

Term 3 Week 7 4th September 2015

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora Koutou, Nga mihi kia koutou

What great fun Book Week has been. The children have been 'immersed' in books with guest readers, guest speakers, reading in their dressing gowns at school, coming dressed as their favourite book character - just about everything you can think of that has been 'fun' with books.

A huge amount of work goes into co-ordinating these things - special thanks to Lynne Handcock, Amy Guerin and Susan Janssen as the organising team.

Sincere thanks to all our guest readers, Sarah S, Susan C and the PTA team who assisted at the Book and Bake sale, and EVERYONE who baked and/or bought baking. We were absolutely delighted with the support you showed with providing yummy baking and pre-loved books.

\$1587.00 was raised and this has covered all costs associated with Book Week including the special performance by storyteller Mary Kippenberger. Wow!

Mary not only enthralled the whole school with her performance, but then 40 lucky Ruhine team students were treated to drama workshops for the rest of the day.

PTA MEETING

Our PTA does FANTASTIC things for us as a school. They raise funds for so many varied and exciting experiences/resources for OUR children, they support the teaching team by helping out at community events, and along the way - they also have lots of laughs and fun too.

The next meeting of the PTA is at 7pm next Tuesday, 8th September in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome, come along and meet some new people and join the fun.

DIGI AWARDS

Make sure that Wednesday 16th September (from 5.30 - 6.30pm) is circled on your calendar. We warmly invite you to school to view and enjoy the digital learning of our children.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to Rhys W who won the TKA speech competition earlier this week. Rhys will now represent our school at the Rotary Speech Festival next Monday. In second place was Hannah M and 3rd place went to Angus G/M - congratulations to all finalists - we were most impressed in the quality of you all!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please support us in ensuring that your child/ren wear the correct regulation school uniform each day. There is a limited range of second hand uniform for sale in the office, at very reasonable prices.

Term 4 is also a 'no hat, no play' term so timely to be getting sunhats ready. Hats cost \$10 from the school office.

Lin Dixon

Principal

Celebrating Learning

Congratulations to all the participants in the Ricoh Sports Tournament last Friday. You all did so well!



Te Kete Aronui Speech Competitions

Te Kete Aronui had our final speech competitions on Tuesday, judged by Mrs Dixon and Mr Bradnock. The results were:

1 st	-	Rhys	'The impact of robots on our generation'
2 nd	-	Hannah M	'Students should be allowed to go on holidays during the school Term.'
3 rd	-	Angus	'Why my speech is the best'

Also, congratulations to Grace, Jacob and Katarina for making it into the finals. We were blown away by the high standard of speeches!

Sports

Hockey:

Draw for this week:

Team	Vs	Field	Time
Hokowhiti Eagles	Aokautere Rockets	12B	9am
Hokowhiti Thunderbirds	CCS Force	10A	10am
Hokowhiti Firebirds	St James' Sticks	3B	9am
Hokowhiti Mini Sticks	Awahou Rocks	4A	9am

Results: **Eagles:** Result from Saturday 29th August. Eagles won 4-2. Player of the day was Jack B.

Thunderbirds: Thunderbirds had a win against Winchester Vikings 4-2. Player of the day was Grace

Ministicks: Lost their game on Saturday. Players of the day: Brenna and Dante

Achievement Awards

Rūma Tahī (1)

Brooklyn, Bella & Nicola For writing very interesting stories

Rūma Rua (2)

All of Ruma Rua for wonderful learning in gymnastics

Rūma Toru (3)

Charlotte For trying new things and persisting at gymnastics
Annie For writing a sentence all by herself in English.

Tararua Tigers

Paige For a brilliant start to learning with us at Hokowhiti School.

Rūma Wha (4)

Crystal You are always striving to do your best - Well done my friend!
Liam For always lending a helping hand to others. You are a great friend. Well done!

Rūma Ono (6)

Charlotte For showing fantastic effort and improvement in writing
Presley For showing good focus and effort at maths time
Arapata For showing a great attitude and enthusiasm in all of his learning.

Rūma Whitu (7)

Emerald Worker of the week
Jeremy, Eli & Ben For breaking numbers into parts successfully to solve problems.

Rūma Waru (8)

Angelo Excellent reading skills
Havana & Tyler Clever maths place value thinking

Rūma Iwa (9)

Olivia D For consistently doing her best in all areas of her learning and being a helpful, kind classmate
Mickael For always striving to do his best in all areas of his learning! Ka pai.

Rūma Tekau (10)

Lenny Hard work during maths
Belle Beautiful work presentation
Callum Excellent maths strategies

Te Kete Manawa

Emily C You are really confident speaking in front of others and honour visitors with enthusiasm
Tristan Excellent progress with learning your times tables
Kade Fantastic effort and involvement in PE and sport recently
Grace For always persevering with your learning
Alex For being extra helpful and kind to others
Hannah For being trustworthy and reliable
Zoe For being enthusiastic towards learning
Noah E For extra effort during our Writing Workshops this week
Lucas For always completing the tasks on your tracking sheet and trying your best with learning.

Te Kete Aronui

Brooke For working really hard on her book trailer
Iona For showing courage in becoming more active in math starters
Shaun For improved effort in his writing group
Nikitta For showing courage by getting up and doing her speech
Mitchell For presenting a well constructed speech
Isaac For showing courage by saying his speech in front of the whole kete
Jackson For producing a high quality photo essay
Mackenzie For showing courage and persevering with her speech presentation
Katarina For showing outstanding leadership skills when being a school ambassador
Quinlan For persevering with his book trailer and remaining on' task
Milla For persistence with editing and improving her writing

PTA

Just a reminder that families with surnames A-L who ordered pies, these will be ready to pick up **today**. Pie orders for families with surnames M-Z need to be handed in **today**, they will be ready to be picked up on the 18th September.

Thanks for all the donations of books and baking for our Book and Bake Sale. It was a huge success and we really appreciate your continued support.