

NEWSLETTER

Term 4 – Week 5 : 16 November 2018

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora Koutou, Nga mihi kia koutou

As indicated on the term calendar we have a whole school sports event next Monday the 19th November. Our Year 1-3 akonga will be displaying the fundamental skills they have learnt over recent weeks (these skills are the building blocks for athletics), and the Year 4 - 6 akonga will be participating in athletic sports. The rotations begin at 10am (children rotating in their whanau class rather than year groups this year) and finishing at approximately 12.30pm when the PTA will be serving their sausage sizzle lunch.

We would love as many of you as possible to come along (for as much of that time as you can spare) and watch the children 'in action'. You would also be welcomed by the PTA should anyone be free to help with the sausage sizzle serving too - many hands make light work.

We will also have a coffee cart in attendance, so come prepared. 100% of the profits from the sales will be donated to the PTA, so I hope they get lots of support!

Please ensure your child comes to school in full uniform (but bring your house t-shirt and a pair of shorts if you can). We also recommend you send a substantial morning tea (activity makes them hungry) and a full water bottle. We also strongly recommend that your child is well sun-screened as it can be very hard to keep a hat on your head when you are running or jumping!

If bad weather causes us to cancel the events on Monday, Years 1-3 fundamental skills will be cancelled. (You may choose to come and watch a lesson on a Tuesday when Kelly Sports are here). The Y4-6 children will do their best to participate around the weather. A Y5 / 6 team will be selected for the interschool event scheduled for Wednesday 28th November. The sausage sizzle will go ahead no matter what the weather does!

ASSEMBLY

Our next whole school assembly is next Friday morning at 9am. Everyone is welcome to attend - Miss Tayler and Mrs Blay's whanau classes will be sharing some of their learning.

JUICIES

Thanks to the PTA and Student Councillors for offering juicies for sale at lunchtime on a Friday. Juicies cost \$1.00 and can be ordered from your classroom teacher on Friday morning.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

Teachers are currently completing assessments and writing end of year reports. Children who have started school in Term 4 of this year will not receive an end of year report, however (if applicable), they will be receiving an 'after 6 weeks at school' interview with your child's teacher.

Reports will come home with your child on Friday, the 7th December.

RECYCLING

Keep remembering to recycle your oral care waste, your glad containers/dispensers and gladwrap - right here at school!

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Each year the Board undertakes to have 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 last Friday, however you can also submit your response online at <http://tinyurl.com/hokowhitu2019>. (I have the link correct this time!)

Responses are due by next Friday 23rd November. Thanks to those of you who have already submitted/returned a response.

SWIMMING POOL

Mr Cook has the pool almost ready for swimming (we have the solar heating functioning and the cover on) and it is working a treat. If anyone knows/sees people climbing over the fence, please actively discourage the action - along with being unsafe (as we often shock treat the water after hours), they are doing irreparable damage to our new covers.

We are working towards having nice warm water for the Kelly Sports swimming instruction for the senior students - this starts at the end of this month.

If you would like to send your children's togs and towel from next week, there MAY be an opportunity for them to have an early season dip?

To avoid the issues we had last year with the pool cover not being rolled on and off correctly, 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.

INTERMEDIATE ORIENTATION

Year 6 students who are enrolled at PNINS will attend their orientation session next Tuesday morning (20th). The bus to transport these students will incur a cost of \$3.00 per child.

Year 6's enrolled at Ross Intermediate will be attending their session the following Tuesday afternoon (27th). Ross Intermediate is providing the bus service for this.

Please ensure the permission slip/money is returned, so that we know you have consented for your child to attend.

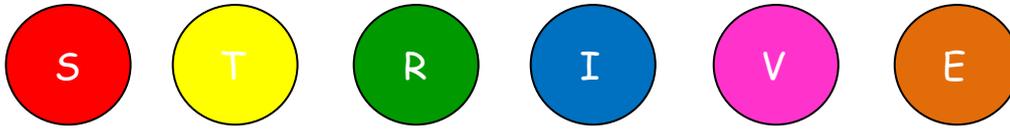
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Principal



Book Club



Today your child will bring home the last Lucky Book club of the year. Please place your orders on line where possible. All orders must be in by Friday 23rd November. Thank you for your support with these through the year.



Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

Haylee-Ann – For developing fluency in reading

Mila – For showing enthusiasm

Aria – For excellent improvement in reading

Keira - Fantastic effort in reading

Alexey - Amazing athletic skills

Kate - For always being a trustworthy and reliable member of class.

Sophie - For showing awesome perseverance with her reading and writing.

Hazel - For striving to improve your writing by adding more detail.

Maya - For making great progress in all areas of your learning. Ka rawe Maya!

Emily - For trying so hard with your reading and for making great progress. Ka pai Emily!

Ruma Wha - To all the tamariki in Ruma Wha for being so amazing while Mrs Blay was away sick.

Miya - WOW - what a brilliant reader you are - you are able to read all of our poems.

Daniel - It's great to see you starting to use your spelling fingers when we are writing new words.

Titus - Welcome to Hokowhitu School. We love having you in Ruma Rima with us.

Payton - Welcome to Hokowhitu School. We love having you in Ruma Rima with us.

Te Kete Pounamu

Mila

Daniel

Andrey

Jack B

Eli

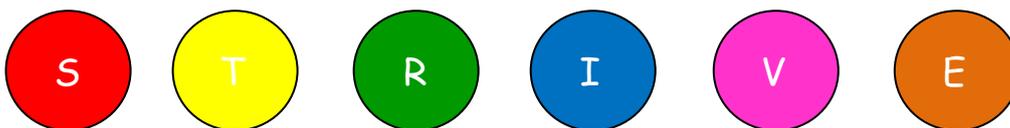
Katelyn L

Amelia

Katelyn B

Josh T

TKP Superstars this week!



Te Kete Manawa

Jason, Robin, Crystal S, Isabella, Elijah

Haeatatanga - For having a positive attitude towards learning tasks

Te Kete Aronui

Congratulations to **Caden, Steven, Makenzie, Charlie St, Katie and Nicola** our Week 4 Strivers.

Don't forget that it is Athletics Day on Monday. Bring your house t-shirts to represent your colour and your sunscreen. Thanks to everyone who has brought back their notices and made payment for Marble Jar Day. We have about one quarter of the kete still outstanding.

Water Skills for Life is coming up for our kete at the end of the month. These lessons will be taught by trained professionals. Make sure you get your togs, goggles and towels together as you'll all need them.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Jonny - For excellent descriptive writing.

Ruby - For perfection in her STAR test.

Isabella - For making impressive progress in her writing

Oliver - For producing great pieces of writing that are detailed and descriptive as part of your autobiography.

Jeremy - For producing great pieces of writing that are detailed and descriptive as part of your autobiography.

Sihui - For showing all round improvements and always setting high expectations

Nick W - For an outstanding reading result. Excellent skills!

Charlotte C & Amanaki - For excellent improvements with your Word Study. Ka Pai!

Sports Results

HOCKEY

Hokowhitu Hawks V Winchester. Fantastic game with a 6-0 win! Great work everyone. Player of the day was Emma.

The Lion's hockey played a very competitive game against Aokautere. Players of the day were Lenny and Amelia.



Health Information

Sore throat - having a sore throat is very common. The discomfort can range from a scratchy feeling to severe pain. Sore throats are usually caused by virus infections like colds or the flu.

If you have a common sore throat, some of these things may help.

- Drink more fluids. (Drinking through a straw may hurt less.)
- Eat soft foods that are easy to swallow. Don't eat spicy, salty or acidic foods.
- Try cold fluids, ice blocks, or honey and lemon juice in hot water.
- Gargle with warm salt water (1/2 tsp salt in 200ml water).
- Suck on hard sweets or throat lozenges.
- Take pain relief such as paracetamol or ibuprofen (as directed by your doctor or pharmacist).
- Breathe warm, humidified air.
- If you feel hoarse or lose your voice, rest your throat by talking less until it improves.

Treatment for strep throat

Strep throat is different from a common sore throat and must be treated with antibiotics. This can be given in three ways - capsules, liquid, or as an injection from a nurse or doctor.

When to see your doctor

You must see your doctor if you or a family member experiences any of the following:

- a sore throat that lasts more than a few days
- difficulty swallowing
- your tonsils are enlarged or coated
- a high temperature (above 39°C)
- swelling in your neck
- earache or joint pain.

Call Healthline 0800 611 116 if you are unsure what you should do.

