



PANUI - NEWSLETTER - Final week of Term 4, 2022

Mai e te Tumuaki - From the Principal

Kia ora whānau

As a school community we have continued to thrive in 2022 and will begin the exciting journey of bringing community back into our school next year. The ever present threat of COVID has added additional layers of complexity to the way we work, learn and live. Despite these challenges our school community has highlighted manawa titi, kaitiakitanga, and manaakitanga in the way they interact, support and treat each other.

Our children are blessed to have a professional and hardworking team of teachers and support staff who get out of bed each and every morning with a mission to do the best they possibly can, to provide a learning environment required for individual success for each of the 450 students that call Plimmerton School home.

Thank you, team, for the personal contributions you make to the school and for the work you do daily. Our strength as a school comes from the strength of you as a team. Next year will be no different and personally I am excited about what is planned ahead and seeing every staff member excelling in what they do! With a large school we are always destined to farewell some staff. Last Friday we held a special assembly to farewell Chelesea, Aggie, Carol, Kate and Jill. I won't share all the special stories that were shared about these wonderful people, but I will assure you they all hold a special place in our hearts and will be missed next year.

Thanks to you, the parents of the wonderful students that we work with each day. Without the much-valued contributions to your children's learning our input would be far less effective. We truly value your partnership in growing your children.

Last newsletter I shared the Learning Journey for 2023, speaking about "Under the Surface" and learning contexts. A huge part of this is celebrating the connection we have with Hongoeka Marae and the work that has occurred over the last few years. One of the outcomes representing our connection and understanding of 'our place' is changing the name of Kowhai Syndicate (Year 1 & 2's) to "Motuhara". All other syndicates are named after important landmarks in Plimmerton so this is the final step in ensuring we represent and understand places of our history.

Finally, thank you to each and every one of our learners. Your enthusiasm, flexibility, cheekiness and smiling faces are a constant reminder of the wonders of life. Your passion for learning and to achieve no matter what obstacles are placed before you is infectious.

Have a very blessed Christmas. Enjoy your time together and return ready for another amazing year in 2023.

Nga Mihi

Chris Steffensen, Principal - Tumuaki

Coming Events - to put on your calendar

Term 1 - Week 1

Thursday 2 February

Monday 6 February

Term 1 begins - welcome back all students for 2023

Waitangi Day - no school

Seesaw App Closing 31 December - Final Notice

With the introduction of Hero in 2023 (the school's new student management system) we will not be renewing our subscription to Seesaw. We are aware that a large part of the school community uses Seesaw to view and celebrate students' learning, rest assured Hero offers a similar if not better solution. You will be sent invitations to connect with Hero in the New Year.

What does this mean for all the wonderful images your child, and child's teachers, have shared via Seesaw? If you would like to keep a copy of these photos you will need to **download these via your Seesaw account before 31 December 2022**. You will not be unable to download any photos after this date.

Please follow this [link](#) which gives a step-by-step guide to downloading your child's photos.

Plimmerton School Sports Uniforms - Final Notice

We still have sports uniforms from our Netball, Hockey and Rippa Rugby teams that need to be returned, along with school t-shirts worn at the recent Athletics competition. Please drop these to the office, in a named bag (full name and room number!). **The FINAL deadline for returning school uniforms is Wednesday 21 December**. An invoice to cover the replacement cost will be sent for all uniforms not returned by this date.

Library Corner

The stock-take has been completed, and the library is looking very empty without our wonderful students. We have 27 books missing from the library that weren't issued. Please take a hunt through your bookshelves and return these books next year. No questions asked!!!

Thanks to all those leaving families and staff who donated books. We look forward to reading your gifted books in 2023.

It has been a busy year. Our library management system "Accessit" was implemented in term 4, 2021 and it has made a huge difference, not only to data quality but also accessibility. Students are now able to access the library catalogue, and our years 5-8 students can also reserve books and write book reviews. Our library website contains many useful links to other sites, so please take a moment over the holidays to check it out - <https://nz.accessit.online/PLM03>.

The library is preparing for the Aotearoa New Zealand Histories Curriculum which will be introduced in 2023, and has identified relevant fiction, non-fiction and video resources. These can be found by entering ANZHC as a search argument in the library catalogue. We also celebrated Pride Month and have increased our Pride, Super-Readables, Neuro-diverse and Football Heroes collections as well as filled in many gaps in our book series collections.

Our two senior syndicates participated in a library survey and as a result there will be two major changes in 2023. The first is the library opening hours. During term one, Monday to Thursday the library will be open during morning tea time. If there is a lot of interest, then the library will stay open during morning tea times for the remainder of the year.

The second change is regarding new books. Many students expressed their frustration in how long it was taking to borrow books that they have reserved. From 2023, new books will have a two week loan period and then they must be returned so that the next student who has reserved the book can read it.

I hope that everyone has a fabulous summer holiday - with lots of awesome reading. All the best to our wonderful year 8s as they head to college.

Happy reading, Sarah



Oh Tommy boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling

If you were at school last week you might have been lucky enough to hear Thomas Gear pipe students back to class at the end of lunch and again to farewell students at the end of the day. The school, and surrounding residents, have loved hearing Thomas's skillful piping of some traditional and not-so-traditional tunes.



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2023 Back to School Stationery

For the 2023 school year we have teamed up with OfficeMax to make your back to school stationery shop super easy.

Stationery for years 1-8 will no longer be purchased from the school. Instead you can shop for your child's stationery from the comfort of your own home, or holiday spot, and have it delivered directly to your door. Don't worry, we've negotiated the best possible prices so you can shop online with confidence.

Ordering Stationery Online

Your child's class/year list is already loaded at myschool.co.nz/Plimmerton simply:

- View the full stationery package
- Enter your child's name and select the year list as required (*there is no Student ID required*)
- View the **Recommended Items**, and select what you need from the **Buy now or bring from home** list and unselect what you don't
- View **Contributions and Donations**, and **Add Contribution****
- Either **Add Another Student** (and repeat steps above) or go straight to your **Shopping Cart**
- Proceed to **Check Out** – and OfficeMax will get your delivery underway.

The classroom consumable charge for 2023 is \$10.00 per student and covers printing, tissues, sanitiser, paper towels, sun screen, coloured pencils, and colouring pens. The Classroom consumables will be charged when you place your order and will show as a separate transaction on your credit or debit card.

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- You can choose to receive your order straight away or in January
- Free delivery on orders over \$60*
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* *Terms & Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details.*

** *Contribution is the classroom consumables charge, if not paid via MySchool this charge will be added to your school Parent Account and will be payable within 30 days.*

We hope you find online ordering easy and convenient. Please don't hesitate to contact the office if you have any queries about OfficeMax MySchool. We look forward to your child having a successful start to the new school year!

Please note, if you have new entrants starting during the year their stationery packs will still be purchased directly from the school office.

The banner features the OfficeMax MySchool logo on the left. The main text on the right reads "Beat the rush and order back to school stationery now!" in large, bold, teal letters. Below this, it says "Class lists are ready to shop at" followed by the website "myschool.co.nz" in a teal box. On the left side of the banner, there is a circular image of three children in school uniforms running happily.

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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 or text Pete on 022 067 0357.

LOOK BOTH WAYS

From 4 January 2023, there are some changes to the direction in which trains are travelling on the Kāpiti Line.

Expect trains at all times, in both directions.

Take extra care and look both ways, every time you prepare to cross.

KiwiRail 

Babysitter Available

My name is Vienna Story, I am 15 years old and attend St Mary's College in Wellington.

I love children of all ages and have experience looking after children ages 3-12. I am the oldest in my family and I used to attend Plimmerton School. I am happy to do many activities with children such as arts and crafts, outside time, board games and many more. I can fold washing, load the dishwasher, and provide support to busy families. My rate is \$15.00 per hour.

If you would like an evening off, or help during the school holidays please get in touch with me via Melissa Story (Mum) Tel: 027 5555 977.

CodeCamp Summer Holiday Fun

CodeCamp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create games, apps.

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From 12th Jan 2023: \$30 per child
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Registrations Close 18 January 2023

Glenis: glenis@ppp.org.nz



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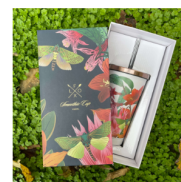


The [School Fundraising Shop NZ](https://www.schoolfundraisingshop.co.nz/) have offered a special 20% off discount* code to our school community. With every purchase you make School Fundraising Shop NZ will donate 10% of the order total to Plimmerton School. Get in quick as this discount is only valid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

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*Valid until 4th December 2022, one use per customer.

Gifts for all the family...



ARTY FARTY KIDS - Mini Christmas Craft Sessions

With Christmas around the corner why not book your child into one of our Mini Christmas Craft Sessions? Running on December 19th & 21st & 22nd. Keep your children occupied making gifts & treats whilst you finish the last minute bits n bobs for the big day! Bookings have already started so contact: office.artyfartykids@gmail.com

Bookings are closing soon!



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 or email cox@aotea.school.nz

KELLY SPORTS JANUARY 2023 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME - MON 9 JANUARY - TUES 31 JAN 2023

This sports based holiday programme will give your children the opportunity to try different sports, learn new skills, build their self-confidence, and most importantly have a huge amount of FUN. Your child can expect high energy, all-inclusive games and activities to keep them entertained and engaged for however long they are staying!

We have an exciting programme planned including:

"Tag your it Day", Kelly Sports Inflatable Football Arena, Sports Mash Up Day, Dodgeball Day, Super Summer Sports Day, Incredible Race Day, Sports Carnival Day, Summer Splash Day plus trips to Ten Pin Bowling & Aotea Lagoon, Picnic in the Botanical Gardens, Wellington Zoo, Roller Skating and Maidstone Park, and lots more..

To Book go to www.kellysports.co.nz

Super Summer Sports - Term 1 - Thursday's 3.05pm-4.05pm for 8 weeks!

Enrolments are now open for term 1!

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport 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 1 are: Cricket, Dodgeball, Athletics and Ultimate Frisbee.

To enrol to either programme go to www.kellysports.co.nz





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