



PANUI - NEWSLETTER - Week 3, Term 4, 2022

Mai e te Tumuaki - From the Principal

Kia ora whānau

Just like that there are only 6 school weeks left in 2022 or 51 days until Christmas...eek! Even though it is such a busy time of the year I actually love it. I get to see all the progress students have made while admiring the priceless looks on teachers' faces when they know their hard work has paid off! I also get to think strategically about next year and how we can best meet the demands of our learners and our community.

The Ministry of Education is currently in the process of 'refreshing' the [NZ Curriculum](#) which is an exciting time for our profession. Part of this will be introducing the Aotearoa Histories Curriculum to our learners which enables students to learn not only different perspectives about significant moments in our local community but also wider New Zealand contexts. As a school, we will look carefully at what this means for us and then branch out into different contexts and perspectives.

I mentioned in the last newsletter that we will shortly begin determining class structures for next year. This is never an easy job as each year group differs in size, ability, behavioural and social needs. We are considering different options and will settle on the one that best meets the needs of all learners. When placing students in classes, we make every effort to ensure classes are well balanced (gender, ability, social/emotional and academic needs), as well as ensuring students are placed with others who they work well with. It is worth noting they do not always work to their full potential alongside their friends. We aim to place students in classes where they can be catered for effectively, where they will be happy and well matched to teacher strengths.

I acknowledge that parents can have information about their child we may not be aware of, that can support us in making effective class placements. There is an opportunity between now and **Wednesday 9th November** to advise me in writing of anything that might be helpful when compiling class lists. As situations change, I do not hold this information from year to year, so you will need to use this process to inform me of anything historical that still applies. I ask that you email me directly principal@plimmerton.school.nz as opposed to talking to teachers or other staff. Please include the educational reasoning behind the information you are sharing with me. The reason I ask you to email me directly is to ensure I receive all the information, and nothing gets 'lost in translation'. As a staff, we will then use this information to assist us in making placements. Please note that there are a range of factors to consider in this process and I cannot guarantee to accommodate all requests, rather we will consider them alongside other factors. What one parent might suggest could be cancelled out by the needs of other children/classes or the teacher's objective knowledge.

Our timeframe for class placements is tight, therefore I ask that you meet the deadline above. It is likely to be too late to consider any information coming in after this date. Towards the end of the year, it is also a time when families make changes and we sometimes have people moving out of the area. If this is the case for your family, the sooner we know this, the easier it is for us to plan class numbers for 2023 so please let me know of any changes.

Lots of information coming at you, so I'll finish my blurb there. But thank you once again whānau for the work you are doing with your loved ones at home. There is a neat buzz around school at the moment, and lots of happy faces walking into our gates each day -so thank you!

Nga Mihi
Chris Steffensen, *Principal - Tumuaki*

Coming Events - to put on your calendar

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
Friday 2 December	Whole school assembly 2pm
Monday 5-9 December	Mana Beach Safety
Monday 5 December	Aotea Orientation Day for Year 8's
Tuesday 6 December	Wellington Regional Athletics

Whole School Assembly

This afternoon, after a two year break, we had our first whole school assembly.

For many of our younger students this was their first experience of a school assembly. It was lovely to have the whole school joining together to enjoy the items put on by Mana syndicate and to acknowledge the students who have been displaying our school value of Whitireiatanga(aiming high).

Our next whole school assembly will be on Friday 2 December from 2-2.40pm. Whānau are most welcome to attend.



Term 4 Pōwhiri

We will be having a pōwhiri on Tuesday 8 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 this terms pōwhiri. 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. For catering purposes please fill in [this form](#) if you will be attending.

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 or text Pete on 022 067 0357.

Library Corner

It is great to see so many students spending their lunchtimes in the library - reading, playing chess for fun (or competitively) and playing card games. Four students are left in the Chess Knockout Competition, this competition is attracting lots of spectators and we look forward to the final few weeks of the competition.

Many thanks to those parents who have already contacted me about donating a book to the library. It is such a fabulous way for our school to remember you and your family. If you would like to gift a book to the library, then please email me (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.

Orders for Issue 7 of Scholastic Book Club will be closing on **Friday 4 November**. This issue is the bumper Christmas issue so please let me know if you would prefer to collect your order from the library rather than the order being given to your child in their classroom. **ALL ORDERS MUST BE MADE ON-LINE**. The school office will not accept orders.

To order, 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. All orders will be sent to school for collection.

Issue 8 of Scholastic Book Club should be arriving at school next week or the week after. This issue is smaller than Issue 7 and will have a shorter turnaround time for orders so that we get the books in plenty of time before the end of the school year. Please note the close-off date will be stamped at the top of the Issue 8 brochure.

Please check out our library catalogue to see what books are available (<https://nz.accessit.online/PLM03>), and encourage your children to check out some of the links on our library website. They can access services like AnyQuestions which is a free on-line chat service funded by the Ministry of Education which helps students with their research. This service is available 1 - 6pm from Monday to Friday.

Happy reading,
Sarah

Yummy Fruit Sticker Promo

Thanks to all of you who munched and crunched through bags of Yummy fruit and sent the stickers into school. Your healthy eating efforts have awarded our school \$528.00 to spend on sports gear!

Sports Achievements

We love to hear about things our children are competing in or achieving in outside of school. Please let us know so we can acknowledge and celebrate their achievements.

At the end of last term Jessica Woodside competed in the cross country nationals and came 8th in the Year 7 girls race. Congratulations Jess, what a fantastic result.



Teachers vs Students Netball and Basketball Games

On Friday 28 October we had the annual teachers vs students netball team. The students started off strongly and quickly put points on the board. But the teachers didn't give up and thanks to Shannon and Kirstin's accurate shooting their points started to increase. The students' team displayed awesome teamwork throughout the game with every player giving it 100%. They did some amazing intercepts, spectacular goals and worked seamlessly as a team. The end result was 16 - 9 to the teachers.

On Friday 4 November it was the basketballers' turn to play against a teachers team. The basketball team started out strongly and dominated the game throughout. Their teamwork and ball handling skills kept the audience entertained throughout the game. The basketball team came out victorious at the end and the final score was 6-3.





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Only 16 more sleeps till the Plimmerton School Gala on **Saturday 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.

The Plimmerton School Gala is our major fundraiser of the year, and an event that the wider community always looks forward to. The running of the school Gala is a massive undertaking. It is such a fun day and brings our community together, it is also a great way to meet other families whilst working alongside one another.

Historically we have asked that **ALL** school families contribute/help out in some way and this year is no exception. We need all the help we can get and for many families this will be the first opportunity you have had to support our school.

There are many ways in which your family can help/contribute and we are still looking for lots and lots more volunteers. Please click on this [link](#) to find out all the things that need to be done before, during and after the gala then sign up for a job. Thank you to all those families who have put their name down already to help out. One of the PTA members will contact you soon to confirm times and details.

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Gala Items Drop-off

For those of you who 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 soon which will include a timeline for the delivery of mystery jars, fudge, clothes, books and items for the white elephant.

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Plimmerton School Gala
Saturday 19 November 2022



Ticket 2 Ride

Keep things simple on gala day by buying your child's TICKET 2 RIDE early. Then they can have lots of fun all day at the gala without bugging you continuously for money!

\$26 worth
of tokens
for \$20

Electric Cars
Car Smash
Inflatable Castles
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And much much more

Each pack has 13 x \$2 tokens which can be used at a variety of rides and activities that display the T2R sign.

Make sure you get in quick!
This deal will not be available on Gala day!

All you need to do is fill in the form below and return it with the money to the school office by **Tuesday 15 November**. Tokens will then be delivered to your child's class on Friday 18 November or can be picked up from ticket booth on the field on Gala Day.

In the event of the gala being cancelled all money will be fully refunded.

Plimmerton School Gala Ticket 2 Ride

Family name: _____ Room: _____

Phone: _____

Number of Tickets 2 Ride _____ @ \$20 per ticket. Total \$ _____

☐ Cash enclosed \$ _____ (parent accounts can not be used to purchase the Ticket 2 Ride)

☐ I'll pay by EFTPOS at the office before **Tuesday, 15 November**.

☐ I'll pay by bank deposit before **Friday, 11 November**.

Please **reference** your **FAMILY NAME & T2R** on your transaction.

Plimmerton School Board of Trustees Account# 12-3478-0062343-00

Quiz Night

The Parent Teacher Association would like to thank all those parents and friends of the school who attended the Quiz Night on 23rd September. It was a great success for a first, post Covid event and raised \$2000. Special thanks to Chelsea and Shannon, our quiz hosts and to Mitre 10 who were our primary sponsors. Thank you to Plimmerton Bowling Club for allowing us to hire their venue and giving their support to our event. We are planning for the Quiz Night to return as an annual fundraising event.

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.

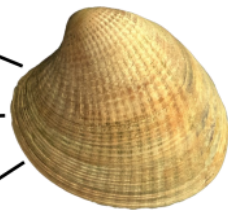
(If you can bring a spade it would help)



Where are they?

How big are they?

How many are there?



Want to know more?

Contact Andre van Halderen at pauainlet@gmail.com

***RAINY DAY ALTERNATIVE**

Sunday 20 November

Sausage sizzle provided by



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



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/>.



The Plimmerton Big Spring Clean - Sunday 20th November 9.30am

All families, groups and businesses are invited to help us get Plimmerton and Camborne ship shape for summer. There is a lot of rubbish around to pick up. We can really make this place look so much smarter.

Can you join us for half an hour or an hour?

We will all be done and dusted by late morning and workers will be treated to a super sausage sizzle ... thanks to the team at the Menzshed. Meet at the park area on Queens Avenue (off Steyne Ave). You will be given rubbish bags and protective gloves, and you will be driven to your assigned patch by the Plimmerton Fire Brigade! Residents of all ages and stages are welcome.

See David when you arrive and he will sign you in and get you delivered to your patch, and if you want to know more about this event contact David davidpgverrinder@gmail.com. Thanks and see you there!

Plimmerton Residents' Association

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