



## PANUI - NEWSLETTER - Week 8 Term 2, 2023

### *Mai e te Tumuaki - From the Principal*

Kia ora whānau

We are two weeks out from hitting the halfway stage of the school year! Hard to believe how quickly things are happening around here and what our kaiako and tamariki have already achieved.

In Term 1 I laid down the wero (challenge) to our learners to be just that 'learners' and aim high (Whitireiatanga) with what they believed they could achieve academically. Our kaiako took up the challenge also, designing learning programmes that enabled and empowered learners to show success and learn from their mistakes to produce a science/technology product. The outcome of this learning is on show for our community to see at our 'Market Day' on Thursday 29 June (Week 10). The focus has been on the learning involved to get to this point and that is what we will celebrate as a community! So well done to all of our tamariki and kaiako!

I don't want to give too much away about next term... but our learning focus across the school will be driven using 'The Art's' Curriculum! So watch this space for an explanation of what we aim to achieve in Term 3 😊

The last message from me is a thank you. I wish to thank the parent community once again for your support during these turbulent times of teacher negotiations. As a collective, you all supported us so our teachers could fight not only for fairer conditions for themselves but for your children. Teachers want to be able to do a great job, however, they simply do not have enough time in the school day to complete everything that is required to do. Hopefully, the extra classroom release time will support our teachers across the country and enable them to complete their work without feeling stressed or overwhelmed.

So thank you all for understanding, being patient, and supporting our teachers. They appreciate it! We now hope our PPTA colleagues can find a path forward to stop the secondary school disruptions.

Even on the coldest days our tamariki still enjoy themselves and create new games or adventures for themselves! This morning as I was walking and talking to the children I saw a huge number of students playing on the frozen surfaces! Laughing, having fun, and enjoying themselves. Was quite the adventure for some!

Nga mihi

**Chris Steffensen,**  
*Principal - Tumuaki*



## Coming Events - for your Calendar

### Term 2 - Week 9

Wed 21: Kapiti College open afternoon for Year 8's

Fri 23: Year 7/8 social

### Term 2 - Week 10

#### Book Week

Scholastic Book Fair in Room 1

Thurs 29: School Market Day 3.10-4.30pm

Fri 30: Dress as your favourite book/movie character and school wide interaction day  
Assembly 2pm

## Parumoana Cross Country 2023

On Thursday 8th June fifty of our top cross country runners from Years 4-8 competed in the Parumoana Inter-school Cross Country at Queen Elizabeth Park in Paekakariki. It was a stunning day with clear skies and no wind. All students were very well behaved and cheered for each other and supported their fellow competitors. All students did their very best and had a great time. We are very proud of their efforts.

We did not win the overall winning school but we did come first for the Year 5 and Year 6 girls overall.

The top 10 finishers in each age group go through to the Regional event which will be held at Solway Showgrounds, Masterton Tuesday 27th June 2023. Postponement date Thursday 29th June 2023.

Congratulations to these students who will now attend this event.

Name	Age Group	Placing	Name	Age Group	Placing
Cooper Down	8th		Charlie Adamson	8th	
Max Lewis	9th		Callum Bentley	9th	
Clemmy Gordon-Crosby	7th		Indigo Horrigan	2nd	
Zach Beamsley	8th		Kiri Wilson	9th	
Jess Woodside	2nd		Toby Clark	8th	
Annabelle Nichols	10th		Hazel Simeonoff	5th	
Jake Watson	5th		Liam O'Leary	7th	
Charlie Hobbs	2nd		Charlotte Thiebaut	4th	

We wish these students the best of luck in Masterton.







## 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](mailto:absence@plimmerton.school.nz) the office will then notify your child's teacher.

## Lunchtime Scootering on the Drive



DAY	SYNDICATE
Monday	Taupō & Hongoeka
Wednesday	Motuhara
Thursday	Mana
Friday	Taupō & Hongoeka

### 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 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

The PTA quiz night is tonight at the Plimmerton Bowling Club. Thank you to all the people who have bought tickets. Your hosts Shannon and Chelsea (past and present teachers at Plimmerton School) are looking forward to testing your knowledge in a variety of fun topics.

- Doors open at 7pm and the quiz starts at 7.30pm, estimated to finish up around 10.30pm.
- The bar will be open from 7pm onwards and food platters will be provided for each table.
- Remember to bring lots of cash so you can buy tickets for the raffles and take part in the games.



## Community Notices



### AOTEA COLLEGE - 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](mailto:aln@aotea.school.nz)

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### More families now qualify for OSCAR subsidies

Did you know that Kelly Club Plimmerton is OSCAR Approved?

On the 1st April, the NZ Government increased the childcare subsidy rates and the threshold for families so more families can now receive the subsidies.

For more information, visit:

[www.kellyclub.co.nz/plimmerton](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz/plimmerton)

### 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](http://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](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) and put Plimmerton in the school box.

**Helen O'Grady Drama Academy Drama Classes.** For over 40 years. Our international curriculum will help explore performance skills and creativity, overcome shyness, develop positive self esteem, grow imagination, , make new friends and have lots of fun. Fun after-school classes for 5 - 17 year olds held in Khandallah, Tawa, Whitby, Lower Hutt,. To enroll or for more information please visit our [www.helenogradynz.co.nz](http://www.helenogradynz.co.nz).





### CodeCamp July School Holidays

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.

Thorndon School: 3rd - 6th & 10th - 13th July

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There is lots to do at [Ngā Manu Nature Reserve](#) these July school holidays

- **Scavenger Hunt** - Find the Matariki stars hidden around the reserve, answers the questions correctly and go into win a Ngā Manu annual family membership
- **Wall-e and The Lorax conservation themed movies**  
Enjoy the Ngā Manu movie experience with a big screen, bean bags, chairs, pillows and throw rugs to cuddle up with as you watch. \$5 includes movie entry, a hot chocolate and bag of popcorn (admission to the reserve not included)
  - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2.30pm: Movie **Wall-E**
  - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm: Movie **The Lorax**
- **“The Penguin and the sea monster”** Puppet show by String Bean Puppets
  - Tuesday 4 July, 11am, Koha entry

### Matariki Weekend

- **Come and see our new kiwi, the Giant Kiwi** Introducing our new life-like and life-sized costume replica of the North Island Brown Kiwi, we have aptly named the ‘Giant Kiwi’.
  - Friday 14 July, 11am (official reveal), and 2.30pm 1/2 hour viewing
  - Saturday 15 July, 2.30pm 1/2 hour viewing
  - Sunday 16 July, 2.30pm 1/2 hour viewing
- **Seed Bomb workshops. Be prepared to get your hands dirty!** Learn how Matariki marks a time of year of new life through seed regenerating.
  - Saturday 15 July, 2.30pm and
  - Sunday 16 July, 11am
- **Sausie sizzle and hot chocolates for sale**
  - Friday 14 July, 10-2pm
  - Saturday 15 July, 10-2pm
  - Sunday 16 July, 10-2pm

### Child friendly wildlife experiences

Check out the new Wildlife experiences available. There are lots of opportunities to experience the Nature Reserve behind the scenes and up close.

- Native Bird Close Encounter, \$20 per child/\$30 per adult
- Ranger Experience, \$75 (8.30am - 12.30pm shadow a ranger)
- Kiwi Night Encounter, \$30 per Child/\$50 per adult. Discover the secret lives of Kiwi at dusk, ages 7+
- Stay overnight in Theo’s Cottage with this special winter rate of \$140 per night (valid until 31 August 2023). Stay over after your Kiwi Night Encounter and experience the reserve all to yourself after hours.

We look forward to seeing you all at Ngā Manu soon.

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# HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Mon 3 – Thur 13 July



Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including an Arctic Explorers Day, craft and cooking activities, awesome games **& MUCH MORE!**

Some activities may need to be swapped for other exciting ones! Go online to check out a full, up-to-date timetable for your school.

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# JULY 2023 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

## PLIMMERTON SCHOOL

A timetable and full programme information is available online or at the programme venue.

**Who can attend:** Children aged 5-13 yrs

**General Information:** We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

**What do you need to bring:** Shoes and appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

**Payment details:** Payment is required before the holiday programme begins. An invoice will be issued when a completed booking is received. All payment details will be included on the invoice.

**Work and Income OSCAR Subsidy:** Parents / caregivers that meet certain criteria will be able to access a WINZ subsidy to help cover the cost of our programme. For more information visit [www.workandincome.govt.nz](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz).

**Please note:** Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Sports accept no liability for any injury sustained to your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property whilst at a programme. If your child/ren are collected late after the conclusion of the programme you will be charged \$20 per 15 minutes or part thereof.

### Prices & Session Times:

**Full Week:** \$280  
7am-6pm

**Full Day:** \$55  
7am-6pm

**Event Day:** Extra \$20  
(Included in Full Week)

**School Day:** \$45  
8:30am-3pm

**Half Day:** \$35  
7am-12:30pm or 12:30pm-6pm

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# Tīrama, Ngā Whetū!

**Come join us for our Matariki  
School Holiday Programme this July.**

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# Tīrama, Ngā Whetū!

## Matariki School Holiday Programme

When	What's On
Wednesday 5 July, 10.30am	<b>Maumaharatanga Storytime</b> Bring in a memory item to show and tell us about, and listen to stories about special things that help us remember. All ages.
Friday 7 July, 10.30am	<b>Maumaharatanga Craft Session</b> Create a glass jar memory lantern to brighten the path for the Māori New Year. Donations of clean glass jars welcome. Recommended for ages 5+.
Monday 10 July, 10am–12pm	<b>Memory Galaxy</b> Join the ingenious roving poet Katja Starke to help create a memory galaxy, then relax under poetic stars to the music of the Harp Lady, Karen Jones. Recommended for ages 5+.
Wednesday 12 July, 10.30am	<b>Tuhinga Pikitia</b> Reorua storytime, waiata, and craft session for picture book lovers. All ages.

All events happen at Porirua City Centre Library branch Children's Library area. Parents and caregivers to remain with children at all times.

We reserve the right to cancel or replace events.

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