

NEWSLETTER

6 March 2020

UPCOMING DATES/REMINDERS

DATE	ACTION/ACTIVITY
11/3	Interschool triathlon
11/3	Waka visit to Hokowhitu kindergarten
12/3	3.10pm PTA meeting – come if you can!
13/3	Juicies at lunchtime, \$1.00
13/3	2pm Water fun reward
16-18 March	Year 5 and 6 to camp at El Rancho
19/3	Year 4 sleepover

From the Principal

Dear Parents/caregivers

Kia Ora Koutou,

Nga mihi kia koutou

At this morning's assembly representatives of St Albans Church presented our school with a donation to assist with the cycle track project. This donation was the proceeds from a recent car boot sale held by the church. Thanks so much to everyone involved in the fundraising.

ILLNESS

If your child is unwell with flu-like symptoms, PLEASE do not send them to school. We are receiving daily updates from both the Ministry of Education and Health regarding the Covid19 virus. Their advice is for anyone showing symptoms of a viral illness, is to stay home and telephone Healthline 0800 358 5453 if you require further advice. They do not consider there to be any need for schools to even be considering closing at this stage. We have spoken with the children about the importance of thorough handwashing using soap, covering coughs and sneezes with a clean tissue or their elbow, and putting used tissues into a bin. We would appreciate your support with reinforcing these things at home and rely on you to make wise decisions. We have also given the children a simple explanation of how viruses work – as we consider this may help with restricting the spread of any virus.

SWIMMING POOL

The pool is now closed for community use from 5pm each weekday evening when the covers are being put on. A Plus staff have generously offered to be trained to put the covers on for us, so this means bonus swimming time for our community from 3pm to 5pm, Monday – Friday. The covers will remain on the pool over the weekend, so there will be no more weekend swimming for this season.

Thanks to everyone who has supported us with the testing, vacuuming and dosing of the pool over the season. There would have been NO community access without your support!

YEARS 5 – 6 INTERSCHOOL TRIATHLON

Congratulations and best wishes go with the 20 students representing our school at this event next week. Sincere thanks to the parents/supporters too – we couldn't offer all these 'extra curricular' opportunities without your support!

PTA MEETING

Our PTA is a happy band of parents and staff who collectively support the tamariki of our kura by raising funds for 'extra' things that our operating budget just doesn't stretch to. The more members of the PTA, the lighter the load on everyone. Do come along to the meeting next Thursday afternoon if you can (and bring someone along with you). Meetings start at 3.10pm in the staffroom and the children can play on the playground while the meeting is in place. We aim to be finished by 4pm.

STRIVE VOUCHERS

We have added an additional bonus this year to the STRIVE awards that the children earn for displaying our STRIVE values. As well as each kete having a representative in the draw for the usual assembly prize game, EVERYONE who earns a strive voucher gets to vote for a whole school reward (this competition is on display in the office area). At this morning's assembly our first whole school reward (for having SOOO many children displaying great values) was announced. The container with the most votes was 'water play'. So the whole school will celebrate next Friday afternoon. Please bring along (named) water guns, buckets, watering cans – anything to make some watery fun. We recommend sending along togs and towels too so we can make the final use of the pool and water slides (and still have something dry to go home in!)

TOP COOKIE SELLERS

Congratulations and thank you to the three families who were our best cookie sellers in the recent fundraiser. Levi and Jacob Mc, Kyran C, and Liam Mo.

These families received a prize at this morning's assembly to recognise their efforts. Ka pai.

ATAWHAI AWARDS

At this morning's assembly the following people were recognised for showing atawhai.

TKW: Marley T - Marley is a kind and caring member of Huia. He always listens to others. Marley likes to try new activities and he encourages others to come with him, e.g. lunch time Jump Jam. His smile makes other people smile. Thank you for being kind Marley.

TKP: Alexey L - Alexey is enthusiastic and kind to his friends. He follows instructions and shows kindness to all of the children in TKP and the teachers who he works with. Keep up the great work Alexey.

TKM: Felix C: Felix showed kindness to another student when they forgot their togs. He missed out on some of his own swimming time to go and get some spare togs for another student so that they could go swimming too. Thank you Felix, we appreciate your kindness.

TKA Jack D - Jack is an awesome role model, who constantly takes ownership and responsibility with great pride and positivity - striving to be the best he can be. Jack always put others first by checking to see if they are okay or providing assistance, always with a smile. His attitude of gratitude is a bright light and uplifts the wairua in our kete.

TKT: Lilian N - Lilian, you are a supportive, kind and thoughtful member of Te Kete Tangaroa to both peers and teachers alike. Your happy disposition and eagerness to help others is an amazing asset. We really appreciate you.

STAFF: Miss Caldwell - Miss Caldwell shows kindness by volunteering her time at community events like the Monday evening triathlon events. She also willingly helps us with things here at school that require her clever handcraft skills! Thank you for showing kindness in these ways Ang.

Thanks to each and every one of you for showing kindness – you make this world a better place to be part of.

Nga mihi
Lin Dixon
Principal



Sport

Netball 2020

Registration for the 2020 netball season is now open.

The season information is as follows, **(please note that the year 3 & 4 registrations close on the 10th of March)**

Year 1 & 2 - Future Ferns - Tuesdays 3.30 - CET Arena - Beginning 5th May (Registrations close on the 3rd of April)

Year 3 & 4 - Future Ferns - Thursdays - Vautier Park - Beginning 26th March **(Registrations close on the 10th of March)**

Year 5 & 6 Future Ferns - Saturdays - CET Arena - Beginning 2nd May (Registrations close on the 3rd of April)

This year we are taking online registrations only, via Kindo. Please find attached the instructions of how to set up your Kindo account. It's very easy, and if you have any problems, you can call the Kindo helpdesk on 0508 4KINDO (454636).

If you have any difficulties with paying for uniform hire and registrations together, please contact the school office on 06 3579667.

New user link:

<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/handshake.shtml?&shop=Hokowhitu%20School>

Registered user/school shop login:

https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/user_home.shtml?session=false&shop=Hokowhitu%20School

If anyone is interested in coaching year 5 & 6 netball and interested in attending a skills day held by netball Manawatu, please see flyer below

NETBALL MANAWATU COACHING SUPPORT

SKILLS DAY

SUNDAY 29TH OF MARCH

Year 5 & 6
9:30am - 11am

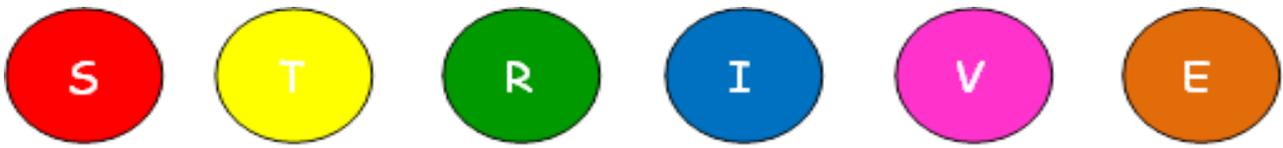
Year 7 & 8
11am - 12:30pm

Secondary schools
12:30 - 2pm

Registrations form available on your competition pages

For more details contact
Liz@netballmanawatu.org.nz

Netball Manawatu
COACHING SUPPORT



Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

William - For always being ready at mat time

Max - Fantastic listening and participating in all activities

Leon - For helping people if they drop something

Mason - For saying the sounds quickly together to read a word (blending)

Dalia - For being honest

Chase - Awesome mat manners

Fin - Working hard during literacy workshops

Ava M - Being helpful to your Huia classmates

Te Kete Pounamu

STRIVE awards for TKP this week: **Daniel, Madisyn, Lincoln, Tristan, Mila, Xavier, Hannah, Tamira, Alexander, Yasmeen, Payton, Riria, Emily** and **Makayla**. Pai te mahi - well done for displaying STRIVE

Te Kete Manawa

The TKM super heroes for this week are **Rosie, Sophie H** and **Freya**. Congratulations and thank you for stepping up and showing STRIVE in our kete. We appreciate your effort!

Te Kete Aronui

Congratulations to **Daniel** and **Jack D** who were drawn from the Top 30 last week.

Thank you to all of the parents who helped out by supervising students at the Regent Theatre for the NZ Symphony Orchestra visit today. We really appreciate you.

*We are collecting recyclable materials for our year 5/6 camp wearable art fashion show, i.e. ribbon, wool, fake flowers, newspaper, brown paper shopping bags etc Please no plastic items
You can drop these into TKA or TKT leading up to camp*

Te Kete Tangaroa

Wairehu - For great improvement in your Number Knowledge

Alia - For applying yourself during Water Safety sessions

Logan K - For super book presentation

Crystal W - For great improvement in your Number Knowledge

Payton B - Excellent in reading

Taimoor - For applying yourself in Maths workshops

Andrew Li - For great improvement in your Number Knowledge

Samantha - For great improvement in your Number Knowledge

Josh - For working hard during Literacy sessions

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Community Notices



World Oral Health Day

20 March 2020

Taking care of your mouth is important for your health and wellbeing. A good oral hygiene routine, regular dental check-ups and a healthy diet will help protect your mouth.



Basic dental care in New Zealand is FREE for 0-17 year olds

Top tips for a healthy smile

- ♥ Brush teeth twice a day for 2 minutes, using a pea-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste.
- ♥ Brush in circular motions, not back and forth.
- ♥ Spit – don't rinse.
- ♥ Choose healthy snacks like fruit, cheese, plain crackers and vegetable sticks.
- ♥ Drink water and milk; avoid sugary drinks such as juice and fizzy drinks.

Contact your Community Oral Health Service on **0800 TALK TEETH**
0800 825 583

LIBLAB
LIBRARY FUN WITH A TOUCH OF LABORATORY MADNESS & BOOK EXPERIMENTATION
CHILDREN'S ZONE | 3:45-4:45PM | All Ages
Every THURSDAY (during School Term)

MARCH DATES

05
ENERGIZE!
ENERGETIC SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS!

12
LOOK AT YOU!
ZANY PORTRAITS
USING DIGITAL IMAGERY, PLAY AND MORE!

19
PIZZA PICNIC AND PAPER FUN!
INTRO TO HELL READING CHALLENGE 2020 & MORE!

26
LET'S BE DRAMATIC!
CELEBRATING IN ADVANCE OF WORLD THEATRE DAY

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY LIBRARY





Girl Guiding is loads of fun in Palmerston North and there is room for more girls to join us! In a safe, positive, non-competitive environment for girls:

- Develop into confident and adventurous girls.
- Are empowered to make a difference in their world.
- Take on new challenges.
- Make new friends.

Our local units in Hokowhitu are:

- Pippins (aged 5 - 7 years old) meet on Tuesdays at 3:15-4:45pm
- Brownies (aged 7 - 9.5 years old) meet on Tuesdays at 5:00-6:30pm
- Guides (aged 9.5 - 12.5 years old) meet on Wednesdays at 7:00-8:30pm

Over the last few months, our girls have learnt outdoor camping skills, practical skills like how to fix bike tyres, trips to the lido, wildbase hospital and many fun and exciting camps throughout the year!

Girls are more than welcome to visit a unit at any meeting before joining. Just get in touch and we can arrange a visit!

To join visit: <https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/join-us/>.

For further details or enquiries please contact us via our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/GGNZNgaKohineoManawatu/.

We would love to see you and your girl soon!