PANUI - NEWSLETTER - Week 7 Term 1, 2023

Mai e te Tumuaki - From the Principal

Kia ora whānau

Firstly thank you to each and everyone one of you for your understanding with the NZEI and PPTA Industrial action (Strike) which occurred on Thursday 16 March. The media like to portray the issue as teachers wanting increased wages. Yes, that is part of the negotiation. However, a lack of government funding has meant that we no longer have the support we need to make sure every child has access to quality education. If we are going to ensure that all tamariki in Aotearoa can reach their potential in primary schools and Kura Kaupapa Māori, fundamental changes to education must be implemented.

As teachers and principals, we love what we do and always put the needs of our students first. In 2019, we took steps towards a fairer, better resourced primary education sector. Whilst we made some progress, we always knew there was still so much work to be done. The big issue that the government is not willing to address is the work conditions and parity of staffing levels that exist between primary and secondary schools.

The model used to determine staffing levels has been in place for 25 years. The urgent need for fundamental changes was highlighted in the 2021 Pūaotanga report. The Wāwāhi Tahā campaign calls on the Ministry of Education to implement these changes and to take bold action to ensure that all children have the education they deserve.

Like many schools across New Zealand, Plimmerton School is finding it extremely difficult to recruit quality teachers to educate your children. A decrease in teachers across the country also means that our relief teacher pool has shrunk. Increasingly we have to split classrooms to accommodate teacher illness or absence. We are demanding a pathway to address staffing issues now.

Now let's bring our focus back to celebrating our tamariki at Plimmerton. Firstly there are a few changes to how we ‘normally’ do things in Term 1.

Firstly on Tuesday 4th April (Week 10) we are ‘opening our doors’ to the community! We welcome all whānau between 3-5pm to come down to school and have a walk through the classrooms to see and hear what your child/ren have been learning about this term. Come and celebrate the terms learning with your child and their teacher and hear all about what they have learnt, tried, failed or accomplished. As a thank you for coming in make sure you collect a BBQ ticket for a free sausage! Our hard working PTA will be at the BBQ cooking up a sausage sizzle and will also have a stall set up to recruit new members and collect names of people who can help at coming events.

Also on Friday 7th April (Good Friday) whānau will receive their very first learning comment about their child, as a post via HERO. The focus of the post is to tell the social story of your child and what our kaiako have seen of your child at school in Term 1! We won’t be holding parent interviews at the end of Term 1 this year but if your child is working below in reading, writing or maths, our kaiako will make contact with you before the end of the term. This is part of the ongoing dialogue you will have throughout the year to create a learning partnership.

In Term 2 whānau will receive a reading, writing and maths post during the term and we will also host whānau meetings at the end of the term to meet face to face. Our goal is to promote a partnership between home and school where whānau feel welcome to contact kaiako and receive honest updates and learning goals. HERO enables

us to provide regular updates of learning progress across the term! Exciting times. Speaking of HERO, thank you to whānau who are now using the app to inform the office of any student lateness, absence or appointments!

Until the next newsletter, nga mihi and stay well.
Chris Steffensen, *Principal - Tumuaki*

Coming Events - to put on your calendar

Week 8 - Movin' March continues

Monday 20 March	Irish dancers performing to the school at 2pm.
	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
	Year 5/6 Girls Futsal tournament

Week 9

Monday 27 March	PP day - Mana Syndicate Hikoi and amazing race
Wednesday 28 March	Year 7/8 Sports festival at Aotea College
Friday 31 March	Motuhara grandparents morning - 10-11am
	Motuhara and Mana Athletics - 11.30-1pm
	Assembly - 2pm

Week 10

Thursday 6 April	End of term 1

Hockey

For a number of years Plimmerton School has participated in Kiwi Hockey which is organised by the Tawa Hockey Club. Kiwi Hockey is played on grass at Linden Park on a Saturday at 9am for Years 2, 3 & 4 players. Games for Years 5 & 6 players are on the turf at Tawa College on Saturday mornings between 9am and 12.30pm. To continue the school's involvement in Kiwi Hockey in 2023, we need coaches for teams at each level. If you are interested in coaching it would involve one practice per week after school, at school, on a day to suit you and being at the game on Saturday. If you would be able to coach please contact Rosemary Oxnam rosemaryo@plimmerton.school.nz or on 2338677 ext 9. Thank you.

PB4L at Plimmerton School

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.

The week 7 and 8 focus is **how to work in a group.** 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 earnt.***

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 can do this via your Hero App, or 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. Movin' March is a programme that runs for the entire month of March and celebrates the benefits of walking, scootering and biking to school.
The Movin' March volunteers have been rushed off their feet in the mornings stamping passports and giving out spot prizes as we have had lots of children walking, scootering or biking to school.

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

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

Library Corner

Our quote for the week comes from Oakley in Room 5 who said *"I didn't know that books could be better than the IPAD"*. We totally agree with Oakley's assessment. We are only in week 7 and have already had over 3,500 books issued from the library.

Week 10 in Term 2 is scheduled for a number of activities including Book Week, so just a heads up that we are likely to have a "dress as your favourite book character" event, a Scholastic Book Fair, and also lots of other fun book-related activities throughout that week.

We are introducing a third new book series to the library - "Keeper of the Lost Cities" by Shannon Messenger. Perfect for fans of Harry Potter. Other recent additions to our library collection include "The Cool Bean" - a fabulous picture book all about inclusion and kindness, a re-working of Hans Christian Andersen's The Little Match Girl (entitled "The Little Match Girl Strikes Back") and a book of football jokes.

Opening at morning tea time has proved to be super popular across all age groups.

Missing Books: We have a handful of books already missing from our library shelves that have not been issued. Could you please have a quick check at home for any books that have a Plimmerton School barcode on them and get these returned to school. No questions asked, we will just be happy to have them returned.

Happy reading, Sarah

Ākonga (student) Area

Hi, I'm Anya Layfield and I am fundraising to go on a scout jamboree in Hamilton in December.

I was wondering if you would like to join me at the Light House Cinema in Pauatahanui on Sunday the 26th of March at 5.00pm. Each ticket is sold for $20 and includes a yummy goody bag to enjoy while you watch the movie.

Bring your folks along and enjoy a PG rated movie with some sweet snacks.

For tickets email me at:
anya121@plimmerton.school.nz
Link to movie Trailer

The Plimmerton School 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.

The Mana Lions Classic Car Show is on at Plimmerton School on Sunday, 26 March 2023 and the PTA has been invited to provide the food. We are going to be holding a sausage sizzle and selling coffee and muffins from 9-3pm.

How can you help:

- Cook a batch of muffins and drop them down to the PTA table by the tech centre on Sunday morning at 9am.
- If you live in Plimmerton or Camborne and would like to make some muffins but can't drop them down to school please email the school office and a PTA member will pick them up from your house between 8-9am on Sunday morning.
- Do a shift on the BBQ. Please email the school office and let them know if you can help from 9-12.30 or 12.30-3pm.

Kids Clothes Swap

Proudly sponsored by AM Janssen - Harcourts, the kids clothes swap is back!

Book your tickets to attend at https://www.facebook.com/events/774551920888778

The $20 ticket price includes a delicious afternoon tea supplied by AM Janssen, the chance to win a luxury hamper AND as many clothes as you would like to take home. Bargain!

Please support our PTA fundraising and come along for a fun afternoon on Saturday 6th of May at 3pm.

Even if you can't make it on the day, you can drop your donation of quality kids clothes at the office from now on. Newborn to teenage clothes, shoes, uniforms and sports clothes are accepted. We always need more boys clothes from ages 5 years up and also clothing for teenagers.

Contact plimschoolkidsclothesswap@gmail.com with any questions.

St Theresa's School
March Madness Fair

Saturday 25th March

11am - 3pm

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Classic Car Show

Date: Sunday 26th March 2023

Venue: Plimmerton School Grounds

Time: 10.00am to 2.00pm, $5 a family

Coffee and food available

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Saturday 6th of May, 3pm

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Racketlon Holiday Programme - Thursday 13 and Friday 14 April 2023, 9am - 3pm
Once again Tawa Tennis, Tawa Squash and Wellington North Badminton are running the Racketlon holiday programme these school holidays. Players rotate around each sport spending 1.5 hours at each club. Qualified coaches will take each session. Please note holiday programme is for age 6 years and older.

Cost per day: $50 a day or $90 for both days.
Registrations: https://bit.ly/3J7elAl
For more information contact Babette at babette@wnba.org.nz

St B's Holiday Club

ST BARNABAS CHURCH
106 MANA ESPLANADE, PAREMATA

19-21 APRIL 2023

9.00AM - 4.00PM

SCHOOL YEARS 1 - 8

Early Bird: $25 per child per day
From 1 April: $30 per child per day

Register Here: https://forms.office.com/r/7E8pPgg4AP
Registrations Close 12 April

Contact: Glenis - glenis@ppp.org.nz or Thomas - thomas@ppp.org.nz

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Drop off closes Sunday 23rd April
Sale event Saturday 13 May 10am - 3pm, Pātaka Art and Museum

We are raising money for Women's Refuge through a raffle, donations from clothing sales and through the support of Pātaka Art and Museum we will also be donating the venue hire fee.

More info & how to drop off:
www.relovedbyyou.com

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Read Around the World

Join us these April school holidays as we Read Around the World!

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Read Around the World

April School Holiday Programme

When and Where	What's On
Wednesday 12 April 10.30am **Children's Library,** **City Centre Library**	**Wave** Listen to stories from Japanese authors and illustrators, then recreate Katsushika Hokusai's famous painting, *Under the Wave off Kanagawa*, in collage. All ages.
Friday 14 April From 9.30am **Reading Room,** **City Centre Library**	**Pick up the Pieces** Pick your puzzle and join the challenge to complete it in one day. We'll have two 500-piece puzzles competing for completion, with spot prizes of fabulous Gecko books by international authors for the keenest puzzlers. We'll keep the vibes global, playing world music in the space all day. Ages 5+.
Wednesday 19 April 10.30am **Pātaka Education Space**	**Stone Soup** Listen to audio stories about magical pots from around the world, while clay modelling a keepsake pinch pot to take home. Numbers are limited for this mindful session; RSVP essential to **bee.trudgeon@poriruacity.govt.nz** Ages 5+.
Friday 21 April 10.30am **Children's Library** **City Centre Library**	**She is an Artist** Learn about some of the iconic female artists depicted in the wildly popular *Little People, Big Dreams* series, then collage your own portrait homage to the legendary Mexican painter, Frida Kahlo. All ages.

Parents and caregivers to remain with children at all times.

We reserve the right to cancel or replace events if adverse circumstances occur. Join the Porirua Libraries Children's Chat Group on Facebook for most current details: **facebook.com/groups/PoriruaLibraryChildrensChat** or visit our website.

porirualibrary.org.nz/whats-on

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Footloose and fancy free

Friday 24 March
Arnold Park, Titahi Bay
3.30–5.30pm

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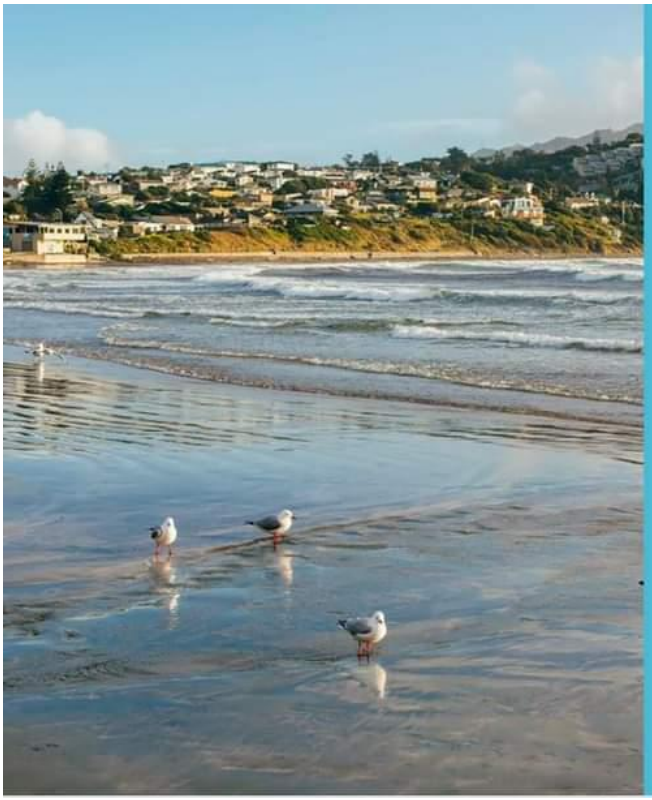

Sunset and kai

Friday 31 March
Grass area, Bothamley Lane carpark
5.30–8.30pm

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