

# Term 3 Week 8 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015

## From the Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

**Kia Ora Koutou, Nga mihi kia koutou**

It is exciting watching the progress of our all-weather turf. Just watching the machinery working has provided great experience for some of our youngest learners and motivated them in their writing. Great writing usually comes out of real experiences - children need to have seen/tried/be shown something to have things to write about! The project could well be complete by the end of this term and then we can enjoy another 'dry' area for sports and play.

### POLICE VETTING

One of the many ways that our Board of Trustees undertakes to ensure child safety is to require all adults attending overnight camps, and those who work 1:1 with children, to be police vetted prior to participation. This process is currently taking 2 - 3 months to complete, due to new regulations under the Vulnerable Children's Act.

For this reason if you think it is likely that you will want to attend camps with your child, you should be completing the approval for me to apply now. This requires you calling into the office with 2 forms of identification - either a current passport or birth certificate AND your driver's licence.

### PTA

The second delivery of pie and lamington orders will be here next Friday (18<sup>th</sup> Sep). If you have a large order, please come to school at 3pm to help your child get them home.

We thank everyone who supported this fundraiser - experiences like school camp and EOTC activities can be quite expensive and the PTA is currently raising funds to assist with these experiences for YOUR child/ren.

The PTA and Board of Trustees have collectively approved and funded Stage 1 of our Grounds Beautification project. This starts with the building of a large planter box and extra seating between the footpath and driveway at the entrance to the school. We are excited to be replacing the existing buxus hedging that is not doing well!

### DIGI AWARDS

Some of you will be aware of the Manawatu Digi Awards event that is held annually in the Regent Theatre. This showcases the 'finest' digital learning from schools across the whole Manawatu area.

Our school plans to again enter our very best pieces into this year's November event.

We have decided to have our own Digi-Awards event this year. This gives an opportunity to view the many exciting things our children are producing with ICT (Information Communication Technology) across the school.

Make sure that next Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September (from 5.30 - 6.30pm) is circled on your calendar. We warmly invite you to come to school to view and enjoy the digital learning of our children. Each class will be represented, so we are hoping for a really good turnout of parents and supporters.

Tickets are FREE and family passes available at the office. Get yours before they run out!

### 2016 ENROLMENTS

Next Friday is the last day to return enrolment requests for 'out of our home zone' children turning 5 in Terms 1 and 2 of next year. This includes current/former siblings and children of ex pupils of the school who do not live in zone. The ballot will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> September.

### 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. There is also a HUGE quantity of uniform items sitting in lost property - do check there repeatedly when you have mislaid something as eventually the vast majority of unclaimed polar fleeces find their way there.

Please note that girls may wear PLAIN navy blue tights or long navy socks - not track suit pants or patterned tights under their skort.

Terms 4 and 1 are also 'no hat, no play' terms so it is timely to be getting sunhats ready. Hats cost \$10 from the school office.

Lin Dixon

Principal

## Sports

Hockey:

Draw for this week:

Team	Vs	Field	Time
Hokowhiti Eagles	Huntley	12A	9am
Hokowhiti Thunderbirds	Riverdale Rebels	10A	10am
Hokowhiti Firebirds	Whakarongo White Sticks	3A	9am
Hokowhiti Mini Sticks	St James' Sticks	4B	9am

## Achievement Awards

### Rūma Tahi (1)

Cameron & Devika

For a very positive attitude towards their learning

### Rūma Toru (3)

Pare-Ariki  
Mohammad

For his improvement in Kiwi Gym Skills  
For always being responsible keeping his workstation tidy.

### Rūma Wha (4)

Katie

You are writing some amazing stories and have been taking risks with sounding out tricky words - well done

Lilly-Anne

It is awesome to see you trying new things and having a go!

### Rūma Ono (6)

Thomas  
Amanaki  
Tiria & Oscar

Great work figuring out maths patterns  
Excellent basketball skills  
Fantastic postcard writing

### Rūma Whitu (7)

Gracie  
Maiya, Oliver,  
Steph & Gracie

Worker of the week  
Congratulations - you have won a pen licence for amazing book work

### Rūma Waru (8)

Kael  
Ruby  
Waho  
Maximus & Regan

For a much improved attitude to writing and maths  
For always striving to be the best she can be  
For setting his own goals  
Your enthusiasm and kindness is appreciated in our classroom

### Rūma Iwa (9)

Olivia C

For consistently striving to do her best in all areas of her work. Ka pail

Zahara

For her fabulous improvement in her reading and writing and always striving to produce her best work

### Rūma Tekau (10)

Elina  
Nic

Great handwriting  
Super maths knowledge

### Te Kete Aronui

Bayley  
Makayla  
Chance

Showing respect in all areas  
Stepping up and producing an excellent bookmark  
Persevering with your book week contract

Anzac

For showing respect and responsibility by keeping our school tidy

Meenu

For showing creativity in her book week contract

Ethan

For making a conscious effort to remain on task and engaged in his learning

Rhianna

For showing creativity in her book week contract.

## Celebrating Learning

Plant to Plate Aotearoa came to our school. We did many things in their two sessions. In my group we did gardening first. I had to write my name on a sticky rectangle and then put it on a cup. We put soil and barley seeds in the cup then watered them. We are keeping them in the classroom near sunlight. They will grow hair which we can cut later - by Charlotte



When the volunteers from Plant to Plate worked with my group we had a salad. I cut spring onions. We also made some smoothies with banana, kiwifruit and a whole lot of ice. I liked the smoothies because I liked their taste with the mix of two fruits. We sat at tables which was all set up to look like a restaurant. The apple crumble dessert was the best!  
By Eli.



**Tall Poppies Enrolment forms due:** Please ensure the Tall Poppies enrolment forms are returned with your child for next Monday lunchtime's class.

If the forms have been lost, these are available on our website:

[www.tallpoppiesdrama.co.nz](http://www.tallpoppiesdrama.co.nz)

For more information regarding our programme, phone Carmen Wilson on 021 298 0377.

## Hokowhiti Kindergarten

Attend 30 hours at Hokowhiti Kindergarten for free. Hokowhiti Kindergarten has spaces available for 3 and 4 year old children. Hours are 8.30am -2.30pm Monday-Friday from Term 4 2015. Up to 30 hours attendance is free if you attest your child's full 20 hours Government funding. That's a bonus of 10 hours free. All teachers are 100% qualified. You are welcome to pop into the kindergarten - 25 Franklin Avenue or contact us via phone 357 8816 or e-mail: Hokowhiti@ruahinekindergartens.org.nz