

Term 1 Week 4 : 23rd February 2018

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora Koutou, Nga mihi kia koutou

Thank you for the sensible approach so many of you took to the weather warnings earlier in the week. Believe me, everyone's safety is absolutely paramount to ALL of our staff and Board of Trustees, and there is no way we would take unnecessary risks or put our tamariki in known danger.

Everyone who has our school app on their cell phone will have received the regular updates from both the camps and other EOTC activities. If you haven't downloaded the app, please do so - it is our BEST way of communicating with you quickly should we ever need to do so.

Go to your phone's app store, search Hokowhitu School and download - it is free for you.

We also communicate with you via weekly newsletters (and specific notices as necessary) - we rely on the children to get these to you, so it might be a good idea for you to regularly check bags yourself to ensure you are up to date?

BOARD OF TRUSTEES VACANCY

Following Alison Arrow's resignation from the BoT, the board has a casual vacancy for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill this vacancy by selection.

Please read and follow the instructions in the public notices section of this week's Tribune, should you wish the board to hold a by-election instead.

SWIMMING

The solar heating system is now fully operational in the pool area and can have our pool running at a very pleasant 27 degrees. As long as everyone is vigilant about keeping the covers on the pool at night, we should be able to maintain warm water for several weeks to come. This is great news!

(Unfortunately, the pool covers have been left off some nights recently, and this affects the water temperature considerably.)

SWIMMING SPORTS

Next week is everyone's swimming sports.

Monday 26th February 1.30pm Years 1/2

Tuesday 27th February 11.30am Years 3/4

Friday 2nd March 1.30pm Years 5/6

Spectators are welcome to all/any of these events that will be held at our school pool.

TRIATHLON Years 4-6

Our school triathlon is scheduled for the 6th March - more detail to come on this event!

ASSEMBLY

Our next whole school assembly is next Friday the 2nd March, starting at 9am in the school hall. Mrs Guerin and Mrs Hodge's whanau classes will be our presenters. Everyone is welcome.

I would like to once again give my sincere thanks to ALL the adults who have helped us out this week - walking, camping, supporting and encouraging children etc. We appreciate every one of you as you keep our home and school partnership strong and allow us to give our tamariki experiences that wouldn't be possible otherwise!

Nga mihi

Lin Dixon

Principal

Please note that included in this newsletter is an update from the Hokowhitu School Board of Trustees

A further reminder that all Sports Payments for Term 1 are now due. Thank you.

Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

- Keira Welcome to Ruma Toru and Hokowhitu School!
- Eden For wonderful letter sounds and writing.
- Nixon For being a kind and helpful friend in our class.
- Alexis For reading her writing to check it makes sense.
- Cooper For showing us how to write a list of words.
- Ruby M, Liam For showing perseverance with our cycling during wheels day.

Te Kete Pounamu

- Jack B, Katelyn L, Alex, Hikurangi, Marshal, Ilisma, Lena, Daniel, Regina TKP Super Stars this week!

Te Kete Manawa

- Indigo, Joseph, Peyton, Zachary, Farren, Logan B For being amazing leaders in our kete - tino pail

- Oliver For managing himself - ka pail

Te Kete Aronui

- Congratulations to Chris, Josiah, Nicola, Brooklyn, Seongjin and Ryan - our TKA strivers of the week.

Thank you so much to all the parents and whanau who have contributed to making camp and the sleepover such a success. We really appreciate it.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Our year 6 students have just returned from an action packed time at Camp Waimanaaki, Riversdale Beach. They enjoyed: fishing, rock pool explorations, kayaking, paint ball target practice, biking, raft building and beach education. Highlights included the talent quest, where Angela won by singing a beautiful song in Chinese. Lee claimed 2nd place with his rendition of Believer. Awards were given out for the top detectives who managed to solve the crime during Human Cluedo, and some other memorable prizes were given to the people who managed to fall out of their kayaks the most often (Oscar O & Kaitlin S) and the camp fashion guru (Charlotte W).

Thank you to all of the whanau that volunteered and to the children for making camp a great place to be.

Miss Bisset & Mr Hawkins



School Sports Results

Hockey Results

Hokowhitu Dodgers vs Cloverlea. We lost 2 nil but played really well with no subs. Player of the day was Joshua.

Touch Rugby Results

The second half of our touch rugby season has started. The **Hokowhitu Destroyers U12** lost their first game to OLOL but won their second game against Takaro. Player of the day was Phoenix.

Please email through your sports results to office@hokowhitu.school.nz by 12 noon on Thursdays for inclusion in Friday's newsletter. If received after this time, they will appear in the following week's edition.

Free Books in Schools with Kellogg's

The promotion finishes on February 28th, and your community / supporters will have until March 14th to upload Kellogg's receipts and select your school.

Here's a reminder of the process to follow:

- Step 1 - purchase any Kellogg product with the Free Book artwork on it by Feb 28th
- Step 2 - Register on <https://freebooks.kelloggs.com> (you'll only need to do this once)
- Step 3 - Upload your receipt
- Step 4 - Select your school to receive the book pack

You are done.

Community Notices

Firmly Fit Pilates

Firmly Fit Pilates ladies classes are running at the Square Edge building in the Evelyn Rawlins Room (level 1) Friday mornings at 9.30am. Never tried Pilates before? No worries, everyone's first class is FREE. I have mats for you to borrow & I supply all the resistance bands for the class. Contact Fran on 0211383128 or find me on Facebook www.facebook.com/firmlyfit.

Marist Junior Rugby

Marist Junior Rugby 2018 registration days at Marist Clubrooms, 17A Pascal Street, Palmerston North:
Sun 18th February 2-4pm
Sat 24th February 10-12.30pm
Wed 28th February 5-7.30pm
Check out our Facebook page Marist Junior Rugby Palmerston North

Heatrite College Old Boys Junior Rugby

A massive welcome to all new and returning Junior Rugby Players for the up and coming 2018 Rugby Season. I look forward to the season ahead and meeting all the new faces to our club, as well as catching up with many returning ones!
REGISTRATIONS are OPEN!
Please head to <http://www.sporty.co.nz/collegeobjunior/> to register!
2018 Fees: \$50 per player / \$80 x2 siblings / \$100 x3+ siblings
Contact: Koera Tua cobjuniors@gmail.com or 021 025 10522

PN Marist Junior Football Club

Calling all prospective players.
Registration Day - Sunday 4th March at the Marist Clubrooms from 1pm to 3pm.
Trials - Sunday 11th March and Sunday 18th at Marist Clubrooms
9yrs - 11yrs from 11.00pm till 12.00pm
12yrs - 13yrs from 12.30pm till 1.30pm
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