



PANUI - NEWSLETTER - Week 5 Term 1, 2023

Mai e te Tumuaki - From the Principal

Kia ora whānau

Firstly, I just wanted to thank you all for supporting the teachers on Tuesday this week as they attended their PUM (Paid Union Meeting) by collecting your children at 1pm. I know it was an inconvenience for many, so we appreciate your support and ability to be flexible while our kaiako (teachers) look at ways to support themselves in this difficult, but rewarding profession.

There has been a huge amount of things happening since the last newsletter, including some exceptional horse riding, Mana Noho/Sleepover, Hongoeka Pātaka trips and the Taupō cycle camps.

I really wanted to thank you parents for supporting your children to do something that is challenging, uncomfortable and for some a first experience, including sleeping away from home! One of the outcomes we want for our learners is to be resilient and what better way to do that than create opportunities for students to get out of their comfort zones. I also wanted to thank the adults who gave up their time to help and also our incredible teachers who slept away from home, organised the activities and gave our tamariki these opportunities.

In week 10 we will open up the school to showcase the learning that has occurred this term centred around the theme of Manaakitanga. Next week we will finalise what this looks like and share the invite with whānau.

I said in my last newsletter I would like to keep this one brief and let the events of the past two weeks take centre stage! So please keep reading to find out about all the exciting things that have happened!

Nga Mihi

Chris Steffensen, Principal - Tumuaki

Student Achievement

Last week Honor Dreaneen, Year 8, competed at the St Matthew's Interschool Show Jumping Championships in the Wairarapa. Honor and her pony Gin had an amazing day. Their individual results were:

- 2nd in the Korky's Catering Table C
- 1st in the UberSnug Horsewear Am5 IJO
- 1st in the Wairarapa Young Farmers Hunter Jumping

This resulted in Honor being awarded the 90cm Champion Rider and Overall Champion Junior Rider. Her team also came third overall in the Teams Event.



Coming Events - to put on your calendar

Week 6

Friday 10 March

Whole school assembly at 2pm

Week 7

Tuesday 14 March

PTA meeting in the staffroom at 7.30pm - all welcome

Thursday 16 March

Kerry School of Irish Dancing performing for school - 2pm

Week 8

Monday 20 March

New Entrant parent meeting - 7pm

Wednesday 22 March

Year 7/8 Kapi Mana Netball tournament

Thursday 23 March

Board meeting - 7pm

Friday 24 March

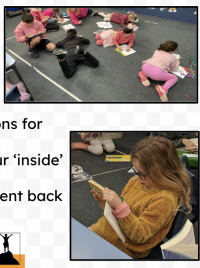
Mana Syndicate Hikoi and amazing race

PB4L at Plimmerton School

Working on your own

- ★ Get your equipment ready before you start.
- ★ Sit in a place where you can focus.
- ★ Stay on task in your learning space.
- ★ Read and follow the instructions for the task.
- ★ If you need help, ask with your 'inside' voice.
- ★ At the end, put all the equipment back where it belongs.

Whitirelatanga - We aim high



Every fortnight Plimmerton School focuses on a specific skill or expected behaviour from one of our four values.

Children who are seen demonstrating this skill or behaviour are given a Plimmerton Gem which they put in one of 4 containers in the foyer. The containers all have different whole school rewards on them. Every four weeks the gems are counted up and the whole school receives this reward. In weeks 1- 4 this was a class free swim.

The week 5 and 6 focus is how to work on your own. Teachers have discussed and modelled what this looks and sounds like in a classroom and are giving out gems when they see children working successfully on their own.

► *Have a chat with your child about how they are going with this skill and how many gems they have earned.*

Saturday Netball

This will be starting on Saturday 29 April and runs through to Saturday 2 September. It does not run on King's birthday weekend (3/6) and the middle and last weekends of the holidays (8/7 and 15/7).

This year children in **Years 6, 7 & 8** will play in the morning from 9am to 12.30pm and children in **Years 4 & 5** will play in the afternoon from 12.30pm to 4pm. All teams play in graded competitions and both girls and boys can play.

Jo and Shannon met with children who showed an interest in playing and will be emailing home a google permission form to their parents. If you do not receive an email and your child is keen to play please fill in this [form](#).



To be able to enter the teams, we will require parents, older siblings or members of the community to **coach and/or manage teams**. If you would like more information about what is involved or know someone who may be interested please contact Jo(jo@plimmerton.school.nz).

We also need people to **umpire** games each week. If you know someone who currently plays netball or has played in the past and may be interested in umpiring please let Jo know. They need to be Year 10 or above. The Ngati Toa netball committee will be running 4 sessions for umpires prior to the season starting. Attending 3 of these sessions is compulsory for anyone who wants to umpire on Saturday's in the Ngati Toa competition.

Ice Blocks for Sale - Term 1

School fundraising ice blocks will be available to purchase on Tuesdays and Fridays during Term 1. 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.



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.

Movin' March

Plimmerton School is doing Movin' March this year. What's Movin' March? It's a programme that runs for the entire month of March and celebrates the benefits of walking, scootering and biking to school.

Movin' March

Any student who walks, scooters or bikes to school can get their passport stamped at the gate. Getting their passport stamped gives them the chance to win some fantastic prizes and there will also be spot prizes given out at the gate. Participation is optional but for those who wish to participate their teacher has everything they need. This week we have had lots of children scootering and biking to school which is awesome. Just a reminder bikes and scooters need to be walked to/from the beginning of School Road all the way to/from the bike and scooter racks.



Lunchtime Scootering on the Drive



DAY	SYNDICATE
Monday	Taupō
Tuesday	Hongoeka
Wednesday	Motuhara
Thursday	Mana

Scooter Rules:

- Wait by the hall steps until the scooter patrol gets there
- No scootering without a helmet
- Only use your own scooter
- Covered shoes must be worn. No jandals or sandals
- Scooter down the drive and walk up the path
- Tricks can be done at the bottom of the drive
- Listen to the Scooter Patrol
- 3 strikes and you're out for the rest of lunchtime

Harold visits the Motuhara Syndicate



Motuhara were lucky enough to have Harold the giraffe from Life Education visit us.

Harold taught us how to be a kind friend and show empathy. Motuhara tamariki have been working hard to show manaakitanga by filling each other's buckets. We are helping others, using kind words and sharing and taking turns.

Mana Sleepover/Noho

Mana syndicate enjoyed a great noho/sleepover on Thursday 23rd February here at school. There were night time activities; the rough water activity in the pool, orienteering, roasting marshmallows and yoga, followed by hot milo and biscuits before bed. In the morning we had a banquet table outside the Mana classrooms for our breakfast and packed up our sleeping gear. At 9am we had four more activities; kahoots, swimming pool, a nature activity up the bank, and colouring. After a nice BBQ lunch we were all pretty tired so we relaxed by colouring and/or watching a movie with an ice-block for intermission.

Thank you to all the Mana teachers and Mrs Oxnam for organising and running the noho/sleepover events.

A huge thank you also to all those parents who helped out and supported the children during their activities as well. This event would not be possible without you.

Lastly, the children were extremely well behaved and had a wonderful time which is the main thing.

'My favourite part of the sleepover was when ... we roasted marshmallows. The fire was so hot all the charcoal turned black. Some of the charcoal burnt so much it disappeared to ashes! It is my favourite because I love the gooey, sticky, yumminess of white marshmallows. Mmm-mmm!'

By Spencer



Taupō Syndicates Camps at Kaitoke



A fantastic time was had by the Taupō students at the Kaitoke Camp.

Hot weather meant lots of fun times swimming in the river and jumping off rocks making giant splashes! The bike ride was amazing with many kids exploring the tunnel at the top and riding to the long swing bridge nearby. Kids made delicious meals in the evening using the menus they worked hard on at school. Great memories made by all!



Hongoeka Syndicates visit to Pātaka

On Monday and Tuesday, Hongoeka went on a trip to Pātaka in Porirua, to learn more about our place, our people and our stories. Each class was shown through the exhibition, where Ngāti Toa stories and taonga were shared. Students had time to explore the gallery by themselves, before working in the Pātaka classroom. They made their own owl image, as a symbol of Kopa, using complementary colours on a black night sky background, and thought about what wisdom a kaitiaki might share with them. The exhibition is open to the public, and is well worth another visit.



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

PTA Update

The PTA at Plimmerton School is a group of parents and teachers who meet once a month to plan events and activities to raise money for the school.

Currently there is a small group of parents and teachers on the committee as many of the long standing members' children have moved on to college and so we need more members. By being on the PTA you get the opportunity to be involved in planning and carrying out school events as well as getting to know other parents in the community. If you are interested in meeting the caregivers and teachers on the PTA and finding out more about what they do please come along to the next meeting on Tuesday 14 March at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is the school gala in term 4 but there are a number of other events planned throughout the year for parents to get involved in.

Term 1: Easter raffle and colouring competition
Term 2: Quiz night, Kids clothes swap, School Disco's
Term 3: Bingo, School disco's
Term 4: School Gala - Saturday 18 November

Sausage sizzles are also run 3 times a term.

If you are interested in joining the PTA, organising an event or just helping out in some way please come along to the next meeting on Tuesday 14 March at 7.30pm in the staffroom or email Ronit.sacharow@gmail.com who is the secretary, and let her know how you would like to be involved.

Spin Bikes for Sale

A huge thank you to Alysson and Doug Hatton from City Fitness for the donation of 16 spin bikes. They are in excellent condition and have been regularly serviced. The PTA are selling these for \$250. If you would like to buy one of these bikes please email the office(office@plimmerton.school.nz). We have a limited number so it is first in first served.



Lunchtime Fundraiser Coordinator

After 7 years organising PTA sausage sizzles 3-4 times a term Katrin Ellison is ready to move on.

The sausage sizzle/burger/pizza days are really looked forward to by the children and they raise a lot of money for the school.

The Lunchtime Fundraiser Coordinator role would suit an individual or a small group of friends. It involves coordinating with the school office to set dates for lunches, organising 5-6 helpers each time to help with preparing and cooking, ordering food and drinks, and coordinating the helpers on the day. In the past there has been a great group of people who have volunteered to help out and do their bit for the school- we had an awesome team of 15 parents last year!

If this sounds like something you would like to do then please email katrinellison@gmail.com. She is still a Plimmerton School parent, and is more than happy to support the person/people taking on the role.



Kids Clothes Swap 2023

The Kids Clothes Swap is back for its third year! Please join us on **Saturday May 6th at 3pm** to restock your child's wardrobe for the year. More details to follow in the weeks to come. For now, donations of good quality childrens' clothes and shoes, newborn - teenage, can be dropped at the office from next week. For any questions, please email plimschoolkidsclotheswap@gmail.com.

Parent Accounts - Important Information

Following the launch of our new student management system **Hero** we are now moving to the next phase which is to transfer all existing Parent Accounts onto the Hero platform - this will become your new **Hero Account**.

Benefits of Hero Accounts

- Transparency - full access to your Hero account to see all transactions (school charges and parent and caregiver payments).
- Easy payment options - make direct secure online debit and credit card payments directly to your Hero Account.
- Parent and caregiver access - choose who can access your Hero Account and make payments for each child.

What can and will be charged to your Hero account?

Anything that would have previously been charged to your Parent Account will now be charged to your Hero Account, including school donations, camps, trips, school activities (e.g. visiting performers, water safety, swimming sports etc), school clothing (hats, hoodies, and t-shirts), lost library book charges and incidentals (previously face masks and top up stationery items) and the Year 7 & 8 technology fees.

What can't be charged to your Hero Account?

Not much - only the Year 8 Leavers Dinner and any PTA fundraising payments (e.g. ice blocks, sausage sizzles, raffle tickets, Quiz Nights, Clothing Swap tickets, and Gala activities).

Access to your Hero Account

If you haven't already, download the **Hero App** onto your phone (via [Google Play](#) or [Apple](#)) or [bookmark Hero on your desktop](#), login using the email address you have provided to the school/where this message was sent to, and set up a New User password. If you have children at other schools that also use Hero your login details will be the same. If using Hero on your phone please keep your notifications turned on, that way you'll get alerts for all school-wide notices or events for your child/ren's class or syndicate group.

The access to view Hero Account's is parent/caregiver/student-specific, this means that if required a caregiver can have access to view the account for one child in a family but not another. This is particularly useful in blended family situations where students with different secondary caregivers are linked as siblings. The caregiver will only see the student on a family statement that they have access to see.

The team at Hero is currently working towards providing the facility for multiple accounts per family in order to cater for diverse family dynamics. You will be notified when this feature becomes available.

Hero Finance will appear on your Hero App/desktop from the 1st April 2023. If you opted to charge the recent Taupo Camp, Mana Sleepover, or Hongoeka Pataka Trip fees to your Parent Account these will be the first charges to appear on your new Hero Account.

What do you need to do?

As with any change there is always a bit of housekeeping, luckily for you, it will only involve two or possibly three of the following three steps:

1. Review your current Parent Account Statement, as at 1st March 2023 (which will be in your inbox following this message) and decide:
 - a. If your account is in debit - choose to pay off your account balance before 30th March 2023 OR have any balance owing transferred to your new Hero Account as an opening balance **owing**.
 - b. If your account is in credit - request a refund of any credit (shown on your statement like this (-\$5.00) or have your credit transferred to your Hero Account as an opening balance **credit**.
2. Confirm your decision by completing the [Parent Account Transfers](#) form by **10th March 2023**.

3. *If you have an automatic payment setup for your existing Parent Account please be sure to cancel this before the 20th March 2023.*

Existing Parent Account Transfer Timeline

- From 1st March - Review your final Xero generate Parent Account Statement balance, there will be no further charges placed on this account but you can still make payments for charges owing.
- Before 10th March - complete the [Parent Account Transfers](#) google form.
- Before 20th March - ensure any automatic payments have been stopped.
- Before 30th March - if you are paying off the balance owing on our existing Parent Account please do so before this date.
- On 31st March - you will be sent a final statement for your existing Parent Account which will confirm any funds (credit or owing) to be transferred to your Hero Account, which all going to plan, will appear on your Hero Account the following business day.
- From 1st April - Hero Accounts will be activated and will in appear in Hero Finance on your Hero App/desktop.

Important Information: If we do not receive your decision via the [Parent Account Transfers](#) google form by 10th March 2023:

- any funds left in your Parent Account as at 31st March 2023 will be automatically transferred to your Hero Account and can no longer be refunded. These funds will show as an **opening balance credit**.
- any charges still on your Parent Account as at 31st March 2023 will be automatically transferred to your Hero Account. These charges will show as an **opening balance owing**.


If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the office on 04 233 8677.

Have you connected via the HERO App?

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.



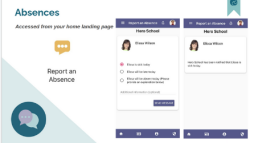
What do you need to do?

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!**

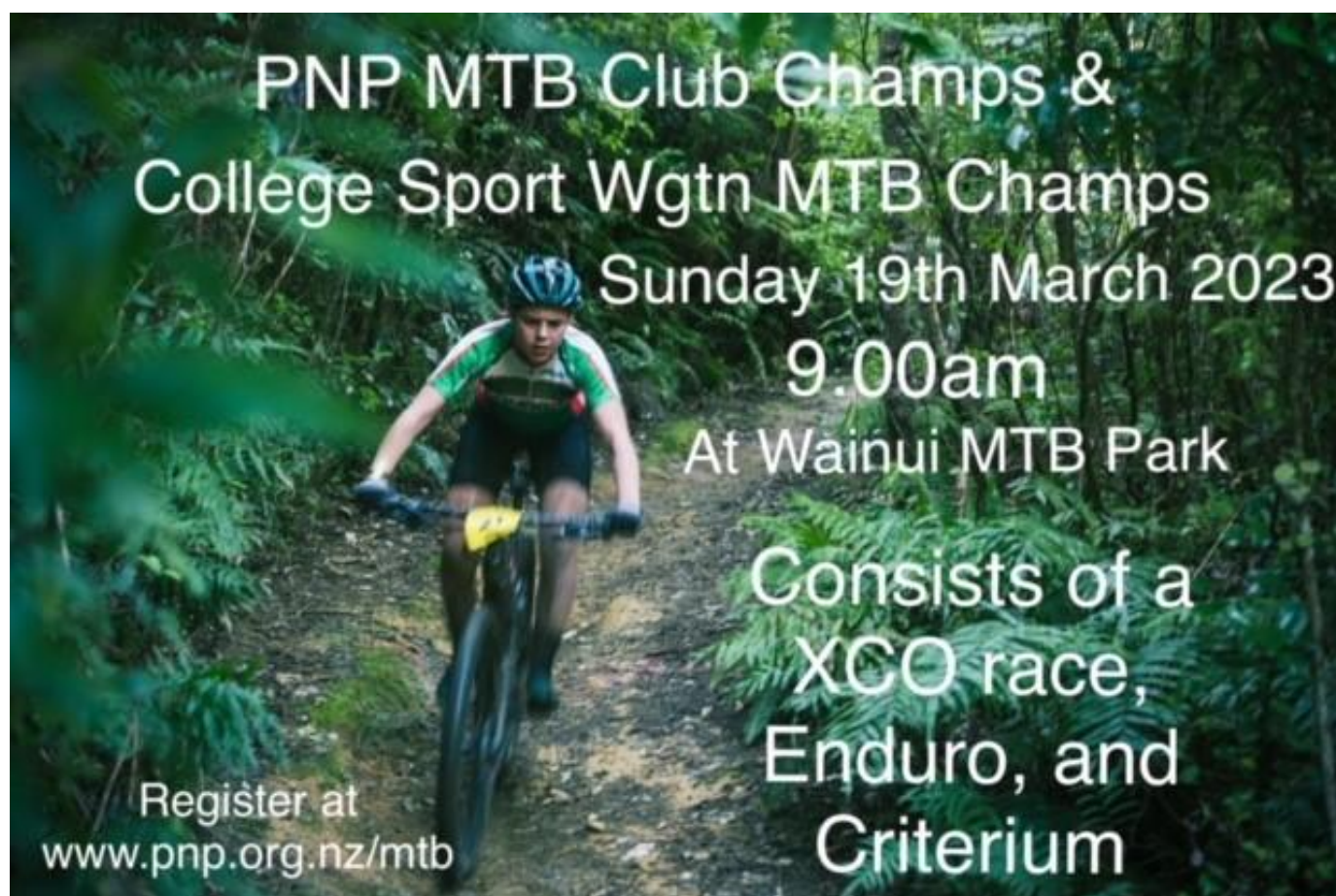


Want to play football?

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

A photograph of a cyclist riding a mountain bike on a dirt trail through a forest. The cyclist is wearing a green and white jersey, black shorts, and a blue helmet. The background is filled with lush green ferns and trees.

**PNP MTB Club Champs &
College Sport Wgtn MTB Champs**
Sunday 19th March 2023
9.00am
At Wainui MTB Park

Consists of a
XCO race,
Enduro, and
Criterium

Register at
www.pnp.org.nz/mtb

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.

Dance & Stage School

“Never Stand Still. Dance”

“At The Academy our main focus is to create a safe, professional and fun environment where all our students can learn the fundamentals of Dance and Performing Arts, while making memories that last a lifetime”

Each class is catered for a specific age range, allowing all students to be taught quality skills whilst meeting like-minded new friends. Whether you are joining classes for a hobby, wanting to gain confidence or paving the way for a career in the Arts, this school has something to offer everyone.

We are based at Pataka, Mungavin Hall Supper Room and the Plimmerton Pavilion

Come and dance with us. First class free.

If you have any questions just email admin@theacademy.dance



PAREMATA PLIMMERTON RFC

JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATIONS 2023

It's that time of year where we'd like to invite all returning and new players to register for the 2023 junior rugby season!

Club rugby grades are based on what school year you are.

Grades start from Nursery (aged 3yrs +) to Year 7/8 combined.

Year 3 is the first year of tackle rugby.

We continue to have Rippa Rugby available for all ages which provides a great way for all to stay in the game.

Registrations are now open online. Please upload a current photo.
Go to: www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/210328 or use the QR code below.

Once you have registered online, come to one of our rego days to be weighed in, collect your playing top and to purchase any merch or ask any questions.

Registration fees need to be paid before you can receive your playing top.

REGO DAYS at Pare-Plim RFC, Ngati Toa Domain

Tues 7th March 5.00 – 7.00 pm

Sun 12th March 9.00 – 12.00 pm

If you have any queries, please email: juniors@pareplimrugby.co.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

