

Term 1 Week 2 : 9th February 2018

From the Principal

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

On the last day of the 2017 school year, representatives from Melody's New World came to present us with a cheque as a result of their Go for Gold campaign. Can you imagine our excitement when we were told that we were the WINNING school, having earned the MOST points of any of the schools entered?

We were even more delighted to see that the cheque was for \$1,952.15!

After consideration we have decided that the money will be used to pay/subsidise the costs for TWO visiting performers over this year. This way every child in our school benefits!

We want to express our very sincere thanks both to New World AND to each and every one of you (and/or your friends and family) who shopped at Melody's New World and supported our school.

SUPPORT STAFF

We are VERY fortunate to have so many talented people on our support staff crew! In spite of the fact that much of what they do is 'behind the scenes,' they are the glue that keeps us all together on a daily basis.

Office Manager: Mrs Robyn Ryder

Office Assistant: Mrs Diane Wackrow

Learning Coaches: Mrs Tabitha Prisk, Mrs Wendy Donnellan, Mrs Jane -Orwin-Higgs, Mrs Tomoko Macdonald, Mrs Haifa Albostami, Mrs Emma Vekula, Mrs Priyanthi Mylvaganam and Mrs Susan Janssen. Susan is also our school librarian.

Caretaker: Mr Steven Cooke

Each of the learning coaches is primarily attached to one kete and therefore very quickly become an integral part of your child's teaching team.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

PRINCIPAL: Mrs Lin Dixon

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS: Mrs Helen Griffin and Mr Drew Pouniu

BOW DAY - 15th FEBRUARY

Please help us to have some fun and support Drew Pouniu and his family by becoming involved in next Thursday's 'bow day'. We are looking forward to seeing designer bow ties, hair bows, waist bows etc - the more bows the better! Our school uniform will certainly be 'flashed up' that day.

We then request that each child 'donates as much as they can' for us to pass onto the Pouniu whanau - cash, grocery vouchers or petrol vouchers all welcome.

POOL PARTY

Thank you to everyone who came along last night and informally met teachers and members of both the PTA and Board of Trustees. It was a great evening - as usual! Special thanks to our PTA and BoT for organising, preparing and serving the food.

PARENT DONATIONS

After discussion and deliberation at one of our final BoT meetings last year, it was decided that we would try to lessen the financial impact on our families by reducing the requested amount for the 2018 parent donation. Due to an increased roll and prudent financial management, the Board is confident that this will not adversely impact on the resourcing we are able to offer learners.

The donation has been set at \$100 for the year for one child (or \$25 per term), or \$150 per family (or \$40 per term). Please see Kindo for different payment options for community services card holders.

We are truly grateful that our parent community supports our tamariki by making these donations.

While we happily accept parent donations at any stage over the year, all donations paid (in full) by the 31st March go into a draw for a grocery voucher AND you can claim a 33% rebate through www.schoolrebates.co.nz

SCHOOL CAMPS/SLEEPOVERS

Thank you to everyone who has made payment (or made arrangements) for the upcoming Year 4/5/6 events. We consider the relationship building, team building and independence that the children develop while at camp to be invaluable life skills.

We respectfully urge you to encourage your child to attend - even if they appear apprehensive. Remember the T in our STRIVE values, stands for TRY NEW THINGS AND PERSEVERE!

The financial aspect can always be worked out, we happily make arrangements that you will find manageable.

If your child is in Year 5 or 6, this will be their only camp experience while at Hokowhitu School as we only do overnight experiences every second year.

ENTRANCE TO SCHOOL

For safety reasons we request that parents and children DO NOT use the driveway entrance to walk into the school. Please use the pedestrian pathway entrance as it is much safer.

SWIMMING

Where possible, classes swim daily while the weather is suitable. PLEASE ensure togs and towel are in bags EVERY day. A note (or email to the teacher) is required if your child is unwell and unable to swim (as teaching swimming skills is part of the New Zealand curriculum).

You will have seen that the covers have now been installed at the pool and the work is almost complete on the solar panelling too - **IF YOU ARE A KEY HOLDER THIS MEANS YOU MUST BE PREPARED TO COVER THE POOL WHEN YOU LEAVE IF YOU ARE THE LAST ONE THERE IN THE EVENING.** It is also imperative that children are supervised to ensure the covers are not stood, sat, leaned on or played with - we do not want our precious water heating tools damaged in any way.

Nga mihi
Lin Dixon
Principal



Lucky Book Club/Scholastic Book Orders

The last day for book orders to be returned to the school office is **Friday 16th February - 9am**. Please ensure all orders and correct money are in an envelope/plastic bag. *If you are paying by cheque, please make the cheque out to 'Scholastic NZ'*

Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

Keesha, Kelly Welcome to Ruma Toru and Hokowhitu School!
Hank Fantastic effort at story writing time. Well done.
Rei For being brave and a kind learner in Ruma Toru.
Aria For being an excellent listener and following our rules.
Vernon For showing us how to kick in the pool.
Kate, Koby For being fantastic role models to your classmates and having a go at lots of new learning.

Te Kete Pounamu

Minu, Jack D, Aria
Grace S, Nikita, TKP Super Stars this week!
Joshua F, Braxton,
Ava, Amiyah

Te Kete Manawa

Ellie, Guanyu,
Tristan Haadi, TKM leaders this week did a great job!
Hunter, Kaelyn

Thomas, Oliver For collaborating and working hard on a construction activity.
Malakai For collaborating and working hard on a construction activity.

Term 1 Sports

Summer sports being played this term include:
Tee Ball, Touch Rugby, Summer Hockey, Summer Cricket

Te Kete Aronui

A big welcome to our new students - Dante, Will and Ryan.
Congratulations to our new STRIVE winners for our kete - Tyler, Ella x2 (You rock), P.J, Tristan and Jacob.
Year 5 children remember to bring back your camp notices.
Year 4 children need to bring back Beach Ed notices.
Reminder that 'All about you and your family' is due by Friday 16th February.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Ilienke For making a great start to Hokowhitu School and TKT.
Mila For stepping up in her work and setting high standards in class.
Riley For trying his best in class and presenting super work.
Ben For a really positive start to the year. Well done for reaching your daily goals!
Joslyn For showing leadership when doing your house sports.
Gracie For including others in your games and making them feel welcomed and valued.
Jordan For a really positive start to the year. Well done, you are really stepping up.
Phoenix - For stepping up and taking on new challenges. You have made a great start to the year.
Aishah For stepping up and showing leadership within our classroom. Ka Pai!

Massey University - Asthma Study

8-18 year olds needed

They are interested in 100 children without asthma for this research now. Please contact: 0800 000 544

Fun in the Sun with the Marist Hotshots Tennis Programme

Beginner skills development programme for 5-12 year olds, one hour sessions run on Saturday mornings and is our most popular tennis programme with our amazing hot shot coaches. All levels catered for and all equipment provided. For more info contact Big John on 0274808808.