

Term 3 Week 5 21st August 2015

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora Koutou, Nga mihi kia koutou

Our thoughts at the moment are very much with Ben McCarthy and his whanau as he recovers from surgery in Wellington. We are unsure how long Ben will need to recuperate, but send our heartfelt 'get well' wishes to him. In the interim, the learning momentum in TKM has not been compromised - one of the many advantages in flexible learning spaces is that 3 teachers know lots about your child's learning and their next steps. Mrs Wheeler and Mr Sloan have programmes running at full steam ably supported by Mrs M and our regular relief team. Ms Treder is also unwell, but is on the road to recovery and we hope Annette will soon be back at school. Mrs Lynch is doing a fantastic job facilitating the learning in Ruma Iwa.

My personal thanks to so many of our staff who have stepped up and helped out. I also thank parents/whanau for your understanding and sensitivity - no one plans to become ill!

LEARNING CONFERENCES

Our sincere thanks to everyone who made the time to attend a learning conference with your child/ren this week. Those learners who did not have a learning conference this week will bring Stage 2 of their Progressive Report home today with them today. Please check school bags!

PTA NEWS

Pie and lamington orders are starting to come in for families with surnames from A-L. These orders are due back at school today. Surnames from M - Z, your orders and money are due back by the 4th September.

ALL WEATHER TURF

We have are delighted to now be in a position to commence construction of our own turf here at Hokowhitu School. Philip Steer (Community and Grants portfolio, BoT) has had outstanding success with his grant applications, and this combined with the AMAZING fundraising done by the PTA and the prudent management of funds from the Board of Trustees, has resulted in us having the funds to proceed! Our sincere thanks to Eastern and Central, Lion Foundation, Blue Sky, Mainland and Infinity Trusts who all made contributions by way of grants.

Work will start (weather permitting) in the coming week. For safety reasons, the whole construction site will be completely out of bounds until completion.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the BoT is to be held next Wednesday, 26th August commencing at 5.30pm. Meetings are public and everyone is welcome.

RICOH ELITE SPORTS TOURNAMENT

This tournament is being held next Friday, 28th August. Hokowhitu School is hosting rugby, football is being played on Hokowhitu Park, hockey at PNINS, and netball and basketball at the Arena. Selected students from TKA and TKM will be representing us in each of these codes. Spectators, supporters will be welcome.

BOOK WEEK

Please see the flyer in this newsletter for details about our upcoming Book Week (31st Aug - 4 Sep). A book and bake sale are part of the celebrations, details on the separate notice.

Lin Dixon
Principal

School Notices

Absentees

This year would have to be one of the worst years we have known for colds/flu and tummy bugs. It is **VERY** important that you notify the school if your child is going to be absent. There are many ways to do this: You can notify us through the school App; by leaving us a message on our school answer phone; emailing us on office@hokowhitu.school.nz or by sending us a text on 027 357 9021. Please let us know your child's name, room number and reason for absence. At the moment we are spending a considerable amount of time in the mornings ringing parents to see where their child is. It is also a timely reminder that if your contact details have changed to let us know as soon as possible. Thank you!

Leaping from the Page

Book week dress up as a book character day and parade for students. 9.10am on **Wednesday 2nd September** followed by book sale and coffee for parents in the hall.

Sports

Hockey:

Draw for this week:

Team	Vs	Field	Time
Hokowhitu Eagles	RSS Falcons	11B	9am
Hokowhitu Thunderbirds	Riverdale Lions	9A	10am
Hokowhitu Firebirds	Bush Junior Minis	4B	9am
Hokowhitu Mini Sticks	Whakarongo White Sticks	4A	9am

Netball:

Results: **Eagles:** Saturday 1st August ~ Hokowhitu Eagles vs Whakarongo - score 3 all. Player of the day Jack B.
Saturday 15th August ~ Hokowhitu Eagles vs College Street Girls - we won 5-2. Player of the day Jacob K
Thunderbirds: Thunderbirds defeated Russell Street School 7-1. Player of the day was Sam.
Ministicks: The Ministicks won their game on Saturday 7-0. Imogen was player of the day!

Sports Notice: If you have finished with your current sports uniform, can you please return it to Mr Parsons before this Wednesday. I expect these to be washed and in fantastic condition.

Achievement Awards

Rūma Tahī (1)

Eva, Jihan & Jenil

For taking pride in the appearance of their work

Rūma Rua (2)

Milli
Sophia

For awesome story writing
For making such a great start at school after being away on holiday.

Rūma Toru (3)

Payton

For using her amazing mathematical mind to apply new strategies

Lilian

For making huge progress with her writing using English

Tararua Tigers

Sigmund, Ava & Lily

For a fantastic start to learning at Hokowhitu School

Rūma Wha (4)

Ruby

You have been persevering with your writing and producing some amazing stories

Zahara

You are a helpful and respectful member of class who is a fantastic role model to others!

Rūma Ono (6)

Kaitlin

For a fantastic effort and focus at writing time. Well done!

Daniel
Hudson

For great persuasive writing. Great job!
For always being a helpful and conscientious member of class. Ka pail!

Rūma Whitu (7)

Lee

Worker of the week

Jewelīa & Steph
Emerald

For using creativity with art ideas
For using a dictionary well to support writing

Rūma Waru (8)

John & Havana
Annabelle
Oliver

For exquisite handwriting
For clever fact recording
For being a noticer and an observer

Rūma Iwa (9)

Olivia D
Grace

For wonderful class work
For amazing story writing

Rūma Tekau (10)

Baxter
Christina
Riley

Super handwriting
Amazing work quality
Fantastic ideas

Te Kete Manawa

Carli
Owen & James

Shining in TKM! You are an amazing learner
For being an awesome ICT buddy teaching juniors how to animate

Eliot
Jenson

For working really hard and achieving great things
For exceptional effort with learning and great behaviour too.

Trelise
Ryan & Anaru

For being extra helpful and kind to others
Excellent effort with learning new spelling words.

Te Kete Aronui

Lachie

For an outstanding effort with your maths number bonds.

Mackenzie D
McKenzie R

For showing courage and self discipline in the kete
For striving to do her best in all schooling, especially the maths starter.

Alex S
Maru

For great work in your Fraction Maths
For your enthusiasm during our Basketball sessions

Brooke

For working collaboratively and enthusiastically to produce a movie trailer.

Community Notices

Saturday Music Open Day

We offer music lessons to children aged from 4 years old to the end of year 8 in the following instruments: 'cello,choir,clarinet,drums,flute,French horn, guitar, junior flute (fife), keyboard, music basics, orchestra, recorder, saxophone, trombone, trumpet and violin.

Come along to the Saturday music open day on **Saturday 29th August 9.00am-11.30am in the Palmerston North Intermediate School Hall, South Street, Palmerston North.**

See our website: www.Saturdaymusic.org.nz.

Manawatu Lawn Tennis

Junior Interclub Registration: Sunday 13th September. Primary: year 1-6 9am.. Please bring your racquet and wear appropriate footwear.

For more information please contact Jenny Curtis - 354 6271 or jennycurtis@hotmail.co.nz

