

Term 4 Week 1 17th October 2014

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers
Kia Ora Koutou. Nga mihi kia koutou

Welcome to Term 4 everyone. A special welcome to the new learners/whanau who have joined our Hokowhitu School community - we expect that you will feel welcome at our school. I would encourage you to become involved in the school as much as you can, every extra pair of hands helps and we all want the same thing - the very best possible educational advantages for the kids!

Our huge congratulations to Hilary Salter and her partner Dave who welcomed Ava Grace Kauri into their family late last week. Everyone is well and Ava is just lovely!

CONSTRUCTION

You will be aware that we are 'full swing' into the modernisation in Block 1. Ruma Tahī (1) and Rua (2) are currently doing their learning in the library area. Once the R 1/2 area is finished, they will move back into their shared space and it will be known as 'Te Kete Aronui' - the net of knowledge.

To then enable the library to be moved into its new home, and for the current library and what is currently Ruma Rima (5) to be modernised, the following moves will be made. Rooms 9, 10 and 11 will move in the hall, Rooms 3, 4 and 5 will move to their 'new permanent location' in Rooms 9/10 and 11.

These moves are planned for the end of next week.

Thanks for your flexibility and understanding. We are calling this an 'adventure' rather than a 'challenge'!

BOOK AMNESTY

The relocation of the library and other classrooms makes this a logical time to conduct a stocktake of our books. For this reason library books are not being issued at the moment either.

PLEASE have a really good look at home for library books and/or readers that may have made their way under the bed, onto your bookshelf, in the wardrobe - we would be delighted to be have them back!

BOT MEETING

The October meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place next Wednesday evening (22nd October), commencing at 6pm.

EOTC - Education Outside the Classroom

Every class in the school will be involved in some learning that will take place not only outside the classroom, but also from 'outside of the school' over the next 3 weeks. Our school policy does not allow children to participate in any activity that involves transportation off grounds without specific permission from parents.

We rely on parental participation to meet acceptable adult:child ratios. At the time of writing this newsletter the Ruahine team still require additional support to allow the camp to go ahead.

EOTC can be a real highlight for many learners - and while it is something that the staff really value too, it does create lots of extra time- consuming planning and preparation. Please help where you can!

If making payment is causing you difficulty, please come and talk to us to make arrangements.

All EOTC activities this year have been subsidised by funds raised by the PTA earlier in the year (pie sales). Thanks to everyone who supported the fundraiser - everyone now benefits.

CONGRATULATIONS

After recently entering the ICAS Mathematics Competition, the following students have had their results returned. Congratulations to Hiroshi and Chenuka - distinction award, Ben M and Ajay - credit award, Robert, Lauren and Katarina - participation award.

SUNHATS

Regulation sunhats are required every single day in Terms 4 and 1 of every year. The 'no school hat, no play' rule will be enforced. Sunhats are available at the school office for \$10.00. They need to be well named. Thank you for your support.

Lin Dixon

Principal

School Notices

School Management System

Please ensure that you return the forms sent out at the end of last term asking for confirmation/updates and amendments of contact details. Many thanks to those who have already done so but we are still waiting on a lot of forms. If there is any information not on the form that you think we need to know such as new medical details etc - please add. Also if you have legal documents such as parenting orders etc please ensure we have an up to date copy. Thank you!

Uniforms

Please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly named (preferably in more than one place). Also a reminder that shoes/sandals are to be either black or brown and school sensible. Thank you!

STRIVE

Our focus virtue for this week is the letter 'I' ~ Investigate, Wonder and Learn. This incorporates Creativity.

Creativity is the power of imagination. Creativity is a way to develop your own special talents. It is seeing something in a new way, finding a different way to solve a problem. Creativity is using your imagination to bring something new into the world.

SPORTS NEWS

Sports Notice:

Soccer Results: Hokowhitu Blue had a good game but lost 2-3 to Riverdale. Player of the day was Jack.

Achievement Awards

Rūma Rua

Maddy For stepping up
Jin For expertise in self-management

Rūma Toru

Waho For a wonderful first week at Hokowhitu School

Ruma Wha

Toby & Levi Welcome - it's great to have you here.

Rūma Rima

Lilly-Anne Writing her first story all by herself ☺
Jina Fabulous improvement in her reading and writing

Rūma Ono

Chase Welcome to Hokowhitu School. You have already fitted into Ruma Ono so nicely.
Ashton For sharing lots of ideas about birds. You are a sneaky bird spotter!
Erika For including lots of extra details in your exciting holiday story

Rūma Whitu

Merlin You have made a fantastic start to learning again after the holidays. Ka pai!
Will For reaching your 100 nights

Rūma Waru

Joslyn Always showing respect
Lee Wonderful manners

Ka Pai Ruma Waru. Welcome back! Let's all have an amazing term ~ Mr Parsons

Rūma Iwa

Mackenzie For making a wonderful start at Hokowhitu School and showing enthusiasm to try new things.

Pheonix For showing curiosity in classroom investigations

Owen For showing curiosity in class and stepping up to the new challenges of the term.

Rūma Tekau

Jessica P A super start to term 4. I am impressed with the way you are striving to be the best you can be.

Mahdia Amazing effort with reading. You have made such fast progress learning English.

Rūma Tekau Mā Wha

Noah You can read the time very well
Sophie You've had a hardworking start to the term. Keep it up!
Tiria You speak clearly and confidently when talking to the class.

Rūma Tekau mā rima

Jenson Worker of the week
Vincent Congratulations on gaining your pen licence
Jack W & Esther For quickly settling to task and producing work to a high standard

Rūma Tekau mā ono

Amitis & Emi For being purposeful at reading time
Oliver & Al-Bara For being expert time keepers
Jennifer Working carefully at spelling

Celebrating Learning

By Evangeline - Ruma Tekau mā rima

One sunny autumn day an eight year old blonde-haired girl called Susan was sitting in her messy bedroom groaning. She could hear the beautiful birds singing quietly as she wished she could go out to the damp, quiet forest. Susan climbed out her colourful window and ran in the direction of the forest, when suddenly she tripped over a loose stone. She picked herself up quickly and kept going, this time walking. After a few minutes of walking she came to the forest. Everything was silent except for the tweeting of the birds above and the leaves crunching underfoot as her feet strolled through.



PTA

Welcome back - we hope you all have had a nice relaxing break. This term our major fundraiser is a Pie fundraiser. The funds will be going towards Education Outside The Classroom. Order forms will be going out in November.

Hopefully within the next couple of weeks we will be receiving the screenprinted Marquee with the school logo on it. This is very exciting and hopefully you will have the opportunity to see it put up by the end of the year.

We have pencilled in a bricklayer to build the brick planter box for us in January. We would like to thank the BOT who will be contributing towards this project.

Lastly if you are interested in joining our wonderful enthusiastic PTA please contact either Shelley O'Halloran or Anita Foss 027 2789 454.

Community Notices

Kea Club

The Hokowhitu Scout group is starting up a Kea Club to cater for boys and girls around year 1-3. For further information contact Chris Mercer on 356 2635.

Hot Shots Tennis

Marist Hot shots coaching programme starting Saturday 18th October. There are various class times depending on age as well as a Thursday afternoon 'play' session. For further information contact Big John at johnsalisbury@xtra.co.nz or phone him on 027 480 8808.

New Zealand Police Kids Bluelight Bike'a'thon

Sunday 19th October - \$5 entry fee. Please see notice board for more details.