

Term 3 Week 6 28th August 2015

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora Koutou, Nga mihi kia koutou

Next week is Book Week! Yipee!!! Every day the children will be treated to something special related to 'Leaping off the Page'. We have mystery guest readers daily, a dress up as your favourite book character on Wednesday, followed by the book and bake sale. Thursday is our guest author, with bedtime stories for Years 1 and 2 that evening.

We hope everyone will get involved in some way. The dress up parade is on Wednesday morning just after 9am - come along and watch if you can.

WELCOME

We welcome Miss Alisha Spekking to our teaching team. Alisha is joining us as the third teacher in Te Kete Manawa (TKM) while Ben McCarthy is on extended sick leave. We are looking forward to Alisha sharing her skills and enthusiasm with the TKM learners - she has just returned home after several months teaching in the UK.

Ben is now recuperating at home, and already missing the learners in TKM and his extended whanau here at school!

MULTI TURF

It is really exciting to have this project underway! The children are enjoying watching the construction from behind the safety fencing.

None of this would have been possible without the support of the: Eastern and Central Community Trust, Lion Foundation, Mainland Foundation, Blue Sky Community Trust, and of course our own PTA and Board of Trustees - who all made significant contributions. We sincerely thank everyone.

DIGI AWARDS

The children have all been having great fun learning new skills using digital technology. You will be amazed at some of the clever things they can create using an electronic device.

We are showcasing this by holding our own Hokowhitu School Digi Awards evening on Wednesday 16th September from 5.30 - 6.30pm. Do come along and see creations made by children from across the whole school.

Following this, we will send eligible entries into the Manawatu Digi Awards competition.

WORLD OF MATHS

Unfortunately, this roadshow has had to be postponed again - the presenter is now unwell and on leave. We have therefore, reluctantly decided not to risk rebooking again this year. Many of you have paid \$5 per child for this show. We are therefore proposing holding the payment in your family account, to be used (as you choose) for an upcoming PTA lunch, or an EOTC experience, or end of year related activities. If you would prefer to have the \$5.00 refunded, please send a note to the school office (or phone us) and request this. For obvious reasons we do not want to send cash home with children unless you have asked us to do so.

We are sorry, you can imagine the administrative nightmare things like this create for our ever patient Office Manager Juls.

(We haven't forgotten that most people had made their payment for the marae visit too - we are still hopeful that we can provide this experience).

2016 ENROLMENTS

The ballot for Term 1 and 2 out of zone enrolments will be held on Monday, 21st September. All enrolment forms for children starting school between February and July of next year must be received by the 18th September to be included in the ballot. This includes siblings of current students. It is really helpful for us to have any 2016 enrolments completed, even for in zone families, as it aids our planning.

THANK YOU

My very sincere thanks to everyone who has read this far into the newsletter. We take pride in providing you with current and open communication EVERY single Friday.

PLEASE expect to find a newsletter in school bags on a Friday, and please take the time to read it as it really is important that you know when things are coming up, when school is closing early, when cut off dates and times are coming up for fundraisers etc.

Newsletters are pinned into the noticeboard on a Friday - so you can always check when you do the drop off/pick up.

The school's website www.hokowhitu.school.nz also has newsletters and calendars to assist.

Our 'school app' is another fantastic way to be 'up with the play'. Weekly newsletters are posted here along with the calendar of upcoming events. Go to the App store on your smartphone, search Hokowhitu School and download - you will receive timely alerts as well too!

Lin Dixon

Principal

Celebrating Learning

Persuasive Writing ~ by Will

Where should Kiwi live?

Kiwi should always be in the zoo or sanctuary because dogs and hunters might hurt them if they are not in a zoo or sanctuary

Mickey Mouse for Prime Minister

My opinion is Mickey Mouse would make a great Prime Minister because he would make funny rules for kids. He would make it the funniest part of the whole, entire planet. He might take us to Disneyland and it would be so much fun.

Persuasive Writing by Maximus

Where should Kiwi live?

Kiwi should sometimes be in the bush because they can make friends with other kiwi. They should be in the zoo as well because if they get hurt they would get fixed

Mickey Mouse for Prime Minister

I think Mickey Mouse would not be a good Prime Minister because he speaks mouse language and we speak English words. It would not be good because he would make silly rules and might say we can have all day off school.

Sports

Hockey:

Draw for this week:

Team	Vs	Field	Time
Hokowhitu Eagles	Te Kawau Greensticks	11B	9am
Hokowhitu Thunderbirds	Winchester Vikings	10B	10am
Hokowhitu Firebirds	CSNS MiniC	4A	9am
Hokowhitu Mini Sticks	Tiritea Tyros	3B	9am

Netball: Saturday 15th August – Hokowhitu Kererus vs Winchester. Winchester won 11-4. Congratulations to Katarina, our player of the day for showing great resilience when she returned to the game after an injury
Saturday 22nd August – Hokowhitu Kererus vs Winchester. Hokowhitu won 5-2. Congratulations to the whole team on a great end to the season! Good luck for the Ricoh Inter-school tournament this Friday.

Results: **Eagles:** Hokowhitu Eagles vs Russell Street. Russell St School won 4-3. Player of the day was Morgan.

Thunderbirds:

Ministicks: The Ministicks lost their game on Saturday 2-6. Player of the day: Oilly for great defence,

Achievement Awards

Rūma Tahī (1)

Cameron & Devika For wonderful manners at school

Rūma Toru (3)

Lachlan For stepping up to be the best he can be by being a fabulous Wise Owl at mat time.
Malakai Being a super helper around Ruma Toru on behalf of his classmates.

Tararua Tigers

Varvara, Fergus & Zachary For a fantastic start to learning at Hokowhitu School.

Rūma Wha (4)

Ryan For trying really hard to stay focused on his work. Well done my friend!

Rūma Ono (6)

Iliana For excellent letter writing
Oscar For a great effort in statistics, making graphs and looking for information
Tatiana For showing lots of effort and improvement in your reading

Rūma Waru (8)

Chase & Will For striving to be the best you can be
Brooklyn & Annabelle For being fabulous computer monitors

Rūma Iwa (9)

Shoki For working so well in Ruma Iwa
Ella-Maree For being such a great reader

Rūma Tekau (10)

Amelia Fantastic maths extension work
Juan Superb handwriting
Waata Te Piira Amazing writing skills

Te Kete Manawa

Jake & Al-Bara Great work as 'technical directors' and camera crew
Elisa & Lashaya Fantastic acting as part of the 'individuality music video'
Jasmine Excellent effort writing about why we need Zoos.
Tristan Spectacular writing about protecting the Kiwi
Riley Great effort aiming to write persuasively
Carli Fantastic effort learning to use an empty number line to solve maths problems
George Massive progress learning how to multiply numbers.

PTA

A huge thank you for all the pie orders we have received. Families with surnames A-L will have their pies to pick up on September 4th. If you are able to help with the sorting of pies on the 4th and haven't yet let us know, we would love to hear from you. Pie orders from families M-Z need to be back by the 4th September, with the delivery date of the 18th. If you are able to help with sorting pies on this date, please let us know.

Our last pizza fundraiser raised \$491.40 towards our EOTC programmes at school.

The next PTA meeting is the 8th September at 7.00pm. Hope to see you there!

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.

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