



# LOWER PLENTY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS LETTER

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## NUMBER 2

## 18th Feb 2022

### Principal's Report

I would like to thank all parents for their cooperation over the last couple of weeks with the regular administration of Rapid Antigen Tests. Our second shipment of boxes arrived this week and they have been sent home so that you can continue with regular testing.

If your child does return a positive test please let the school know by calling the main office so that we can log the case on the department portal.

### School Council Elections

I am delighted to report that our School Council membership for 2022 has been confirmed. We received nominations from Lauren Taylor, Rachel Nassios and Amelia Strzebonski who will all be appointed unopposed.

Please feel free to liaise with any of the following Councillors who are your representatives on the Lower Plenty Primary School Council.

*Amelia Strzebonski, Kate Landers, Katrina Walsh, Lauren Taylor, Michelle Wheeler, Rachel Nassios and Tanya Wellington.*

The election of office bearers and the Annual General Meeting will occur at the School Council Meeting on 7th March.

### PFA

I was fortunate to attend the first PFA meeting on Wednesday night. Thankyou to the parents on that committee who were able to attend. A warm welcome to our two new members Alana Fraser and Bec Dahlstrom who join Janet Cruickshank, Kate Landers, Anne Kay, Lauren Taylor, Michelle Wheeler, Katrina Walsh on the committee.

This year the PFA will be aiming to raise money for the refurbishment of the school canteen. This will improve the facility so that it can be used with students as part of a cooking program as well as for community members and the school when using the space.

The biggest expense in refurbishment will be the cost of labour. If you are a trades person (electrician, plumber, plasterer, tiler, cabinet maker, painter) and have the opportunity to donate a half day on a weekend your help will be greatly appreciated. If this sounds like you, please contact the school so that we can arrange work in the area.

### Tutor Program to Continue

We are delighted to confirm that a tutor program will operate again in 2022 as a result of the state government extending the funding for this program for another year.

The Tutor program is an initiative of the Department of Education & Training (DET) to further support students who may not have achieved their regular learning gain over the last two years as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

### 2022 Term Dates

T1—31st Jan to 8th April  
T2—26th April to 24th June  
T3—11th July to 16th Sept  
T4—3rd Oct to 20th Dec

### Calendar

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21st Feb  
District Swimming  
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23rd Feb  
Prep Testing  
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28th Feb  
Dental Van  
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7th March  
School Council  
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14th Mar  
Labour Day  
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8th April  
Last day of term—1:45 pm  
Finish  
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25th April  
ANZAC Day  
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26th April  
First Day Term 2  
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26th April  
P-6 Swimming  
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28th April  
P-6 Swimming  
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3rd May  
P-6 Swimming  
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5th May  
P-6 Swimming  
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10th May  
P-6 Swimming  
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12th May  
P-6 Swimming

## Principal's Report (cont)

### New Staff

I would like to introduce two new staff members to Lower Plenty Primary School.

#### Alison Squire

Alison Squire has joined our teaching staff as a new graduate. She has recently completed her masters degree in teaching (Primary and Secondary) after completing a Bachelor of Arts (History) in 2015. Alison has worked in education for quite a while and is dedicated to supporting students, having also completed a Cert 3 in Education Support.

Alison will be taking students for specialist Performing Arts and STEM as well as working in the 2-4 classroom on Fridays and doing Tutoring Support and extension with students.

#### Matilda Minichilli

Matilda has begun working in our OSHC program and will work from Monday to Thursday. Matilda has spent the last two years working as a Learning Support Officer at St Thomas the Apostle and is now pursuing a career as a Yoga Instructor. She will combine her work at Lower Plenty Primary in OSHC whilst continuing to build on her business and work doing Yoga.

#### Heidi Haidari

Heidi will begin working in the OSHC program on Friday starting next week. Heidi is an experienced early childhood educator having been running her own kindergarten room as well as running family care.

Please introduce yourself if you see them in the yard or at school and make them feel welcome to our community.

### Class News

This week the classroom news has been prepared by:

P/1— Sophie and Sarah

2-4— Willow and Alana

5/6— Sebastian and Nathan

### Getting to Know You Interviews

Hopefully everyone was able to attend the Getting to Know You Interviews held on Tuesday and Thursday. If you were not able to attend or would like a further meeting please contact the school or your child's teacher to arrange an appointment.

### Italian and Art

As part of our Italian Art Program students in the senior grades have begun making masks for Carnivale, in the junior classes they are making animals from clay. To watch what they are learning to say in Italian please go to the youtube clip <https://youtu.be/fmb0MjS1V4M>

Daniel

### Student of the Week

7th to 11th

Congratulations to:

Maci—Prep/1

Winton—2/3/4

Willow—5/6

### Student of the Week

14th to 18th

Congratulations to:

Jackson—Prep/1

Lenny—2/3/4

Sarah—5/6

## Prep and Grade 1

### NEWS

#### 100 Prep 1 words

This week the Prep/1's have...

Been learning about some common words and also focusing on the letters S and N. They've had a lot of fun.

The class made some snakes and also some nests.

Last week they did some activities with their buddies. They created buddy books which had questions about them to answer. Their big buddies and junior students answered the questions together. They finished the book with a photo of them and their buddy.

During maths sessions the class went outside to collect natural things like pinecones, leaves, nuts, tanbark to count. The students also practised writing their numbers with chalk outside on the asphalt.

They have also been to STEM and enjoyed it so much. In STEM they made binoculars with two paper cups and some ribbon / string.

Finally here is what they have been doing in art, in art they have been making some figures using clay some of the older kids helped them, they had a blast.

by Sarah and Sophie



## Grade 2 to 4

### NEWS

This week in maths the 2,3,4's have been learning how to use place value strategies as well as measuring things with rulers using some fun maths games.

In STEM they got to make binoculars and right now stuff they would like to analyse using their new creations.

For English this week the grades 2,3,4's have been learning how to do book reviews, they had to Review the book they are currently reading and to write down the characters, setting, plot and conclusion.

In sport they did basketball. They learnt how to dribble a ball and shoot a layup. Over all they had loads of fun.

In Art we are making clay masks, First we get given a piece of clay and then we have to mould it to the design we wanted for our mask.

By Alana and Willow

## Grade 5/6

### NEWS

This week the 5 and 6 students have been doing lots of amazing activities. On Monday we started a really cool maths project, where we are on a road trip and have to sort out the budget, and we can go to Sydney, or Canberra and some people are staying in Victoria. People even went to Tasmania! We continued the project during the week! We have also voted on the school in Nepal that we want to build a library for. We have started thinking about how to raise money too.

We also did lots of cool activities like an English activity where you highlight the punctuation and direct speech. We also learned all the codes. On Wednesday we played a maths game called prodigy, where you battle monsters with spells that work if you get the maths question right. You can also rescue monsters and add them to your team! You also have to beat quests to level up and get cool items. On Thursday we read the poem The Jabberwocky, and then we drew what we thought it looked like. It's been a very fun week.

By Sebastian.S & Nathan.N.