS WINTER WARM UP SPORTS! - Plimmerton School

Term 3 Warm Up Winter Sports Programme - Thursday's 3.05pm-4.05pm

Our Kelly Sports after-school multi-sports programmes is back and running in Term 3! Get your kids active and learning great new skills in a fun, exciting and enjoyable environment with Kelly Sports! Encouraging a lifelong love of sports, our popular multi-sports programmes teach kids foundational skills and build confidence all by having fun!

This term we are focusing on the following sports:

Hockey, Basketball, Football and Tag Games (2 weeks of each).

Starts Thursday 4 August for 8 weeks.

Go to www.kellysports.co.nz, and in the school box put "Plimmerton"



Does your child require further support, over and above what can be offered at school?

Would your child benefit from bespoke and nurturing learning sessions from a highly experienced teacher designed to accelerate learning and boost confidence? We would love to help. We are a team of dedicated teachers, specialising in English and Maths support, for primary, intermediate and college students.

Visit www.boostyourlearning.co.nz for more information or contact Jenny 021 223 3349 to book a free consultation.