



PANUI - NEWSLETTER - Week 6 Term 3, 2023

Mai e te Tumuaki - From the Principal

Kia ora whānau

With only five weeks to go until the end of Term 3, it is a hive of activity both in and out of school. For many students, they are finishing up their winter sports and preparing for summer sports to kick into gear. Congratulations to our tamariki who have either played or given sports or outside-of-school activities a go this winter - ka pai!

Even though winter has seen some of the worst bugs be shared around, that hasn't impacted the learning happening across the kura. There is a real buzz in the air with a new format for assemblies and a focus on tamariki expressing themselves through the Arts. I'm excited to get into classes over the next few weeks to hear the stories of what they have been learning and see how they express themselves.

There is a huge amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to ensure our kura is prepared for not only the term or year ahead, but also planning and preparation for the next 3-5 years. That is why I and the BOT truly appreciate whanau taking the time to give feedback through surveys. There are many exciting and future-focused things being developed for our kura which we aim to share and even 'launch' with our community in Term 4 - so watch this space.

In a large facility like Plimmerton, our roadmap forward ensures we have clear outcomes for our learners, consistent systems and processes and the ability to adapt to changes that improve the quality of the services we provide. I recently wrote our staff an email that discussed how exciting change is, what follows is an extract of what I shared.

Today I wanted to discuss two fundamental aspects of our human experience: change and growth. These two elements are the very essence of our existence, woven into the fabric of our lives, shaping us into the individuals we are meant to become.

Change, often met with resistance and apprehension, is an inevitable part of life. It comes in various forms - changes in our surroundings, relationships, careers, and even within ourselves. It's natural to feel uneasy when faced with the unknown, as our minds are wired to seek stability and familiarity. However, it's crucial to understand that change is not an adversary to be conquered; it is a catalyst for growth and an opportunity to evolve.

Imagine a seedling breaking through the soil to reach for the sun. Just as the seedling must adapt to the changing environment, so must we. The discomfort that change brings is a sign that we are leaving behind the old and making way for the new. It is in these moments of discomfort that we learn the most about ourselves - our strengths, our resilience, and our capacity for adaptation. When we lean into change rather than resist it, we harness its potential to shape our lives in ways we never thought possible.

But change alone is not enough; it must be coupled with growth. Growth is the deliberate process of becoming a better version of ourselves. Just as a tree adds rings as it grows, each year representing a season of learning and development, so do we accumulate experiences that shape our character and expand our horizons.

Growth demands that we continuously challenge ourselves. It means setting audacious goals, even when doubt and fear whisper in our ears. Think about the first time you rode a bicycle - the wobbly uncertainty that transformed into a sense of exhilaration and freedom. Growth often feels like that. It's about confronting the unfamiliar until it becomes second nature. It's about choosing progress over perfection and embracing failure as a stepping stone towards success.

Consider the caterpillar that undergoes a metamorphosis to become a butterfly. It must shed its old form and cocoon itself before it can emerge anew. This beautiful transformation reminds us that growth requires shedding our old beliefs and limitations, freeing ourselves from the constraints that hold us back. Just as the butterfly emerges with vibrant wings, we too can emerge with a renewed sense of purpose, armed with the wisdom gained from our experiences.

The reason I share that story is in appreciation of the work that goes on behind the scenes and the admiration I have for our kaiako, staff and BOT. In unity we develop our skills in order to become better in what we do, to enable greater success for all of our learners and to develop outcomes and memories that last a lifetime.

Until next time,

Nga mihi

Chris Steffensen,
Principal - Tumuaki

Market Day - Hongoeka Product Orders Ready for Collection

If you ordered any of the beautiful products from our Hongoeka syndicate on Market Day these items are now ready for collection. You can pay by Eftpos and collect from the office anytime between 8.30 - 3.30pm.

Calendar Art

Our tamariki have been busy creating some beautiful works of art, which we're turning into keepsakes for you to gift to loved ones or to use and admire at home. This is always a popular school fundraiser - a great way to help the school and celebrate your little artists!

- All orders are to be made and paid for online.
- Ordering will commence online from **Monday 11th September for 2 weeks until Friday 22nd September.**
- Orders will be delivered to school early in Term 4 and will be sent home with your child.

Look out for the Hero post and the flyer your child will bring home next week with ordering information.

Thanks in advance for your support!

Coming Events - for your Calendar

Term 3 - Week 7

Saturday 2 September: Last day of netball

Term 3 - Week 8

Monday 4 September: New Entrants meeting 7pm

Wednesday 6 September: Kapiti College option day

Thursday 7 September: BOT meeting

Friday 8 September: Onsie Day to support Wellington Free Ambulance

Term 3 - Week 9

Monday 11th September: Calendar Art Ordering starts

Wednesday 13 September: Wig Wednesday

Friday 15 September: Assembly

Term 3 - Week 10

Friday 22nd September: Calendar Art Ordering ends

Parumoana Interschool Swimming Sports - Year 5 & 6



On Tuesday August 22, 16 keen year 5 and 6 students represented Plimmerton School at the Parumoana Interschool Swimming Sports. A great effort from each and every one of our swimmers. Lots of cheering and encouragement for one another. Big thanks to Jasper and Alexander, who joined our team with very little notice due to injury.

Our Super Swimmers

Charlotte Thiebaut	Lily Nalder	Sierra Hatten	Alyssa Brown
Maxx Tanatiu	Oliver Barton	Liam O'Leary	Elliot Hollingsworth
Grace Turner	Indie Bradley	Penny Cowley	Indigo Horrigan
Lincoln Thomas	Christian Taylor	Jasper Trist	Alexander de Almeida

The Parumoana name includes 8 schools in the northern Porirua area. Points are awarded for the fastest six swimmers in each event. We managed to place 2nd fastest school overall. Papakowhai School took home the trophy, for the second year in a row.

Results

Year 5&6	25m Freestyle	25 Backstroke	25 Breaststroke	25 Butterfly	Relays
Year 5 Girls	Grace 2nd - Indie 3rd	Grace 2nd - Indie 9th	Penny 4th	Indigo 2nd - Penny 6th	Plimmerton 1st
Year 5 Boys	Lincoln 2nd - Christian 5th	Christian 7th - Alexander 10th	Lincoln 1st	Lincoln 1st	Plimmerton 1st
Year 6 Girls	Charlotte 1st Lily 4th	Charlotte 2nd - Lily 5th	Charlotte 1st - Sierra 6th	Lily 5th	Plimmerton 2nd
Year 6 Boys	Maxx 3rd - Oliver 8th	Maxx 2nd - Oliver 6th	Maxx 5th		Plimmerton 2nd

A great big thank you to the parents who helped on the day with transport, time keeping, and running the event.

Parumoana Interschool Swimming Sports - Year 7 & 8



Yesterday our 18 keenest Year 7 and 8 swimmers headed to the Parumoana Swim Sports. They included two last-minute ring-in's, due to injury and sickness. Thank you for stepping up, Benji and Maisey! We had a super supporter, Dechlan Halvorsen, who could not compete, due to a broken leg.

Our Year 7 and 8 Team

Cassidy Hatten	Molly Percy	Elsa Hobbs	Poppy Gordon-Crosby
Lana Barnes	Isaia Asiata	Phineas Horrigan	Aiden van der Vancer
Maddy St Just	Jess Woodside	Gabi Staniforth	Florence Lock-Feron
Asher Thomas	Charlie Hobbs	Oli Seavor-Cross	Zach Beamsley
Benji Evans	Maisey Suter		

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Results

Year 7&8	50m Freestyle	50m Backstroke	25m Breaststroke	25m Butterfly	Relays
Year 7 Girls	Molly 5th	Molly 2nd	Cassidy 9th	Molly 4th	Plimmerton 2nd
Year 7 Boys	Oli 5th - Phineas 6th	Phineas 1st - Isaia 4th	Oli 3rd - Isaia 6th	Oli 3rd - Phineas 5th	Plimmerton 1st
Year 8 Girls	Gabi 5th - Maddy 6th	Jess 4th - Maisey 5th	Florence 4th - Maddy 6th	Maddy 5th	Plimmerton 3rd
Year 8 Boys	Asher 1st - Charlie 6th	Zach 6th	Asher 1st - Charlie 6th	Asher 2nd - Charlie 7th	Plimmerton 1st

Another big thank you to the parents who transported the swimmers to and from the pool, and helped out with time keeping and other jobs at the event.

Parking at School

This is a reminder that:

- Students are not to be driven up or down the drive, they are to be dropped off and picked up from the bottom of the school driveway.
- The only reason to drive up the school driveway during school time is if you have been asked by the office to do so when collecting a sick or injured child.
- Visitor parks are for school visitors, not parents.
- Parking on any yellow lines is prohibited

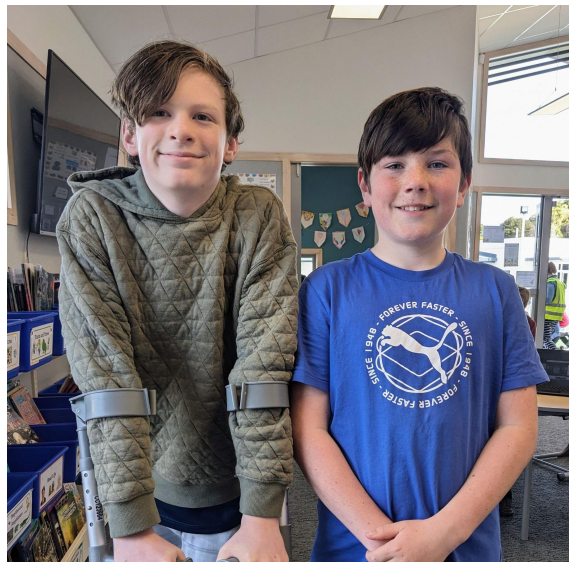
Library Corner

Earlier in the month, a new book “Finding My Calm” by Rebekah Lipp was introduced to our library collection. This book contains lots of techniques and advice for young people to cope with stress. It teaches the 5-4-3-2-1 technique which involves using your senses to help regain your calm. Room 3 visited the library on Tuesday and one of the students became upset. Classmate Lilly knew just what to do. She had our copy of the book in her possession and said to her classmate “I know how you can find your calm... what are five things that you can see?” She then helped her classmate to identify 5 things he could see, 4 things he could feel, 3 things he could hear, 2 things he could smell and 1 thing he could taste. Awesome Lilly.

This year we had 32 students sign up for the Library’s Chess Club knock-out competition. Congratulations to Bentley (17) who came first in a competitive final with Eli (18) coming second, Dechlan (17) third, and Max (18) fourth. Many thanks to the Fairley family for donating a trophy for our annual competition. All previous winners - Adam (2021), Eli (2022) and Bentley (2023) will have their names engraved on the trophy.



Bentley (1st) and Eli (2nd)



Dechlan (3rd) and Max (4th)

For our budding writers, I can highly recommend the following workshop(s) which are being run during the next school holidays. Hosted by Raroa Intermediate School, there are one or three day workshop options available depending on your skill level and age. The amazing Maria Gill (I just checked our library catalogue and we have 17 of her books in our library) is presenting this event.

See https://www.writelikeanauthor.com/Register.asp?wc_id=384 for further details.

Today is National Poetry Day - so treat yourself and your children and read a poem. Please remember to check out our library catalogue - <https://nz.accessit.online/PLM03>.

Happy reading,
Sarah

HOLIDAY WRITING WORKSHOP

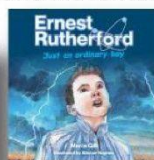
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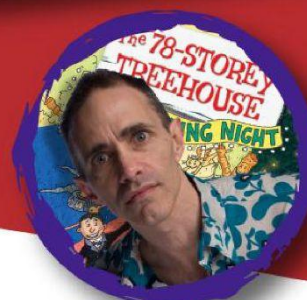
Maria Gill

The award-winning author of books including Ernest Rutherford and Epic New Zealand Adventurers



"I loved meeting other young authors and learning awesome techniques that will help my writing."
Gabriella (14)

"It made writing easier for me and explained aspects of stories I didn't really understand."
Anna (12)



Andy Griffiths says...

"I wish this camp had been around when I was a young writer!"



Where: **Raroa Intermediate**
37 Haumia Street, Johnsonville
When: **3 Oct to 5 Oct 2023**

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2023 Term Dates, Holidays & Teacher Only Days

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

2024 Term Dates, Holidays & Teacher Only Days

Term 1

Starts: Thursday 1 February
Waitangi Day - Tuesday 6 February
Easter - Friday 29 March - 2 April
Ends: Friday 12 April

Term 2

Starts: Monday 29 April
Teacher Only Day - Friday 31 May
King's Birthday - Monday 3 June
Matariki - Friday 28 June
Ends: Friday 5 July

Term 3

Starts: Monday 22 July
Ends: Friday 27 September

Term 4

Starts: Monday 14 October
Labour Day - Monday 28 October
Ends: Wednesday 18 December

Enrolments for 2024

Is your child turning 5 in 2024? Are you living in our school zone?

Please register your child's enrolment now.

You can do this via our [website](#) or you can enquire at the office between 8.30 - 3.30pm.

Plimmerton School PTA

GLOW Dance Party - Friday, 8 September

It's nearly time for the kids to use up some energy at the 2023 Plimmerton School Dance Party! This year we have done away with the disposable plastic glow products, introducing glow-in-the-dark UV face paints instead. Face/arm painting will be just \$2 per child and we can't wait to see them all glowing on the dance floor!

- Tickets will be \$5 on the door
- All children need to be signed in at the beginning of the dance party and signed out at the end. No children will be allowed to leave on their own
- All food and drinks will be \$2 each (chips, ice blocks, lollies, juice and water)
- Face/arm painting will be \$2 each
- A \$10 Glow Combo will be available to purchase at the door. This includes entry, face painting, and two food or drink items of their choice.
- Eftpos will be available at the door for Entry and Glow combos but children will need cash to purchase food and get their faces painted
- To create space, we encourage parents to leave their kids at the Dance Party. A Parent's Lounge with complimentary refreshments will be open in the staff room for those who want to hang around. If your little one needs you a runner will come and find you!

Any questions, please fire them through to pta@plimmerton.school.nz
Ka kite!



GLOW
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8TH SEPTEMBER 2023
5.30-7 PM YEAR 1-4 / 7.30-9PM YEAR 5-8
NEON FACE-PAINTING, SNACKS, DRINKS, SPOT PRIZES, PARENTS LOUNGE
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CASH or EFTPOS AT THE DOOR
(NO PAYWAVE)

GALA - Saturday, 18 November

The Plimmerton School 2023 Gala is on Saturday 18th of November! We sincerely thank AM Janssen and Team Group/Harcourts Paremata for their continued support as the primary sponsor of our event, back again in 2023 :-)

Would your business like to support our event too? This year we have three tiers of support on offer:

1. Gold Sponsors - \$500 + of cash or product/service
2. Silver Sponsors - \$200 + of cash or product/service
3. Bronze Sponsors - \$100 + of cash or product/service

For all the details of what you get for these tiers and how to sign up, please email sponsorship@plimmerton.school.nz.

We remind you to support with your patronage the sponsors from 2022:



Primary: AM Janssen and Team Group/Harcourts Paremata

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Silver: Parka, Van Schaik Health and Safety Solutions, Bluebridge, The Co-op, Your Wellington Florist, Leacroft Nurseries, WOOP, Paremata Auto Services, Plimmerton School of Dance, Kapiti Chocolate Factory, Lighthouse Cinema, Pacific Yoga Flow, Circa Theatre, Smartair Solutions, Big Mac Slabs Furniture, Countdown, Kirsten Walsh Photographer, Tennis Central, NZSO, Plimmerton Fish Supply and JD Construction Ltd.

Bronze: Fishermans Table, Staglands, Whittakers, Enjoy Store, Dash, Plimmerton Deli, The Big Salami, Flame Hair Stylists, H2O Extreme, Embassy Theatre, HangDog Climbing and Spoil Yourself Spa.

Join the PTA

The PTA is always looking for new members so please think about joining this dedicated group of parents. Meetings are held at 7.30pm in the staffroom on the 1st Tuesday of each month. If you would like to know more about the PTA or offer your help at future fundraising events please email the PTA at pta@plimmerton.school.nz



Community Notices

Aotea College

Aotea College will commence course selection and enrolment interviews with Year 8 students enrolling for Year 9 in 2024, on 28th August. Parents who have not yet enrolled their child/ren for 2024 are asked to please do so as soon as possible. This is an important part of supporting Year 8 students into secondary school. All parents who have enrolled, will be sent a link to course information, a summary sheet and a signup sheet for the interviews next week. If there are any questions, parents and caregivers can contact our enrolments officer on aln@aotea.school.nz



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- LTS 3 : 21, 22 & 23 December

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Ngati Toa Tennis Club is now taking registrations for our upcoming junior coaching season, beginning Term 4 and continuing over Term 1.

Tennis is a fantastic summer sport and we offer coaching for ages 5+.

Our lessons are run by two coaches - a head coach supported by an assistant coach, and lessons take place on a Wednesday afternoon. Our club is located at the northern end of the Ngati Toa Domain.

If your child is interested in giving this a go, please contact Andrea by e-mail at juniors@ngatitoatennis.org.nz or by visiting our website and using the [registration](#) tab. We'd love to see you!



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Sunday 27 August 12.30 pm
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cnr Parumoana & Norrie Sts, Porirua

Theme: In the Garden

Children up to 12 years old are invited to take part
in the Spring Flower Show Fashion Parade.

Competitors should gather at 12.15pm by the Spring Flower
Show entry desk into the Performing Arts Studio.

The organiser will be there to meet you.

Costumes must relate to something found in a garden,
eg. an insect, a flower, a garden gnome, or a vegetable.

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Sausage Sizzle *At the Otaki Market*

Fundraising
Opportunity

Running a sausage sizzle at the Otaki Market is a fantastic way to fundraise for local groups, sports teams, individuals, or charities.

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