

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora Koutou, Nga mihi kia koutou

Everyone had a fantastic time at the disco last Friday evening. It was well organised, well run and well attended! Sincere thanks go to the PTA and staff who supported this event and also this week's sausage sizzle lunch. A great team effort.

LEARNING CONFERENCES

The teachers really appreciated that so many of you were able to come to your child's learning conference earlier this week. The children like to share their successes and next step learning with you. The home/school partnership is vital!

BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Nomination forms for the Board of Trustees (BoT) Elections will be mailed out to every parent/guardian of the students at our school in the first week of May. You will receive an information sheet and a nomination form. Along with the nomination form, it suggests you may like to submit a brief (up to 400 words) statement about yourself. We strongly advise that anyone nominating him/herself does this, as it helps the voters make a well-informed decision.

A copy of all the statements received will be mailed along with the voting forms. Nominations close noon Friday 20 May 2016. Any nominations and statements received after noon (12pm) will not be accepted.

If you do not receive these forms by Friday 6 May 2016, please contact the school office or email our Returning Officer Susan Janssen at s.janssen@hokowhitu.school.nz

UNIFORM

We are a 'uniform' school and expect that the children wear the regulation items, NOT other things. With the change in season, it is timely for you to check your child's school uniform.

In winter the girls may wear NAVY TIGHTS (not leggings or tracksuit pants) under their skort - please note, plain navy tights only. Boys may wear the regulation grey trousers instead of shorts too. If your child feels the cold they may need a long sleeved polo shirt under their regulation polar fleece. Any other undergarment (eg thermal layers) should not be visible.

Footwear should be black or brown and school sensible. Thank you for your support with this.

WINTER SPORTS

Terms 2 and 3 often make for busy Saturday mornings with many sporting codes on offer.

Playing a team sport teaches co-ordination, co-operation, fitness and a sense of belonging. It also comes with a commitment - to attend practices and games regularly, and not to pull out half way through a season as others are relying on you!

We have school netball, hockey and basketball teams registered for the coming season. We are looking for more players for the Y5/6 hockey team. Please email Mr Roper urgently on l.roper@hokowhitu.school.nz if your child is interested.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe term break. School reopens for Term 2 at 8.50am on Monday 2nd May.

I look forward to seeing everyone on my return in Term 3 after I have completed my sabbatical which is a mixture of professional learning, reflection and refreshment

Nga mihi
Lin Dixon
Principal

Achievement Awards

Rūma Tahī (1)

You are an incredible bunch of learners who strive to do your very best and support each other with kindness. Thank you for all the smiles and giggles along the way - well done on an awesome first term!

Rūma Rua (2)

This week I want to award the whole of Ruma Rua Whanau. You have all had an amazing first term back at school and Miss Stella is proud of each and every one of you. Tino pai to mahi Ruma Rua!

Rūma Toru (3)

Lachie For writing a great story about his watch
Caidyn For writing a great story about Iron Man

Rūma Wha (4)

Joseph For writing amazing stories

Te Kete Pounamu (5)

Haeatatanga, Vera & Eli For being valuable members of Kokopu whanau class
Elsa For super presentation skills

Te Kete Pounamu (6)

Wairehu, Jayden & Sophia For super mathematical thinking and problem solving this week. Tino pai!

Te Kete Pounamu (7)

Jenil Very pleasing improvement in maths knowledge. Keep it up!
Joshua Great work in maths! Keep up the great thinking!
Josiah Great improvement in reading! Well done!

Te Kete Manawa

Thank you for a fantastic first term in Te Kete Manawa! Wishing you and your families a relaxing holiday.

STRIVE champions from TKM this term: Erika, Aashna, Riley, Emily, Olivia dV-S and Silas.

Te Kete Aronui

Well done to all the children who have presented their homework on citizenship to an extremely high standard. We are all looking forward to a project next term!

Te Kete Tangaroa

Josiah For showing great enthusiasm with his learning
Mareko For working hard on his inquiry project

Isaac & Daniel W For problem solving during your maths workshop
For excellent enthusiasm during your literacy workshops

Miracle Welcome to Hokowhitu School! We are glad to have you in Te Kete Tangaroa.

Sports Results

Hokowhitu Ferns Netball Team:

Played Tiritea. We lost 3-0 but the team showed some great defence. Players of the day were Kaitlin and Havana.



Community Notices

Table Tennis

Table Tennis will begin in the hall on Monday 2nd May from 3.15pm to 4.15pm for years 3 and above. The cost is \$15 per term. This will not be able to take place unless we have a parent/parents willing to help. For further information please phone Reg on 356 9435.

Hokowhitu Village Farmers Market

A market for locals offering a range of artisan and local produce to tease your taste buds!

Live Music Community Green Swap
Artisan Food Stalls Street Food

To be held on **Sunday 17th April** from 9am - 1pm