

Te Kura o Taupō



PANUI - NEWSLETTER - Week 5, Term 3, 2022

Mai e te Tumuaki - From the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

As I write my piece for the newsletter it's scary to think we are already halfway through the term. That means there are only 124 sleeps until Christmas and 14 weeks of school left! So time certainly flies. It's a reminder to make the most of each day and the learning opportunities on offer.

Thank you to everyone who completed the quick survey I sent out asking for your feedback about Parent Interviews and Mid-Year Reports. We received 49 responses. I appreciate you taking the time and sharing openly your thoughts, so please note the information obtained will help us to improve the services we deliver and refine what we do at our kura to best meet the needs of our tamariki and staff. There were lots of positive comments, particularly thanking staff for the work they do and how welcoming they make whanau feel.

Congratulations to the following whanau members who completed the survey and won a prize for doing so; **Emma Hercus, Justin McArthur, Ruan Ferreira, Vanessa ten Broeke, Niki Ismail, Holly Gordon-Crosby**. I'll be in touch with the winners shortly to arrange the collection of your prize!

Other than the above, thank you for continuing to be a great community to be involved in! Next term we'll look for ways to celebrate together and grow our kura community! Don't forget to vote in the BOT elections, lock in the date for our gala and continue to talk school around the dinner table. I've included 5 questions you may want to ask each day :)

Nga Mihi

Chris Steffensen
Principal - Tumuaki

Coming Events - to put on your calendar

Monday 29 August:	Strike performance for the whole school
Tuesday 30 August:	Hongoeka and Taupō class photos, Hockey, Basketball, and Netball photos
Friday 2 September:	Onesie Day to support Wellington Free Ambulance - gold coin donation
Wednesday 14 September:	Crazy Hair/Wig Wednesday to support child cancer - gold coin donation
Monday 19 to Friday 23 September:	Scholastic Book Fair at school
Friday 23 September:	Dress up as your favourite book character and whole school interaction Day
	PTA Burger Bonanza
	Plimmerton School Quiz night
Monday 26 September:	Stu Duval author visit
Friday 30 September	End of Term 3

5 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD AT THE END OF EACH DAY

- How were you kind today?
- What questions did you ask today?
- What is one thing you learned today?
- What was your favorite mistake today?
- How can you make tomorrow great?

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Poroporoaki for Mr Forrest

Wet weather meant that we had to hold Mr Forrest's farewell in doors which limited the capacity for school whanau to attend. We received many requests to live-stream the event, which we were unable to do, but we did do the next best thing - record it. You can view the poroporoaki video via this link [Mr Forrest's Farewell](#)

School Board Parent Election 2022 - Voting is Open

The school board of trustees election is now well underway. Please take the time to read our candidate profile statements on the [school election website](#) and vote for your preferred candidate. You should have received information on how to vote electronically, if you haven't, please [email](#) the school. Voting is open now and closes on Wednesday 7 September at 4pm. We look forward to your participation in this process.

Absence Notifications

Absences can be reported by phoning 04 233 8677 or emailing absence@plimmerton.school.nz. When sending an absence email or leaving an absence phone message it is essential to leave a clear explanation/reason for your child's absence.

Arriving and Leaving School Grounds

It is great to see so many families walking to and from school each day. When you are walking your child to or from their class please ensure you walk on the path inside the fence adjacent to the field. We have contractors, couriers, and other school visitors using the school driveway at all times of the day so for your safety, and that of your tamariki, please use this path rather than the driveway pathway, thank you.

Onesie Day in support of Wellington Free Ambulance

On Friday 2 September Plimmerton School is having a Onesie Day! Your kids can wear their favourite Onesie, Pyjamas, or Oodie on this day! We want everyone in the school to dress up and support Wellington Free Ambulance.

On Friday 2nd we would like you to give your child a gold coin to donate to Wellington Free Ambulance. They are the only ambulance service in New Zealand that provide a free of charge service for callouts in Wellington, Kapiti, and Wairarapa. They receive some funding from the government but everything else is covered by the fundraising they do. Each year Wellington Free Ambulance aims to make \$250,000 through their Onesie Day appeal and Plimmerton School can help them reach that goal one coin at a time.

From the Student Council

Tennis - lunchtime 'have a go' session

On Thursday 1 September representatives from the Renouf Tennis Centre will be onsite at school to run a free lunchtime 'have a go' session to encourage kids to give tennis a go. This will be on the courts, or in the hall if it's raining, and everyone is welcome to attend.



Love Tennis National FREE Open Day is heading to a court near you on the 11th of September 2022, scan the QR code on the flyer in the community notices for more details and to find participating clubs in our area.

School Donation

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.

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.

Library Corner

Yes, that's right... 24 days until Book Week. Heaps of activities are being planned, including "dress as your favourite book character" (on Friday 23 September), "guess how many books are in the library" and "guess our teachers favourite books". Lots of prizes to be won. Students will also be able to hear Mr Steffensen, Mrs Oxnam and Jo reading their best-loved picture books.

We also have a visit from Stu Duval, a fabulous author, and artist, on Monday 26 September. The Book Fair will run throughout the week and there will be plenty of opportunities for you to come and browse (and buy) from our selection of Scholastic books. The Book Fair will be open into the early evening on a couple of days as well. We look forward to seeing you and hope that you will use this week to make a special effort to encourage reading at home.

Our Issue 5 book club orders should be arriving any day now and will be delivered to classrooms. Thanks again for your support.

The persuasive essay writing competition is well underway. The closing date is 9 September. Just a reminder that 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. Please encourage your children to participate. Additional details about how to craft an essay have been sent to all participating classrooms.

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



Lunchtime Scootering on the Driveway

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SYNDICATE

Scooter Rules:

Monday

Hongoeka

- No scootering without a helmet

Tuesday

Kōwhai

- Only use your own scooter

Thursday

Taupō

- Scooter **down** the drive and walk **up** the path

Friday

Mana

- Ticks only at the bottom

- Listen to the Scooter Patrol

- 3 strikes and you're out for the session





SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, 19 November 2022

The next Gala meeting will be on **Tuesday 30 August 2022**, at 7pm in the staff room. If you are able to offer assistance but are unable to attend the meeting, please email the PTA (pta@plimmerton.school.nz) or talk to Aleida in the office and let us know specifically how you wish to help.

We are still looking for volunteers that can: coordinate stalls and rosters prior to the gala, do a 2-hour slot on a stall on gala day, sort donations in the hall the week before, help set up stalls on Friday 18 November and pack up after the gala. 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.

Community Notices

Become a Host Family

Aotea College is looking for host families for a short stay group from Thailand visiting from October 11th to October 27th. Aotea College is excited to be welcoming International Students back! With the return of International Students, we are now looking to expand our pool of homestay families, for both short term and long term hosting.

Why host? Hosting a student is an enriching experience for both yourselves and the student. You'll experience a true cultural exchange, sharing knowledge of your culture whilst learning about the many different cultures represented by our students. Often host families build lasting relationships with their students

What is expected from host families?

- Involve their student in their life, spend time talking with their students to give them confidence speaking in English and treat them as a member of the family.
- Be caring and understanding, patient but able to set boundaries
- Show their students how to get to and from school (e.g. where the bus stop is, how to access the bus schedule, how to walk to school).
- Provide three meals a day and snacks (including a packed lunch during the school week).
- Provide a furnished bedroom
- Provide bed linen (sheets, pillow, and blankets) and towels
- Provide wifi

What we provide: Aotea College has a well-resourced International Department, with a Homestay Coordinator who is able to provide you with advice and support. Homestay families are paid a weekly fee of \$300.

For more information about hosting a student please check out: international.aotea.school.nz/homestay or email cox@aotea.school.nz



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