

*From the Principal*

Dear Parents/Caregivers  
**Kia Ora Koutou. Nga mihi kia koutou**

By the time you are reading this newsletter the final curtain will have dropped on the 2014 season of our Major Production. I would like to congratulate the children on their performances on the stage and also acknowledge the many, many children we have who show excellent self-management skills. The kids who STRIVE to be the best they can be - in the classroom, on the stage, out in the playground - everywhere! These children do not need constant redirection about the way they are managing themselves - they get on with the business of having fun while learning and allow others to do the same. Ka pai to mahi!

I would also like to acknowledge the immense amount of work that staff have put into the production - Priscilla Gifford Moore has had the lead role in co-ordinating this event. Thank you Priscilla and the team!

Thank you to our very talented Ann-Marie Boyd who has composed our school song - "I want to be" - it is just lovely!

**FURNITURE**

The wooden desks have proven to be a real hit. While we thought we had sold out - we've found a few more that we are happy to sell for \$5.00.  
 Would anyone like a computer table? - \$5.00  
 Large wooden teacher desks (with drawers) - \$10.00.  
 Student councillors will be ready to make sales from under the covered way outside Ruma Tahi and Rua on Monday after school.

**ASSEMBLY**

Our regular school assembly will be held in the hall next Wednesday afternoon, starting at 2.20pm. The students from Ruma Iwa (9) and Whitu (7) will be the presenting classes. They would love an audience, so do come along if you can.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

The monthly meeting of our BoT is scheduled for 5.30pm next Thursday evening - 28<sup>th</sup> August. Meetings are public and interested members of our community are always welcome.

**BLOCK 1 MODERNISATION**

We have just received Ministry of Education approval to commence work creating 2 new 'flexible learning spaces' for use in the senior area of the school. While we are unsure of the exact start date or the exact length of time it will take, we are confident that the short-term disruption will be well worth the wait.  
 We will soon be holding a meeting for everyone interested to outline the rationale/ purpose/ and benefits to these new environments. You may have seen some TV coverage of these environments as they are being constructed for all the rebuilds of schools in Christchurch and in new schools across the country.

**CAN YOU HELP?**

Does anyone have a beanbag at home that is surplus to your requirements? If so, we would love to have it here at school.

**SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL GATE**

A plea to ask adults to be responsible with motor vehicles around the school, ESPECIALLY just before and just after school. While on duty yesterday I saw cars pulling out of the staff car park (there is **no** parking available in either of the staff car parks). I also saw 3 vehicles pull out and complete U turns within a few metres of the school patrol.  
 The lives of our children are at risk when cars do things that may cause accidents! Let's be extra careful to ensure this doesn't happen.

Lin Dixon  
 Principal

**School Notices**

**School photos**

Our class/individual and team photos will be taken on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September. This year the format for ordering is different. Instead of ordering through an envelope system prior to photo shoot day, orders can be done on-line (except for sibling photos). Information about this process will be sent home via your child on **Monday** next week so please ensure you **check school bags** !!

**A note from Ruma Ono**

New World Mini's are perfect for Discovery Time!! Ruma Ono (Room 6) are setting up shop and would really appreciate any unwanted mini's you may have for discovery. Just drop them into Room 6! Thanks.

**Palmerston North Intermediate Normal Enrolment Forms for 2015**

A reminder that if you wish the school to return the completed enrolment forms for you to Intermediate you must have them back to the office by **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August**.

**STRIVE**

Our focus virtue for this week is the letter 'E' ~ enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is being inspired - full of spirit. It is being cheerful and happy. It is doing something wholeheartedly, with zeal and eagerness - giving 100% to what you do. Being enthusiastic is being excited about something, looking forward to it. It comes from having a positive attitude.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Hockey:** Results from last week:

**Hokowhitu A** ~ the children had a great game using teamwork on Saturday against Russell Street. The score was 7-4 to us! Well done to Ken who played exceptionally well and put in 100% effort throughout the whole game. He also scored a goal.  
**Hokowhitu B** ~ drew with St James 5 all in a very close fought game. Congratulations to Mia who scored her first goal of the season.  
**Hokowhitu C** ~ drew 3 all against Riverdale. Player of the day went to all 5 who turned up and as we didn't have any subs had to play a WHOLE game! Well done to Aiden, Aleisha, Ariana, Makenzie and Tioke. Thanks to Ariana's dad for all his help too!

Draw for 23 August:

Hokowhitu C vs RSS Phoenix	Field 1A	10.00am
Hokowhitu B vs OLOL Superstars	Field 2B	10.00am
Hokowhitu A vs St Joseph's Junior A's	Field 7A	9.00am



**Achievement Award**

**Rūma Tahi**

**Cameron** Working hard on managing herself  
**Denae** Working hard on managing herself

**Rūma Rua**

Congratulations Ruma Rua for all your hard work and a wonderful effort at the production.

**Rūma Toru**

**Olivia** For being a super reader  
**Elijah** For reading his books with expression

**Rūma Whā**

**John & Kotare** For working consistently at home and at school to improve their reading skills. Well done boys!!

**Rūma Rima**

**Hera** For her fabulous start to life in Ruma Rima  
**Lillie** For working hard at learning her alphabet

**Rūma Ono**

**Ella** A wonderful role model during production practice  
**Callum** You can spell so many fast words and write blend sounds!  
**Belle** For excellence in reading

**Rūma Whitu**

**Kael** For being enthusiastic about our production and giving his all at practise times!  
**Olivia F** For having a fabulous week at school, you have had a big smile on your face everyday!

**Rūma Waru**

**Hudson** Excellent writing skills  
**Ava** Always trying her very best  
**Jewelina** Happy 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Ruma Waru Warriors - I am super proud of you all. Your school production was absolutely amazing! Ka pai~ Mr Parsons

**Rūma Iwa**

**Quinlan** For showing excellence in his inquiry  
**Brooke** For determination and creativity in reading  
**Jacob** For great enthusiasm and discipline during production practise

**Rūma Tekau**

**Jake** Spectacular writing to explain!  
**Ji** Wonderful effort writing more factual pieces of writing

**Rūma Tekau Mā Wha**

**Daniel** For doing some super clever thinking about statistics  
**Oscar** For showing clever reading skills  
**Tiria & Ryan** For being enthusiastic learners

**Rūma Tekau mā rima**

**Evangeline** Worker of the week  
**Emily C, CJ & Mareko** Using a number line accurately to work out difficult maths problems

**Rūma Tekau mā ono**

**Annalise & Oliver** For clever memorising. Well done!  
**Oscar** For a commitment to be a tidy worker. Congratulations!  
**Mollie** For an improvement in your maths results. Tino pai!

**Celebrating Learning**

One warm sunny day I went to a cave. **Unfortunately** there was a rock and I tripped over it. **Fortunately** I found a plaster in my pocket. **Unfortunately** I woke up a bear and it chased me. **Fortunately** there was food in my back pack. **Unfortunately** I found heaps of spiders. **Fortunately** I found the way out of the cave. By Jack S – Room 15.

One sunny morning it was my news day for school. **Fortunately** I found some news. **Unfortunately** I forgot to put it in my bag. **Fortunately** my nana put it in my bag for me. **Unfortunately** I didn't go first to share my news. **Fortunately** Mrs GM thought it was great. By Jenson – Room 15.

**Community Notices**

**Saturday Music (PN) ~ Open Day**

We offer music lessons to children aged from 4 years old to the end of year 8 in the following instruments: 'cello, choir, clarinet, drums, flute, French horn, guitar, junior flute (fife), keyboard, music basics, orchestra, recorder, saxophone, trombone, trumpet and violin.  
 Come along to the Saturday Music Open Day: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 9.00am - 11.30am. Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School, South Street, Palmerston North. Visit our website: [www.saturdaymusic.org.nz](http://www.saturdaymusic.org.nz) or phone 027 825 6927