

Term 1 Week 7 : 16th March 2018

From the Principal

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

Congratulations to the selected Year 5 and 6 students who represented our school at the Interschool Triathlon event earlier this week. This is a truly challenging competition and one that requires absolute perseverance and commitment. Well done to each of you. Our sincere thanks for the fantastic support we received from parents/supporters too!

STAFF

It has been brought to my attention that while I introduced MOST of our staff to you last month, I have overlooked a very important section of our team - our part time staff.

- Ms Gwenna Finikin works with our ESOL learners and also teaches our MSL literacy intervention programmes.
- Mrs Merryn Hawkins currently releases our kete leaders and also takes maths support groups.
- Mrs Jo Mullinger teaches science across the school, and also looks after our ORRS students.

My sincere apologies to you Gwenna, Merryn and Jo - rest assured that each of you is highly valued!

I can also let you know that we have appointed Kimberley Hunt to the fixed term position in TKP from next term when Miss Stella goes on parental leave. We are looking forward to the rest of the staff and children in TKP meeting Whaea Kim next week!

PARENT DONATIONS

- This year our Board of Trustees has reduced the amount requested as a parent donation. It is now \$100.00 for the year for 1 child and \$150.00 for families of 2 or more. If you have a community services card this is reduced to \$75.00 (or \$130.00 for a family).
- All parent donations paid in full by the 31st March will have an entry in a lucky draw for a \$100.00 grocery voucher. Donations are also eligible for a rebate with IRD.
- Alternatively, some people prefer to pay this donation each term. That's fine by us too - see Robyn in the office if you want to know more about payment options.

BALLOT FOR OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR TERMS 3 AND 4

As advertised recently in the newspaper, a ballot for out of zone New Entrants wishing to start at our school in either Terms 3 or 4 of 2018 is being held on the 4th April. The ballot is police supervised. It is essential that we have a completed enrolment form for all intended enrolments prior to this date - even if you already have a child at our school. The BoT has made a commitment to support the enrolments of siblings (even if you live out of our zone), but we can only do this IF you have the enrolment in before the ballot.

If you know of anyone with a new entrant that is hoping to attend Hokowhitu School, please let them know about this date.

GOAL SETTING EVENINGS: TUESDAY 27TH MARCH (surnames A-L) & WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH (surnames M-Z) - 5.30-6.45pm

- Following last year's very successful trials, we have now changed the format and structure of what used to be called Learning Conferences.
- Teachers have just completed Term 1 assessments, routines in the kete are now established and understood, so it is a great time for the children to bring you along and share their learning with you.
- Parents/caregivers are welcome to come at any time on their allotted day (surnames from A-L on Tuesday 27th March, and surnames from M-Z on Wednesday 28th March). You can stay for as long as you'd like.
- The main advantages of the goal setting evenings is your ability to speak with EACH of the teachers within the kete, there is no tight 15 minute time frame, and it gives the ownership of the learning to the learners themselves (not just adults talking about them).

If you have something specific to discuss with your child's whanau teacher that is not covered in the goal setting evening, we encourage you to email and make a time to meet. Teachers are usually available for appointments from 8am - 8.30am or after 3pm (except on duty or meeting days).

If you have recently completed a 6 week or a 6 month interview, it is optional as to whether you still come along to the goal setting evening too.

PTA MEETING & BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Don't forget to come along to the PTA meeting next Monday 19th March at 3.10pm in the Staffroom. Afternoon tea will be served! There is also a BoT meeting to be held on Tuesday 20th March at 5.30pm in the Staffroom. All welcome to attend.

Early next term the PTA will be sending home order forms for our ever-popular family pie sales. The pies will be supplied by Cuba Street bakery, and they make great freezer fillers for quick and easy meals over the winter months. Start asking around for people who might be interested in placing an order with you for some pies - the PTA usually offer a prize for our top seller/s.

We hope you don't need to complain about something that has happened at school. If however, you do find that you have a concern please follow the procedure in the flyer that is included in this newsletter.

Nga mihi
 Lin Dixon
 Principal

UPCOMING DATES

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| 19 th March | PTA meeting 3.10pm -everyone welcome and bring a friend! |
| 20 th March | BoT meeting, 5.30pm |
| 22 nd March | Years 1-3 duathlon |
| 23 rd March | School assembly, 9am. Miss Bisset and Mrs Gifford-Moore's whanau classes on the stage |
| 23 rd March | POOL CLOSERS FOR THE SEASON (to be confirmed) |
| 27 th & 28 th March | Goal setting evenings (5.30pm - 6.45pm) |
| 30 th March, 2 nd & 3 rd April | School closed for Easter break |
| 4 th April | Ballot for out of zone enrolments for Terms 3 and 4 |
| 13 th April | Hokowhitu School Games/PTA fundraising lunch available/Last day of Term 1 |

Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

- Charlotte For having a positive attitude towards learning.
- Ruby For trying hard at learning new sounds and heart words.
- Cooper For an excellent attitude towards learning.
- Bradley For completing extension maths activities.
- Lilly, Haylee-Ann For showing independence and perseverance during writing time.

Te Kete Pounamu

- Zaki, Skye, Brooke, Katelyn, Rosie, StarR, Oakley, Zachary, Kain, Aven, George TKP Super Stars this week!

Te Kete Manawa

- Payton B, Thomas For clever maths results.
- Sarah For clever maths results.
- Zachary, Cameron, Elijah For striving to be the best they can be.
- For striving to be the best he can be.

Te Kete Aronui

Congratulations to the STRIVE certificate winners for last week - Robert, Josiah, Isla, Mia and PJ x 2. You are constantly understanding and showing our class treaty expectations. All children will be given their own email and we are working towards using google classrooms and devices for more learning.

Te Kete Tangaroa

- Amanaki For being a conscientious student that gets on with the right task without being asked.
- Charlotte W For quick addition during maths workshops.
- Tiria For your dedication to school work - even when absent!
- Sophie For stepping up and getting involved in our school community.
- Annabelle For applying herself in maths and setting a high standard.
- Lenny For persevering in maths and showing great skills.
- Hamish For a fantastic effort at the interschool triathlon.
- Kaitlin For always having a great attitude towards school.

School Sports Results

Hockey Results

The *Hokowhitu Dodgers* lost 2 nil vs College Street. They played a fantastic game with great defence. Player of the day was Brenna. The *Hokowhitu Lions* lost 5-2 vs College Street. Player of day was Finn. The *Hokowhitu Quicksticks* had a great game vs Aokautere, however they lost 2-1. Makenzie was player of the day for her fantastic ball skills. The previous week the player of the day was Ruby for great attacking against the opposition.

Touch Rugby Results

The *Hokowhitu U6 Leopards* had their last game of the season on Friday and had wins against both College Street and Lil Souljahs. Players of the day went to Oakley and Jack. This special team, coached by David Towers, went through the whole season unbeaten - an awesome effort!

School Sports Notice

Netball

Years 3/4 teams have been sent home as they begin March 29th. One Year 3/4 team STILL needs a coach if anyone is willing to help. Still plenty of room in years 1/ 2 teams and 5/6 teams. These teams will be finalised by Wednesday 28th March.

Palmerston North Library Bus

The Library School Bus is usually parked by the bowling club after school on a Friday afternoon. You are welcome to pop in and return or issue books. This is a great opportunity for you to share reading with your children!

TKW & TKP are invited to a lunchtime disco on Friday 25th March. Any coin donation to enter to raise money for Mr Pouniu. This is a student organised event.

Hokowhitu Village Farmers Market

Sunday 18th March - 9am to 1pm.
 Street food, live music by local talent and artisan food stalls. For information contact Robin on 027 283 6853. Held 3rd Sunday of every month.

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:

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

All entries (including payment) close here at school on Monday 19th March