

From the Principal

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

What an action packed week we have had here at school! The Ruahine team students have all stepped up and taken a leadership role with planning and implementing Commonwealth Games events for the children from Milverton Kindergarten or the children from the Tararua team.

We have had such positive feedback from the staff and parents at Milverton. Our Hokowhitu students really stepped up to the mark, showed themselves to be confident, connected and caring learners and the whole event ran like 'a well oiled machine'. Ka pai to mahi tamariki - this is the conclusion of a very successful inquiry learning journey that required using every single one of the key competencies in the New Zealand Curriculum - thinking, participating and contributing, relating to others, managing self, and using language, symbols and text.

Thanks so much to all the adults who supported the children with their learning too.

ADOPT A TURBO

One of the first things Mr Bradnock has set up for us is establishing us as a school with an association with the Turbo rugby players. The objectives for this programme are to inspire a stronger relationship between the schools and the Turbos players. They hope that the children see the players as role models and 'heroes' while encouraging them to be more active, eat healthier food and get involved in sport. Our Turbo (number 3 jersey) will be back again later in the term.

R U READY TO READ PARENT SESSION

Thanks to all the Tararua team teachers for sharing ideas and resources to assist parents with supporting their children at home with reading. Instilling a love of books and making sure that reading is 'fun' are both key ingredients to growing successful readers!

LEARNING CONFERENCES - NEXT Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th August

PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM ON BOTH THESE DAYS. Please ensure that you have made arrangements to collect your child promptly at 2pm or made alternative after school care arrangements. aPlus (formerly Holiday Fun) can assist you - contact them directly on 357 5583.

The children and teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents/caregivers next week to celebrate the successes in their learning and share next step learning for the second half of this year. Just a reminder - the children do attend the conference with you, the learning is all about them and they have an important part to play.

Please ensure you are on time for your appointment, as the next person will be ready and waiting to come in after the bell has rung.

TERM CALENDAR

Please find enclosed a Term 3 calendar to pop on the fridge for future reference. From time to time additional things pop up, but this gives a good guide.

Lin Dixon
 Principal

School Notices

School Production

Our school production will be held on Thursday 21st August at the Regent. Tickets will be on sale from the school office and Ticket Direct from Tuesday 5th August. Adults ~ \$10 and children (aged 1-18) \$6. If your child is participating in the production they do not need to pay. Cheques, cash and EFTpos are available at the school office (no credit cards)

Library

We have been so pleased to be able to open the library each lunch time thanks to the on-going support of some of our parents. If you would like to help us keep the library open, please come and talk to Gwenna Finikin. Full training will be given and you will generally be working as part of a group. The commitment is 50 minutes a week. Preschoolers welcome. **'Chalk Fundraiser books/catalogues'**.

These have arrived in the office and if anyone would like one please pop in and pick one up. In the past we have given them to everyone but this year they are only available to those who would like them. They are packed full of children's toys etc and some parents have found them ideal for Christmas shopping!!

STRIVE

Our focus virtue for this week is the letter 'V'. Valuing others - patience and courtesy. Courtesy is being polite and having good manners. It is a gracious way of speaking and acting which gives others a feeling of being valued and respected. It is greeting others with respect. "Please", "Thank you", "Excuse me", "Hello", "Goodbye", "You're welcome" are not just words. They are courteous expressions that show people you respect them and care about them.

SPORTS NEWS

Hockey: Results from last week:

Hokowhitu A had a very good game on Saturday with a very tough challenge by Te Kawau but our great players held out for a very close 6-4 win. Huge growth and improvement saw Maru earn a well deserved player of the day for getting fully involved in both attack and defence.

Hokowhitu C vs OLOL Superstars ~ Hokowhitu won 8-2. Congratulations to Tioke who got player of the day. Big thanks to Oliver and Callum for showing great sportsmanship and helping the other team out. Great turn out this week - remember we need at least 5 players to play

Hokowhitu B lost to CSNS 7-0.

Draw for 2 August:
 Hokowhitu C vs RSS Phoenix Field 3A 10.00am
 Hokowhitu vs Riverdale Tigers Field 2B 10.00am
 Hokowhitu A vs CCS gold Field 8A 9.00am

Netball: The Kakapo tem won 6-1 against Riverdale on Saturday 26th July. Player of the day was Charlotte.



Achievement Awards

Rūma Tahī

For an outstanding effort organising Commonwealth games for Milverton Kindy.

Rūma Rua

For an outstanding effort organising Commonwealth games for Milverton Kindy.

Rūma Toru

Sophie, Joelle & Lennox For practising their weekly spelling lists

Rūma Whā

Riley, Angelo & Christina For being super smart mathematicians

Rūma Rima

Lilly-Anne & Wairehu For their fabulous start to life in Rūma Rima!

Rūma Ono

Michael & Erika For using the 'counting on' strategy in maths to solve addition problems.

Rūma Whitu

Alistair Welcome to Hokowhitu School. You have fitted in so well ~ it's like we've always had you!
 Raymond Your writing and reading in just 2 weeks back at school has improved SO much. Well done!

Rūma Waru

Max Amazing handwriting
 Charlotte Incredible reading
 Kegan Happy 7th birthday

Rūma Iwa

Tony For making a great start at Hokowhitu School
 Brooke For excellence in reading
 Maha For being a supportive classmate

Rūma Tekau Mā Wha

Blake Superb on-task work
 Lashya, Tylah & Tiria Wonderful role models during production practice

Rūma Tekau mā rima

Sapphire Worker of the week
 CJ, Alex & Matthew Clever research about the Commonwealth Games

Rūma Tekau mā ono

Kayla For being a confident learner
 Emily For being purposeful in her learning
 Thomas & Ashton For clever maths thinking

PTA

Disco - Thank you all for supporting our school disco at the end of term 2. It was lovely to see the kids (and adults!) having so much fun. We managed to raise \$721.10 and these funds are to be used towards the school marquee.
Production - Our school production is fast approaching so the PTA are interested in helping out our wonderful teaching staff. We will be looking at having a working bee at school to help with costumes, props etc. Please let us know if you can lend a hand. Day and time to be confirmed!
Welcome - The PTA would like to welcome Sam Bradnock to our great school. We are very excited to have Sam and his family join our community.

The next PTA meeting will be held in the staff room on Wednesday 13th of August at 3.00pm.

Please feel free to contact either Shelley on 021 833 057 or Anita on 027 278 9454 if you are interested in joining the PTA or are able to help out with our working bee.

Community Notices

Manawatu Striders: Just a reminder that Manawatu Striders have two great events left on our calendar this year. Sunday 10th August - Half marathon walk and run with 5km and 10km options also. Sunday 23rd November - Ashurst 2 Esplanade - a new event for us, more details to follow. For further details go to www.manawatustriders.org.nz.

Milson Girls' Brigade

Hey come along and have a go! Make new friends, learn new things and have fun. Come along and join us at Girls' Brigade. Thursdays 4.30pm - 6.00pm. Phone Joanne on 355 3124. There are also groups in Hokowhitu, Milson Highbury/Takaro.

Soundworks ~ Band Factory starting 8th August.

Would you like to play in a band, learn how to write a song and improvise? The join our 8 week Band Factory led by Christian Stafford! Christian is a secondary school teacher with many years of band and music teaching experience. You don't have to be a Soundworks student to join and any instrument is welcome. For more information and to enrol contact christianstafford52@gmail.com