

PANUI - NEWSLETTER - Week 8 Term 1, 2024

Mai e te Tumuaki - From the Principal

There are only three (shortened) weeks to go before we can sit back, reflect, and celebrate the end of a highly successful term. I'll elaborate on this shortly, but first, I want to thank you for supporting our staff on Wednesday this week by collecting your children early so our teachers could attend their NZEI Union Meetings. All 420 students were accounted for! Play dates were sorted, ice-creams were asked for, and the relaxed nature of Whānau collecting the children was warming. It's what we want to see in our space-strategic goal 3: Collaborating with Whānau to build a community (hapori) that is valued and involved. So I very much appreciate all of you!

Celebrations

Using your feedback last year, we developed an incredible Strategic Plan highlighting connections, participation and

knowing oneself. All of our staff were involved in making this document a living and breathing plan, and already we are seeing the benefits. Teachers are expressing themselves more freely, are supported to take risks and have fun with learners. There is plenty more work to be done to design, implement and embed, but we are doing some things really well so far.

To support writing, we are introducing our tamariki to "The Communication Whanau." In short, these characters empower learners to understand the features of writing, enabling them to recognise what a good piece of writing has and what they need to add or edit to make theirs better. All writers should be able to write in three ways: to persuade, inform, and entertain! So listen out for your tamariki talking about these characters when reading and writing!

The Communication Whanau Oiselle Giraffe Loretta Lawib Wirewo Warthog Petey Penguin Petey Penguin Penelope Peacoek Ponald Ponkey

R.E.A.L Values

This term, we introduced our new set of school values led by our mascot Ray.

We still have some work to do to unpack and embed these values so they are known in depth for learning, attitude and behaviour. We want these to be a link between home and school so please feel free to use these when communicating with your children. We will very shortly begin to celebrate these values in some fun ways! We are currently deciding if we do something large-scale this term or wait until Matariki next term.

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Respect Manaaki Inclusion, treatment of self and others.

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Asking questions,
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and critical
thinking

Our community.

Thank you all for your work preparing your children before they get to us each day and for the positive comments you are sharing with our kaimahi and with me at the gate. It's nice to talk with lots of you each morning and hear some pretty special stories your tamariki have shared with you! If you ever have any questions or want to chat more in-depth, then please contact me principal@plimmerton.school.nz

The last message from me is about two upcoming build projects. The first one is the "Weather Tightness Project". In short the roof to the main office block, the exterior of the main block and the hall are all being replaced. The kitchen in the hall will be remodelled and our office will have some new carpet, paint and a new layout. The work is scheduled to take around six months to complete. During this time our office will move to Room 19. Car parking will be somewhat limited during this time.

The second project is a turfed area outside the swimming pool, replacing the uneven grassed area with modern turf/fake grass. This will be a perfect spot to relax on after swimming, for students to play on all year round and will add some much-needed colour to that space.

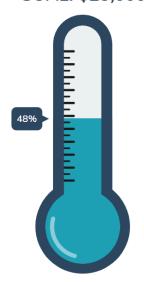
Nga mihi,

Chris Steffensen Principal - Tumuaki

Coming Events - for your Calendar

Term 1 - Week 9				
Tuesday 26 March	Year 5/6 girls Futsal tournament			
Thursday 28 March	Motuhara and Mana Athletics morning- 9-11am Motuhara grandparents and special person morning 11.30-1pm			
Friday 29 March	Good Friday - school closed			
Term 1 - Week 10	Motuhara Library and Pataka trips this week			
Monday 1 April & Tuesday 2 April	Easter Monday & Tuesday - school closed (Kelly Club Open Tuesday)			
Thursday 4 April	BOT meeting 7pm			
Term 1 - Week 11				
Tuesday 9 April	PTA meeting 7.30pm- staffroom			
Friday 12 April	Last day of Term 1			

GOAL: \$25,000



2024 School Donation / Whānau Contribution

If you missed the Hero post or the notice that came home about this year's donation request you can view the letter from the board on our <u>school website</u>. We have almost reached 50% of our donation goal so far - so thanks to those who have already and are going to contribute, we are very grateful for your support.

Arrival at School

Please support your child to be at school on time - after 8.30am and before the bell at **8.55am.** This gives tamariki time to put their belongings in the correct places, and to settle in for the day ahead.

If your child needs to arrive before the 8.30am bell, please remind them to wait at the gate or at the bottom of the snicket until they hear the bell. Teachers may not be available in classrooms until that time. Kelly Club is available from 7am - 8.30am for \$17.00 or 8am-8.30am for \$8.00.

Students are expected to walk their bike or scooter up to and from school from the beginning of School Road.

Plimmerton School Photographs - Viewing & Ordering Information

If you missed the Hero post you can access information about how to view and order your child's photographs at the end of this newsletter. The order form can be used if you are paying via cash at the school office.

Creatives in Schools

Last year Plimmerton School applied for a Creative In Schools grant to create 2 murals to bring life, colour and identity to our school environment. At the beginning of this year we found out we were one of the 157 schools nationwide who were successful.

Motuhara and Hongoeka syndicates were chosen to work with our 'resident' artist, Margaret Tolland to create the murals. The Hongoeka mural will be located on the end of Room 23 and will be the first thing visitors see when they walk up the path. It is made up of 6 huge panels. Motuhara Syndicate has created 3 murals and they will be located along the front of the Motuhara classes.

Margaret has worked with Plimmerton School a number of times over the last few years. At the end of last year she worked with a group of senior students to create a mural for the underpass. This mural was based around our Science in the Swamp unit. We are hoping to get her back later in the year to work with Mana and Taupō syndicates and create 2 more murals.

Over the last couple of weeks Hongoeka and Motuhara classes have all spent 2 x 1 hour sessions with Margaret in the 'art studio' (Room 8). Each syndicate focused on an artist and their style, and spent time experimenting using that artist's style. Margaret then collected images of the students' work and used these to create unified murals. Following feedback from staff and students, Margaret then worked with a small groups to paint the murals.

Next week Margaret and Gavin will be putting the murals up, so make sure you come and check them out.

Motuhara Syndicate's artist was Mandy Budan. She is a Canadian artist who trained as a graphic artist and now paints full-time. Mandy paints with acrylic paint and is interested in light, colour and shape. She takes the landscape apart and puts it back together in an abstract form by arranging shapes to create a pattern or rhythm. She uses sketching, photographs and many visits to parks and conservation areas to inform and inspire her work.



Hongoeka's artist was Shane **Hansen** who is of Tainui, Ngāti Mahanga, Ngāti Hine, Chinese, Scottish and Danish descent. He lives in Tutukāka, in Northland, Aotearoa. He is an artist, graphic designer, furniture designer, sculptor and has also designed clothing.

The influence of his Māori identity is seen in the use of Māori motifs in his work with strong clean lines and colour. He is inspired by nature and also where he lives.







Movin' March

There is only one more week of Movin March. Students who walk, scooter or bike to school next week need to make sure they get their passport stamped every morning. Once they have 10 stamps on their passport they need to give it to the Year 7/8 monitors or their class teacher. They will then go in the draw for some fantastic prizes.











Library Corner

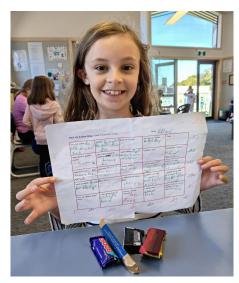
Happy Easter. Hope that your Easter break is filled with heaps of chocolate and lots of reading.

Thank you so much to all students who have reviewed books for the 2024 NZ Book Awards for Children and Young Adults. 75 students have been involved - reading picture books (and one middle fiction book), and they have taken

the time to express their thoughts about the storyline, illustrations and appeal of the books. It will be interesting to see whether any of the books that we have reviewed make the shortlist (which will be announced on 6 June).

We have had a few questions about the 2024 Hell Pizza Reading Challenge. This is completely optional. For our younger students, it is perfectly OK for parents to sign the pizza wheel to say that books have been read (or that you have read the book to your child). For older students, we would encourage them to read books that are at or slightly above their current reading level. Students have until 31 January 2025 to complete the wheel so there is plenty of time to get their free pizza.

Book Bingo will be running until the end of Term 2 for our Hongoeka and Taupō students. Well done to Ella C (Rm 22) who is our latest student to complete Book Bingo, reading a total of 25 books and amassing 13 chocolates along the way.





This week's books have included a sophisticated picture book that has inspired a discussion about life in Victorian England and Australia's convict past, a super-cute book on kittens and a middle fiction verse novel about a girl who struggles to fit in and so lives life behind a "mask" trying to act how everyone else acts. Such a beautifully written novel - my review of this book "Good Different" is available to read on our library catalogue. Just search for the book, click on it and then click on "Reviews".

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

Happy reading, Sarah

Term Dates, Holidays & Teacher Only Days

Term 1

Starts: Thursday 1 February Waitangi Day - Tuesday 6 February Easter - Friday 29 March - Tuesday 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

Teacher Only Day - Friday 25 October Labour Day - Monday 28 October Ends: Wednesday 18 December

Student Achievement

Lincoln Thomas - Discus Regional Champ. Lincoln won the 9yr old boys discus at the recent Wellington Athletics Champs with a personal best of 19.39m!

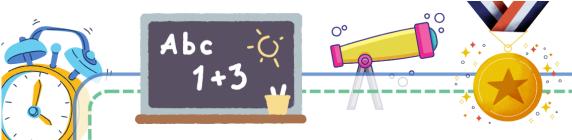


Isaia Asiata (current student) and older brother Hezekia (former student) recently represented Wellington and our school in the Youth Siva Afi Aotearoa Competition, in Auckland. Isaia placed 2nd in the Junior Division and Hezekia placed in the Top 5 in the Intermediate Division; younger brother Malakai is also pictured.

You can watch the replay and see their Bios via this link <u>2024 FESTIVAL — Siva Afi (sivaafiaotearoa.co.nz)</u>

Congratulations on behalf of Siva Afi Wellington and Plimmerton School on this amazing venture as you grow this Pasifika Warrior art form in Aotearoa - before heading to the Worlds in Hawaii early May. See them in action - 23 March 6-9pm at Brewtown.





PTA Update

The Plimmerton School PTA is a group of parents and teachers that get together monthly to arrange fun and exciting fundraisers for the "extras" for our kids at school.

Not everyone can commit to attending a monthly meeting and we get that! So we would love to have some "friends of the committee" that simply help out AT the events. Some pre event planning might be included if you have capacity.

Please contact us today if you would like to join the committee, be a friend of the committee or if you would simply like more information on what's involved. We would love to chat.

Email: pta@plimmerton.school.nz

We are busy behind the scenes planning a quiz night, a clothes swap, a school disco and of course the Gala. There will be other events happening but these will be our main 4.

Kids Clothes Swap

Do you have an excess of kids' clothes and are looking for somewhere to donate? Look no further - Julia and her team will gratefully take them off your hands for the annual Plimmerton School Kids Clothes Swap. You can start dropping off donations NOW to the labelled boxes beside the lost property next to the school office.

Start organising your friend group now so that you can all come along and stock up on all the kid's clothes you need for only \$20! Supper will be supplied, making this a super fun and easy night out of shopping. Stay tuned for the date announcement - this will be an event not to be missed!





PLIMMERTON SCHOOL

We've got an amazing Easter Tuesday programme planned, including an Easter Egg Hunt, baking, crafts, games and more!

Book online now for our fun-filled one day holiday programme. See you there!

Full Day: \$55 School Day: \$45 Half Day: \$35

7ат-6рт 8:30ат-3рт 7ат-12:30рт or 12:30рт-6рт

Contact: Esita Tuidama Email: plimmerton@kellyclub.co.nz

Phone: 021 246 1717 Facebook: @KellyClubPlimmerton

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.co.nz

Community Notices



WE'RE HIRING

Part-Time Fixed Term Teacher Aide (Learning Assistant) Position

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Lifelong Learners Whitireiatanga Asking questions, communicating, and critical thinking We are seeking a Learning Assistant to work in a range of roles supporting teachers to provide individualised and adapted learning programmes for students.

The person we are seeking will be available to work Monday to Friday for a minimum of 15 hours per week, with extended hours on one day of the week.

We are looking for a person who enjoys working with children, has empathy, can take direction but also use their initiative, can treat information confidentially and who would uphold Plimmerton School's R.E.A.L. values.

The position starts on 29th April 2024, the beginning of Term 2, but we would like the person to be available for some transitional visits before the end of Term 1. This is a term-time-only fixed-term position until the end of the 2024 school year.

To apply please send a cover letter and a copy of your C.V. to principal@plimmerton.school.nz.

Applications close Tuesday 26th March.

HIRING NOW

Plimmerton School

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Mon to Fri

3pm to 6:30pm

APPLY TODAY!
Call **0800 772 743**

Email recruitment@proservice.co.nz





A TALK ABOUT OUR CLIMATE CHANGE WORRIES AND HOW WE CAN SHAPE THE FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN

TUESDAY 9TH APRIL 7.30PM
- SHARE A DRINK 8.30-9.15PM (BYO TUMBLER)

with DR ALICE MILLER @ PLIMMERTON SCHOOL

Kia ora! I'm Alice, a mum of two children at Plimmerton school. I worked for many years as a GP but for the last 3 years I've been back at university studying and researching connections between our health and the environments we live in. One of the big things I focus on is climate change.

I'd like to invite parents and local community members to my "Happy Planet, Happy Kids" talk at Plimmerton School on Tuesday 9th April at 7.30pm, where I'll:

- share stories about what I've learnt, how it has helped me cope with worry and made me see the future for my children quite differently
- give simple explanations about climate change and other environmental issues which are important for our health now and in the future
- provide tips about how we can safeguard our mental wellbeing in the face of climate anxiety
- discuss lots of things we can actually do to help create a happy healthy future for our planet and our children:)

Please BYO tumbler so we share a drink and a chat after the presentation!

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are hosting a **Raising Body Confident Kids in the Digital Age** workshop with Emma Wright for our community on 19th of June. We hope you can attend this important event.

You may have heard Emma interviewed by Jesse Mulligan on RNZ or seen her in The Herald, talking about her recently published book Body Confident: a Guide to Raising Happy Eaters. She holds a Master's Degree, is well researched and has lived experience with disordered eating.

Given that 80% of teens report body image as one of their biggest barriers to participating in sports and social activities, this is a must-attend workshop for parents of younger kids. This workshop will arm you with practical tools and strategies to help your child's overall well-being by building resilience to damaging messages and developing a healthy relationship with their body.

Workshop details:

- What: Raising Body-Confident Kids in the Digital Age
- When: 19 June, 11 am -1 PM
- Who: Parents, teachers and sports coaches
- Where: Porirua Women & Family Centre
- 9 Lydney Place South, Porirua

Admission: Free

Please RSVP to reserve your seat by emailing reception@pwfc.org.nz





Raising Body-Confident Kids in the Digital Age

A free community workshop

19 JUNE | 11 am - 1 PM

Porirua Women & Family Centre 9 Lydney Place South, Porirua Please reserve your attendance by emailing receptionepwfc.org.nz

www.pwfc.org.nz 042379224





KELLY SPORTS APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Kelly Sports Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment.

The programme is packed with activities to entertain and inspire children.

We have some exciting days planned: Running Rampage Day, Adventures on Wheels Day, Pirate Sports Day, Dodgeball Blitz Day, Football World Cup Day and trips to Zealandia, Police Museum, Aotea Lagoon plus Zappo the Magician and the Kelly Sports Bouncy Castle are coming to Kelly Sports!

To enrol www.kellysports.co.nz email admin@kellysports.co.nz or call 021 972 728



Mini Marching Movement

LOOKING FOR A NEW SPORT FOR YOUR CHILD?

Give marching a go!!!



Marching Wellington
Association is reintroducing marching to communities. We are trialling a give-it-a-go where children can try out marching and learn a routine to perform at the end of the term for family and friends.

sport that was hugely popular in the 1960s & 1970s. These days it provides people with a form of fitness, fun and making new friends. As marchers progress through the grades, there becomes more opportunities to travel around New Zealand to perform.

When: Term 2

Thursdays 4.30pm – 6.30pm **Location:** Newlands/J'ville (TBC)

If your primary school aged child may be interested, please contact Ema on 027 362 5683 or

wellington@marching.co.nz for more information





Are you aged 1-7 and looking for a fun way to learn the beautiful game? Look no further! Little Dribblers Football Club, New Zealand's fastest growing club for preschool and young players. Established in 2004, Little Dribblers offers a welcoming and comfortable environment for children to develop their football skills and make new friends. Join Term 2 starting 20th April. More info <u>HERE</u>



AKOTECH CodeCamps April School Holidays - EARLY DISCOUNTS

Our holiday camp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Create and train your own AI Avatars, make games, code robots & go to work for a simulated Tech Gaming Studio to build games for a big pretend client.

Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create your own games, worlds and apps to make our world a better place. We also have Literati Lab just for girls

Venues: Queen Margaret College, Thorndon

Dates: 15th - 18th & 22nd - 26th April

Book Now at www.akotech.nz

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23 MARCH

PUKERUA BAY SCHOOL 89 RAWHITI ROAD 11AM - 2PM

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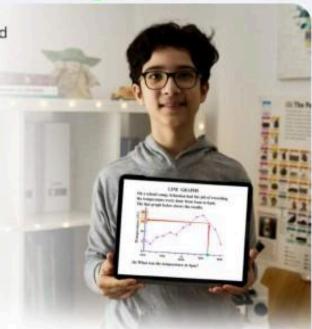
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With over 1,400 video tutorials and 50,000 interactive questions and worksheets, MathsBuddy helps guide your children lesson by lesson allowing them to pause, rewind and repeat all or part of any video tutorial until they fully understand it.



Get started with a **free trial** today!

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- Available 24/7, giving students the flexibility to work when it's most convenient for them
- Automatic marking and progress reports to highlight areas needing support

Start your MathsBuddy FREE trial today at www.mathsbuddy.co.nz

Junior Squash Mana Squash Club

6c Pascoe Avenue, Ngatitoa Domain, Mana

Ever wanted to give squash a go? Squash is a great, social sport for kids and is perfect for fitness and developing handeye coordination.

Every Friday night during the school term from 6pm-7:30pm we run a Junior Club Night. Here kids will learn the basics of squash including the rules, serving, practicing different shots and games. Rackets, balls and eyewear are provided, you just need a pair of non-marking shoes.

Come check it out for a few weeks before deciding if you want to sign up - membership is cheap at only \$70/year for kids aged 10 and under, or \$100/year for over 11s. Bring a friend or come make some new ones!

Mana Squash Club also offers a coaching programme for junior players.

For information contact:

Ben Jansen (Junior Convenor) email: juniors@manasquash.co.nz



Plimmerton School Photography - Viewing and Ordering Information

We are pleased to be able to share with you the link to view Plimmerton School Photographs. Please follow the link below and locate your child's album. The password is your child's surname but Lisa can change this immediately to a higher level if you prefer. If you have access issues, please let Lisa know so she can help you - see contact details below.

https://lisaprestonphotography.shootproof.com/gallery/23835442

You can **choose either digital or printed copies** for your photos.

INDIVIDUAL/STUDIO/SIBLING PRINTS:

Standard print 5x7 inches \$14 Medium print 6x8 inches \$19 Large print 8x10 inches \$28

CLASS GROUP PHOTO PRINTS:

Standard 5x11 inches \$17 (printed and laminated) Large 6 x 14 inches \$28 (printed, unlaminated)

DIGITAL FILES EMAILED TO YOU:

Individuals/studio/sibling \$13 (or 3 for \$37) Class digital group \$17

Once you have accessed your child's album, click on one of their photos and then click Buy Photo. To the right of the screen, it says 'packages' which is only for ordering the \$37 digital package and the tab to the right of this says 'items' which is to select individual items to be printed. To order the printed class group photos, please make sure you choose either the standard \$17 or large \$28 price!

Please pay into the bank account **LP Photography 02-0500-0971452-001** – remember to put your child's name and Plimmerton to help Lisa with tracking your payment. Credit card payments are not available at this stage. If you wish to pay by cash you must email Lisa BEFORE dropping cash to the school office so she can record that the cash will be expected.

Please note - the school won't have change available for cash orders and are unable to offer school Eftpos facilities for your orders.

Order forms also available from the office

Print photos **orders are due Wednesday 3 April 2024.** Print orders received will be processed after this date and be sent to school. If you require digital files earlier, send Lisa proof of payment and she can get them to you. Lisa is happy to help with a payment plan - just email her to arrange. When you receive your digital files, please download them as the link will expire in a few months.

Please direct all photo queries to Lisa - she is happy to help with any questions or requests. Thank you for your support, Lisa really enjoyed photographing your beautiful children again.

<u>Lisa Preston Photography</u> <u>www.lisaprestonphotography.co.nz</u> +64 21 678964

Plimmerton School 2024

PHOTO ORDER FORM

Child Name:

TO VIEW PHOTOS: www.lisaprestonphotography.co.nz/client-galleries

Select 'School/Kindy', 'Plimmerton School', find your child's album. Password is their surname

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Please use your Child's name, School/Room as references. Printed photos will be packaged and sent to the school after the closing date — you will be notified when they are ready to be collected.

Print orders due Wednesday 3 April 2024. Payment Plan Available. 021 678964 smile@lisaprestonphotography.co.nz

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