

*From the Principal*

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

This is 'maths week'. Miss Salter has put together some amazing extra challenges/competitions/activities to excite children about maths. Thanks so much Hilary - there are certainly loads of ways to make maths interactive, challenging fun!

**MAJOR PRODUCTION August 21<sup>st</sup> at the Regent Theatre**

Everyone should have already received a detailed notice about the organisation for next Thursday's big event. If you do have any queries/concerns please talk to your child's teacher before Thursday, so we have the time to try and assist further. If you can offer assistance in any way (costume making), delivering and/or collecting resources between school and the Regent - please let us know. We will gladly accept!

**CONGRATULATIONS**

What a fantastic morning we had at the Mathex competition last Friday. Schools from a wide geographical area sent along their very best mathematical problem solvers!

Both the Hokowhitu School teams performed absolutely brilliantly and we are extremely proud of the way they conducted themselves and the results.

Our Year 5 team of Jack, Matt, Xingong and Jackson placed a very creditable 6<sup>th</sup> out of over 40 teams and the Year 6 team of Hiroshi, Alex, Ben and Chenuka came FIRST!

This is an amazing result - especially as this team were the Year 5 champions in 2013 and no other team could catch them in 2014 either! The trophy sits proudly in the office!

Well done to everyone who trained for interschool Mathex.

**WOODEN DESKS**

As we continue to develop our 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning environments, school furniture is starting to also look different.

We have approximately 20 traditional wooden desks that are surplus to our requirements.

Next Monday afternoon we will place the desks under the covered way outside Ruma tahi and rua, and invite you to buy a desk for \$5. They are perfect in kids bedrooms (painted up they can be stunning), and a real bargain at \$5.00!

**PUNCTUALITY**

A reminder that school starts at 8.50am. Ideally children are at school by 8.40am - this gives them time to sort their bags, books etc and be ready to start learning when the bell rings. Arriving to school late can be unsettling for your child, the other children in their class and the teacher who is trying to get on with teaching.

At the other end of the day, we have a growing number of children not being collected promptly at 3pm. Patrol crossing duty is the only after school supervision we can provide as teachers have planning, meetings, professional development and other resources etc to prepare.

We respectfully request that adults do their very best to support the school by having children to school on time and collect them at 3pm. Thank you so much in anticipation of your support.

I hope it goes without saying that in the case of an emergency, we are always happy to help out in any way we can - sometimes things go wrong no matter how well prepared you think you are!

Lin Dixon  
Principal

**School Notices**

**School Production**

Our school production will be held **next** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August at the Regent. Tickets are now on sale from the school office and Ticket Direct. Adults ~ \$10 and children (aged 1-18) \$6. If your child is participating in the production they do not need to pay. Cheques, cash and EFTpos are available at the school office (no credit cards). We only have an allocated number of tickets and once these are gone you will need to purchase tickets from Ticket Direct. Tickets purchased through Ticket Direct may incur an extra charge.

**Palmerston North Intermediate Normal Enrolment Forms for 2015**

A reminder that if you wish the school to return the completed enrolment forms for you to Intermediate you must have them back to the office by **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August**.

**STRIVE**

Our focus virtue for this week is the letter 'E' ~ enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is being inspired - full of spirit. It is being cheerful and happy. It is doing something wholeheartedly, with zeal and eagerness - giving 100% to what you do. Being enthusiastic is being excited about something, looking forward to it. It comes from having a positive attitude.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Hockey:** Results from last week:

**Hokowhitu A** ~ what an awesome game the team had on Saturday against Whakarongo. The score was 8-5 to Whakarongo but we put up a great battle considering we had no subs! The player of the day was Jacob for the 100% effort he put into the whole game and showing some excellent skills. There are a couple of competition games left, then the semi finals and finals. All teams play whether they are playing for the top placings or not. At present we are second in points put of 8 teams so we are doing extremely well!! Keep up the great skills team.

Draw for 16 August:

Hokowhitu C vs Riverdale Tigers	Field 1B	10.00am
Hokowhitu B vs St James Sticks	Field 2B	10.00am
Hokowhitu A vs RSS Firebirds	Field 8A	9.00am



**Achievement Award**

**Rūma Tahi**

Ashtuti For being an expert self manager  
Ben For working hard on our production dance

**Rūma Rua**

Tristan Welcome to Hokowhitu School and Ruma Rua  
Matt, Jack & Jackson For representing Hokowhitu School at Mathex - great job  
Jordan M & Jordyn S For demonstrating friendliness, enthusiasm and support for our new student

**Rūma Toru**

Michael & Jack For trying hard in English lessons

**Rūma Whā**

Riley Welcome to Ruma Whā. You have made an excellent start at Hokowhitu School  
Ariana-Jayne For being super quick at writing number stories to five

**Rūma Rima**

Regan & Ruby Fantastic progress in their reading and writing

**Rūma Ono**

Silas & Emma For reading 100 books at home  
Sophie 100 night home reading and for all the extra effort you put into your reading and writing at home

**Rūma Whitu**

Last week's award went to everyone as we won Alexander in full assembly. Well done, you earned it Ruma Whitu!  
This week's award goes to our new classmates - Max, Riley, Lenny and Will. We love having you in Ruma Whitu with us.

**Rūma Waru**

Joslyn Huge improvement in writing  
Brayden Great manners and respect

**Rūma Iwa**

Emma For an outstanding effort in her reading  
Grace For enthusiasm and excellence showing us the way in production practice  
Lachy For stepping up in production practise and leading the class with confidence

**Rūma Tekau**

Kade Fantastic effort in your reading group  
Iona Super effort with 'Writing to Explain'

**Rūma Tekau mā tahi**

Mya, Heyden & Maia Excellent effort with their animation ideas and work this week

**Rūma Tekau Mā Whā**

Sophie You are a super speller  
Hamish You are rounding numbers to the nearest ten very confidently!  
Fergus Marvellous Monet art work

**Rūma Tekau mā rima**

Lucia & Jack W Workers of the week  
Jasmine, Daniel, For remembering to use 'new skills' in reading  
Lewis and Alex

**Rūma Tekau mā ono**

Oscar For participating and contributing with clever ideas  
Annalise For exquisite handwriting

**Celebrating Learning**

A thank you note to Ruahine Team from Amitis in Tararua Team!

Dear Ruahine Team,  
Thank you for helping us and showing us where we go to do sports. My favourite part of the sports was the running. I came second in the running. I scored two goals in the hockey. All of the Ruahine team helped us. The Commonwealth games were so much fun. We all appreciated your help. We wanted more games. All of the games were fun. I was in Group 2. Thank you for organising them.

Yours sincerely, Amitis.

**Community Notices**

**Hokowhitu Village Centre**

Pre-schoolers story-time - 10am Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August. All welcome