

PANUI - NEWSLETTER - Week 8 Term 3, 2023

Mai e te Tumuaki - From the Principal

Kia ora whānau

In each newsletter, I try to be thankful for (and share) some of the many wonderful things happening at our Kura. This newsletter is no different.

Firstly I want to acknowledge 16 of our parents and 8 of our staff who have undertaken an intensive 20-week Te Ahu o te reo Māori course. For me, this was an incredible 20-week experience learning alongside members of our community. This was a beautiful example of how a school should work, in unity with our community, learning together - E tū kahikatea hei wakapae uroroa. Awhi mai awhi atu. Tātou tātou e. Stand like the kahikatea tree to brave the storms. Embrace and receive each other. We are one together.

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate, learn, laugh and grow together! We hope to be able to offer this opportunity again next year so will keep you all posted.



This year the Ministry of Education has changed the way schools must plan, prepare and report their strategic goals, vision and direction. Te Whakangārahu Ngātahi Planning Together for Ākonga Success: Our School, Our Community is a new process that supports BOTs to engage with their communities to seek guidance about the aspirations the people in these communities have for the learners at their schools. Without your support, feedback and willingness to contribute, this exercise would have been a simple tick-box exercise. Instead, you have given our kura some clear and concise feedback about what you believe is important and we will act on that.

You should have received a document that briefly explains some of the decision-making around the aspirational direction of our kura for the next two years. The reason it is two years is to realign schools with the triannual BOT elections. In short, the Strategic Plan will focus on three areas; the learner, the staff and the community. On a one-page document we will outline the aspirational goals the community, the school and the learners value as important. Sitting behind this is the 'business as usual.' This is the Annual Implementation Plan that has the more thorough and outlined measures and steps the staff will take to achieve the goals.

Thank you to everyone who has already given feedback on the document and returned it to the office. We are working hard now to ensure you as a community clearly understand our pathway, our decision-making and importantly are involved in our kura. A partnership that involves whanau, kaiako and tamariki. Speaking of which, I have included a link to the summary of the Health/PE Curriculum Consultation that was sent to whanau earlier this term. (Summary).

Lastly, good luck to the All Blacks, "Up the Wah's" and best wishes to anyone finishing their final rounds of sports this weekend. Enjoy the sunshine!

Nga mihi

Chris Steffensen, Principal - Tumuaki

Calendar Art - Ordering Now Open

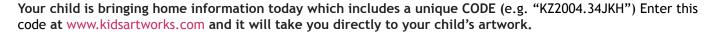
Our tamariki have been busy creating some beautiful works of art, which we're turning into keepsakes for you to gift to loved ones or to use and admire at home. This is always a popular school fundraiser - a great way to help the school and celebrate your little artists!

This year there are 5 options to choose from, all of which make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas.

- Calendars \$15.00
- Cards \$15.00
- Diaries \$18.00
- Mouse Mats \$18.00
- Sketch Pads \$18.00

Follow these instructions to place your order and pay online:

- 1. Go to www.kidsartworks.com
- 2. Use the Entrance Code: KZ2004
- 3. Select **Yes** to confirm Plimmerton School
- 4. Enter your child's room & name when prompted



- Payment can be made over the website by credit card or direct bank transfer via account2account.
- Ordering is open from now until Monday 25th September.
- Orders will be delivered to school early in Term 4 and will be sent home with your child.

If you have any questions please contact the school via <u>office@plimmerton.school.nz</u> or by call us on 233 8677. Thanks in advance for your support!

Coming Events - for your Calendar

Term 3 - Week 9- Te Wiki o te reo Māori, Māori Language Week

Monday 11th September: Calendar Art ordering starts

Tuesday 12 September: Kapiti College Open Day for children who are going there in 2024

Wednesday 13 September: Wig Wednesday

Friday 15 September: Assembly

Term 3 - Week 10

Monday 18 - Wednesday 20 September: Rooms 21 and 22 on camp

Wednesday 20 - Friday September: Rooms 20 and 23 on camp

Tuesday 19 September: Motuhara trip to Aladdin musical

Friday 22nd September: Calendar Art ordering ends

Mana trip to Aladdin musical

2.55pm - End of term 3



Onesie Day

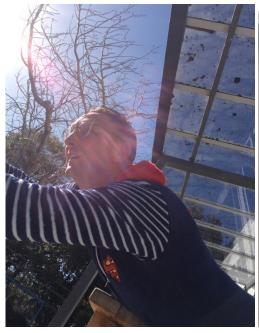
Today was Onesie Day! Students and staff donned their favourite onesie, pyjamas and oodies for the day in support of Wellington Free Ambulance. Wellington Free Ambulance are the only ambulance service in New Zealand that provide a free of charge service for callouts in Wellington, Kapiti and Wairarapa. They receive some funding from the Government but everything else is covered by the fundraising they do. Each year Wellington Free Ambulance aims to make \$250,000 through their Onesie Day appeal. Today we raised just over \$590.00 in gold coin donations which will go directly to Wellington Free Ambulance via the school's Onesie Appeal fundraising page, where further donations can be made.





























Wellington Maths Association - Mathswell Competition

Mathswell is an annual competition run by the Wellington Maths Association that aims to promote the enjoyment of Mathematics and also challenge students. Students from years 5 to year 11 are invited to participate in teams of 6. This year Plimmerton School entered two Year 7 & 8 teams and two Year 5 & 6 teams. Prior to the competition all the teams spent time working with Keely Machmer-Wessels on a variety of maths problems. The competition is broken into two sections. The first is multi-choice and the second is problem solving. The team of 6 is split into two groups of 3. Each group of 3 works together to solve either the multi-choice questions or the problem solving tasks. After a break the groups swap over and do the other section.







AIMS Games

Asher Thomas, Plimmerton School Year 8 student, took part in the annual AIMS Games in Tauranga this week competing in individual swimming races. There were over 400 swimmers competing - over half of these in the 12yr age group and everyone had to qualify to compete - the first session lasted six hours!

Asher got gold in the 12yr boys 50m Breaststroke - achieving a new 12yr boys Wellington region record of 33.50 seconds (and PCA Club record) - it was an incredible swim. Asher also got a Bronze in the 12yr boys 100m Breaststroke (also a new PCA club record) and one other top 10 placing (8th in 12 yr boys 200m Breaststroke) along with 5 PBs in his 9 swims.







Parumoana Interschool Swimming Sports - Results Corrections

Corrections from Friday's newsletter for Parumoana Swim Sports:

- Charlotte Thiebaut won the 25m backstroke (not 2nd as indicated)
- Maxx Tannatiu 3rd (not 2nd)
- Molly Percy 4th (not 2nd) in backstroke, 5th (not 4th) in butterfly

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.

Library Corner

Rugby fever is upon us. Go the ABs.

It has been another busy week in the library - celebrating Tongan language week and also looking at our new book selection which has encouraged discussions on fair trade, the civil war in Syria, the 28th Maori Battalion and the building of the Auckland Harbour Bridge. Our younger students have enjoyed the picture books "Dick the Delightful Duck" and "My Bum Is So Cheeky".



There were 16 entries in the library's persuasive essay writing competition. The winning essays will be announced next week. Due to popular demand, the library will also be running a round-robin chess competition for Hongoeka and Taupō syndicates. If students want to sign up for this, they need to give their names to either Sarah or Trish by the 16th September.

Next week is Māori Language Week. We have some new books coming into the library that will assist staff and students in learning new kupu (words). You might like to practise with your child - He mātanga koe ki te pānui e mara! (You're an awesome reader!).

Please remember to check out our library catalogue - https://nz.accessit.online/PLM03.

Happy reading, Sarah

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

Plimmerton School PTA

GLOW Dance Party - Tonight

The 2023 Plimmerton School Dance Party is on tonight!



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. Facepaints are hypoallergenic and come off easily with water later on.
- 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 child needs you a runner will come and find you!
- There is no parking available by the hall. Please park down at the bottom of the drive and walk up with your child

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

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

Gold: Pacific Horizon, REVL, Buildwell Builders, FS Cycles, Easyswim Swim School, LifeHack Coaching, Plimmerton Motors, Zohar Centre of Wellbeing, Cityfitness, Paremata New World, Moana Rd, Nineness Funeral Home, The Interislander and Mana Pharmacy.

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





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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.aovt.nz.

Please note: Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Club 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.

Website: kellyclub.co.nz/plimmerton

Esita Tuidama Contact:

Email:

plimmerton@kellyclub.co.nz

021 246 1717 Phone:

Facebook: @KellyClubPlimmerton

Address: 11 School Road, Plimmerton

OCTOBER 2023 HOLIDAY PROGRA

PLIMMERTON SCHOOL



DARING DETECTIVES

We're going undercover for a day of detective work. We'll need our spy gadgets and undercover team to solve the intriguing mysteries.

Tues 26 September



Today we battle it out in an all out Nerf War with team challenges and replenish your energy after a team bake off!

Who will come out on top?



EVENT DAY

Join us for an awesome trip day to Jumperama, Please remember a bia lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat.

\$20 extra for the day.



YEAR OF WORLD CUPS

This year our top Rugby, Netball, Football and Cricket players are all competing for World Cups. Today you can join the competition as we combine all four into our own Mega Cup!



MMM-MONSTERS

The monsters are casting a shadow over our Kelly Člub land! Let's give them a big hug and show them all the fun that can be had!



GINORMOUS GALAXIES

It's World Space Week so prepare for blast off! All our systems are go as we embark on an astronomical adventure here at Kelly Club.



BOOK DAY

Step between the pages of your favourite book and become part of the story. Where will we end up today? Come along dressed as your favourite book character and find out!



TERRIFIC TRANSPORT

Moving from one spot to another can be fun, especially when your on your bike or scooter! Safety first so remember no helmet = no ride.



EVENT DAY

Join us for an awesome trip day to Porirua Ten Pin Bowling. Please remember a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat

\$20 extra for the day.



SMILES ALL AROUND

Putting a smile on your dial today and everyday! Let's make each other smile through acts of kindness, sharing jokes and making smiley treats!

FULL WEEK: \$280

SCHOOL DAY: \$45 8:30am-3pm

HALF DAY: \$35 7am-12:30pm or 12:30pm-6pm

EVENT DAY: Extra \$20 (Included in Full Week)

7am-6pm

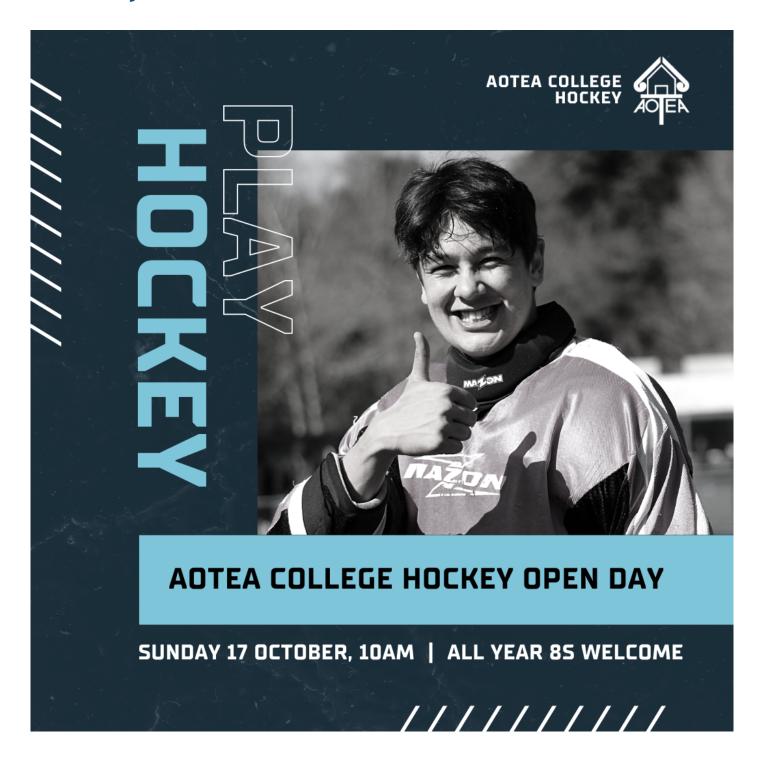
FULL DAY: \$55 7am-6pm

PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES

OSCAR

AVAILABLE!

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz



Aotea College Hockey is holding an Open Day on Sunday Sept 17th from 10am-11.30am at the Aotea College Turf for all year 8's who would like to play hockey in 2024 or would like to 'give it a go'. This is a player lead initiative. Year 8's will meet some of our Aotea hockey boys and girls who will take them through some fun skills and drills followed by games.

For health and safety reasons, all parents and caregivers coming along to watch will be asked to stay outside the turf fence.

- Sticks supplied
- Mouth guards recommended.



New fares coming 1 Sept, under 13s now qualify for free travel!

Metlink is introducing new fares, with new concessions for children and young adults from 1 September 2023, bringing the 'half price fares for all' to an end. You can apply for this new concession from 26 August through the Snapper portal.

The new fares were part of the Government's Budget 2023 announcement, to help alleviate financial burdens on families and make public transport more appealing across New Zealand.

What's Changed for Under 13 (5 to 12-year-olds)?

- Children aged between 5 and 12 will be able to travel for free anytime on Metlink buses, trains and ferries*
- Free fares for bus and trains are only available to children who have applied for the Under 13 Free Pass and have it loaded on their Green Snapper card. These free fares are NOT accessible to those paying by cash on buses and trains.
- Although the fares are free, children are still required to tag on and tag off the bus using their Green Snapper card.
- 5 to 12-year-olds with a Free Pass on their Green Snapper card cannot tag on other customers.
- Free fares are available on the ferry using all forms of payment including cash and EFTPOS

*Some exclusions apply (including Metlink on demand services and Te Hunga Whaikaha Total Mobility taxis) and concession discounts are based on the full adult fare with applicable discount during off-peak hours.

Applying for the Free Pass

- You can apply for your Free Pass on your Snapper card at <u>Snapper.co.nz</u> or by calling Metlink Contact Centre on 0800 801 700 from 26 August.
- The pass expires 180 days from its first use once it expires then the Green Snapper card defaults to the child fare. You will get a 7 day countdown on the Snapper card readers (bus and train) to remind you the pass is expiring.
- It is recommended you keep a balance on your Green Snapper card to avoid the card being blocked if a default fare is incurred due to failing to tag off at the end of your journey.

You can also find out the best fare for the rest of your family by using the <u>Fare Selector Tool</u> on the Metlink website.

Detailed information about the new fares and on how to apply for them can be found on <u>Metlink</u> and <u>Snapper</u> websites. Additional support and assistance is available on 0800 801 700.

Apply For Your Concession

RACKETLON HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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 the holiday programme is for ages 6 years and older.

Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 September 2023, 9am - 3pm

Cost per day: \$55 a day or \$150 for all 3 days.

Registrations: https://rb.gy/s556m

For more information contact Babette at babette@wnba.org.nz





NIPPER OPEN DAY SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER 1.45PM

Come along and take part in a fun nippers session at Paekākāriki beach to kick off the junior surf season.
7 - 13 years old all welcome. For more info contact pslnippers@gmail.com

Arty Farty Kids

Bookings are open now and to find out more or reserve a space please contact: office.artyfartykids@gmail.com











PLIMMERTON

Community Market

Date: 10 September

Time: 10:30am - 2:00pm

Date: Plimmerton School Hall

Proudly supporting Locals: preloved goods, jewellery, homewares, books, food - cash sales

Contact sasha@duguid.nz for more information





We are Back for the September/October School Holidays!! Join Connor and the team for a fun filled holiday programme! We have lots of exciting days including: Rippa World Cup Day, Wonderful Winter Day, Dodgeball Mania Day, Kelly Sports Classic Sports, Kids Vs Coaches Day, Football Cup Day! plus, trips to: Te Rauparaha Arena for a Swim, Gymnastics, Roller skating and a Magician is coming to Kelly Sports. Kelly sports is run out of Ngatitoa Domain, Pasoce Ave, Porirua to Enrol go to www.kellysports.co.nz

KELLY SPORTS IS BACK FOR TERM 4 - SPRINT INTO 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 4 we will be focusing on the following sports: T-Ball, Athletics, Cricket and Football!

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! Kelly Sports is available at the following schools: Adventure, Discovery, Paremata, Plimmerton, Redwood. To Enrol go to www.kellysports.co.nz



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OCTOBER 2023 HOLIDAY PRO **NGATITOA DOMAIN HALL**



RIPPA WORLD CUP We are going to host our very own Kelly Sports Rippa World Cup. Which country will you be representing in our mini Tag Rugby tournament?



TRIP - ROLLER SKATING We are heading to the Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club for a day of Roller Skating! Extra \$18 for the day.



WONDERFUL WINTER favourite winter sports like Netball, Hockey, Basketball, Football, Rippa Rugby and more. Get nice and warm with lots of running around!

KIDS VS COACHES

We'll be playing the best of

the best games and sports today! Play your favourites all day, then face off against your coach with the kids vs coaches to show them who's boss!



We are off swimming to Te Rauparaha Arena. Please \$18 extra for the day.







DODGEBALL MANIA



KELLY SPORTS CLASSICS Today we are revisiting our favourite sports/activities from Kelly Sports past! Join us in celebrating all the best things about Kelly Sports!



We are heading to Hutt Valley Gymnastics Club. We will learn the basics in gym: A Warm Up, The Beam, Floor, Bar, Circuit & lots

Extra \$18 for the day



FOOTBALL CUP DAY This year we have the biggest Football Tournament in NZ & Australia.
Lets have our own competition!
Whose your favourite team?



IN HOUSE - MAGICIAN Agracadabral Andrew Wilson the Magician is coming to Kelly Club! Come along and watch the magic show (a morning show, 11 am-11.45am). Extra \$12

FULL DAY: \$59 SCHOOL DAY: \$47 HALF DAY: \$39 EVENT DAY: Extra \$12-\$18 7:30am-12:30pm or 12:30pm or 1

OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE! **KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ**











Performing arts classes led by a London West End performer!

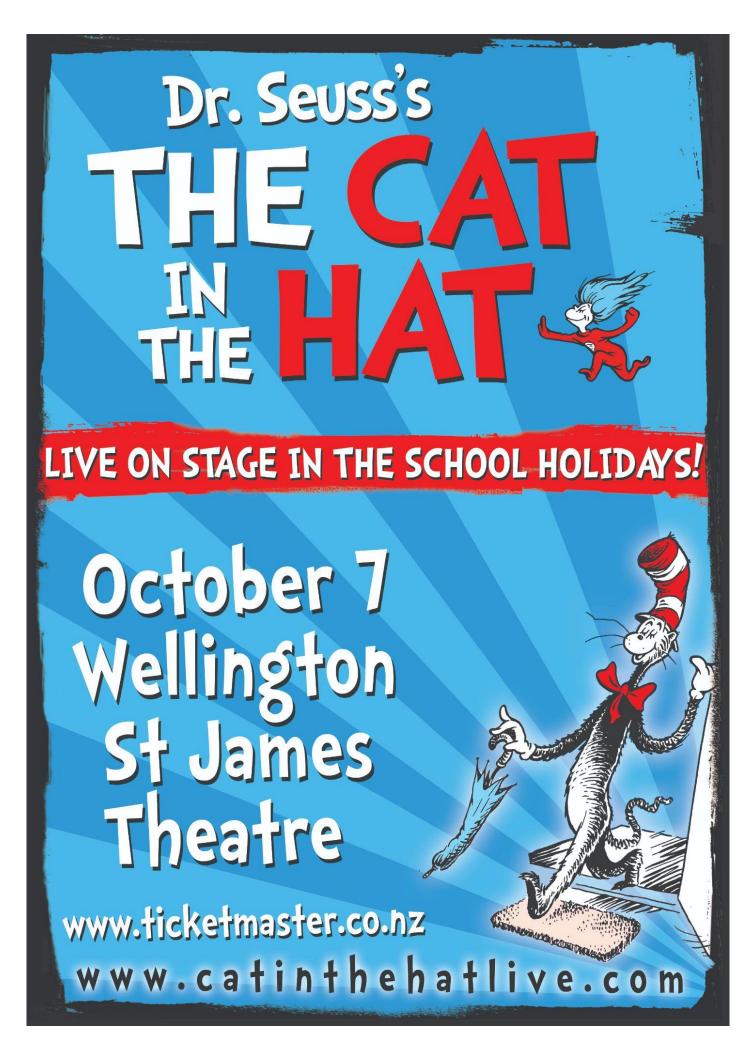
After school and weekend classes in Aotea, Johnsonville, Karori, Newtown, Lower Hutt, and Upper Hutt!

Two-week trials available.



For more information, please visit

www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz



Otaki Market Young People's Market

Donation
Koha

+ our regular Market

Calling all Young People Run your own stall at the Ōtaki Market

- Art & crafts
- Hand made products
- Preloved toys, clothes, books, games
- Home baking and treats
- Jams, preserves and honey
- Fruit & Vegetables
- And much more...



Ages 5 - 19 years old



Register for a stall otakiwomensclub.org/kidsmarket