



PANUI - NEWSLETTER - Week 11 Term 1, 2024

Mai e te Tumuaki - From the Principal

Kia ora everyone,

As we bid farewell to Term 1, daylight savings, and the long summer evenings, it's with great joy and pride that I reflect on the past few months and the positive start to the 2024 school year, in particular the change in approach to how we build relationships and our overall learning design.

The year's learning focus **BEYOND ME - Exploring a world outside myself** is all about learning and the cornerstone of what we work hard to achieve in our learning spaces. We strive to develop the whole child. One who can understand who they are and celebrate that. One who thinks and cares for other people. One who thinks not just in the now, but also for the future. Essentially growing a culture whereby we look at the whole person, not just the academic results. This way will become our culture and ensure everyone is the kaitiaki of our space, leaving a positive legacy for others to aspire to. This is why it is so important for whānau to play an active role in our space, whether that is giving feedback when asked, being the advocate for our kura or asking how you can support your child's educational journey. A partnership for learning and growth.

As we look ahead to term two we have two events that will involve our tamariki and whānau. On Friday of Week 4 we will be having our first ever R.E.A.L day! This will be a chance for our learners to have fun competing in activities that embrace our values of R.E.A.L. It will provide an opportunity for us all to have fun, engage with each other across the school and showcase how we live these values. Who knows, your child might even come home with something to acknowledge their hard work at the end of that day!! We haven't finished planning the day, so if we need some volunteers then we will let you know!

The second event is more whānau friendly as we look to celebrate Matariki. We are also planning out what this looks like but there will be a mixture of food, games, learning and fun! We will communicate what both of these events look like closer to the time.

One of our greatest learnings so far this year is reflecting on what we need to do to ensure our communication is clear, timely and relevant. An example of this is the fact we didn't have a 'meet the teacher' evening in Term 1. In simple terms we didn't want to run something that wasn't going to be worth your time or didn't have a clear purpose. All of our planned events need to ensure they are student centred, link to a purpose and value your time and involvement. In Term 2 we are looking to create a hybrid version of connecting with your child's teacher. This information will come out in Week 1 of Term 2.

Thank you once again for your continued support and dedication to Plimmerton School.

Together, we are creating a vibrant and thriving community where all are welcome, valued, and celebrated. I look forward to seeing what we can achieve together in the months to come. To our students, I encourage each and

every one of you to take time to rest, rejuvenate, and reflect on the successes of the past term. I hope you return to school feeling refreshed and ready to tackle the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Nga mihi,
Chris Steffensen *Principal - Tumuaki*

Coming Events - for your Calendar

Term 2 - Week 1

Tuesday 30 April	Term 2 Powhiri
Saturday 4 May	Netball season starts

Term 2 - Week 2

Wednesday 8 May	Hongoeka Swimming sports
Thursday 9 May	Taupō Swimming sports



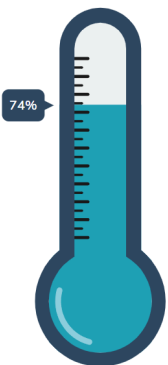
Anzac Day Parade

Plimmerton School will be represented at the Anzac Day Parade at Porirua on Thursday 25th April. The service begins at 9am and will be concluded by 10am. Our students would need to gather on Hagley Avenue outside the council building at 8.45am and would join the parade walking to the memorial in Te Rauparaha Park. If you would like you child or children to join the group representing Plimmerton School please contact Rosemary Oxnam by email rosemaryo@plimmerton.school.nz or phone 0211614448

GOAL: \$25,000

2024 School Donation / Whānau Contribution Thank you, thank you, thank you!

We have reached 74% of our donation goal - AMAZING!! Again, thank you to those who have already or are going to contribute, we are so very grateful for your support. 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 [school website](#)



Cross Country

Thank you to all the whānau who came along to the Plimmerton Domain on Monday to support the tamariki. The weather was beautiful, the course was easy for people to view the runners and there was a lot of clapping and cheering from adults and parents alike.

All students demonstrated a lot of resilience and determination. From those who wanted to push for a top place to those who were just wanting to complete the course to the best of their ability. The teachers were very proud of all the students' efforts no matter where they finished. It was all about giving it a go, working to build stamina and seeing the benefits of regular physical activity.

Below is a list of the first 5 places for each race. The children from years 4-8 in this list will receive information early next term about the Parumoana Inter School Race so look out for that.

Year	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place
Year 1 - Girls	Mia M	Emma T	Abigail R	Annabelle S	Poppy T
Year 1 - Boys	Hart S	Monty C-L	Sam W	Mathais F	Fin O'D & Mateo U
Year 2 - Girls	Audrey d-A	Susie C	Abigail V	Lilly S	Rosie J

<i>Year 2 - Boys</i>	<i>Oscar K</i>	<i>Ben R</i>	<i>Riley K-H</i>	<i>Max B</i>	<i>Reid P</i>
<i>Year 3 - Girls</i>	<i>Frida R</i>	<i>Jordon G</i>	<i>Bella T</i>	<i>Ruby L</i>	<i>Aria W</i>
<i>Year 3 - Boys</i>	<i>Oscar W</i>	<i>Cooper G</i>	<i>Max A</i>	<i>Vinnie D</i>	<i>George R</i>
<i>Year 4 - Girls</i>	<i>Daisy d-A</i>	<i>Cece M</i>	<i>Mariana W</i>	<i>Zoe M</i>	<i>Kyla P</i>
<i>Year 4 - Boys</i>	<i>Eliot P</i>	<i>Charlie K</i>	<i>Caleb R</i>	<i>Bastian v-L</i>	<i>Arie v-H</i>
<i>Year 5 - Girls</i>	<i>Clementine G-C</i>	<i>Sofia L</i>	<i>Isabella S-C</i>	<i>Mallory B</i>	<i>Aanya A</i>
<i>Year 5 - Boys</i>	<i>Max L</i>	<i>Cooper D</i>	<i>Noah C</i>	<i>Liam W</i>	<i>William G</i>
<i>Year 6 - Girls</i>	<i>Indigo H</i>	<i>Kayla V</i>	<i>Annabelle G</i>	<i>Grace T</i>	<i>Indie B</i>
<i>Year 6 - Boys</i>	<i>Callum B</i>	<i>Alexander d-A</i>	<i>Mackenzie C-L</i>	<i>Thomas X</i>	<i>Myles C</i>
<i>Year 7 - Girls</i>	<i>Hazel S</i>	<i>Charlotte T</i>	<i>Ayla B</i>	<i>Giana M</i>	<i>Sierra H</i>
<i>Year 7 - Boys</i>	<i>Toby C</i>	<i>Maxx T</i>	<i>Pete H</i>	<i>Tyler B</i>	<i>Benson F</i>
<i>Year 8 - Girls</i>	<i>Elsa H</i>	<i>Molly P</i>	<i>Poppy K</i>	<i>Amber B</i>	<i>Gaia N</i>
<i>Year 8 - Boys</i>	<i>Oli P</i>	<i>Jesse V</i>	<i>Jake W</i>	<i>Ollie S-C</i>	<i>Max v-H</i>

Futsal

On March 26 Plimmerton School sent four year 5 and 6 teams to Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua for a Girls Futsal(indoor football) competition. All four teams were great representatives of Plimmerton School and over the course of the day each team played six games. The results were less important, the focus was on having fun and participating.



Basketball

During term 1 a group of Year 7 and 8's from Plimmerton School have been competing in an after school basketball competition at Te Rauparaha Arena. They have had a fabulous season and last week were in the final against Ngati Toa. It was a closely fought game with both teams taking the lead multiple times during the game. With 30 seconds left the score was tied and then a Plimmerton player got fouled. Maxx stepped up to take the two free throws. With seconds on the clock he made both the shots and Plimmerton was victorious. A huge thank you to Aiyaz Ismail for coaching the team.



Library Corner

Rain is in the forecast for the start of the school holidays so a great opportunity to read some amazing books. However, I am going to start with a tiny grumble.

Accidents happen, however, it is frustrating when students pull out a book from the shelf to find it covered in mould. Mould can cause allergic or respiratory problems in some of our students and it is not something that we want to see in the library. Could you please remind your children that if they spill water on their library book, then if they let me know, I will dry the book out thoroughly before returning it to the shelf. If they put wet books back on the shelves, they become unusable and have to be thrown out (see the photo for three books damaged in the last two weeks, all have mould).



Thanks to our fabulous student librarians for Term 1 who did library duty one day per week for the entire term - Marnie and Scarlett (Rm 23); Sofia and Aanya (Rm 20); Beth (Rm 22); Issy (Rm 16) and Emea (Rm 15). Absolute stars!

The library is a popular place to be during break-times as can be seen in these photos. Chess, making loom bracelets, braiding hair, colouring in and even some reading are just some of the activities that our students enjoy.



This week's new books have included two books to remind us of the upcoming ANZAC Day - both set in WWII.

One tells the story about how NZ soldiers successfully evacuated the King of Greece after Nazi paratroopers began landing in Greece and the other book (a graphic novel, aimed at our senior readers) tells the story of NZRAF Flying Officer Porokoru Patapu (John) Pohe of Ngati Rangi, who served 22 missions in his first tour of duty during World War II. In 1943 Pohe was captured by the German Army and became a P.O.W., and then tried (unsuccessfully) to escape.

Have a fabulous, safe holiday break.

Please take time to check out our library catalogue - <https://nz.accessit.online/PLM03>. See you in term 2.

Happy reading, Sarah



Donations for Sensory Room Needed - can you help?

We are looking for items that families may have finished using or playing with to put into a sensory room. If you have any of the following in good condition we would really appreciate you donating them to the school.

- A mini tramp or rebounder.
- A clam shell sandpit
- A water or sand tray.
- Bean bags suitable for a child up to 13 to sit in.
- any other items that you think may be suitable for meeting sensory needs.

Please contact Rosemary Oxnam by email rosemaryo@plimmerton.school.nz or by phone on 0211614448.

Thank you very much.



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

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!





PTA Update

A huge thank you to all those families that donated goods to the Easter Raffles and a massive congratulations those that won prizes! What a great way to start Easter!

The Plimmerton School PTA are a group of parents and teachers that get together monthly to arrange fun and exciting fundraisers for the “extras” for our kids at school. Coming up this year our big events are a Quiz night, School Disco, Clothes Swap and of course the Gala. More details and dates to follow so please keep an eye on school bags, Hero and our Facebook page. We will also be announcing some smaller fundraising events as these come up.

Fundraising can be a tricky task but with all hands on deck events run smoother and no one is having to do everything - we share the load.

We appreciate that not everyone can attend a monthly meeting so we would love to welcome you on board as a friend of the committee. We keep you in the loop and ask when we need some help **AT** the events. Some pre event planning might be included if you have capacity.

We are always open to ideas and suggestions, so please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like to discuss anything.

Email: pta@plimmerton.school.nz

Metlink Update: Fares for under 25s are changing, starting 1 May 2024

We would like to inform you that the government has made the decision to withdraw the government funding for the age-based concessions that have been in place since 1 September 2023. As a result, fares for children aged 5-12 and young adults under 25 years old will automatically return to the standard price fares from 1 May 2024. The current age-based concessions are funded by the government.

What's Changing for Students From 1 May?

- **Under 13 Free Pass (5-12 years)** - Free travel ends, and **50% off adult fare** applies on all Metlink services.
- **Child Fare (13-18 years or still in secondary school)** - 75% discount off adult fare ends, and **50% off adult fare** applies on all Metlink services for children aged between 13 to 16 years old (or older if still at secondary school).

Children over 16 who are no longer in secondary school will no longer qualify for this concession and will need to buy a [Red Snapper card](#), and the full adult fare will apply unless they are eligible for another concession.

- **Te Hunga Whaikaha Total Mobility** - Free travel ends for 5-12-year-olds and 75% discount ends for 13-18 year olds (or older if still in secondary school). **50% off adult fare** now applies for these groups through the Accessible concession.

Children must tag on and off using their Te Hunga Whaikaha Total Mobility card ONLY to travel on the Accessible Concession. The Green Snapper Card will no longer be required for travel, removing the hassle of carrying two cards.

- To be eligible for concessions, a student must use a valid Red or Green Snapper card with the appropriate concession loaded.
- On ferry, the concessions are available on a child ticket and can be paid for with cash or EFTPOS.
- Children are still required to tag on and tag off the bus or trains using their Snapper card, to avoid being charged default fares.

*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.

We strongly encourage all students (including Te Hunga Whaikaha Total Mobility card holders) to top up their Snapper cards to ensure they have enough credit. [Top Up Your Snapper Card](#)

For more information, visit metlink.org.nz/fares or contact us on 0800 801 700.





HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Mon 15 – Fri 26 April



Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including a Kelly Club Rock 'n' Roll 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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www.kellyclub.co.nz

APRIL 2024 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.

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.

Prices & Session Times:

Full Week: \$295 7am-6pm	Full Day: \$58 7am-6pm	Event Day: Extra \$20 (Included in Full Week)
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School Day: \$48 8:30am-3pm	Half Day: \$38 7am-12:30pm or 12:30pm-6pm
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Website: kellyclub.co.nz/plimmerton

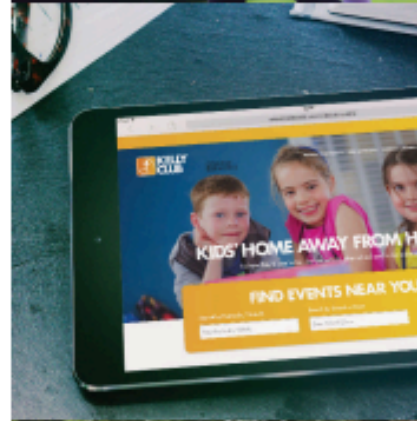
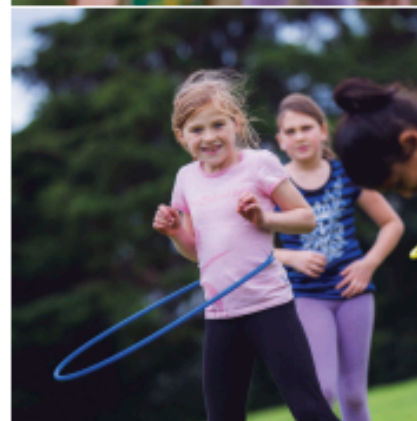
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Junior Squash

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 hand-eye 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





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 [HERE](#)



Encore Drama Academy *(previously known as Helen O'Grady Drama Academy)*

Encore Drama Academy based in Wellington is all about giving children self confidence to succeed in life. Our classes help build creative thinking and literacy skills while also teaching children positive social skills including effective team interaction, leadership, confidence and public speaking. Our programme also helps every child to develop performance skills, overcome shyness, develop positive self esteem, grow imagination, and make new friends in a fun filled learning environment. After-school classes for 5 – 17 year olds are held in Khandallah, Tawa, Whitby, and Lower Hutt. If you wish to enrol or require more information please visit our website www.encoredramaacademy.co.nz.

TERM 2

SPRING INTO WINTER SPORTS

EVERY Thursday, 3:05pm - 4.05pm
 Starts Week 2 of term 2 for 8 weeks!

BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!
www.kellysports.co.nz

- ✓ Netball
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Rippa Rugby

Contact Information
adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz

Feel Brave Story Time Programme

With special guest author
Avril McDonald



April School Holidays

Illustration by Tatiana Minina, from *The Wolf and the Hocus Pocus*, by Avril McDonald (*Feel Brave*, 2024)

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Feel Brave Story Time Programme



April School Holidays 2024

Wiki Tahi

Tuesday 16 April, 10am

Face Your Fear. Get mighty, listening to stories about living with your fear constructively, and join us in drawing, facing, and learning to live with what scares us.

Thursday 18 April, 10am

Feel Brave. Join our very special guest Avril McDonald – award-winning, best-selling children's author of the *Feel Brave* series – for a special 45-minute storytelling show. Avril will introduce the *Feel Brave* puppets, and her latest story *The Wolf and the Hocus Pocus*, plus other *Feel Brave* stories, songs, and wellbeing exercises, giving children simple strategies to deal with BIG feelings. Followed by book selling and signing. (Most suitable for 4–7 year-olds)

Wiki Rua

Wednesday 24 April, 10am

Be the Biggest. Listen to stories about everyone's favourite big brother rabbit, Stephanie Blake's world-famous Simon! Learn to draw this cheeky bunny, and make some Simon bunting for your bedroom decor. We have loads of Simon books to giveaway, thanks to Gecko Press. Mischief-loving listeners and readers welcome.

Friday 26 April, 10am

Take the Plunge. Listen to stories about brave creatures balling up their courage in the face of watery adventures, then make a fun crabby craft memento, to remind you to stand strong.

All events happen in the Porirua Libraries City Centre Branch Children's Library arera. Parents and caregivers to remain with children at all times. Please advise a week in advance if you wish to bring a large group, as we may be able to arrange a separate session for you.
Email bee.trudgeon@porirua.govt.nz