



## PANUI - NEWSLETTER - Week 6, Term 4, 2022

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

Kia ora whānau

Firstly let's start with a huge thank you to our wider community and school whānau for their contribution towards our school gala! Without the army of helpers, baking, donated goods or good will the day wouldn't have been able to happen. A special thank you also to the gala committee for the organisation and planning involved leading up to the big event and on the day! It was a huge day for our school and the money raised goes directly back to our tamariki - so thank you everyone.

As educators we are always thinking about the year ahead so now is the best time to alert you to some exciting things happening at Plimmerton School in 2023. We are currently working on student placements and the first step is to place teachers across the school to best suit their strengths and the needs of our learners. I have announced the teaching teams for next year (see right) and look forward to sharing student placements when completed. Our Syndicate Team Leaders (as pictured from left to right) are Brendon Cross - Mana Syndicate, Andy Tate - Taupo Syndicate, Shannon Ferguson - Kowhai Syndicate, and Rebecca Courtney - Hongoeka Syndicate.

Next year we welcome a new addition to our classroom staff - Holly Williamson. Holly is a beginning teacher, completing her Masters in Education this year after having previously worked on film sets, including Avatar! We are excited for her to be part of our team and begin her teaching career with us.

As part of our recruitment process we also welcome Julia Jones who will take over from Carol Shaw in the Food Technology room next year. Julia joins us after spending a number of years at Newlands Intermediate and working abroad. Again we are very fortunate to have someone of her calibre, experience and expertise join our staff.

In due time we will also say farewell to some of our staff but will save that for a special write up for them!

The other exciting change is our Student Management System. We will be moving from E-Tap to LincEd Hero. This will be a one stop shop, so to speak, for us to complete student attendance, live reporting, student absences, community notices, finances, permission slips and even advertising options! More information will come out closer to the end of the year, however for parents it will be as simple as downloading an app!

PLIMMERTON STAFF 2023

# PLIMMERTON TEACHERS

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## THE TEAMS

KŌWHAI	MANA	HONGOEKA	TAUPŌ
SHANNON	BRENDON	REBECCA	ANDY
CHELSEA	ANDREW	KATHERINE	NAOMI
LISA.C	DIANNE	STEVE	CLAYTON
EVIE	JEANELLE	EMMA.Mc	HOLLY

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As you can tell there is a lot happening at this time of the year, so please be mindful our teachers have a heavy workload in Term 4 with reports, EOTC, class placement, testing, oh and teaching! Feel free to take that extra moment to send a positive email to let them know what an amazing job they are doing or have done with our kura kids this year!

**Nga Mihi**

**Chris Steffensen, Principal - Tumuaki**

## ***Coming Events - to put on your calendar***

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 Fergs kayaking/rock climbing trip
Tuesday 29 November	Rooms 22 and 23 Fergs kayaking/rock climbing trip
Friday 2 December	Parumoana Speech Finals Sausage Sizzle Whole school assembly 2pm
Monday 5-9 December	Mana Beach Safety Kowhai Water Awareness programme
Monday 5 December	Aotea Orientation Day for Year 8's
Tuesday 6 December	Wellington Regional Athletics
Monday 12 December	Kowhai end of year trip to Aotea Lagoon
Thursday 15 December	Year 8 Leavers Dinner
Friday 16 December	Last day of school Final Assembly 11am - school finishes at 12 o'clock

## ***Parents approaching children***

Over the last few weeks we have had a few instances of parents speaking to students about events that have happened at the beginning/end of the day or outside of school time. Although the intentions of adults are often genuine and well meaning, for some children, being approached by adults they don't know or are unfamiliar with can be very upsetting, scary and intimidating. If you see or hear of an incident that you feel needs addressing please report it to the office or the child's teacher if known. Please refrain from approaching the child directly.

## ***Whole School Assembly***

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

## ***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. 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.

## ***Teacher Only Day - Friday, 25th November***

On Friday 25 November (this Friday) there is a teachers only day and teachers will not be on site. Kelly Club is running a full programme of fun-filled day of games, arts'n'crafts, baking and much more! on this day. There are ½ day, school day and full day options. For bookings please visit [https://kellyclub.co.nz/kelly\\_events/view/15028](https://kellyclub.co.nz/kelly_events/view/15028)

## Library Corner

Three students are still left in the Chess Knockout Competition. Eli has been confirmed as one of the finalists, and we are still waiting for the other semi-final to be played.

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 were delivered to classrooms this week. Thank you so much for your support.

**Orders for issue 8 are closing today (Monday 21 November).** Orders will be delivered to school prior to the end of the school year. 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. Please just email me to let me know if you would prefer to collect your order from the library.

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

Happy reading,  
Sarah

## PTA News

We need two parent helpers to cook and serve sausages from 11.20am - 1.30pm for the upcoming sausage sizzle on Friday 2 December. If you can help please contact Katrine Ellison via email: [katrinellison@gmail.com](mailto:katrinellison@gmail.com)



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A huge thank you to those who attended our gala on Saturday especially those who came in the morning when the weather was at its worst. It was fantastic to see people checking out all the stalls, buying raffles, enjoying the delicious food on offer and trying their skill at the carnival games. Preparations for the gala have been going on since the beginning of the year and the PTA would like to thank all those families who helped out in some way.

*Check our next newsletter to find out the names of all the raffle winners and how much we raised.*



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## Community Notices



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.

At this stage we are specifically trying to find homestay families for Japanese students arriving January 28th and departing March 6th, as well as for a group from Japan arriving on March 10th for 2 weeks.

### 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 we provide

Aotea College has a well-resourced International Department, with a Homestay Co-ordinator who is able to provide you with advice and support.

Homestay families are paid a weekly fee of \$300 which is reviewed annually.

For more information about hosting a student please check out: [international.aotea.school.nz/homestay](https://international.aotea.school.nz/homestay) or email [cox@aotea.school.nz](mailto:cox@aotea.school.nz)

### Christmas Shopping Discount Offer

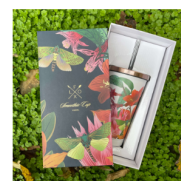


The [School Fundraising Shop NZ](https://www.schoolfundraisingshop.co.nz/) have offered a special 20% off discount\* code to our school community. With every purchase you make School Fundraising Shop NZ will donate 10% of the order total to Plimmerton School. Get in quick as this discount is only valid until December 4th 2022, use the discount code below and remember to select Plimmerton School at checkout.

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Gifts for all the family...



### 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)



## **PĀUATAHANUI ANGLICAN PARISH** **CHRISTMAS SERVICES:**

### **ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, PLIMMERTON**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 4.00pm**  
**CHRISTINGLE (Children's) SERVICE**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 11pm**  
**MIDNIGHT SERVICE**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE**

### **ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, PĀUATAHANUI**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December – 7:30pm**  
**NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 8pm**  
**CHRISTMAS SERVICE**



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