

Term 4 Week 2 24th October 2014

From the Principal

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

The Board of Trustees has approved one year's leave to Miss McIvor and Miss Harvey who are both planning their 'big OE' for 2015. Mrs B won't be here next year either - she will be way too busy with a new addition to the Baillie family! While we will be sad to be without Heather, Anna and Kate next year, the Board of Trustees is pleased to advise that new appointments have been made.
Due to our increased roll we have appointed 4 new teachers - welcome back to Annette Treder, welcome full time to Amy Guerin, and welcome to our school Michelle Bisset and Luke Roper.
Ms Treder, Mrs Guerin and Mr Roper will teach in the Tararua team, Miss Bisset will teach in the Ruahine team.
We are very pleased to have people with the range of experiences and skills that these 4 collectively bring to our school.
The children will have an opportunity to meet with their 2015 teachers before the school year ends.

CONSTRUCTION

Work is on track with the modernisation of the Year 5/6 flexible learning space. We hope that Rooms 1 and 2 will be back in their room within a few weeks. Exciting! The next phases of work for the builders are: a) adapting the old Room 4 back into our library and then b) modernising the existing library and Room 5 to create a new flexible learning space for the classrooms. For this reason we have relocated our youngest learners (R 3, 4 and 5) well away from the building action! Rooms 9, 10 and 11 are setting themselves up in the hall - this will give them an excellent lead-in at working collaboratively as 3 classes together with 3 teachers.

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!

EOTC - Education Outside the Classroom

By the time you are reading this newsletter we are expecting that the learners in the Tararua team will all have had their 'hands on' learning experience to support their current inquiry topic 'Come Fly with Me'.
Next week it is the turn of the Ruahine team - with their overnight stay at Green Pastures Camp just out of Whanganui.
Our sincere thanks to everyone who has supported us to allow these experiences to go ahead.

Special thanks to the PTA who organised a pie fundraiser earlier in the year that has allowed for these EOTC experiences to be subsidised for everyone in the school!

The PTA will soon be having another pie fundraiser - this is to support 2015 EOTC experiences. As Years 4-6 will be attending camp in Term 1 next year, we are hopeful that everyone will really get behind this and sell lots of pies again.

PARKING

Please note that there is **no** parking available for parents at all in either of the staff car park areas. We encourage parking at nearby Hokowhitu Park, or in other safe parking areas away from the school.

EMERALD'S NEW EAR

I hope that many of you have seen that our very own Emerald has a chance to have a second cochlear implant that will assist her learning hugely. Emerald's whanau are now faced with the daunting task of raising the \$37,000 to pay for her 2nd implant. As a school we are planning to support both Emerald (and another local child in need) by holding mufti days later in the term. We have also decided to gift the funds raised from this year's calendar sales to Emerald's family.
There is also a 'givealittle' page set up if anyone would like to make a personal donation. <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/emeraldsnewear>

SUNHATS AND UNIFORM

Regulation sunhats are required every single day in Terms 4 and 1 of each year. The 'no school hat, no play' at break times will apply. Sunhats are available at the school office for \$10.00. They need to be well named.

A plea for everyone to check that your child is wearing a hat that has THEIR name in it. I have heard from (understandably) frustrated parents that named hats are going missing here at school. It is our expectation that children wear their own clothing.

On another uniform note, there are currently 50 polar fleeces sitting in lost property at the moment. This is only Week 2 of the term!

Lin Dixon
Principal

School Notices

Photolife - school photos

By now your child should have received the 'shoot keys' from Photolife which will allow you to go online and order your school photos. Please contact us if you have any further queries.

Scholastic Books

Book orders for Scholastic books are due to the office by **9am Tuesday 28th October**. If you are paying by cheque please pay to Scholastic New Zealand. 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:	Summer sports are starting up over the next week. Summer soccer has started. Touch started yesterday, summer hockey next Tuesday and Cricket Saturday. We still need more girls for our U7 and U9 touch teams, so if you are interested please e-mail Mr Hawkins r.hawkins@hokowhitu.school.nz
Soccer Results:	Hokowhitu Blue suffered a 5-0 loss against College St Hurricanes, although the game was closer than the score suggests! Player of the day was Jaxon. Hokowhitu U11 green vs Ashhurst Aces a 1-1 draw. A very close game and both teams played well
Hockey:	Draw for Tuesday 28 th October: Hokowhitu Blue vs Russell St Crows 2A 4.30pm Hokowhitu Red vs Riverdale Lions 1C 5.30pm Hokowhitu Green vs Winchester Hawkes 1H 4.00pm Wednesday 29 th October Hokowhitu Black vs Whakaranga Red 1A 4.00pm

Achievement Awards

Rūma Tahī Alex	For making a fantastic effort at self managing himself and the excellent progress he has made with our latest school testing	Rūma Iwa Jaxon	For excellent writing, redrafting and adding to his work
Ethan	Working hard on self managing	Domanic	For an outstanding effort showing independence and super writing
Rūma Rua Jayln, Alex & Jack	For stepping up	Hannah	For continuing to demonstrate amazing standards in class
Rūma Toru Sasha	For putting a lot of effort into her schoolwork	Rūma Tekau Kade & George	Amazing writing work!
Olly	For making good choices	Rūma Tekau Mā Tahī Ashanti, Heyden & Summer	Fantastic effort helping others this week
Rūma Rima Addison, Liam, Joshua & Imogen	Settling into Ruma Rima so fabulously	Rūma Tekau Mā Wha Mia & Aron	For fantastic writing about how milk gets from a cow to our glass For being role models in the playground For being enthusiastic learners
Rūma Ono Amelia, Emma & Christina	For showing enthusiasm to try new things when we have been learning to tell the time.	Rūma Tekau mā rima Alex	Worker of the week
Rūma Whitu Olivia C	For zooming ahead in your writing. Your recounts are awesome.	CJ, Brandon & Jasmin	For sharing clever ideas in class discussions
Alistair	For trying so hard at Reading Recovery	Jack, Esther	For being organised and starting activities quickly
Rūma Waru Ava	Using a good voice in her reading	Rūma Tekau mā ono Madeleine	For being a fine role model
Daniel	Beautiful writing skills	Thomas	Great maths thinking
		Mahimi	For very neat writing

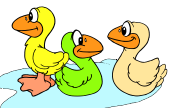
Celebrating Learning ~ by Ruma Whitu

Where is Mother Duck?

I think she's left because she wanted to train her ducklings with swimming lessons at the Lido - *by Sam*

Mother Duck has left school because she went to the beach because she is teaching her ducklings to swim - *by Caitlin*

I think she is buying some toys for her ducklings. Maybe she is at the Plaza? Don't poo in the shop! - *by Olivia F*



PTA

Pie Fundraiser

Pies will be delivered over 2 weeks this time. Surnames A-L will be delivered on the 5th December, M-Z on the 12th December. Your child's order will be delivered to their classroom for pick up at 3pm. Due to the work load involved with packing and distributing these orders, anyone able to help us on those afternoons between 1 and 3pm would be very much appreciated. You can contact Anita on 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.