



## PANUI - NEWSLETTER - Week 1, Term 4, 2022

### *Mai e te Tumuaki - From the Principal*

Welcome back everyone! Now marks the start of the best term (many believe) as the weather starts to warm up, EOTC events are in full swing and things in the classroom seem to 'click'. It also becomes a hugely busy time for teachers as they prepare stalls for the gala, run swimming lessons, complete school testing, help prepare classrooms for next year and celebrate the success of your children through written reports. Exciting, but busy times for everyone!



Speaking of excitement... On Monday at 5:30am representatives from Plimmerton School and Hongoeka Marae took part in an opening ceremony and blessing for our school pool. This was a beautiful moment to sit back and reflect on the last 18 months of developments to get the school pool back up and running. The students can now swim all year round and not have to worry about freezing in the old, cold changing rooms. A special thank you to Mike Forrest, Jasmine Hardy Mills (parent and former BOT member) and Todd Morton (Easy Swim) for the work in planning, preparing, and organising the pool developments and seeing the project through to completion. Our school children will reap the benefits of their hard work for years to come. Already Kowhai and Mana Syndicates have filled the pool this week and enjoyed their swimming lessons.

This week we welcome Kate McCafrey to our teaching team as the teacher for our NE Overflow classroom for term 4. We are very fortunate to get someone of Kate's calibre and experience. Kate brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from her 10 years in Early Childhood Education, working across all ages and classroom settings. Kate's knowledge of child development and school readiness programmes will be of huge benefit to all students. Please make Kate feel welcome if you see her around.



Keep an eye out for notices over the next few weeks as teachers prepare EOTC events and sports trips. Behind the scenes, we will begin to prepare our teaching teams for next year and in turn the class placements of our students. This is no easy feat and sometimes you need to understand that your child may be placed away from their close friends or not have the teacher they desperately want. Students are carefully placed and we try to have an even mix of abilities, leaders, gender, friendships, and social needs in each classroom. Our staff are professionals and work closely with our tamariki each day, so the feedback we get from them is trusted to support the appropriate placement of students each year.

Until next time, have a great couple of weeks, and remember to save the date for our Gala!!

**Nga Mihi**  
**Chris Steffensen**  
*Principal - Tumuaki*

## Coming Events - to put on your calendar

Monday 24 October	Labour Day - no school, see you all on Tuesday
Friday 4 November	Mana Swimming Sports
Friday 4 November	Spellathon in class testing- results will be sent home
Tuesday 8 November	Powhiri to welcome children who started in term 3 or term 4
Monday 14 November	Parumoana years 5-8 Athletics
Friday 18 November	Room 14 SUP/skating trip
Saturday 19 November	SCHOOL GALA
Monday 21 November	Rooms 15 and 16 SUP/skating trip
Wednesday 23 November	Room 17 SUP/skating trip
Thursday 24 November	Rooms 18 SUP/skating trip
Friday 25 November	Teacher Only Day
Monday 28 November	Rooms 19 and 21 kayaking/rock climbing trip
Tuesday 29 November	Rooms 22 and 23 kayaking/rock climbing trip

## Term 4 Pōwhiri

We will be having a pōwhiri on Tuesday 1 November at 9.15am. New students and their whānau will be formally welcomed to the school. Invitations to attend will be 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.


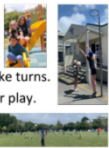






## PB4L at Plimmerton School

Plimmerton School is a PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) school. The aim of PB4L is to develop a positive and supportive school environment for personal, social and academic growth of students and staff. PB4L is not about changing the students; it's about changing the environment, systems and practices schools have in place to support children to make positive behaviour choices. PB4L is based on the Positive Behavioural Interventions and Supports (PBIS) framework developed at the University of Oregon in the 1990s and is currently used in 1050 schools in New Zealand.

At the beginning of Plimmerton School's PB4L journey the staff developed a PB4L mission statement:

***'Together we teach and promote positive behaviours that foster kindness, empathy, gratitude, respect and resilience to grow great citizens.'***

From this, we developed four overarching values to support the mission statement.

<b>Manaaki - We are kind</b>  We help others in need. We use our manners. We use kind words and actions. We include others, share and take turns. We only use the 3 touches in our play. <small>1. Game touch - part of the rules of games 2. Helping touch - helping someone who is lost or hurt 3. Celebration touch - high fives, fist bumps, handshakes</small> 	<b>Kaitiakitanga -</b> <b>We look after our place</b>  Leave places clean and tidy. Let the trees and plants grow. Look after resources. 	<b>Whitireiatanga - We aim high</b>  Get involved and do our best. Build each other up. Dress for the situation. Follow the rules for an activity. 	<b>Manawa Titi - We are resilient</b>  We walk away from a problem or talk it out. We ask for help from an adult. We try new things with new people. We are patient. We accept when mistakes are made. 
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During the day teachers recognise children who are displaying these values by giving out values cards in the playground and at syndicate events. At mid term and, at the end of each term, the class in each syndicate with the most values cards earns a reward.

This term a whole school initiative has been introduced which focuses on one specific behaviour for two weeks at a time. This is designed to be a quick way for staff to acknowledge and reinforce appropriate behaviour at Plimmerton School. We are calling it Plimmerton Gems.

This link takes you to the powerpoint we used to introduce Plimmerton Gems to the whole school on Tuesday. You can support the staff by talking to your child about the four school values and the Plimmerton Gems.



## Plimmerton School Sports Uniforms

We still have sports uniforms from our Netball, Hockey and Rippa Rugby teams that need to be returned. Please drop these off to Katie in the office, in a named bag (full name and room number!). Thank you.

## Plimmerton School Triathlon 2023

With the school pool back in action it's time to start planning for the school triathlon in March 2023! We're on the lookout for a new Event Director to run next year's event so if you're keen to learn more and potentially pick up this role (with support from Pete Barton) please email [plimmertonschooltriathlon@gmail.com](mailto:plimmertonschooltriathlon@gmail.com) or text Pete on 022 067 0357.

## Library Corner

Welcome to Term 4 - a term where the library will be:

- supporting two Scholastic Catalogue issues (issue 7 - the bumper issue and issue 8);
- providing leaving families with the opportunity to gift a book to the library;
- completing the knock-out chess competition.

Please note that the library will be closed for the last two weeks of term for its annual stock take. All library books will need to be returned prior to this.

Congratulations to all students (and a teacher - awesome essay Mr D) who entered the persuasive essay writing competition. The books recommended by the winning essays have now been purchased and are making their way to the library shelves. The essay winners were Petra (Rm 14); Grace (Rm 22); Kyler and Greta (Rm 23); and Annabelle (Rm 18).

It is the end of an era when your youngest child leaves Plimmerton School or your children transfer to a new school. If you would like to gift a book to the library as a way of us remembering your child/family, then please email me ([sarahs@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:sarahs@plimmerton.school.nz)) for a copy of the wish list. Books can be purchased on your behalf, or you can purchase them yourselves. You may have another book in mind, so please email me or search the catalogue first to ensure that we don't already have it.



Each donated book will contain an inscription from the family/student who has donated the book.

Issue 7 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](http://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](mailto:bookclub@scholastic.co.nz); phone: 0800 266 525. The close off date for orders is **Friday 4 November**. All orders will be sent to school for collection. Thanks for your support.

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

Happy reading,  
Sarah



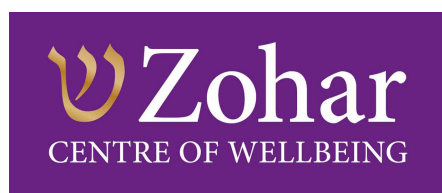
proudly supported by **AM Janssen**  
**Harcourts** Team Group

Thanks to the sponsors who have already gotten on board to support our school **Gala on 19th November.**

**AM Janssen and Harcourts Team Group** are again supporting us as our primary sponsor. You may have seen the awesome billboards going up around the neighbourhood.

We would also like to acknowledge our other sponsors - Please support these local businesses who support our school!

#### Our Gold Sponsors



#### Our Silver Sponsors



#### Our Bronze Sponsors

Fishermans Table | Whittaker's | Enjoy Store, Plimmerton | Dash Swim School

**We are still looking for volunteers who can do one or more of the following:**

- 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

Please email [office@plimmerton.school.nz](mailto:office@plimmerton.school.nz) to let them know how you can help. Thanks in advance for your support.

At this year's Gala we are planning the return of vehicle rides, if there is anyone connected to the school who has an "interesting" vehicle they think people would like a ride in, please contact David on 021 558 121, or [morahans@gmail.com](mailto:morahans@gmail.com) so he can collate a list.

## ***Gala Items Drop-off***

For those of you that spent time over the holidays sorting out items for the Gala - we know you're keen to get these out of your garage and into our hall, and so are we, but please refrain from dropping off items until we are ready to receive them.

We will be sending a separate Gala newsletter out next week which will include a timeline for the delivery of mystery jars, fudge, clothes, and items for the white elephant.

## ***Community Notices***

# 2022 Pāuatahanui Inlet Cockle Survey

## Sunday 6 November\*

**Start Time 1:30 pm**

**Meet at Stout Cottage Pāuatahanui Wildlife Reserve**

- You will be counting and measuring the cockles on the mudflats to help us assess the Inlet's ecological health.
- You don't need any knowledge or previous experience. We will show you what to do.

**Fun, educational and important.**  
**It takes 2-3 hours.**  
**Bring the family.**  
**Sausage sizzle afterwards.**  
**Wear gumboots, old clothes and bring weatherproof gear.**  
**We provide the equipment.**  
*(If you can bring a spade it would help)*

**\*RAINY DAY ALTERNATIVE**  
**Sunday 20 November**

**Sausage sizzle provided by** 







Where are they?

How big are they?

How many are there?

Want to know more?  
Contact Andre van Halderen at [pauainlet@gmail.com](mailto:pauainlet@gmail.com)





# LEARN TO SWIM

AT PLIMMERTON SCHOOL POOL!  
OPENING TERM 4

**Pre-School**  
3-4 years

**School Age**  
5 years+

**Adult Lessons & Early Childhood**  
(Not currently available at Plimmerton)

**YEAR ROUND LOCATIONS**  
Plimmerton, Tawa, Johnsonville,  
Rewa Rewa and Khandallah  
Schools

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2347946 or email: [book@easyswim.co.nz](mailto:book@easyswim.co.nz)



### **KELLY SPORTS AT PLIMMERTON SCHOOL – THURSDAY’S 3.05PM-4.05PM**

A weekly multi sports programme that provides an essential base for children's motor skills and help build confidence and coordination.

The programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment.

It also encourages their enthusiasm for sports and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

The sports we will be focussing on in term 4 are:

**Rippa Rugby, T-Ball, Cricket and Football**

Enrol at [https://kellysports.co.nz/kelly\\_events/view/14725](https://kellysports.co.nz/kelly_events/view/14725)

**Junior Tennis**  
**Ngatitoa Tennis Courts**  
**starts Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October**  
**All levels welcome**

**See website for more information**

[www.ngatitoatennis.org.nz](http://www.ngatitoatennis.org.nz)



Brain Play teaches online after-school science & technology classes to Kiwi kids aged 5 - 13, from right across the country!

Online topics this term include 3D printing, coding, animation, STEM experiments, LEGO & more.

Free trials available for new students.

Check out our timetable on our website and use the form to get in touch - <https://www.brainplay.co.nz/>.

