

# Term 1 Week 6 : 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## From the Principal

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

Today we have hosted teachers and principals from the Stratford/Inglewood Community of Learning. It is always nice to showcase our learners STRIVING to be the best they can be!

### WELCOME

Next week we welcome Jess Illingworth and Victoria Lind to our school for four weeks. They are both studying for their Graduate Diploma of Teaching through Massey University and will be completing their first practicum with us. Jess will be in TKA and Victoria will be in TKW.

### CHANGE OF DATE

Please adjust your term calendar date for the Year 1-3 duathlon. We have clashed with the Weetbix Tryathlon date, so have changed our school duathlon day to **THURSDAY THE 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH at 11.30am.**

### ATAWHAI AWARDS

This week's recipients of our atawhai awards who have been recognised for showing 'kindness' are:

TKW - Kelly M  
TKP - Trilay P  
TKM - Farren N-R  
TKA - Natsume M  
TKT - Lennox M  
STAFF - Mrs Handcock

Thank you to each of you for being 'kind'. Kindness is one of the best qualities a person can show!

### Years 4- 6 TRIATHLON

Congratulations to everyone who participated in this school event on Tuesday. The first 5 place getters in each of the Year 5 and 6 races have been invited to participate in the interschool event being held at Skogland Park next Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March. A separate notice has come home with those invited to participate in this event.

### SAFETY UPDATE

Thanks for observing the law around the use of bus stops and not parking on yellow lines, or using the staff driveway/car park areas. Parking is challenging in EVERY single school as there simply isn't a way to have enough parks for everyone at peak times. It is just a matter of displaying patience, courtesy and common sense - all things that we instil in our children.

It has also come to my attention that sometimes children are left unattended down at the playground at Hokowhitu Park after school. Please be clear that this is a public area and there is no staff supervision or presence down there. We recommend that you are waiting at the park for your child should this be your agreed meeting place.

### EASTER BREAK

When Easter falls outside the Term 1 break period, schools are closed on the Tuesday after Easter Monday. This is the case for 2018.

This means that by the Ministry of Education gazetted term dates, school will be closed this year on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March, Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> AND Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

Nga mihi  
Lin Dixon  
Principal

### ICAS EXAMS 2018 - Years 4/5/6 Only

Parents that wish to enter their child in the ICAS Examinations, the information for 2018 is as follows:

Subject	Sitting Dates	Price
Digital Technologies	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	\$9.50
Science	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	\$9.50
Spelling	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	\$11.50
Writing	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	\$20.50
English	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	\$9.50
Mathematics	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	\$9.50

**All entries (including payment) close here at school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

## Achievement Awards

### Te Kete Wakahuia

James, Jayden Welcome to Ruma Toru and Hokowhitu School!  
Alyenna Welcome to Ruma Toru and Hokowhitu School!  
Jack For writing letter sounds down quickly.  
Lily For having a positive attitude towards all your learning.  
Lucy For skip counting in 2's all the way to 100.  
Jake For telling us how to say numbers in his language.  
Pippa, Olive For showing enthusiasm when learning our new numeracy games.

### Te Kete Pounamu

Andrew, Harvey, TKP Super Stars this week!  
Cerys, Marshal,  
Ollie, Amiyah,  
Boston, Lily, Madison

### Te Kete Manawa

Farren, Sarah Always striving to be the best they can be.  
Dante, Logan V Always striving to be the best they can be.  
Kyra, Olivia S Excellent self-managing skills.  
Zyrah, Sam Always helping others.  
Lizzie, Elizabeth Super writing .

### Te Kete Aronui

Congratulations to Charlie Sh, Nicola, Milli, Shoki, Connar and Wairehu for showing STRIVE in TKA.  
Homework was given this week. Instructions were also sent home helping to guide you.  
Have a great weekend.

### Te Kete Tangaroa

Hudson For an outstanding piece of personification poetry.  
Helena For an outstanding piece of personification poetry.  
Gemma For being a helpful member of the kete and classroom.  
Will F For distinction in Mathematics.  
Baxter For applying himself in maths and literacy.  
Lennox For demonstrating awahi in class with his classmates.  
Aqualahzae Welcome to Hokowhitu School.  
Oliver P For writing a great personification poem.  
(See below).

### Autumn

The leaves jump off the trees and slowly parachute down.  
Just to crumble up and die on the frosty autumn ground.  
Autumn felt sad, so he went away,  
Just to return another day. By Oliver P

## Celebrating Learning

TKT Personification Poetry based on nature/seasons  
(Giving human qualities to something non-human)

### Cyclone

The plane tried to escape the cyclone but its grip was too strong. The cyclone choked the plane and threw it to the ground. As the plane cried oil tears the cyclone howled with laughter. By Hudson

### Autumn

Summer has packed her bags and left for a holiday, Autumn taking her place. I woke up next morning to find that Autumn has redecorated, blanketing the trees in red, gold, orange, yellow and brown. Making a bed of leaves on the ground. By Helena

## Years 4/5/6 Triathlon Results

Year 4 Girls: 1<sup>st</sup> Ata, 2<sup>nd</sup> Addison, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sophia, 4<sup>th</sup> Maiah, 5<sup>th</sup> Nicola  
Year 4 Boys: 1<sup>st</sup> Dante, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eli, 3<sup>rd</sup> Josiah, 4<sup>th</sup> Isaiiah, 5<sup>th</sup> Liam  
Year 5 Girls: 1<sup>st</sup> Mila, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Scarlet, 4<sup>th</sup> Makenzie, 5<sup>th</sup> Sasha  
Year 5 Boys: 1<sup>st</sup> Seongjin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lennox, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lenny, 4<sup>th</sup> Finn, 5<sup>th</sup> PJ  
Year 6 Girls: 1<sup>st</sup> Emerald, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gemma, 3<sup>rd</sup> Kaitlin, 4<sup>th</sup> Charlotte, 5<sup>th</sup> Olivia  
Year 6 Boys: 1<sup>st</sup> Hamish, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edmund, 3<sup>rd</sup> Will G, 4<sup>th</sup> Oliver P, 5<sup>th</sup> Oscar O

## School Sports Results

### Hockey Results

The *Hokowhitu Dodgers* had a great win vs Parkland this week and the player of the day was Emma. Last week they lost 2-1 vs College Street and the player of the day was Sophie.  
The *Hokowhitu Lions* played Ashhurst Knights and won. Player of the day was Nick.

### Touch Rugby Results

An outstanding effort from the *Hokowhitu Destroyers* last Friday. We lost the first game 7-4 to Roslyn but won the second 9-2 against Ashhurst. With no subs available, each player put in a great effort so all six were players of the day: Tayla, Ruby, William, Oliver, PJ and Phoenix.

## Years 5/6 Swimming Sports Results

### One length Freestyle:

Year 5 girls - 1st Annabelle, 2nd Grace, 3rd Caitlin  
Year 5 boys - 1st Finn 2nd Jonny, 3rd Lenny  
Year 6 girls - 1st Gemma, 2nd Emerald, 3rd Joslyn  
Year 6 boys - 1st Hamish, 2nd Oliver, 3rd Oscar O

### 1 length Backstroke:

Year 5 girls - 1st Mila, 2nd Grace, 3rd Annabelle  
Year 5 boys - 1st Jonny, 2nd Silas, 3rd Shammas  
Year 6 girls - 1st Emerald, 2<sup>nd</sup>= Gemma & Olivia, 3rd Kaitlin  
Year 6 boys - 1st Ben, 2nd Lee, 3rd Thomas

### 1 length Breaststroke:

Year 5 girls - 1st Caitlin  
Year 5 boys - 1st Jonny, 2nd Silas  
Year 6 girls - 1st Gemma, 2nd Helena, 3rd Joslyn  
Year 6 boys - 1st Hamish 2nd Oscar O

### 1 length Butterfly:

Year 6 girls - 1st Gemma, 2nd Joslyn  
Year 6 boys - 1st Hamish, 2nd Oscar O

### 2 lengths Freestyle:

Year 5 girls - 1<sup>st</sup> Caitlin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ruby, 3<sup>rd</sup> Emily  
Year 5 boys - 1<sup>st</sup> Jonny, 2<sup>nd</sup>= Finn & Shammaas, 3<sup>rd</sup> Silas  
Year 6 girls - 1<sup>st</sup> Gemma, 2<sup>nd</sup> Emerald, 3<sup>rd</sup> Olivia  
Year 6 boys - 1<sup>st</sup> Hamish, 2<sup>nd</sup> Oliver, 3<sup>rd</sup> Oscar O

### House Relays:

1st - Kahurangi (Hamish, Oliver P, Joslyn, Emerald)  
2nd - Whero (Gemma, Will, Juan, Olivia)  
3rd - Kakariki (Arapata, Lennox, Charlotte C, Kaitlin)  
4th - Kowhai (Maiya, Caitlin, Edmund, Shammaas)

### Students vs Teachers vs Parents:

1st - Parents (Mrs Hintz, Mr Warren, Mrs Aitchison)  
2nd - Teacher (Mr Hawkins, Mr Sloan, Miss Bisset, Mrs Hodge)  
3rd - Students (Emerald, Joslyn, Hamish, Gemma)