

*From the Principal*

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

Thank you to the many, many families who were able to make the time to come and attend Learning Conferences this week. We truly believe that educating your child is a partnership and when we work together to common goals (improving outcomes for your child), we are much more effective as a team. The children love the opportunity to share their successes and next step learning, and teachers enjoy the opportunity to have an uninterrupted 1:1 conversation with you about progress. My sincere thanks to our teachers who work hard to prepare, plan and implement Learning Conferences.

**MAJOR PRODUCTION August 21<sup>st</sup> at the Regent Theatre**

Tickets for 'Time to celebrate - the Real Story' are now available from the school office. \$10 per adult and \$6 for children (aged 1-18).

EVERY child in this school has a part in our production - so do make sure you have a big circle around the date on your calendar. It is bound to be an evening not to be missed!

Additional notices regarding costuming, requests for assistance and rehearsal timings will be sent out by teachers - do keep an eye on school bags for these.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

3 of our students sat the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for School) Computer Skills competition recently. The results have arrived - congratulations to Hiroshi and Lauren - with certificates of distinction, and Ajay - a participation award.

4 students also sat the ICAS science competition. The following certificates have arrived: Hiroshi - distinction, Chenuka - credit, Ajay and Leo participation. Well done to each of you.

Congratulations also to the 2 teams of students participating in today's Mathex competition. This is a really challenging mathematics event - full of problem solving, practical tasks and HUGE time pressure. We have had lots of fun training as a squad and selecting the final team for each year group was very challenging!

**PTA MEETING**

The PTA welcomes everyone to come along to their next meeting that is being held in the staffroom next Wednesday afternoon (13<sup>th</sup> August) from 3pm. The meetings are informal and completed in less than an hour. This amazing team of parents raises funds to provide the children at this school with many things that simply could not come out of the MOE budget allocation.

Lin Dixon  
 Principal

**School Notices**

**School Production**

Our school production will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August at the Regent. Tickets are now on sale from the school office and Ticket Direct. 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). Tickets purchased through Ticket Direct may incur an extra charge.

**Palmerston North Intermediate Normal**

will be sending out enrolment packs for all year 6's in the next week. Every child in year 6 will receive a pack so keep an eye out in school bags!

**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** played Cornerstone. It was a very tough game but the score was kept close. We lost 4-3. The player of the day was Paige. Well done

**Hokowhitu B** won against Riverdale 6-0 – great effort by all players.

Draw for 9 August:

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| Hokowhitu C vs Whakarongo Redsticks   | Field 1B | 10.00am |
| Hokowhitu B vs Whakarongo Bluesticks  | Field 3A | 10.00am |
| Hokowhitu A vs Whakarongo Blacksticks | Field 7B | 9.00am  |



**Achievement Awards**

**Rūma Tahī**

**Leo** Working hard drawing production practice  
**Ben** Working hard drawing production practice

**Rūma Toru**

**Jacob & Isabella** For making good choices

**Rūma Whā**

**Riley, Will, Max, Belle, Christina, Amelia & Brooklyn** Thank you for being wonderful learners in Ruma Whā! All the best in your new rooms.

**Rūma Rima**

**Marcel** For a great start to life in Ruma Rima  
**Ryan** For his great enthusiasm in reading

**Rūma Waru**

**Ryley** Outstanding handwriting  
**Gemma** Incredible fractions  
**Kaitlin** Super maths effort

**Rūma Tekau**

**Meenu** Perseverance with learning especially maths  
**Jake** Spectacular effort writing explanations  
**Sam** Super effort with homework and spelling

**Rūma Tekau mā tahi**

**Zavier, Ashanti & Hunter** Excellent effort with their fractions work this week

**Rūma Tekau Mā Whā**

**Edmund** Clever maths work  
**Serena** You are an enthusiastic learner  
**Jason** Perseveres when given challenging work

**Rūma Tekau mā rima**

**Esther** Worker of the work  
**Evangeline & Mareko** Great research skills learning about the Commonwealth Games  
**Elisa** An amazing presentation about the human body

**Rūma Tekau mā ono**

**Kymani** Clever maths thinking  
**Josiah** Super letter writing  
**Maiya** For being a talented leader

**PTA**

**Hot Dog Lunch:**

Thank you all for supporting our Hot Dog Lunch at the end of term 2. We managed to raise \$594.80 and these funds are to be used towards the school marquee.

**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

**Community Notices**

**Manawatu Striders:** Just a reminder that Manawatu Striders have two great events left on our calendar this year. Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August - Half marathon walk and run with 5km and 10km options also. Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Ashurst 2 Esplanade - a new event for us, more details to follow. For further details go to [www.manawatustriders.org.nz](http://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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:christianstafford52@gmail.com)

**Hokowhitu Village Centre**

Pre-schoolers story-time - 10am Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August. All welcome