

# Term 3 Week 3 7<sup>th</sup> August 2015

*From the Principal*

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

Congratulations to the following learners: Amnah B received a participation award in the recent ICAS Science competition, and Al Bara A, Mahimi N and Morgan H who each earned Credit awards. Ka pai to mahi!

**MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK**

Last week we were fortunate enough to have students from Manukura School here at Hokowhitu School. They worked in teams with the learners from across our school teaching us new waiata and outdoor games. The Hokowhitu School learners were hugely excited and motivated by the Manukura students' enthusiasm and passion too. A special thanks to Dean Parsons who co-ordinated this visit. It is something we hope to be able to do again, as it was so successful.

**LEARNING CONFERENCES**

Please book your Learning Conference now if you haven't already done so. Bookings close next Wednesday. To book, go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) - our school code is 4SZJ7. **School closes at 2pm on both Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August** - we are not able to provide supervision after this time. If you require on site care for your child/ren, please contact aPlus directly on Ph: (06) 357 5583. Your child attends their conference with you - unlike the days when just parents and teachers met to talk about what a child was learning to do, we now SHARE this information openly with the learners too. This gives more ownership to the learner than adults simply talking 'about' them.

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

Class and individual photos will be taken **next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August**. Information describing how to order photos was given to your child earlier this week. It is only sibling photographs that need to be ordered and paid for BEFORE the photos are taken (collect these forms from the office).

**BASKETBALL**

Miles Pearce from the Manawatu Jets is working in our school (with Years 3 - 6) on Thursdays this term. It is very exciting for the children to have such expert tuition!

**WORLD OF MATHS ROADSHOW**

Thanks to those people who have already sent in the \$5.00 for this roadshow. Payment can be made to the office anytime next week.

**TIME TO ARRIVE AT SCHOOL - please help us!**

The perfect time to arrive at school is around 8.30 - 8.40am. This allows time to unpack bags, and be prepared for learning when the bell goes to start class at 8.50am. If your child arrives at school before 8.30am they are required to stand on the concrete area near the noticeboard and wait for the bell to ring before entering corridors/classes. We do not allow unsupervised play down on the courts or playgrounds either for safety reasons. If your child arrives at school after 8.50am, it interrupts the learning of everyone in the class and means that the important start of the day messages are missed. We know that things sometimes go wrong, but would really appreciate a big effort to support us by giving this your attention.

Lin Dixon  
 Principal

**Celebrating Maori – can you find these words?**

M A T A R I K I U Y T A	Aotearoa	Haka
F O B N Y A H A U P O K	Hangi	Hapu
J Z O A I A K T Q T X A	Hokowhitu	Huia
W P D O K E I J E A H H	Kai	Kiaora
O M A M T H I A P M E W	Manawatu	Matariki
Q A S P W Q R A S A O V	Maui	Moana
R Z R O A O P H A N G I	Papa	Papaoiea
A A K O A O U A N A H W	Puku	Rangi
A O N H A B I U T W M P	Ruma	Tekau
H I A G N I O E M A A U	Tui	Whanau
M P U B I V K K A T U K		
U N S H V A M U R U I U		

**Celebrating Learning**

<http://www.trademe.co.nz/clothing-fashion/men/shoes/auction-928000957.htm>  
 It's the real deal, the one and only Converse, loyal but lonely. No it's not cherry red, nor turquoise blue, yep you're right pitch black. It's 99.9% new, it's only walked the length of the harbour bridge. It's got almost no marks, otherwise it's in mint condition.  
 It's in original colour black and white. A Size 9 comes with a free box. It's a one of a kind (The other one fell in the Auckland Harbour and floated away).  
 For sale now! - written by CJ  
 P.S. This is the sale of a single right shoe as the left was lost during a bungee jump. All money goes to the Hokowhitu School Turf.

**Sports**

**Hockey:**  
 Draw for this week:

Team	Vs	Field	Time
Hokowhitu Eagles	St James Tigers	12A	9am
Hokowhitu Thunderbirds	Riverdale Rebels	10A	10am
Hokowhitu Firebirds	Ashhurst	1A	10am
Hokowhitu Mini Sticks	St James Sticks	4B	9am

Hockey results from last week:  
 Hokowhitu Thunderbirds had a hard earned 2 all draw against RSS dragons. Players of the day were Jessica for relentless defence and Jake for great attacking form. The Ministicks won their game on Saturday 7-4. Addison was player of the day. The whole team put forth an amazing effort!

**Netball:** Results for Kererus:  
 Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August – Hokowhitu Kererus played Parkland A. Parkland won 19-1 Congratulations to Nikita our player of the day, for her energetic defence..

Results for Year 5 Tuis: Played a great game against Winchester. They showed excellent teamwork to win 6-2. Player of the day was Charlotte

*Achievement Awards*

<p><b><u>Rūma Tahī (1)</u></b>                  Jayden, Mia &amp; Kyran                  For improved reading progress</p>	<p><b><u>Rūma Tekau (10)</u></b>                  Seongjin                  Sophie                  Beautiful handwriting                  Always showing amazing respect</p>
<p><b><u>Rūma Wha (4)</u></b>                  Joshua                  You are always thinking outside the square and have worked hard on clearly explaining your ideas to others                  Rebecca                  You are striving so hard to make improvements in your reading and writing and you are making great progress</p>	<p><b><u>Te Kete Manawa</u></b>                  Tayla, Riley, Tiana, Carli &amp; Isabel                  Owen                  Fantastic effort with persuasive writing                  A huge improvement in your proof reading skills                  Jack W, Alec &amp; Jaxon                  Congratulations on challenging yourselves at maths time                  Tristan                  Ryan, Kade, Anaru, George &amp; Fergus                  Fantastic effort learning your times tables                  Excellent effort with reading</p>
<p><b><u>Tararua Tigers</u></b>                  Dante, Zion, Crystal &amp; Mason                  For a brilliant beginning as 'Learners at Hokowhitu School'. Ka pa!</p>	<p><b><u>Te Kete Aronui</u></b>                  Chelsea                  Welcome to Hokowhitu School! We are very happy to have you in Te Kete Aronui. For stepping up and being a kind and patient role model to others.                  Meenu                  For always valuing others by being considerate and helpful                  Francisca                  For being a friendly and welcoming member of TKA                  Rhianna                  For always striving to do your best in all your work.                  Tino, Bella &amp; Paige                  For some great word choices in your writing. Keep it up!                  Jacob                  For showing great enthusiasm towards his report writing                  Levi                  For working enthusiastically within her math group                  Emma</p>

*School Notices*

- Student-Led Conferences**  
 A reminder to please book your time in for these conferences as soon as possible. It is far more likely you will get the time that suits you by going on line than if you return the form to the office.  
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- School Photos**  
 School photos (class, individual and sibling) will be taken on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August by Photolife. If you would like a 'sibling' order form please come to the office. These must be returned with money by 9am Friday morning next week.
- Bookweek**  
 Bookweek will be in week 7 when we celebrate books and reading. We hold a second hand book sale and bake sale. Please send all your donations of books for the sale to Ruma Waru from now on.
- Spellathon**  
 Thank you all for the amazing response with the Spellathon. Your support was amazing and it was great to see so many children getting behind this and trying hard. Special thanks to Elizabeth J who raised \$250.00, Ryley L - \$93.00, Waho - \$100, Ethan R \$135.00 and all our other wonderful supporters who helped raise our total to over \$3,000.

Community notices

**ANZ Olympic Schools Programme**  
 ANZ are delighted to announce that Hokowhitu School has received 1800 credits which this week has enabled our school to purchase an ipad mini. Simply choose ANZ for your home loan and the school will receive credits to spend on a range of items from sports equipment to computers. If you would like to discuss home loan options please contact Home Loan Specialist Melissa Mumby on [Melissa.mumby@anz.com](mailto:Melissa.mumby@anz.com) or 06 352 9239.