

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora Koutou, Nga mihi kia koutou

Thank you so much to everyone who supported 'Bow Day' yesterday - we raised \$2,551.70 in cash and vouchers for Mr Pouniu and his whanau - a fantastic effort. A special thank you to the Hanson-Wall whanau who decided to make fantastic bow-ties for us to offer for wearing on Bow Day, it was a very generous and kind thing to do.

Drew has asked that we pass on his family's very sincere thanks for the awahi and support - they feel truly humbled that we care so much!

ATAWHAI

At each assembly this year we are awarding certificates for 1 person from each kete who has shown 'atawhai' or 'kindness'. We are encouraging the children to ask themselves 'is it kind?' before taking action. When you think about it, if everyone in this world acted with kindness - we would scarcely need other rules/laws.

The proud recipients of these awards from last Friday were:

TKW - Ella F, TKP - Lena Mc, TKM - Guanyu L, TKA - Milla H and TKT - Joslyn M. Congratulations to each of you, thank you for being kind!

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES VACANCY

Following Alison Arrow's resignation from the BoT, the board has a casual vacancy for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill this vacancy by selection.

Please read and follow the instructions in the public notices section of next week's Tribune, should you wish the board to hold a by-election instead.

SWIMMING

By the end of this week we expect that the solar panelling will be fully functional in the swimming pool area - this will assist with boosting the water temperature (along with the covers that will maintain the heat with the coming cooler overnight temperatures).

We urge key holders to take care when removing or putting on the covers - we are considering the current period of time to be a 'trial' to see if we can rely on our out-of-school pool users to be willing and able to use the covers appropriately and take good care of them.

ASSEMBLY

Due to all the Year 4 and 5 pupils being out of the school next Friday, we will not be holding our assembly next week. Instead we will be having whole school assemblies on both the 2nd and the 9th March.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the children and adults who are 'camping' next week (either at Camp Waimanaaki or here at school), the most amazing experiences. I'm really confident that you will have a fantastic time and make life-long memories.

My particular thanks to my dedicated and hardworking staff who have made these experiences possible. I am in awe of the commitment you make for our tamariki.

Nga mihi
Lin Dixon
Principal

A reminder that all Sports Payments for Term 1 are now due. Thank you.

Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

Emerson, Nick Welcome to Ruma Toru and Hokowhitu School
Felix Fantastic effort at learning your letter sounds.
Kelly For showing kindness to your classmates.
Felicity For writing her sounds beautifully.
Haylee For learning heart words.
Milly For your wonderful effort in literacy.
Leo For showing determination during writing.

Te Kete Pounamu

Hajra, Trilay, TKP Super Stars this week!
Nikita, Diyala,
Ollie, Joshua M,
Adele, Oscar, Katie

Te Kete Manawa

Cameron, Lachie, TKM leaders this week did a great job!
Lasela, Abbie,
Fergus, Carly

Carly For showing others she values them.
Tristan T For an amazing start to our homework challenge.
Hiru For using courage.

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who have sent a photo for our whanau wall.

Te Kete Aronui

Congratulations to our last week STRIVE winners - Caden, Makenzie, Ollly, Kane, Ella.
You all looked fantastic in your BOW'S yesterday.
Remember Year 5 camp begins WEDNESDAY - you need to be at school by 8am.
Remember Year 4 that your Sleep over is THURSDAY night and Beach Ed is FRIDAY.
Have a great time both year groups and remember to STRIVE.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Connor For making good choices and taking ownership of his own actions.
Fatima For always setting high work stands and getting on with the task at hand.
Maiya For being very helpful and showing great awahi, supporting fellow students with their learning.
Charlotte C For being a supportive friend and enthusiastic leader of our school.
Oscar N For producing a fantastic bar graph and for clearly labelling this. Great listening!
Emerald For your great reading in your workshop. Thank you for being an active contributor!
Shammaas For making a wonderful start to Hokowhitu School and TKT.
Aashna For a super effort using google docs.
Jonny For excellent achievement in spelling.

Summer Reading

During summer I was part of the Summer Reading Programme. We had a folder and we had to read a certain amount of books. We could read books from home or the library. We had to check in with the librarians at the library and they talked to us about the books we read and asked us questions.

We got prizes after each check in. I got a bag, a flip change ball, a cup and other cool things.

I would recommend it to anyone who loves doing reading.

Amelia Bennett

Congratulations to all the following children who took part in the Summer Reading Programme in the school holidays.

Luai A, Amelia B, Lucy B, Alex D, Jason G, Christina H, Milla H, Alia J, Caitlin L, Emma L, Michelle F, Riley M, Grace M, Sophie M, Lilian N, Ruby P, Addison P, Clara S, Jake Z.

Hokowhitu School & Community

You are awesome!!

Thank you so much for your support for 'Bow Day'. We raised \$2,551.70 in cash & vouchers for Mr Pouniu & his whanau. Ka Pail!!

Community Notices

Hokowhitu Village Farmers Market

Hokowhitu Village Farmers Market is on Sunday 18th February, 9am to 1pm. Street food, live music by local talent and artisan food stalls. For information contact Robin on 027 283 6853.

Manawatu Badminton Junior Representative Trials for U13s

will be held 5.30-7.30pm, Tuesday 27th February at the Ballroom, Arena Manawatu.

Hilton Brown Swimming - Lessons for Life

Call us now to book: 06 3591860, 198 College Street. One free trial lesson for new customers - www.hiltonbrownswimming.co.nz

Boot Camp in the Hokowhitu School Hall
Run by Reshape NZ

Monday, Wednesday, Friday Mornings: 6.15am-7.00am

Contact: Donovan Daniels 027 755 7011

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