

From the Principal

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

Thank you very much to everyone who came and supported the athletics sports on Monday. Our thanks to Reece Hawkins and Dean Parsons for their great organisation. Congratulations to all the children who 'strived to be the best they could be'.
 A team of senior athletes have now been selected to represent us next Tuesday 1st Dec at the interschool event at the Massey track. Permission slips and transport help offers should by now be back at school.

CONGRATULATIONS

Scott Larsen, one of our valued members of the Support Staff team graduates today with his Bachelor of Arts (majoring in Education) degree. Scott has also been accepted into the Graduate Diploma of Teaching programme for next year - so a double well done!

RTL B

For many years we have had 3 RTL B - Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour based here at Hokowhitu School. Following a restructure within their system, all the RTL B are now based at Milson School. On behalf of our school I attended a mihi whakatau earlier in the week to support Andrea, Karen and Dina as they were welcomed to their new base.
 This does not mean we will not receive any further service from the RTL B, but it does mean they are not 'on site' as often.
 On a positive note, TKA will gratefully make use of the teaching space this has freed up.

TARARUA 1 VISIT TO DANNEVIRKE

Excitement is building as the youngest learners in our school prepare for their Education Outside the Classroom experience next Tuesday. The bus leaves at 9am, so don't be late!!! We expect the travellers to return to school at approx. 2.45pm, ready for dismissing at 3pm.

FLEXIBLE LEARNING SPACES

Thank you to everyone who made the time to come and view the kete and hear more about the 'why' for change in the way we are delivering the curriculum.
 It has been suggested that another 'open session' sometime in Term 1 would be valued by parents as well - we are happy to offer this next year.

In the last 2 weeks we have hosted two groups of Principals/BoT members from schools in the Wairarapa who have been particularly interested in viewing our fantastic learning environments.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Our final meeting for 2015 is next Wednesday, starting at 5.30pm in the staffroom. Meetings are public and everyone welcome.

FAREWELL ASSEMBLY

We are honouring Gaylene Thompson with a special assembly next Friday afternoon. The assembly will commence at 2.15pm - parents and/or ex pupils are most welcome to join us for this occasion to formally farewell Miss T! Gaylene has been the Assistant Principal here at Hokowhitu for a remarkable 27 years. Her service to the school will be fondly remembered by many, many of us.

*A message from the McCarthy whanau
 We would like to thank the Hokowhitu School whanau and community for the very special well wishes through cards, gifts, kai, fundraising, art works, you tube clips, busking and the recent mufti day. The aroha through kaiako, tamariki and whanau is heartfelt. What an awesome community!
 Arohanui,
 Ben, Miranda, Tyler and Lara*

Nga mihi

Lin Dixon
 Principal

Sports Results

Soccer

Under 7 ~ close fought game. Just pipped. Welcome to our two new players, Finn and Lasela. Ka pail
 Under 9 ~ well fought game. 0-5 result. Player of the day was Zoe. Great work kids!
 Under 11 Orange ~ great 4-0 win. Player of the day was Paige. Well done team!
 Under 11 Green ~ Great game. A draw. Excellent work and player of the day was Sam.

Hockey

Hokowhitu Hotshots won their game this week 3-0. Player of the day was Sam H.
 Hokowhitu Hobits played Cornerstone Christian School and we won 10-0. Player of the day went to Dante for being an awesome team player!

Cricket

Hokowhitu Stags 151 for 2 (Lachie 34 - including a 6 to retire, Shaun 32, Ethan 32) beat Wereroa 75 for 5 (Anzac, Logan - 2 wickets each). Player of the day: Lachie
 Hokowhitu Knights lost by one wicket to St Mary's School. Great game and all-round performance. Player of the day: Mitchell (3 wickets) and Thomas (best batting in the game from either team.)

ALL SPORTS UNIFORMS NEED TO BE WASHED AND RETURNED BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE. MR HAWKINS OR MR PARSONS.

Achievement Awards

Tararua Tigers

Coco & Sigmund For taking risks by trying new playground equipment they haven't used before

Rūma Tahī (1)

Aasha, Milla & Emily For helping others with their learning

Rūma Rua (2)

Sam For a big improvement in story writing
 Hunter For a big improvement in story writing

Rūma Toru (3)

Brenna For being a caring and supportive classmate
 Elizabeth For using her amazing mathematical mind to apply new strategies
 Cameron For being a great team player

Rūma Wha (4)

Chloe & Imogen You have both been making awesome progress in your writing my friends. Great hearing and recording of sounds!
 Crystal You have been striving to improve your writing by adding more detail. Well done!

Ruma Ono (6)

Presley For great improvement with your writing
 Joslyn For an excellent effort working out multiplication and division problems

Rūma Whitu (7)

Charlotte C Worker of the week
 Alex Clever maths work
 Taylor Great reading
 Steph Being a kind and helpful friend

Rūma Waru (8)

Erika, Emma & Silas For great problem solving skills
 Aashna, Emily & Ellabella For being committed learners

Rūma Iwa (9)

Sophie For her continued efforts to strive to be the best she can be!
 Hohepa For his continued efforts to strive to be the best he can be!

Rūma Tekau (10)

Charlie Showing wonderful respect
 Tioke Excellent writing quality
 Riley Using excellent similes

Te Kete Aronui

Bella For your enthusiasm and perseverance during maths
 Jessica For a great effort with your game instructions
 Ji For consistently using self-discipline to ensure your work is always completed.

Samuel For persevering with your writing and producing high quality work.
 McKenzie R For your enthusiasm during your maths workshops
 Quinlan For a great effort with your writing of cricket drills

Anzac For a great effort with your writing of cricket drills

Alex G For stepping up and taking a lead role in the development of her groups recipe book
 Heyden Farewell and all the best at your new school. You have been a great leader of the Whero house.

Bayley For working hard on his outside games instructional booklet.

Isaac For working hard on his outside games instructional booklet

Te Kete Manawa

Te Kete Manawa Congratulations to all our amazing learners. You have worked so incredibly hard at writing and literacy time this week.

Celebrating Learning ~ by Ruma Waru

Fish and Hot Dog Day

When our reward tray was full we voted for a delicious lunch. On Thursday we had a fish and hotdog day at school. My mum came to lunch and so did other mums and brothers and sisters and guests too. They were delivered to the classroom. They were \$2.50 for the lunch at school. We had separate bags for the lunch at school. The lunch was so yummy for me and my mum also. They were greasy for my fingers. I had a hot dog on bread and some chips too and my mum had fish and chips too. My mum had a great time and so did I.
 By Brooklyn

How to have a Snail Race

1. Find some snails
2. Put them on the start line.
3. Put their favourite food at the finish line
4. In snail language say, "On your marks, get set, go!"
5. Wait until a snail wins

By Erika

School Notice

Swimming Pool

The pool will be available for use from Wednesday next week! Pool keys will be available for sale from Wednesday 2nd December until 3.30pm on Friday 11th December from the office (no keys will be available after this date) The key allows for pool use after school, at weekends and during the school holidays. The price is \$60 for families who have paid their school donation and \$100 for those families who have not.
 A 'conditions of use' form is required to be signed by a person over the age of 16 when purchasing a key.

Morning Tea

The staff really appreciates the help we have received from parents throughout the year in so many areas. Without your support we would not be able to attend camp, school trips and the invaluable help in the classroom is very much appreciated. To those parents we say a big thank you and would like to invite you to a morning tea to be held on Tuesday 8th December at 11.00am in the hall. If you would like to attend please let Juls know in the office or phone 357 9667 by Friday 4th December. Thank you!

PTA

Xmas Carnival/School Prize Giving

*Have you got a great Butter Chicken recipe or a Chicken Curry recipe, that can be cooked in a Slow Cooker or Crockpot?
 If so we would love to use it for our Xmas Carnival/School Prize giving. And we would love to find a parent who is able to cook Naan Bread or Roti with the use of a BBQ, as their hot plate.*

If you are able to help, please phone Susan Calkin, 027 3797798 or see Lin Dixon or Sam Bradnock. Many Thanks, the PTA.