



PANUI - NEWSLETTER - Week 3 Term 1, 2023

Mai e te Tumuaki - From the Principal

Kia ora whānau

I just want to start by acknowledging the thousands of people across the country who were impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle. For some life will never be the same, while others thankfully will be able to rebuild and/or replace. It is only the third time in New Zealand's history we have been in a National State of Emergency. It brings to light just how lucky we have been in Wellington to avoid the devastation we are seeing in the media. It is pleasing to see so many acts of kindness and Manaakitanga people show in times of hardship and can only hope if we are ever in this situation our community will also uphold these special values.

I sent home a community notice earlier this week to make sure you are all aware of our processes in an emergency in relation to how we will send information out to you. Thank you to those who have already started using our SMS System. If you have not done so yet, please read the notice sent home via LincEd Hero (Hero) and by paper and sign up to Hero. This is the main way we will be in contact with you in case of an emergency or if your child hurts themselves at school.

While we are on serious matters can I please ask again that we show consideration for others at pick up/drop off times, especially in the wet weather. Simple things such as not parking on yellow lines, in front of the gate or in the bus stop would be appreciated and support us to keep our tamariki safe. Just because it is wet does not mean we can lower our safety standards.

On a more positive note we have now completed our first full week of school! Learning programmes are into full swing and there is a positive vibe in classes and the playground. Our kaiako (teachers) have spent a large amount of time getting to know each child and building positive relationships. Our focus for the term is learning about Manaakitanga. As a kura we label Manaakitanga as both giving and receiving kindness. Our aim is that we lift up and maintain the mana of each other by doing things for others, not for a reward, but as it is the right thing to do. We look forward to opening up the school in week 10 to show off what learning has taken place across the term!

Next week we will see two syndicates empowering their students to show two of our school values; Whitireiatanga (aim high) and Manawa Titi (resilience). Both Mana and Taupō have EOTC events that include sleepovers! We hope you all enjoy yourselves, have fun and make memories you can talk about for the rest of the year! Remember kids, hide the lollies in your sleeping bag and don't leave wrappers on the ground! They are easy ways for the teachers to know you have them! I look forward to visiting both events! Thank you to the whanau who are able to help out and a special thank you to the teachers who have spent hours organising and planning for these events to take place.

PAID UNION MEETING FOR TEACHERS - SCHOOL FINISHING AT 1PM ON TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

We have been notified by NZEI of nationwide paid union meetings for teachers occurring in the week beginning February 27th. All union members are legally entitled and encouraged to attend this meeting to discuss collective agreement contract negotiations. There is only one meeting offered in this area which all our teaching staff who are members will be attending. To accommodate this, **we will finish at the earlier time of 1pm.** Kelly Club after school care facilities will be available for all current customers who are booked in for care on this day. Buses will come at the earlier time also. We appreciate that this will be difficult for some families. We will have a very skeleton staff remaining at school (consisting of Mr Steffensen, teachers who are not union members, and some Teacher Aides) so we are able to offer supervision to any children who are not able to be collected early. We thank you for your

cooperation and support for our teaching staff as they fight for the best educational opportunities and access for your children.

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL EACH DAY - Plimmerton School starts at 8:55 a.m. each day, with classes and the playgrounds open to students and whanau from **8:30 a.m.** We ask that students arrive before 8:55 as being late for school not only affects your child's learning, but it can be upsetting for your child when they have to enter a classroom that has already settled and is learning. Please be mindful of what time your child gets to school as we have a number of students beginning to arrive and wait at the gate from as early as 8:00 am. This means they are unsupervised and we cannot take responsibility for them.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD DO IF IT IS RAINING BEFORE SCHOOL?

If it is clearly raining (not spitting) after **8:15 a.m.** students may come into the school grounds and take shelter under their class verandah. The last thing we want is to have sick or wet students! Please remind your children to dress for the weather, and the basics such as walking around the puddles :)

Lot's of information, so the next newsletter will have to be filled with updates of student learning and fun!

Nga Mihi

Chris Steffensen, Principal - Tumuaki

Coming Events - to put on your calendar

Week 4

Monday 20 Friday to 24 February

Taupō Syndicate camps at Kaitoke Regional Park

Thursday 23 February

Mana Noho/Sleepover

Week 4

Tuesday 28 February

Paid Union meeting for teachers - school closing at 1pm

Week 5

Friday 10 March

Whole school assembly- 2pm

Student Absences

If your child is unwell and will not be at school please advise the office as soon as possible (before 9am is preferable). You may leave a message on the school's absence line (04 233 8677 press 1), or you can email absence@plimmerton.school.nz the office will then notify your child's teacher.



Ice blocks for sale from next week

School fundraising ice blocks will be available to purchase on Tuesdays and Fridays during Term 1 starting from Tuesday 21st February. Ice blocks will be \$2 each. Children need to give their money to their classroom teacher in the morning and the ice blocks will be delivered to their classroom before lunch.

2023 Term Dates, Holidays & Teacher Only Days

Term 1

Starts: Wednesday 2 February

Waitangi day - Monday 6 February

Ends: Thursday 6 April (Good Friday 7 April)

Term 2

Starts: Wednesday 26 April

Anzac Day - Tuesday 25 April

Teacher Only days - Monday 24 April, Friday 2 June

Queen's Birthday - Monday 5 June

Ends: Friday 30 June

Term 3

Starts: Monday 17 July

Ends: Friday 22 September

Term 4

Starts: Monday 9 October

Teacher Only Day - Friday 20 October

Labour Day - Monday 23 October

Ends: Wednesday 20 December



OUR SCHOOL PATROL NEEDS YOUR HELP PLEASE!

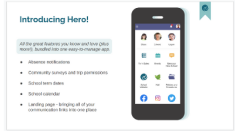
We have some fabulous adult volunteers signed up to help on the school crossing after school but we would love to have a few more volunteers to roster on. If you are willing and able to help out between 2.45 and 3.15pm about once a fortnight, then please contact [Rosemary Oxnam](#).

Have you connected via the HERO App yet?

Plimmerton School - LincED HERO


What is HERO

HERO is our new Student Management System. This is the place parents report absences, receive school notices and importantly will be where we house Student Reports, data and assessment.




Logging in

HERO can be downloaded via the App store or can be accessed on any browser as a web based platform. Simply download the HERO app, add the email address you have given the school and follow the prompts. If logging in via web page simply search or type hero.linc-ed.com and it will take you to the log in screen.



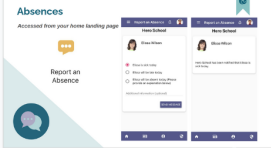
What do you need to do?

Firstly download the app and also log in online! We will start with the basic services first, such as Community Notices and Absences. Later in the term we will share more information and a 'how to guide'. So bear with us while we set up the system for success.




Reporting an absence

Instead of emailing or ringing, use the App! Go to the Home section of your profile, click the yellow button and follow the prompts! **(Term 1)**




Watch the HERO video

Click on the QR code to learn all about Linc-Ed Hero. The link will take you directly to the video for CAREGIVERS



In time, view your Child's Progress

As the year progresses and teachers gather assessment data we will begin to open up HERO to allow Parents to view children's progress. You will be able to instantly see what level they are at, progress over time and learning examples to show their progress and goals. **This is a Term 2 goal for us!**



Library Corner

The library is open for 2023 and it has been lovely to see so many students enjoying their reading. Emily (right) was the first student to use the library this year.

Opening at morning tea time has proved to be a great success with students reading, issuing books, playing chess and chatting quietly with their friends.

Books introduced to students last week included one about superstars in cricket, two new books series - The School For Good and Evil; and Grishaverse (Shadow and Bone), a book celebrating Chinese New Year and one about the Journey to Waitangi.

Just a reminder that Book Club orders need to be made by the end of the day **today** Friday 17 February. Orders must be made online. The school office will not accept orders.

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 and will be delivered to the classroom. If you are ordering books as a gift and would prefer to collect them from the library, then please let me know and I will set them aside for you. Thank you for your support.

Please take time to check out our library catalogue - <https://nz.accessit.online/PLM03>. This contains all books that are in our library and also some web sites that might be of interest. Senior students can also reserve books and write book reviews.



Come explore with us!

Join us for a free community snorkel

Mountains to Sea Wellington want to show you a different side of Whitireia Park; its under-the-sea world. Bring yourself, whānau, and friends to check out your local sealife.

Never snorkelled before? No worries. We provide all gear and will have experienced guides to take you out.



February 18 & March 4
10am to 3pm
Whitireia Park, Porirua



Find out more on
the MTSW Facebook page
or website:
mountainstoseawellington.org



Pippins, Brownies & Guides -- Places Available for Term One!

Pippins is the beginning of an exciting adventure in Guiding. We help girls aged 5 - 6 years to make new friends, tackle challenges, enjoy activities, earn badges and learn to appreciate and respect the environment and the community.

- Papakowhai Pippins, Wednesday 4pm - 5pm, papakowhaipippins@gmail.com
- Cooks Pippins, Thursday 4pm - 5pm, *Waiting List Only*

Brownies is about learning, developing self-confidence, making new friends and, of course, having lots of fun outside school! Our programme for girls aged 7 - 9 ½ years includes outdoor adventures, conservation activities, cooking, crafts, games and community action projects – all challenging the girls to achieve and grow.

- Endeavour Brownies, Monday 5.15pm - 6.45pm, browniesendeavour@gmail.com
- Papakowhai Brownies, Wednesday 5.15pm - 6.45pm, browniespapakowhai@gmail.com
- Cooks Brownies, Thursday 5.15pm - 6.45pm, browniescooks@gmail.com

Guides take part in community projects, outdoor adventures, cultural awareness activities, and camping. Girls who are 9 to 12 ½ years develop leadership skills at Guides as they become more independent in making decisions. Activities are more demanding and the girls take the lead in defining their own programme.

- Whitby Guides, Tuesday 6.30pm - 8pm, *Waiting List Only*
- Captain Cook Guides, Wednesday 6.30pm - 8pm, captcookguides@gmail.com

Fees at all levels are \$90 per term. To arrange a free visit contact the unit directly, or email Katrina at ggnz.rangituhi@gmail.com, or enquire via the Girl Guiding NZ website.



TAWA FLOORBALL

WANT TO TRY SOMETHING NEW?
COME ALONG AND TRY FLOORBALL.

WHERE:

Tawa Rec Centre
38 Duncan Street (Tawa College)

WHEN:

Term 1
Wednesday's 15 February to 5 April

Years 1-8 3:45pm – 4:35pm

CONTACT:

Facebook - [Tawa Floorball - Home](#) | [Facebook](#)
Email - tawafloorball@gmail.com



WE WILL PROVIDE ALL THE EQUIPMENT YOU NEED.

FLOORBALL IS A TYPE OF INDOOR HOCKEY PLAYED WITH PLASTIC STICKS AND A LIGHTWEIGHT PLASTIC BALL WITH HOLES. IT IS SOMETIMES KNOWN AS UNIHOC OR UNIHOCKEY.

FLOORBALL IS AN INCLUSIVE, SAFE, FAST AND FUN SPORT AND EASY TO PLAY.

Want to play football?



Registration for **PUKERUA BAY SOCCER CLUB** for grades 5 (turning 5 in 2023) to 14 is now open:

- Registration closes 5 March 2023.
- Low registration fees: \$55 for grades 5&6, \$90 for grades 7–12, \$100 for grades 13&14 (mixed boys and girls competition). Includes Nike shirt and shorts.
- Family discounts available.
- Practices potentially in Pukerua Bay and/or Plimmerton (or wherever most suits the team).

To register or for more information visit www.pkbsoccer.nz or call **Iain MacLean** (0274203056) or email pkb@pkbsoccer.nz

Junior Squash Mana Squash Club

6c Pascoe Avenue, Ngatitoa Domain, Mana

Ever wanted to give squash a go? Squash is a great, social sport for kids and is perfect for fitness and developing hand-eye coordination.

Every Friday night during the school term from 6pm-7:30pm is Junior Club Night. Here kids will learn the basics of squash including the rules, serving, practicing different shots and games. Rackets, balls and eyewear are provided, you just need a pair of non-marking shoes.

Come check it out for a few weeks before deciding if you want to sign up - membership is cheap at only \$50/year for kids aged 10 and under, or \$90/year for over 11s. Bring a friend or come make some new ones!

Mana Squash Club also offers a coaching programme for junior players.

**For information contact:
Ben Jansen (Junior Convenor)
email: juniors@manasquash.co.nz**

