

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia Ora Koutou. Nga mihi kia koutou

By the time you are reading this newsletter, Term 3 will be completed.

We look forward to the very busy Term 4 - expected highlights include EOTC experiences for children across the whole school, another visit from Dinah Harvey from Advisors Plus to enhance teacher skills in the teaching of mathematics and of course seeing the outcomes from the modernisation in Block 1! Science-based inquiry learning will also have a continued focus.

MISS SALTER

Our very best wishes go with Hilary Salter whose parental leave officially begins today. We will now be waiting in eager anticipation of baby's safe arrival Hilary!

We look forward to Hilary's return in 2015.

2015 ENROLMENTS

Do you have a child due to start school in 2015? Do you know someone who intends to enrol their child/ren at our school in 2015?

It is really important that we have an accurate picture of 'intended enrolments' as we have a growing roll, and we are in the early stages of working with the Ministry of Education exploring ways to manage our numbers.

OPEN AFTERNOON

It was great that some people were able to take the opportunity to see 'learning in action' in the Ruahine team earlier this week. Thanks to the teaching team for making this happen.

The modernisation and 'opening up' of the flexible learning spaces will begin over the holidays.

It will be really important that ALL the children stay well clear of the construction areas next term - the builders need to be able to work uninterrupted, and we need everyone to be safe!

Work will continue throughout Term 4 and be finalised in the Xmas break.

There will be movement of classes over the term - Rooms 9, 10 and 11 will spend the last part of the year in the hall, Rooms 3, 4 and 5 will move to their 'new permanent' location in Rooms 9/10 and 11. These moves are likely to occur at the end of Week 2, but we will keep you informed.

CONGRATULATIONS

After recently entering the ICAS English Competition the following students have had their results returned. Congratulations to Lauren (credit award), Chenuka, Hiroshi, Ajay and Robert (participation awards).

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

School is now closed for the Term 3 break and reopens for Term 4 at 8.50am on Monday the 13th October.

Sunhats are required from Day 1 of next term. The 'no school hat, no play' rule will be enforced.

We are a 'uniform' school. This means that there is an expectation that ALL children wear the correct school uniform. We have a number of non-uniform items appearing at the moment - please rectify this over the holiday break. **Shoes should be either black or brown (and school sensible).**

We are also a 'water' (and milk) only school. Fonterra supplies us with milk to offer the children at 10am each day. Other than this, water is the only drink suitable for drink bottles or lunch boxes.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe term break. We look forward to seeing the children at 8.30am on the 13th October.

Lin Dixon

Principal

School Notices

Nits/Lice

From time to time these annoying creatures find their way into classes. They are not selective on where they make their home, however there are a few things you can do to help. If you have a girl with long hair, make sure it is tied back. Don't share brushes, combs, bike helmets, beanies, hats etc.

If we become aware that a specific class has nits/lice we will send a notice home with your child so you are aware and can check your child's hair.

School Management System

We are making a major change in our school management system (the system that stores all data on your child such as addresses, contact phone numbers etc.) While we are fairly sure that the information from the old system has transferred correctly we would like to double check that this has happened.

We have sent home a sheet of paper outlining the details we hold on your child. Please check these are correct - add/amend and return to the office as soon as possible. If there is any information not on the form that you think we need to know such as new medical details etc - please add. Also if you have legal documents such as parenting orders etc please ensure we have an up to date copy. Thank you!

STRIVE

Our focus virtue for this week is the letter 'R' ~ Respect.

Respect is an attitude of caring about people and treating them with dignity. Respect is valuing ourselves and others. We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy. When we are respectful we treat others as we want to be treated. Respect includes honouring the rules of our family or school, which make life more orderly and peaceful. It is knowing that every man, woman and child deserves respect, including you.

SPORTS NEWS

Sports Notice:

We were thrilled with the number of children wanting to play summer sport and returning their forms on time. However it is very sad to have to tell children that it is too late to join a team as they did not get their form in on time. You will appreciate that we have to meet deadlines for registering teams which is why we have to have a cut off date. Please read the notices and newsletters that come home and ensure that they are returned on time. Thank you.

Achievement Awards

Rūma Tahī

Josh & Ben For a great science experiment

Rūma Rua

Jin For outstanding and consistently high standard of work, collaboration and learning efficiency.

Maddy For aiming higher with improved focus.

Zachary & Flynn Scientific process and learning.

Rūma Toru

All of the students in Ruma Toru For another great term in Ruma Toru being wonderful learners and workers.

Ruma Wha

Max Welcome to Hokowhitu School. You have made a great start in Ruma Wha

Angelo Champion speller

Rūma Rima

Hera Fabulous improvement in her reading and writing

Emily Fabulous improvement in her reading and writing

Rūma Ono

Emma For your hard work in creating a thoughtful and detailed report about a frog

Scarlet For 100 nights home reading

Maximus/Grace Always a fantastic, positive attitude towards your learning and completes work to a very high standard.

Rūma Whitu

Sam For having a great term at school - you have tried your very best!

Max For writing amazing stories every day - you have a brain full of words!

Rūma Waru

Ryley Showing amazing respect!
Charlotte Always trying her very best!

Thank you all for a great term, Ruma Waru Warriors

Rūma Iwa

Elion For stepping up and getting his work done on time

Olivia For striving for independence in class
Xingang For excellent explanations of the human body

Rūma Tekau

Hannah, George & Alex Fantastic effort with our science experiments

Rūma Tekau Mā Tahī

Molly, Kiilani & Taylor Using lots of enthusiasm as learners.

Fantastic progress in Term 3.

Rūma Tekau Mā Wha

Tylah & Serena Showing enthusiasm across all school work
Edmund & Blake Creative writing

Rūma Tekau mā rima

Shama Worker of the week

Vincent For editing your writing and doing a great job

Alex & Emily-Dora For progress in reading and written language.

Rūma Tekau mā ono

Ashton, Charlotte & Oscar For being clever maths thinkers

Kayla, Verity & Madeleine Your friendliness is appreciated

Al-Bara For your enthusiasm in writing explanations

Celebrating Learning

Writing to Explain by **Rūma Whitu**

Scarecrows - by Sam

Scarecrows are not real. They are meant to scare away Australian Magpies. The only thing that you can do to make them talk would be to put a radio in their head.

Scarecrows - by Caitlin

How does the scarecrow do its job? Well it scares the birds away by looking like a person. Scarecrows are made out of wood and straw and old clothes with floppy hats. I wonder if the scarecrow is very tired?



PTA

Pizza Lunch

Thank you to all that supported the Pizza lunch on Wednesday and to all the parents and teachers that helped make it a success. \$550 dollars was raised which will be all going towards Education Outside The Classroom for our children in the 4th term.

Pie Fundraiser

Next term the PTA will be running a Pie Fundraiser, dates to be arranged. As this takes a lot of planning and organisation we will be looking at volunteers to help us with either collating orders or helping out with sorting and distributing pies which normally takes an afternoon from 1-3. More information will be coming out in the beginning of the 4th term.

Hope you all have a safe school holidays.

Community Notices

There are amazing school holiday sports programme that are available for students these holidays. Netball, T-ball, Badminton, Squash and Sport Manawatu offer great sports experiences for your children. Check out our sports notice board or contact Sport Manawatu.

Robotics Course

Year 5/6 Robotics Course at St Peters College 7-8 October 9am-3pm \$150. Contact Stephan van Haren. Email: vanharens@stperspns.school.nz

Freyberg High School

Would you like to be a homestay family? Freyberg High School is looking for quality homestay families who can provide a warm and caring environment for the right international student.

Homestay families receive a fortnightly payment. If you are interested in being a homestay family, we would love to hear from you! Please contact the Homestay Manager, Freyberg High School: 06 358 4971 ext 781