

NEWSLETTER

Term 4 – Week 4 : 9 November 2018

From the Principal

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

A reminder that **Hokowhitu School will be CLOSED next Tuesday 13th November** due to industrial action being taken by the teaching staff.

We sincerely regret the inconvenience this causes and genuinely hope the current mediation process is successful in resolving the significant concerns of the profession.

If you require care for your child/ren on the 13th November, aPlus (out of school care) can be contacted on 06 357 5583.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mr Hawkins who has been appointed to the Deputy Principal's position here at Hokowhitu School, effective from next year. In appointing Reece the appointments committee recognised that we have someone who is already passionate about our school, is knowledgeable about our beliefs in how children learn best, and of course he is a highly respected and collaborative member of our staff. Well done Reece, we look forward to you becoming a part of the senior leadership team.

We also congratulate Mahee P who won **FIRST** place in the recent Matific online maths games. She took out first place from all NZ and Australian competitors in Year 5. Mahee has been presented with a medal, a certificate and a matific galaxy voucher.

Leejun S placed 6th in the NZ division of the Year 5 competition and Mr Sloan's whānau class was the **SECOND** highest scoring class overall!

Great work TKT!

ATAWHAI AWARDS

The following people have been recognised this morning for showing atawhai/kindness.

TKW - Kate E, TKP - Charlie P, TKM - Eva W, TKA -Chris S , TKT - Sihui L, Staff - Mrs Guerin

Thank you to each of you for being kind! Let's hope your kindness rubs off onto someone else!

Earlier this week one of the reading groups from TKA shared with me a piece from a book they are reading. This book encourages 'trying to be a little kinder than is necessary'. What a great idea.

JUICIES

The PTA and Student Councillors have joined forces to be able to offer juicie sales at lunchtime on a Friday. Juicies cost \$1.00 and can be ordered from your classroom teacher on Friday morning.

RECYCLING

The Colgate Community Garden Competition has nearly finished but we are still going to keep recycling oral care waste. Please keep bringing it in. Every small part you do helps our planet.

There will be two wheelie bins at Hokowhitu School from now on because TerraCycle and GLAD® have partnered to create the GLAD® Food Storage Recycling Programme, a free recycling programme for GLAD®, ClingWrap, bags, containers and dispensers. This means that children can put their glad wrap in the wheelie bin.

We have an enthusiastic Enviro Team here at school, ably led by Mrs Longley and Mrs Connell - this team encourages us to have habits that help sustain our planet Earth. Please support them!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At this week's BoT meeting the board decided not to request parent donations for 2019.

This year 130 of our 301 families have paid all/part of their parent donation - the board feels it will be more equitable to invoice parents directly for expenses and/or expend accumulated funds to cover things that have previously been covered by the parent donation.

e.g, all Year 3 - 6 students will be invoiced \$10.00 in the new year to register them on the Matific maths programme (previously covered as part of the donation), or provide board funds for additional Learning Coach (teacher aide) support in classrooms as necessary.

The Board will review this decision at the end of 2019.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Each year the Board undertakes some form of consultation with our school community to gauge your opinion about a range of issues.

A paper copy of the consultation has come home in bags today, however you can also submit your response online at <http://tinyurl.com/hokowhitu2019>

Responses are due by Friday 23rd November.

SWIMMING POOL

To avoid the issues we had last year with the pool cover, the Board has decided on a different approach for this season. The community will have access to the pool only when the school considers it doesn't need the covers on.

We will be commencing swimming from the end of November, however community keys and access will not be available until the last week of term (ie from 10th December). The school also reserves the right to restrict community access at any time from mid February (when the nights may be getting cooler, so the covers are needed again). We know that as our community you will understand that our highest priority is to provide water that is warm enough to teach swimming skills during the day.

A pool key costs \$100.00 per family, or \$60.00 for a family that has paid their 2018 parent donation.

SAFETY REMINDER

Please make sure your child is very clear on what they should do if they are waiting for you after school. We strongly advise that children who are waiting for a pick up by car, DO NOT leave the school grounds unless you have a prearranged place to meet them and you are in that place by 3pm.

Nga mihi
Lin Dixon
Principal

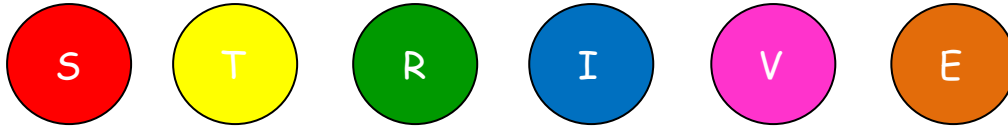
Sports Results

HOCKEY



Hokowhitu Hawks V College Street 3-2. What an amazing game with super attacking and defence. Well done team. Player of the day was Katelyn.

The Lions had a great win this week against Linton. Makenzie and Ilienke were players of the day this week and Ruby was player of the day last week.



Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

Ruby S - For identifying the end of a sentence and using full stops

Oliver - Excellent improvement in number knowledge

Jake - For an excellent attitude towards all learning areas

Rei - Fantastic reading Rei - ka pai!

Ruby R - For great writing - fantastic work Ruby

Molly D - Amazing writing and reading of your sounds, HEART words and sentences!

Lincoln - YAY - you can write your name by yourself! AWESOME!

Ava S - What a clever reader you are, you can point and read all your poems

Serah H - For being an excellent role model to others.

Milly - For the awesome progress and perseverance you have shown with your reading!

Liam - For the huge growth in your number knowledge - You are a counting machine!

Te Kete Pounamu

Masaki

Charlie

Cooper

Lilian

Sophia L

Amiyah

Felix

Maddison

Adele

TKP Superstars this week!

Te Kete Manawa

Olivia Z

Eva

Varvara

Carly

Thomas

Guanyu

Joshua

Outstanding TKM Role models

Te Kete Aronui

Congratulations to last week's STRIVE recipients -

Natsume, Robert, Ellabella, Scarlet, Anastasia, Tristan.

Congratulations team. Keep striving!

Great to see 100% of the students in TKA are on track for Marble Jar Day. Yippee!! Thanks to all those that have returned their notice and payment for Marble Jar Day/End of Year Celebration. Please keep them coming. Thanks

Te Kete Tangaroa

Oscar O - For making fantastic progress with number knowledge

Phoenix - For working well on writing his autobiography

Hamish - For doing a great job at completing his must do tasks and showing self-management

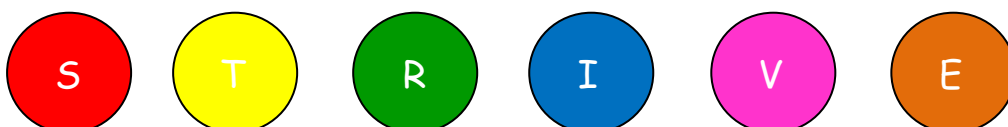
Nicholas - For an excellent improvement in his number knowledge

Ella-Maree - For a great improvement in her number knowledge

Mila - For a super improvement in her number knowledge

Kegan & Sam - For working hard in mathematics and moving into stage 6 for number knowledge. Ka Pai!

Tiria - For a great improvement in your number knowledge math test. Well done on your hard work.



Melody's New Go for Gold campaign closes soon. Our school is currently in the lead by a narrow margin. Shop away!!



MY LITTER-LESS LUNCH

Help divert landfill waste by sending used GLAD® Food Storage product to TerraCycle®

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Each year, over 252,000 tonnes of plastic waste is thrown away and disposed of to NZ landfills.

Our school is excited to join the **GLAD® Food Storage Brigade**, a unique recycling solution in partnership with recycling experts TerraCycle to tackle plastic waste. Simply collect any used GLAD food storage products from your child's school lunch box or from home and send it to school with your child and we'll ship it to TerraCycle to be recycled. TerraCycle will then repurpose or upcycle these items into sustainable products.

You can help achieve a litter-less lunch for the following acceptable items and their outer packaging:

- **GLAD® ClingWrap plastic wrap**
- **GLAD® Snap Lock bags (including Disney)**
- **GLAD® ZipSlide bags**
- **GLAD® MatchWare containers**

For any GLAD food storage product received, our school may be awarded two TerraCycle points. These TerraCycle points can be redeemed for a payment of NZD\$0.01 per point.

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING THE LITTER-LESS LUNCH MOVEMENT
& HAPPY COLLECTING!**

HELP OUR SCHOOL BY RECYCLING YOUR GLAD STORAGE WASTE

Community Notices

Massey Kids' Club is open for the day on Tuesday 13 November as schools are closed due to the planned industrial action by NZEI members. For more information please contact: massey-kidsclub@inspire.net.nz or phone 06 951 8800 or 027 678 4636

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