



HONGOEKA SYNDICATE NEWSLETTER - TERM 4, 2022

Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome to term 4. We hope you and your family have had a great holiday break.

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Jo Verran will be acting syndicate leader for the remainder of the year. You can contact her on jov@plimmerton.school.nz or 04-233-8677



Speeches:

In weeks 1 to 4, students will write and deliver a speech topic of their choice to their class. The speech will be about something they are interested in and are already very familiar with, as this is not a research project. To support students with writing their speech, we will be going through the writing process of planning, drafting, reworking and editing. Students are expected to write the speech themselves at school and we ask that you do not write or edit your child's speech for them.

In order to prepare students for delivering their speeches, they will take part in a range of oral language activities and will also analyse other people's speeches to identify what an effective speech looks like.

Please support your child by talking with them about possible speech ideas, listening to your child's speech and feeding back to them how they could improve their delivery.

Multiplication and Division Facts:

It is very important that students in Hongoeka syndicate have a good knowledge of their multiplication and division facts so that they can quickly recall them when solving problems in other mathematical areas. This term as a syndicate, we will continue to focus on strategies and activities to help students learn and recall their times tables quickly. We ask that you also support your child at home and spend time with them learning their multiplication and division facts.

Suggested Multiplication and Division Fact websites:

- www.timestables.co.nz
- [Hit the button](#)

Structured Literacy:

This term we will be continuing to teach structured literacy four times a week. Your child will be bringing home word lists to learn for home learning. The words on these lists align with the concepts they are covering in the classroom. Your child will have these assigned to them either on seesaw, or inside their spelling notebook.

Spellathon:

To reinforce the learning students have been doing in Structured Literacy we are holding a sponsored spellathon. Money raised from the spellathon will be used to purchase educational resources. Students will be given a list of up to 40 spelling words to learn at home and school over the next few weeks. It would be great if your child could collect sponsorship from family, friends and your work colleagues.

The spelling test will be given to the students during week 3 of term 4 (31st-4th November), after which your child's correct results will be sent home. Your child will then collect the sponsorship money and bring it to school. The completed forms and money need to be back at school by Friday 18th November (eftpos is available at the office). Please ensure each sponsor signs the form when they give the money to your child.

Sport:

Our syndicate sports programme will be happening on Mondays and Thursdays. On these days students are encouraged to wear clothing and shoes suitable for physical activities. All students are expected to fully participate in the sports programme that Hongoeka syndicate provides. If your child is not able to take part please let their teacher know.

Swimming:

Students will be taking part in swimming and water awareness lessons in weeks 3/4/5 this term. All students are expected to take part and notes/emails are required if your child is unable to participate.

Fergs Kayaking and Rock climbing trip:

As part of our water awareness programme, Hongoeka syndicate will be participating in kayak and rock climbing sessions, which are run by Fergs Kayak on the waterfront in Wellington. We will visit over two days to cater for all the classes in the syndicate. We will be travelling by train to/from Plimmerton Station and then be walking along the waterfront to/from Fergs Kayaks. The cost of the trip will be \$50 per child, which includes the cost of the rock climbing, kayak and the train. A separate notice with more details will be emailed home next week.

**Sun hats:**

In terms 1 and 4 all staff and students need to wear brimmed hats when taking part in outdoor activities. Please ensure that your child brings theirs to school each day. Children who do not have a brimmed hat will need to stay in the shade during break times.

**Devices:**

A reminder that if your child brings their own chromebook to school it should be fully charged before coming to school. They are not able to charge it during school time.

Cell Phone Use:

Students are expected to put phones away in bags with the volume muted, or turn it off as soon as they arrive at school in the morning. They can get it out at 3pm to organise meetings with parents or other family members. If you need to contact your child during school hours please ring the school office and they will put you through to the classroom.

Brain Break:

During the morning students will have an opportunity to have a short snack and water break. Food eaten during this time must be healthy and could include - fruit, vegetables or nuts. Other snacks should be kept for intervals and lunch times.

Gala:

The Plimmerton School gala is back and will be happening on Saturday 19 November from 11-3pm. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and all families are encouraged to help out in some way.

The PTA is still looking for lots of volunteers. They need volunteers who can do one or more of the following: a 2- hour slot on a stall on gala day, coordinate stalls and rosters prior to the Gala, sort donations in the hall the week before, help set up stalls during the day on Friday 18 November and pack up after the Gala on Saturday. Please email office@plimmerton.school.nz to let them know how you can help.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries regarding your child. Pop in before or after school for a chat or email us.

Nga mihi,

Hongoeka Teachers