

From the Principal

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

We are in the final stages of planning our layout for 2016 and have some exciting changes to look forward to. The Year 0-2 areas of the Tararua team will be located in Rooms 1/2/3/4/5/6 and 7 - Ruma Rima (5) will be our brand new class and will form part of a new kete with Ruma Ono (6) and Whitu (7) once the building is complete. Year 3 learners will be in Te Kete Manawa TKM; Year 4/5 will be in Te Kete Aronui (TKA) and the Year 5/6 kete will be over on the 'island' in the soon to be developed Te Kete Tangaroa or TKT! This makes logical sense as we progress in an anticlockwise direction from our youngest learners around to the eldest.

Some of the building and modifications will not be undertaken until school finishes, so there will be changes over the holiday period.

ATHLETIC SPORTS - now 23rd November

Due to the wet start on Wednesday we had no option but to postpone our sports until Monday of next week. Please send your child to school in school uniform on Monday, but with their house t-shirt, water bottle, sunhat, sunblock and sensible shoes all packed ready for action!

The timing will remain the same - with the rotations commencing by 10.30am and finishing at approx. 12.30pm. Juicies will be on sale for \$1.00 at the end of the sports.

COMMUNICATION

We met at 7.45am on Wednesday morning and reluctantly decided to postpone the athletics. If you have the Hokowhitu School 'app' on your smartphone or iPad, you will have known this at 7.47am when the alert went out. You could then get on and plan your day without having to phone school to see if the sports were on or not.

We have purchased this app to be efficient and effective with reminders and important occurrences.

If you have a device that enables app downloads, please search Hokowhitu School in your app store and do so - it will save us all lots of time and you will not be missing deadlines etc.

FLEXIBLE LEARNING SPACES

The final parent session in this series is NEXT MONDAY 23rd NOVEMBER starting at 5.30pm. Do come if you haven't attended an open session yet, this is how we are offering to engage with and inform you about the future direction of learning at our school.

This session will include a walk through both of the existing kete and offers more of a description around the rationale and advantages to innovative learning spaces and their place in future focussed learning. Obviously you will not see classes in action at this time. We anticipate this meeting will be between 30 and 45 minutes.

Even if your child is not in a newly created flexible learning space next year, we are collaborating between teachers in regular rooms and also offering more choice and student ownership of their learning across the school. Its not all about the physical space (although they help), its all about the understandings and philosophy of preparing tomorrow's work force and leaders for a future considerably different to the current one.

We are hoping that our roll growth classroom will soon be underway - it has been a much slower process than we had hoped to work through the approval/consent stage. This will mean that some flexibility and resilience will need to be applied at the beginning of next year, but the little wait will be so worthwhile in the end!

PTA MEETING

Next Tuesday evening at 7pm, our PTA will meet in the staffroom. Among other items on the agenda, we will be planning for the Xmas Carnival and Prize giving on the 10th Dec. Do come along to the meeting and offer to help out as you can - you will be warmly welcomed!

MUFTI FUN DAY

Last Friday we raised a fantastic \$1,107.10c for the McCarthy whanau. Thank you so much for your generosity and best wishes that have been so warmly received by Ben and Miranda. Ben is responding well to his treatment.

Thank you to the PTA (and other helpers) for preparing, cooking and serving the sausage sizzle lunch on Wednesday. It was really well received by everyone.

Nga mihi

Lin Dixon
 Principal

Sports Results

Soccer

Under 7-- narrowly lost
 Under 9 ~ fought hard. 0-5. Player of the day was Zoe.
 Under 11 Orange ~ lost 3-1. Player of the day was Isaac
 Under 11 Green ~ won 2-0.

Hockey

Hokowhitu Hotshots lost their game 4-3 to College Street. Player of the day was Elion for fantastic defending. The whole team is playing together really well and are showing impressive improvement in their stick skills.
 Hokowhitu Hobbits played Riverdale Dolphins. The score was 2-3 to Riverdale. It was a very close game. Player of the day was Tyler for playing hard!
 Hokowhitu Flames played against Somerset. We won 2-0. Player of the day was Olivia.
 Hokowhitu Heroes played against Winchester. We won 2-0. The players of the day were Levi and Morgan.
 Hokowhitu Hawkes vs Aokautere. We lost 6-0. Player of the day was Grace.

Cricket

Hokowhitu Stags lost to Russell Street by 69 runs. A tough game against a very good team but a great effort from the boys. 3 run outs and 2 wickets to Mason. Ethan top scored with 17. Player of the day was Mason
 Hokowhitu Knights lost to Te Kawau by 7 wickets.

Achievement Awards

Tararua Tigers

Grace, Cooper, Dylan, Joshua & Katelyn
 For a brilliant beginning as learners at Hokowhitu School

Rūma Tahi (1)

Nicola & Myles
 For sharing their special things with others

Rūma Rua (2)

Samantha Max & Christopher
 For showing enthusiasm in everything!
 For being very considerate.

Rūma Toru (3)

Thomas Oliver
 For great team work, putting in extra effort!
 Sitting amazingly well in assembly for the whole assembly and holding your pencil correctly.

Rūma Wha (4)

Wairehu & Lyrik
 You have both shown great enthusiasm during our athletics sessions - well done!

Ruma Ono (6)

Tiria Thomas
 For showing fantastic expression and description in your writing
 For making good progress in your reading

Rūma Whitu (7)

Oscar Eli Luna
 Worker of the week
 Congratulations on earning your pen licence
 We have really enjoyed you being a part of Ruma Whitu. Best wishes for a safe return to Argentina.

Rūma Waru (8)

Silas & Will Waho Brooklyn
 For being maths whizzes!
 For a fabulous pogo stick inquiry
 For clever writing

Rūma Iwa (9)

Shoki Olivia C
 For always being a diligent and thoughtful classmate
 For always working hard and striving to do her best.

Rūma Tekau (10)

Amelia Ariana Amelia
 Wonderful reading
 Excellent bookwork
 Striving hard in writing
 Happy 7th birthday Tioke

Te Kete Aronui

Summer Pheonix Jared
 For striving to improve your mathematics by being pro-active
 For an awesome effort in your GLOSS testing
 For working well on your writing

Meenu

For great self management skills and a consistently high effort with literacy work.

Xavier

For striving to improve your mathematics by being pro-active.

Morgan

For creativity with your board game.

Alex G

Lachy G
 For a great effort with your reading group
 For your excellent thinking during inquiry

Emma

For finding out the rules in growing patterns in mathematics.

Celebrating Learning

For the last two weeks in TKA we have had a homework challenge to create something that can measure time. The clocks ranged from sand-clocks, pendulums, a coded timer and even a clock made of Lego. As you may know our Inquiry Unit at the moment is Innovation and Invention, making these clocks covers the inventions part.

Well done everybody!
 ~ by Jack



PTA

Juicies will be on sale Monday lunchtime after our Athletics Day. \$1.00 each.

Community Notice

Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School - second hand uniform sale
 Friday 18th December in the school staffroom ~ 4.00 to 6.00pm Cash and EFTPos
 New School uniform is available from Gillespies Value House and Physical Education/sports uniform from Academy Apparel.