



Dear Parents/Caregivers

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

Today is the last day of Term 1. What an action packed term we've had! Whanaungatanga was our inquiry focus and we had a great time establishing *relationships* and *working together* with our own whanau class, our kete and our buddies along with the *shared experiences* of EOTC week and sporting events.

Term 2 opens at 8.50am on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> May. Our school-wide inquiry focus for next term is Tangata Whenuatanga (which loosely translates to *identity* and *heritage*). The teachers are already planning exciting programmes to support this concept, including investigations around Matariki, a marae visit (date to be confirmed) and our always special 'book week'. Our cross country run (followed by the interschool event) is held Term 2 too - so maybe these holidays could be a good time to start building fitness levels?

### **HOLIDAY WORK**

We have 2 property projects being undertaken over the holiday period. My sincere thanks go to Mike Campbell and Andrew Hill - our BoT property/project portfolio holders, who have each co-ordinated one of these projects.

Andrew has project managed the retro-fitting of acoustic ceiling tiles in TKA, TKM and the older part of TKP. When these kete were established we were unaware of the significant sound benefits having them offered - we now know! Meeting MOE requirements and gaining approval to do this work without needing to contract an architect has required lots of skill (not to mention a huge time commitment) - thank you Andrew!

Mike has co-ordinated a 'make over' to the frontage of the school. Yippee!

We are excited about having both of these jobs finished.

### **PTA**

The sausage sizzle lunch yesterday was well supported with over 300 sausages being ordered. Thank you very much to the organisers/cooks/servers and thanks to everyone who supports the PTA fundraisers - they really want to support our Board of Trustees in improving the water temperature in our pool by next summer.

We are grateful too to those people who are sourcing or have sourced donations for our Term 2 monster raffle. It is going to be fantastic!

### **LIBRARY BOOK AMNESTY**

Holidays are good time for a clean out. If by chance you find any Hokowhitu School library books or readers, we would welcome them back!

### **HOKOWHITU PARK CARPARK**

It's saddening to hear that drivers are not following rules down in the car park at the end of the school day. We all know that only people with mobility permits are allowed to park in mobility car parks, and we also all know that you can't double park behind a car that is legally parked in legitimate parking space. PLEASE put ALL our children's safety in the highest regard - even if it means you need to walk a little further.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Please remember our school uniform guidelines when making winter decisions.

1. Shoes should be black or brown and school sensible
2. No thermal layers should be visible under polo shirts (a v-neck thermal undergarment with the long sleeved polo shirt is an acceptable option for extra warmth under the polar fleece).
3. Tights worn under girls' skorts need to be plain navy.
4. Socks should also be navy.
5. The regulation polar fleece is required - we have some second hand options here at the office for \$10.00.

## **PRELIMINARY CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 2**

Monday 1/5	8.50am Term 2 opens
Tuesday 30/5	11.00 School Cross Country
Friday 2/6	SCHOOL CLOSED - Teacher Only Day
Monday 5/6	Queens Birthday holiday
3rd - 7th July	Book Week
Friday 7/7	Dress as your favourite book character day.
Friday 7/7	Book and bake sale day
Friday 7/7	Term 2 closes at 3pm

In closing, I wish everyone a fun-filled Easter and term break! Be happy, be safe!  
My heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff, teaching and non-teaching - you are a very special team of people who work really hard to make things great for our tamariki!

Nga mihi

Lin Dixon  
Principal

### **aPlus School Holiday Programme**

Want the children to visit the Snow Dome, spend a day with horses, huge trucks, animals and much more?

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[www.aplus.kiwi.nz](http://www.aplus.kiwi.nz) - Book online.