



PANUI - NEWSLETTER - Week 6 Term 2, 2023

Mai e te Tumuaki - From the Principal

Kia ora whānau

As we head deep into the second half of Term 2 and the school year, I want to once again take a moment to recognise and celebrate the hard work and dedication of our wonderful teachers and staff. Teaching, especially in the current climate is hard! One thing that may not always be apparent is how vulnerable our teachers can be at times. They battle sickness, and teacher shortages, and are expected to be 'on form' every single minute of every day. They are expected to be nurses, counsellors, peacemakers, entertainers, facilitators and also teach a class of students who all have different needs, wants, and backgrounds. They are not immune to the stresses of the job, and yet they continue to show up every day, ready to give their all in service to our students. This is why the NZEI and PPTA unions stand united in the fight for better pay and working conditions.

As educators, we are in an incredible position to positively impact and mould our students. As the saying goes "monkey see, monkey do" so all staff are incredibly aware of how their actions and words are seen and followed by others. I just wanted to share a very special email I received from a parent this week about one of our staff. Someone who inspires others regularly. Someone who just gets stuff done, no limelight, no fuss - just a great person who has once again inspired our students.

"I just wanted to write and say I have had a delightful discussion with my child this evening about Frida Kahlo, the artist.

My child was reiterating to me a story the school librarian Sarah had told the class about a woman who was in a bus accident and whose parents gave her an art set in hospital during her recovery.

It was such a pleasure to talk to her about this iconic artist and refer her to a book we had in our home library about Frida. Thanks to Sarah my child is exploring ideas about stoic endurance and autobiographical art. They just read the words introverted and melancholy to me!

Thank you Sarah for elevating and diversifying my child's education. What a great school librarian you have!"

What an amazing email to read before I went to bed that night! I love receiving these types of emails and so asked the sender if it was okay to share with Sarah. It creates such an amazing buzz for that person! I just wanted to say please spread the love! Send the email. Often in society, we only seem to share the negative message. Something that has upset us, we hold a grudge with, and sometimes things we don't understand. So at Plimmerton let's make sending a positive message what we do! **"Together we learn, together we grow"**.

Nga mihi

**Chris Steffensen,
Principal - Tumuaki**

Coming Events - for your Calendar

Term 2- Week 7

Mon 5: King's Birthday

Tues 6: Parumoana Cross Country

Thurs 8: Parumoana Cross Country 1st PP date

Fri 9: Assembly 2pm

Term 2- Week 8

Mon 12: Aotea College visiting the Year 8's

Thurs 15: Board of Trustees meeting

Fri 16: Year 7/8 injections

PTA quiz night

Biking or Scootering on the Local Footpaths

It is great to see such a large number of children biking and scootering to school each day. Plimmerton footpaths are busy places and it is important that students are considerate of others who are using them. We would appreciate it if you could have a chat to your child about footpath etiquette and being considerate of others who are using them.

- When coming up behind people slow down and ring your bell or call out so they know you are coming
- Ride on the left hand side of the footpath so others can get past
- Ride in single file
- Walk bikes and scooters in busy areas e.g. around the shops.
- Slow down when coming up to driveways in case a car is coming in or out

Mana Indoor Football Competition

In week 3 the Mana boys teams from each classroom kicked off our tournament. All Mana classes played each other once during lunchtimes. The top two classes battled it out to be 2023 champions and the other two battled for 3rd and 4th places. The competition was fierce but fair and games were extremely close.

There are so many girls wanting to play in the football tournaments these days that Mr Cross has had to split the classes into two competitions. The girls only competition is up to the finals stage and these matches will be played on Wednesday next week in the school hall from 2pm. Parents are welcome to come and support the tamariki.



Results of the boys competition are: *(pictured left to right)*

- 1st Room 11
- 2nd Room 10
- 3rd Room 13
- 4th Room 12





Library Corner

Over the past few weeks, the library has had displays for Pink Shirt Day which is about working together to stop bullying, and also Samoan Language Week. We have introduced two new books to the library that celebrate all things Samoan. It is so important for students to be able to see themselves represented in literature. This helps them develop a sense of belonging and boosts self-affirmation. Research has shown that identifying with characters in books increases comprehension and can inspire creativity when students read about characters who are just like them who overcome challenges and obstacles.

The library is now looking forward to celebrating Pride Month in June - a great month for students to celebrate who they are in an inclusive and accepting environment.

Students have also been hiding Kindness Rocks in the library and around the school for people to find. This is another great way of reminding us to be kind to each other. There has been lots of chess and reading going on in the library and our “super-readable” collection is proving particularly popular for our reluctant readers.



We are still waiting for delivery of issue 3 of the Scholastic Book Club. We really appreciate everyone’s patience. I have contacted Scholastic and they are still suffering from a few teething issues with their change of warehouse management software. I will deliver the orders to classrooms as soon as we get delivery.



This week students were introduced to a book about three different historical periods where people have had to flee their homeland - one set in Germany in 1938, one in Cuba in 1994 and the other in Syria in 2015. The author has crafted a fabulous tale which sees the three story lines converge in the last few chapters (Refugee by Alan Gratz). We also have a book set in ancient Aotearoa where the land is inhabited by Maori Gods, patupaiarehe (fairy people), taniwhas, Kea bird tribes, men with no eyes, a talking dog and moas (Hine and the Tohunga Portal by Ataria Sharman). Our younger students have laughed aloud at Amy Harrop's "There's a Hedgehog in my Pants."

Book Week is the last week of this term. We can't wait to see you at our Book Fair and to see students and staff dressed up as their favourite character.

Don't forget to check out our library catalogue - <https://nz.accessit.online/PLM03>.

Happy reading,
Sarah

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.

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
 King'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
 Labour Day - Monday 23 October
 Teacher Only Day - Monday 13 November
 Ends: Wednesday 20 December

PTA News

Thanks to those who contributed to the Kids Clothes Swap event by attending, donating clothes or volunteering around the event. We raised \$1,700 and had 70 happy customers attend. Look out for next year's event in Term 2 of 2024.

If you still have clothes (kids or adults) to donate and you can't wait until the Gala Day in November, did you know that the school gets paid to host the Clothing Bin at the start of the school driveway? We get paid \$1,600 per year, and this will increase if we fill it more often, so make this your first choice of drop off for second hand clothes and shoes and ask your friends and whanau to do the same. Please note that they appreciate clothes to be bagged and shoes kept together for ease of sorting.

Also, the winner of our lucky chocolate draw, for those who filled in the PTA response form, was Kristina Owen-Smith. Congratulations Kristina, please pick up your prize from the office.

PTA Quiz Night

The PTA is very pleased to announce the Plimmerton School PTA Quiz night is happening on Friday the 16th of June.

This is a great opportunity to have a fun night out with friends locally, and flex those general knowledge muscles! The Quiz is going to be held at the Plimmerton Bowling Club (bottom of Grays Road, Plimmerton).

There are a limited number of tables available so get your team together quickly, (and book in the babysitter) to avoid missing out! But never fear, you will be added to a waitlist if you miss out.

Your hosts Shannon and Chelsea (past and present teachers at Plimmerton School) are ready to test your knowledge in a variety of fun topics. The bar will be open, food platters will be provided and there will be plenty of amazing raffles, and games on the night.

Teams of 8 are preferable, if your team is less than 8 others may be added to your table.

Tickets are \$30 per person (\$240 for a team of 8) and this includes a yummy food platter for the table. Drinks are not included in the \$30 ticket price, but the bar will be open for you to purchase any liquid refreshments required. We would appreciate 1 payment per team please, so please complete the form if you are the leader / organiser of your group, and you will be contacted regarding payment for your team.

Doors open at 7pm and the quiz starts at 7.30pm, estimated to finish up around 10.30pm. There is plenty of parking at the bowling club, but best of all it is within walking distance for many of us!

Click [here](#) to book your table. We look forward to seeing you, The Plimmerton School PTA.

Community Notices

KELLY SPORTS IS BACK FOR THE JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT NGATITOA DOMAIN, PASCOE AVE, PORIRUA!



Join Connor and the team for a fun filled sports holiday programme! We have a packed full programme with lots exciting days including: *Football Cup Day, Multi Sports Day, New Sports Fun, Medieval Tournament Day, Kids VS Coaches Day, Dodgeball Derby!! plus trips to: Laserforce, Awesome Bounce and we are off to the movies to see Elemental!* To book or for

more information go to www.kellysports.co.nz

KELLY SPORTS IS BACK FOR TERM 3 - WARM UP WINTER SPORTS!!

The Kelly Sports sessions are a great way to improve your child's motor skills and coordination within a FUN environment. We aim to develop and enhance balls skills; catching, kicking and throwing, while improving strength, flexibility, hand/eye coordination and spatial awareness. In Term 3 we will be focusing on the following sports: *Football, Hockey, Turbo touch and Mini Ball!*

We teach new skills and improve ability by using games, drills and exercises. It's a great way to try new sports, improve skills and maintain fitness - all while having FUN! Thursday's 3.05pm-4.05pm for 8 weeks. Classes start in week 2 of term 3 .

To book for any programme go to www.kellysports.co.nz and put Plimmerton in the school box.

Aotea College ~ Open Evening for 2024 Year 9 students: Thursday 15th June - 3:30 to 5pm & 5.30 to 7pm

Enrolments for 2024 are now open.

- Out of zone applications MUST be with us by Monday 24th July to be included in the ballot.
- In zone enrolments are requested to be with us by Friday 12th August.

For any questions, please email our enrolments officer on aln@aotea.school.nz



AOTEA COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

We warmly welcome parents and students to our Open Evening for enrolling Year 8 students for 2024.

Come along to view the school and see what learning and extracurricular activities we can offer your child.



Kōtuku



Korimako



Pōkeko



Kererū

**Enrol now for
2024**

**Open Evening
Sessions**

**Thursday
15th June 2023**

**3:30 to 5:00 pm
5:30 to 7:00 pm**



Aotea College

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PLIMMERTON SCHOOL PTA

Quiz night

FRIDAY, 16 JUNE

PLIMMERTON BOWLING CLUB

DOORS OPEN @ 7PM



**Tickets \$30 pp
(\$240 for a team of 8)**

**For details and to book visit
[plimmerton.school.nz/PTA Events for 2023](http://plimmerton.school.nz/PTA%20Events%20for%202023)**



Mana Arts Society

EXHIBITION

EXHIBITION 10-11 JUNE

MANA ARTS SOCIETY

PLIMMERTON

10AM - 4PM

AN EXHIBITION OF WORK BY
MANA ARTS SOCIETY MEMBERS
THE OPENING EVENT IS FRIDAY 9TH JUNE 5-7PM

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SUN 18 JUNE 2023, 11am - 1pm

KAREHANA BAY, PLIMMERTON

 Plimmerton Mid Winter Dip

BBQ KAI - BAKE SALE - COSTUME COMP - BIG DIG - SPOT PRIZES for DIPPERS
\$4000 in RAFFLE PRIZES SILENT AUCTION over \$2500 <http://bit.ly/mwd2023>



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