

Term 3 Week 1 – 28th July 2017

From the Principal

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

Welcome to Term 3 everyone! I hope everyone managed to 'make some happy memories' with your children over the term break. A special 'welcome' to Mrs Tracey Orr who has opened up our final New Entrant class for this year, and also a huge 'welcome back' to Reece Hawkins. Mr Hawkins has successfully completed the Science Leadership Teaching Programme and has come back full of enthusiasm to further develop our science programmes here at school. We also welcomed 8 new students this week - we hope you are all settled and happy in our school in no time at all.

INQUIRY THIS TERM

This term's school-wide inquiry focus is 'Wānanga' which loosely translates to 'innovation, problem solving and enterprise'. Our curriculum focus to highlight these concepts is 'technology' and the key competency focus is 'managing self'. Towards the end of term we will be showcasing the enterprising items produced by the children as a result of innovating and problem solving.

GOAL SETTING EVENINGS

To follow up your mid year report we are offering 2 evening sessions next week where you can pop into your child's kete, share some of their learning and chat with their teachers. To reduce the volume of people in the spaces we are splitting the sessions up. On **Tuesday the 1st August** we invite everyone with surnames starting from A - L, and on **Thursday the 3rd August** it will be the turn of those with surnames from M - Z. Both sessions will run from 5.30pm - 6.45pm, you can come at any time within that range. (if it is impossible for you to attend on your allocated evening, we can be flexible and swap your night).

PLEASE NOTE: Mrs Orr's children will not attend the goal setting evening (after having 1 week at school). Instead, they will each have a conference following their 6 week settling in period.

MARAE VISITS

TKW, TKP and TKM have all completed their marae visits this week. The children have had really positive experiences and for many of them, it will have been their first opportunity to experience visiting a marae. It will be the turn of TKA and TKT the week after next. Thank you very much to the many adults who have supported the tamariki and staff at the marae.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our full school assemblies are held at 9am every second Friday morning. We welcome whanau to stay on and provide an audience for the classes who are sharing some of their learning. Next Friday, (4th August) it will be Miss Salter and Mr Sloan's whanau classes on the stage.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Class and individual photos will be taken at school on Wednesday the 16th August. Sibling forms are available at the school office if you wish to request that the photographer takes a sibling shot. A flyer came home this week explaining the system - you DO NOT order/pay for the photos until AFTER they have been taken. You will receive a 'shoot key' to enable you to view the photos before you place your order online (or with manual envelopes).

PTA FAMILY PIE FUNDRAISER

Our very popular fundraiser is back! Order forms were sent home yesterday for Doughboys pies. Orders (with payment) close on Monday, 7th August with the pies being delivered on the 16th August. They freeze well and make for an easy meal on those very rushed nights.

TERM CALENDAR

With this newsletter comes a term calendar outlining the main events scheduled for this term. While there are inevitably some changes and or new events that will occur, this is worth popping on the fridge as a good guide.

Nga mihi
Lin Dixon
Principal

Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

Jack, Skyla, Haylee, Connor Mason	For having a great first week at Hokowhitu School. Ka pai for representing TKW with pride at the Marae with the laying of our koha.
Kodi, Grace S Andrew Oakley Inas	For showing bravery with new experiences. For your fantastic effort learning the Mau rākau. For using a number line to work out plus. For practising sentences and counting over the holidays.
Amelia Oliver	For beautiful mat manners! For completing his science follow-up activity to a very high standard.
Finley	For using the sounds and HEART words he knows in his writing.

Te Kete Pounamu

Well done TKP for your awesome work at the Marae! We are proud of you!

Te Kete Manawa

Lilian, Connor, Chase, Lexie Olivia, Josiah, Logan Amelia, Eva	For a great start to the term. For always striving to be the best you can be. Awesome self-management skills at writing time.
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Te Kete Aronui

Thank you to all the parents who have offered to help for the marae trip. A notice on Monday will go home explaining the day and expectations. Please be aware that we could only take 5 adults, however if you are not a lucky recipient you are more than welcome to still join us if you are willing to pay \$5 towards the experience.

Congratulations to everyone in the Kete this week who has shown STRIVE - TKA you rock!!!!

Te Kete Tangaroa

Tayla	For a fantastic commitment to your Pepeha. Ka pai for presenting this in front of our kete.
Bella	For settling to work quickly and remaining diligent and focussed.
Savannah Maiya	For a creative start to your Pepeha presentation. For a great effort with your Pepeha and helping with the pronunciation of Te Reo.
Jahmarley	For a really creative story using great descriptive language.
Alex	For a great effort with your story and reading it with confidence to the kete.
Litiah	For fantastic commitment for writing and presenting your Pepeha.
Jasmine	For stepping up and being focused on the task at hand.
Isabel	For being a very welcoming member of TKT.

Book Week - Thank You!

Thanks to parents, caregivers, guest readers and students for all their efforts during book week! The money raised contributed to the cost of our Storyteller significantly.

40 Hour Famine

A huge congratulations and thank you to all of those students who took part in the 40 Hour Famine last term. You should be extremely proud of your efforts as together Hokowhitu School raised \$2742. These funds will help immensely in the efforts to create child friendly spaces for the children of Syria. Ka rawe to mahi!

Community Notices

Ross Intermediate School - Enrolment Information 2017-2018
Open Evening - Tuesday 22 August 2017 in the School Hall.

There are two sessions: 5.00pm to 6.30pm
7.00pm to 8.30pm

Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School - Open Day

An invitation to all prospective parents and students to view PNINS in action.

Wednesday 2nd August: 9.30am - 10.45am
11.15am - 1.00pm
2.00pm - 2.45pm

Hunterville Huntaway Festival Children's Shemozzle

Are you keen to participate in our Children's Shemozzle? Between 9-13 years and attend a primary or intermediate school? Do you have what it takes? The stamina, courage, mental and physical ability, not to mention a sense of adventure and fun! If so check out our website and/or Facebook page for more information. The annual Hunterville Huntaway Festival is on 28 October 2017, this year also marks our 20th year. Entry into the race is only \$20! Registrations open 1st August, get in quick as this is always a sell out event!

Give Sport a Go

Ever wanted to try badminton, basketball, futsal, volleyball or ultimate Frisbee? Join Sport Manawatu for 'GIVE SPORT A GO'.

- All ages welcome
- Under 12's must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.
- All equipment provided
- Gold Coin Donation
- Different sports each month

Dates: 30th July / 20th August / 24th September / 29th October / 26th November

Time: 2.00 - 4.00pm
Venue: Arena 3 - Pascal Street.

Your chance to try sport in a fun and friendly environment!

Contact Sarah Palmer on 357 5349 - sarahp@sportmanawatu.org.nz