

*From the Principal*

Dear Parents/Caregivers

**Kia Ora Koutou. Nga mihi kia koutou**

It gives me immense pleasure to be able to say that we have Kapahaka up and running again for interested Year 4 - 6 students at Hokowhitu School.

Our tutor is Whaea Parehuia Enari. Parehuia, we are just so thankful that you are willing to share your enthusiasm and skills with our tamariki! Thank you.

**PIE FUNDRAISER**

The PTA will be sorting pie orders ready to be taken home at the end of the day next Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> August. You may need to come to school at 3pm to help your child with getting large orders home?

**BOT MEETING**

The monthly meeting of our Board of Trustees will be held in the staffroom next Thursday evening (29<sup>th</sup> August) at the earlier time of **5.30pm**. Meetings are public and everyone is welcome.

**ICAS SCIENCE RESULTS**

Congratulations to the following students who participated in this competition recently.

Participation certificates: Ben M and Karmeehan S

Credit certificates: Hiroshi M and Chenuka R

Distinction certificates: Annelies O and Alex C

Annelies and Alex scores placed them in the top 10% of participants in their respective year groups within NZ.

Tino pai to mahi - great work!

**SPORTS NEWS**

Selected students in Kakapo team have been issued with notices regarding an 'Invitational Interschool Sports Tournament' that is being held on the 6<sup>th</sup> September. Please ensure any outstanding permission slips are returned urgently as these are now overdue.

Manawatu Cricket has advised us that some of the junior cricket games that have traditionally been played on Saturday mornings will be played on Tuesdays after school for the coming season. If your child is interested in playing summer cricket this year, please remind them to get a registration notice. 'A' and 'B' grade cricket will still be played on Saturday mornings.

Parents/caregivers with an interest in coaching a cricket team, please contact either myself or Ben McCarthy.

As a school we have undertaken to support the Heart Foundation by participating in the Jump Rope for Heart programme this year. Early next week the children will be given a sponsorship form, inviting them to receive sponsorship for our Skipathon on the 13<sup>th</sup> September.

PE programmes over the coming weeks will be learning the skills of skipping - this is great fitness and good for co-ordination too!

**LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES**

Each day of the week there is at least ONE activity (led by staff) held at lunchtime. Students are advised of lunchtime activities through the daily memo, however if you would like to see the range and programme, check the list in the noticeboard. You may like to encourage your child/ren to attend an activity (when it is suited to their level), to support their enjoyment of the lunch break.

Lin Dixon  
Principal

**Hokowhitu School PTA**

**Hokowhitu School Cookbook**

Thank you to those who have submitted your favourite family recipes, keep them coming please. These can be either emailed to Juls at [office@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:office@hokowhitu.school.nz) or placed in the recipe box in the office foyer.

**Pie Fundraiser**

Thanks to the families that supported the Pie Fundraiser. An amazing amount of pies were sold. The total amount raised was \$2800.00. All monies raised will be going towards the cost of the camps and "Education Outside the Classroom" activities for the students.

**A Wonderful Place for Kids**

Our virtue for the week is:

**Self Discipline**

Self-discipline means self-control. It is getting yourself to do what you really want to do, rather than being tossed around by your feelings like a leaf in the wind. You don't lose control of yourself when you feel hurt or angry, but decide how you are going to talk and what you are going to do. With self-discipline, you take charge of yourself.

**School Notices**

**'Chalk' Catalogues:** These catalogues have arrived and are available at the office if you would like one. They are packed full of ideas for Christmas presents (particularly for children). The school receives a voucher for any purchases made.

**School Uniform**

We are noticing an increasing number of children arriving at school without the correct uniform. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and that it is **named**. Thank you.

**Celebrating Learning**

Thanks to generous community support we raised \$197.90 at Hokowhitu's Got Talent. We did a SWSW (strengths, weaknesses and so what) analysis of the Hokowhitu School Has Got Talent event. Here are the strengths.....

- Everyone had fun
- It wasn't all about making money
- Lots of people from our school community came and shared in our talents.
- People often paid more money than they needed to. This shows people's generosity and also their enthusiasm for the Tree House Project.
- It was exciting to be able to show your talent and it was good to grow your confidence in performing in front of others.
- Pippa and Sarah were awesome hosts: the right people doing the right jobs
- It was good to have a student as a judge, it was an awesome experience for Genevieve
- There were lots of roles: you could be in it, you could be the judge, you could collect money
- Dress Rehearsal was a good idea.
- It was good having it in winter

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Hockey:** Results from last weekend: Hokowhitu lost against Winchester Orange but again showed amazing team spirit! Everyone played well despite the terrible weather. Player of the day ~ Kaitlyn who was doing awesome tackles and lots of running with the ball. Well done! Player of the day last week - Mia who has shown lots of improvement and was right amongst the action. Well done!  
Draw for this week: Hokowhitu vs Cloverlea Green on 5a

**Meadowfresh:** Please bring all Meadowfresh stickers off milk and yoghurt cartons. Collection sheets are available online at [www.coolourschools.co.nz](http://www.coolourschools.co.nz) or from Room 8.

**Achievement Awards**

**Whizzing One**

**Savannah** For striving to be the best she can be. Amazing effort with learning.  
**Jason** For striving to be the best he can be. Wonderful effort with learning.

**Totally Two**

**Vincent** For wonderful learning this week  
**Emily** For showing leadership in our class

**Enthusiastic 3**

**Genevieve** Rich language for our blog  
**Denae** Early bird excellent homework effort  
**Leo, Fletcher, Fraser & Liam K** Scored 100% maths basic facts test

**Room 4's Learners Lounge**

**Hector** For drawing detailed pictures in his writing book  
**Bianca** For being such an independent writer

**Snazzy 6**

**Sarah C** For creating and publishing an amazing and catchy poem  
**Annelies** For excellent knowledge and application in maths  
**Ben O** For showing dedication and commitment to his learning.

**Action 9**

**Rhys** Congratulations for receiving your pen licence in handwriting  
**Thomas Heyden** For a great effort in your reading. Keep it up! For outstanding bookwork presentation.

**Techno 10**

**Katarina** Worker of the week  
**Francisca & Jack** Congratulations on earning your pen licence

**Extreme 11**

**McKenzie, Maha, Sky** Have all gained their pen licence recently. Well done! Keep up the good work!  
**Carlin and Xingang** Great effort with your story and poetry writing. Well done!  
**Mitchell**

**Friendly 14**

**Annalise** For being a kind and caring friend  
**Mareko** For your amazing maths knowledge  
**Chavira** For working hard at story writing

**Funky 15**

**Gemma** For beginning to write longer stories  
**Kaitlin** For learning to write her own stories  
**Kael** For completing his work on time

**Sunny Sixteen**

**Hudson** Showed purposefulness when he wrote an interesting story by himself.  
**Olivia** Show friendliness to others in the class

**Community Notices**

The Education and Achievement Association are holding a workshop on ADHD, Specific Learning Difficulties and Managing Difficult Behaviour. The Palmerston North workshop is being held on 29<sup>th</sup> August from 7-9pm. Cost \$52.00. Please enquire at the school office if you would like registration details.

Ross Intermediate School: School open evening. **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September** at 6.30pm in the school hall. We will go through our exciting Learning Futures programme for 2014 followed by a tour of the school.