



## Breaking News [Breaking News Click here....](#)



Harold and his friends  
in the Life Education  
van are visiting us at  
the moment.

## From the Principal

Tena Koutou

**DATA SHARING INTERVIEWS** - The second session of Data Sharing Interviews is scheduled for this afternoon/evening and interview timetables look to be relatively full. A number of interviews had to be postponed last week due to the extreme weather event. Parents who wish to make an appointment to meet with their child's teachers but have been unable to find a suitable time should e-mail the teacher directly. It looks like the weather for today will not be that great and parents who arrive **after 4pm** may bring their cars up the drive and park on the top courts for interviews.



**CYBERSAFETY** – Responsible digital citizenship is a component of our digital strategy and we are working to teach children how to keep themselves safe online. I have received a number of reports about students being involved in unpleasant exchanges through social media, namely Facebook, Snapchat and Instagram. I am not aware of any of these happening at school but the reports are nevertheless disconcerting. One thing that is noticeable is that many of the postings involving this sort of behaviour happen quite late at night and probably via smartphones. The perpetrators who do this sort of thing are very good at hiding their identity and may not even be students of this school. We are unable to control/police any of this and I suspect many parents are unaware that it



## From the Principal continued.....

is even happening. Our advice to parents of primary age students is: know what social media accounts your children have; know the passwords to all accounts and regularly check your children's devices and their postings and activity. I also believe that primary age students should not be permitted to take their devices to bed with them at night – at the very least this can cause interrupted sleep. We are also concerned about students posting images of themselves online, even if they think they are in closed environments, as the images can be re-shared and spread further. Cyber Safety expert, Dr. Martyn Wild, provides advice on keeping our children safer online at <http://www.cyberbullying.co.nz/profile.cfm> Refer to his 5 steps to becoming an internet parent - <http://www.cyberbullying.co.nz/learn-5-steps-parent.cfm> We are planning on providing a parent information evening on Cyber Safety but to date we have had trouble sourcing a suitable expert – pending.

**DRIVEWAY SPEED LIMIT** – The speed limit for vehicles in the school grounds is 10 kmph – this is a little faster than a brisk walking pace (refer to your speedometer). I have noticed that some vehicles frequently exceed this speed limit and this is commonly parents rushing to get children to Breakfast Club early in the morning, before dashing off to work. For safety reasons the speed limit applies at all times and parents are expected to comply – thank you.

**MAIN BLOCK UPGRADE** – The modifications to Rooms 5 & 6 are close to completion and the rooms are looking great. The classes will reoccupy their rooms on Monday and the classes from Rooms 3 & 4 will relocate to the library. There are still a few items to be finished in Rooms 5/6 but the changeover will allow the builders to press on whilst waiting on the finishing touches. The Room 5/6 cloakroom has been converted into a breakout/art space and the Room 3/4 cloakroom to a storeroom. These areas are not quite ready and the corresponding section of the corridor will remain closed for at least another week. In general the whole project is progressing in line with plans plan and budget – we look forward to the completion.

**Tena koutou katoa**

**Maurice Laird**

**Principal**



## Social Skills

### "PLAYING RESPONSIBLY IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM"

**Key competencies:** Managing self, relating to others, participating and contributing

**Connecting behaviours:** Negotiating, accepting, supporting, respecting, listening

**Basic need:** Belonging, shelter, freedom and power

**Values:** Pride, collaboration, trust

LOOKS LIKE	SOUNDS LIKE
Respecting the privilege of being allowed to be in the classroom at playtime and lunchtime.	"I'm glad we don't have to go outside, it's cold."
Making responsible choices about what we do in the classroom at playtime and lunchtime.	"I don't think we should throw that ball inside. Let's play cards."
Respecting everyone's property and treating it as if it belonged to you.	"If you let me play your CD, I'll be really careful with it."
Including others in games and conversations.	"Don't sit by yourself come and join in with us at our table to eat your lunch."
Taking responsibility for damage you might have done.	"It was me who broke the light. I was kicking the ball inside."
Only walking in the classroom.	"I did it, it was my fault."
Using a voice with the appropriate volume.	"I don't think we should play tag in the classroom and chase each other."
Sharing resources and using them responsibly.	"When you shout we can't hear each other even when we talk."
Using appropriate language.	"I've got a sheet of card you can use but I don't think we should use the cartridge paper."
Respecting the teacher's space and belongings.	"I don't think we should take that ..... from the teacher's table without asking her when she comes back."
Working and playing as if the teacher was in the room with you	Bells gone, lets tidy up.
Tidying up when the bell goes.	"Remember we only play touch not tackle."
Being ready for work when the teacher returns.	"No pyramids or throws".
Playing safely in the playground	

## Board of Trustees

**Your Board of Trustees** met Tuesday 5 May, 7.30pm in the Library. For more information about the Board of Trustees [click here](#). Kate Morgan presented an update on the Digital Learning Strategy, where she reported many positive learning outcomes for both students and staff utilising their digital devices. The next meeting is Wednesday 17 June.

## PTA

- **DISCO** - Friday 22nd May - **Y1-Y4** from **6pm-7pm** and **Y5-Y9** from **7:30pm-9pm**.
- **SAUSAGE SIZZLES** - Friday 5th June, Friday 26th June. \$1.50 a sausage and \$1.50 a Charlies Juice.
- **NEXT PTA MEETING** - Tuesday 2nd June, 7.30 in the staff Room.
- **Fundraising Forms** - Thank you to everyone who has returned their forms, makes finding helpers much easier for us.



## Student Work

### SENIOR EXTENSION CREATIVE WRITING CLASS

Mr Hainsworth and Kate E's teaching student, Frances Mountier, are both graduates of the Bill Manhire M.A. Creative Writing Course at Victoria University.

This term they have been working with a group of extension writers from Taupo and Hongoeka, trying out some exercises from the course and from the Victoria University Press book, 'The Exercise Book.' The class only last an hour but students are encouraged to work on their pieces over the following week.

Here are some samples.

#### Bill Manhires Five Item Exercise

**Write a story which includes each of the following five items: Te Papa, a broken type writer, a football team with 2 players missing, a seagull, an old hut.**

The bus pulled up to the Wellington museum, Te Papa and the Red Bulls stepped out. Their captain, Joseph, had been working on putting an extra bit of swagger into his step after their win at Westpac. But he couldn't quite manage it, not after losing Samuel like that.

The image of Samuel's fatal trip replayed in his mind. He could never stop cringing at the memory. The rest of the team were looking at him solemnly. They were remembering the tragedy.

And of course Billy wasn't there. No, he was living it up on his honeymoon, his words exactly. So it was just Joseph and the team giving out autographs in the lobby. It wasn't all bad, at least they got a free tour.

The interesting thing happened at level 2 in the old hut that was discovered by archeologists searching through the volcanic fallout of the Tarawera eruption.....

**Callum, Room 17**



## Student Work

### Iain Sharp poem

#### Giving a picture of yourself through descriptions of things and actions

Jordy is a small parcel with skin and bones wrapped in messy paper and tied with a thin bow.

Jordy is a black iphone with text alerts and a long battery life.

Jordy is a pair of skis zooming down the snowy white mountain.

Whenever I gaze into the mirror Jordy smiles back at me

Its interesting.

Jordy is a runaway motorbike.

Jordy is a smooth piece of gold.

Jordy is five letters stolen from the English alphabet.

Jordy is a fat husky wrapped in a ball of fluff.

**Jordy, Room 21**

### Rhyming the Past

#### Nostalgia through objects from childhood, rhyming couplets.

My travel tips, my puss puss cat  
 "No tantrums, that's enough of that!"  
 My hula hoops, my paper crown  
 Wrestling Tappai, take him down.

My Christmas Day, presents galore  
 Wrapping paper on the floor  
 My Narnia book, my stamp collection  
 Paper planes, going different directions.

Mum's cinnamon muffins, Dad's push back car  
 A bonfire, blankets under the stars  
 My window seat, my crazy hair  
 Living life with extra care

My rainbow dresses, soggy carpet at school  
 My two bull mastifs, please don't drool  
 My light pink room Palliser Road  
 TV on HDMI mode

My hobby horse, splashing in the rain  
 Falling on the drive, so much pain  
 My paddling pool, Dad's L&P  
 Push me higher on the swing, wee wee wee!!

**Tara, Room 17**



## Healthy Kids Corner

### HEALTHY KIDS AND HOMEMADE BREAD

Everyone is doing Science this term. This week, Mana Syndicate has been baking bread. Fresh homemade bread is so delicious and much healthier and cheaper than commercially made bread. Homemade bread has no additives and is a healthy choice for **Healthy Kids**.

#### HOMEMADE BREAD RECIPE

##### Pre-ferment

85g water

½ teaspoon dried yeast

50g wholemeal flour

50g flour

##### Final Dough

180g water

2 teaspoons oil

2 teaspoons honey

100g wholemeal flour

200g white flour

**Step One:** Mix all the **'pre-ferment'** ingredients together in a bowl, cover and leave for a few hours (or overnight).

**Step Two:** Mix all the **'final dough'** ingredients together and add to the **'pre-ferment'**. Knead the dough by hand then leave to rise until it is two-three times its size (about two hours).

**Step Three:** Tip the dough onto a lightly floured bench top. Flatten into a rectangle then fold into thirds. Flatten and roll the dough to form a log. Place in a greased or lined tin. Cover the bread again and leave to rise until it has doubled in size (about 45 minutes to 1 hour).

**Step Four:** Preheat the oven to 200 °C and bake for 10 minutes then turn the oven down to 180 °C and bake for a further 30 minutes.

Remove from the oven and tip the loaf onto a cooling rack.

Allow to cool before slicing.



## Sports News

### BASKETBALL RESULTS

Plimmerton 1 - 10	Rangikura - 13
Plimmerton 2 - 14	Pukerua Bay - 16

### KIWI HOCKEY RESULTS -

Plimmerton Green - 4	Russell School - 3
Plimmerton Black - 3	Paremata Pythons - 1
Plimmerton Red	
Plimmerton Blue	

### JUNIOR NETBALL RESULTS

Plimmerton Magic - 14	Papakowhai Stars - 5
Plimmerton Mystics - 5	St Therasas Angels - 8
Plimmerton Pulse - 7	Titahi Bay - 4
Plimmerton Steel	Papakowhai Divas -

### SENIOR NETBALL RESULTS

Plimmerton Navy - 27	Natone Ukaipo Hiato - 13
Plimmerton Black - 24	Papakowhai Blues - 20
Plimmerton Red - 6	TIS Breakers - 14
Plimmerton White - 17	TIS Navy - 9
Plimmerton Green - 8	Paremata Flames - 9

## Notices

## Community



**SPRINGHILL ACADEMY OF DANCE WELCOMES BERNADETTE PAEA - HIP HOPPER** with international standing. Her classes will be held in Pukerua Bay at our main studio on Thursdays commencing 30 April. For all further info please go onto our site [www.springhilldance.co.nz](http://www.springhilldance.co.nz) Tele 021744928 (text please) or home 2399916 mornings only.



**SPECIAL CLASS FOR BOYS/GIRLS ON THURSDAYS**  
**3.30-4pm - Hip Hop for boys and girls with Bernadette age 7 up**



### PLIMMERTON CUBS

Held each Monday in the Arts Centre, 7-8.30pm, girls and boys aged between 7 1/2 and 10 1/2. For further information call Carol - 027-2905513

### DAVID HILL WRITING WORKSHOP

For budding authors a writing class with award-winning author/tutor David Hill. Sunday June 14th - 10.30am to 12.30pm at The Children's Bookshop, Kilbirnie Plaza.

Morning tea provided. \$25 each, strictly limited to 25 participants.

This workshop is for writers aged 18+.  
 To enquire further, and to book your place, please email [books@thechildrensbookshop.co.nz](mailto:books@thechildrensbookshop.co.nz)