

## NEWSLETTER

28th February 2020

### UPCOMING DATES/REMINDERS

DATE	ACTION/ACTIVITY
6/3	9am School assembly – Miss Bisset and Mrs Longley’s class on stage
6/3	Year 5/6 swimming sports <b>1.30pm</b> at school (please note - NOT 1.00pm)
11/3	Interschool triathlon
12/3	3.10pm PTA meeting

#### From the Principal

Dear Parents/caregivers  
**Kia Ora Koutou,**  
**Nga mihi kia koutou**

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

At the first 2020 meeting of the Board of Trustees (held earlier this week), Mr Tim Foss was re-elected as the Chairperson and Mr Philip Steer as the Deputy Chairperson. The board meets twice a term and meetings are open to the public. The next meeting is scheduled for the 26<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 5.30pm.

#### SWIMMING POOL

The pool is now closed for community use from 5pm each weekday evening when the covers are being put on. This means that the water in the pool is still a very pleasant temperature for teaching water safety skills from 9am the following morning. With the solar heating working through daylight hours and the covers on in the evenings, we are keeping temperatures about 8 degrees higher than we were before having the heating tools. The covers will remain on the pool over the weekend, so there will be no more weekend swimming for this season.

Thanks to everyone who has supported us with the testing, vacuuming and dosing of the pool over the season. There would have been NO community access without your support!

#### YEAR 3 AND 4 SWIMMING DISPLAY

Thanks to everyone who was able to come and enjoy the children sharing their swimming skills yesterday. We were treated to a lovely fine afternoon and loads of happy kids.

#### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Full school assembly next Friday morning the 6th of March.  
Miss Bisset and Mrs Longley’s class will be up on the stage.  
Everyone is welcome.

#### YEARS 4 – 6 TRIATHLON

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the tamariki at the triathlon on Tuesday. It was fantastic to see them persevering and completing the course, even when they weren’t finding it easy!

Special congratulations to the following students who were placed in the top 5 in their respective races.

	YEAR 4		YEAR 5		YEAR 6	
	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
1st	Mila C	Oscar H/W	Ella M	Jai P	Anastasia L	Josiah B
2nd	Nesha N	Andrey L	Grace F	Joseph S	Milla H	Riley J
3rd	Skye C	Oliver S	Emma W	Alex D	Sophia D	Logan K
4th	Ruby S	Boston D	Olivia Z	Maliepo P	Elsa M	Logan V
5th	Sophie H	Jedd F	Peyton H	Robin S	Addison P	Charlie S

### **SAFETY MESSAGE**

I need to again appeal to adults to do their bit to keep our tamariki safe at and around the school gates. PLEASE do not park on yellow lines or in bus stops. PLEASE do not do u-turns around or near pedestrian crossings. PLEASE abide by the law and stop at the pedestrian crossing when there are people waiting and especially when there are already one or two signs out. PLEASE do not try to park in either the staff carpark or the driveway at any time.

We also strongly advise that you do not arrange for your children to wait for you down at Hokowhitu Park – this is a public park with no supervision. If you are held up for any reason, no one knows that your child/ren are there. This poses a real safety risk.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Nga mihi  
Lin Dixon  
Principal





## Sport

### **Netball 2020**

Registrations for the 2020 netball season is now open.

The season information is as follows, (*please note that the year 3 & 4 registrations close on the 10th of March*)

**Year 1 & 2** - Future Ferns - Tuesdays 3.30 - CET Arena - Beginning 5th May (Registrations close on the 3rd of April)

**Year 3 & 4** - Future Ferns - Thursdays - Vautier Park - Beginning 26th March (**Registrations close on the 10th of March**)

**Year 5 & 6** Future Ferns - Saturdays - CET Arena - Beginning 2nd May (Registrations close on the 3rd of April)

This year we are taking online registrations only, via Kindo. Please find attached the instructions of how to set up your Kindo account. It's very easy, and if you have any problems, you can call the Kindo helpdesk on 0508 4KINDO (454636).

If you have any difficulties with paying for uniform hire and registrations together, please contact the school office on 06 3579667.

New user link:

<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/handshake.shtml?&shop=Hokowhitu%20School>

Registered user/school shop login:

[https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/user\\_home.shtml?session=false&shop=Hokowhitu%20School](https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/user_home.shtml?session=false&shop=Hokowhitu%20School)

### **The Question - By Elizabeth Jones**

TWEET! The whistle blew. Everybody ran not looking back, never looking back, only ahead to their destination. I looked around to see who I was up against today. We reached the first corner, the white wall. Some people stopped, sweating head to toe. I passed them steadily at a reasonable pace. Who was I up against? I was unsure of that menacing question. Who? Who? Who? I had to know, I stopped to realise that I had come to the bikes.

I jumped onto my bike. I raced still repeating the question in my head but differently. Was I first? Did I bike too far?

Then I was on my second lap, Was I going to give up? No! My brain yelled directions to my sore burning legs, until... Pool time! I dived in, muscles finally relaxed. Then I came to a halt. I saw the ladder and I was done! Then I knew I was up against myself.

### **Triathlon - By Payton Bashford**

"Ready, set, go!" The race had started. I was jogging, running, sprinting across the field! It was the triathlon and I was in it. I ran around corners, sprinted through the forest and back to the bikes.

On I jumped and off I went, going fast, going slow. My heart was beating so loud I wondered if other people could hear it.

Suddenly I jumped off my bike and into the pool. I swam as fast as I could. My lungs were burning as I came up for breath. I found the ladder and climbed out to get dry. What an exciting day!



### Achievement Awards

#### Te Kete Wakahuia

**Haram** - It has been a pleasure having you in our class- have a safe trip home

**Johanna** - For always being in the right place at the right time

**Dwanye** - Amazing attentive listening

**Orla** - Excellent artwork

**Lucus** - Great job getting in the water

**Twila** - Practising your spelling words at home

**Aria** - Learning to be more independent

**Albie** - Working hard to learn our Huia rules and routines

**Catherine** - Presenting your thinking in a mind map

#### Te Kete Pounamu

STRIVE awards for TKP this week: **Senuli, Alyenna, Penelope, Saied, Leo, Maisey, Titus, Declan, Samuel, Luke, Noah, Ruby M, Daniel, Scarlett** and **Skyla**. Pai te mahi - well done for displaying STRIVE

#### Te Kete Manawa

Our TKM Superheroes this week are

**Isaac, Ella, Oscar** - Thank you for being responsible members of our Kete!

#### Te Kete Aronui

Congratulations to **Madison, Alicia**, and **Isaiah** who were drawn from the Top 30 last week. Thank you to everyone who has made it to the Top 30. You are all so important to TKA.

#### Te Kete Tangaroa

**Tobey** - For showing outstanding commitment and perseverance for School Triathlon

**Levi** - For showing outstanding commitment and perseverance for School Triathlon

**Daisy** - For your amazing work ethic and willingness to support others

**Pare-Ariki** - For showing outstanding commitment and perseverance for School Triathlon

**Nicola** - For great perseverance with the School Triathlon

**Charlie** - For a really descriptive piece of writing

**Liam Mi** - For showing outstanding commitment and perseverance for School Triathlon

**Kaelyn** - For your commitment to the School Triathlon

**Devika** - For a great effort in Inquiry

*Congratulations to all those that participated in the School Triathlon on Tuesday you all did an outstanding job and we are super proud of you all.*



## Community Notices

### Girls' Brigade

Looking for a fun and affordable activity for your daughter?  
Then come along and give Girls' Brigade a go.  
Summer programmes starting now

We have companies in:

Milson (Thursday, 4.30-6pm) - Joanne Ph: 355-3124,  
Highbury/Takaro (Tuesday) - Suzanne Ph: 356 1974



**SPORT MANAWATU**

# EVERYONE ACTIVE FESTIVAL

## SUNDAY 29 MARCH

Railway Land  
Palmerston North  
Noon - 4pm

**FREE ENTRY**

Keen to get active, not sure what's available or where to start? This festival showcases the active recreation, sport, and play providers in the Manawatu.

Come along to see what's on offer to keep you, your friends and family active for life.

**CONTACT**  
Victor Romero  
Event Coordinator  
E: victor@sportmanawatu.org.nz

[sportmanawatu.org.nz/festival](http://sportmanawatu.org.nz/festival)

PALMETRINHOS PRESENTS

# BRAZILIAN KIDS CARNAVAL PARTY

2020

**1st March SUNDAY 2 to 3:30pm**

Prizes for the best costume! (any theme)

Youth Space  
close to Central Library

**Festival of Cultures**

Palmetrinhos

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY LIBRARY

More info: [citylibrary.pacc.govt.nz](http://citylibrary.pacc.govt.nz)



FUN, FAMILY, FOOTBALL



**HOKOWHITU JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**  
**OPEN DAY 2020** (FOR AGES 4 TO 13)  
**REGISTRATION** WITH CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 4/6 SIDED GAMES  
(BARCELONA, LIVERPOOL, MAN. UNITED, REAL MADRID ETC...)

1PM - 3.30PM

**1 MARCH**

**HOKOWHITU SCHOOL**

**NEW AND CURRENT PLAYERS ARE WELCOME**

**JOIN IN:** • CROSS BAR CHALLENGE  
FOR ALL AGES • CHILLI-BIN CHALLENGE  
INCL. PARENTS ...SPOT PRIZES TO BE WON....

**ENTER THE DRAW TO WIN A  
FREE REGISTRATION FOR THE SEASON**

CHECK OUT THE:  
**UNIFORM REVEAL, MERCHANDISE  
BBQ, FREE BOOT SWAP**

(SWAP WITH ANY OLD BOOTS YOU HAVE,  
OR JUST TAKE BOOTS THAT FIT)

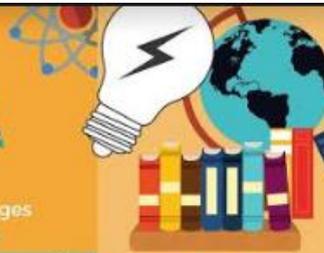
REGISTER YOUR INTEREST BY:

hello@hjfc.nz | 021 166 3486 (PHIL) | FACEBOOK: hokojfc  
OR TURN UP ON THE DAY

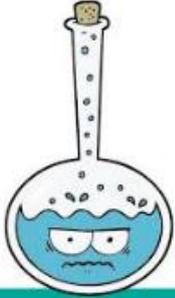
# LIBLAB

LIBRARY FUN WITH A TOUCH OF LABORATORY MADNESS & BOOK EXPERIMENTATION

CHILDREN'S ZONE | 3:45-4:45PM | All Ages  
Every THURSDAY (during School Term)



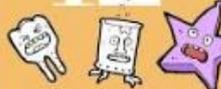
## MARCH DATES



# 05

ENERGIZE!  
ENERGETIC  
SCIENCE  
EXPERIMENTS!

# 12



LOOK AT YOU!  
ZANY  
PORTRAITS

USING DIGITAL  
IMAGERY PLAY AND  
MORE!

# 19

PIZZA PICNIC  
AND PAPER  
FUN!



INTRO TO HELL READING  
CHALLENGE 2020 & MORE!

# 26

LET'S BE  
DRAMATIC!

CELEBRATING IN  
ADVANCE OF  
WORLD THEATRE  
DAY



# 2020 Palmerston North Brick Show

Sat 21st March 9am - 5pm

Sun 22nd March 9am - 4pm

Barber Hall, Waldergrave Street PN

This year our 60+ exhibitors have been working hard to create new and amazing LEGO displays. There will be lots to do including a large Lego play pit, graffiti wall, and other activities/challenges.

Entry \$5  
Family Pass \$20  
(2 Adults and 3 Children)  
Under 3 Free

This show will be raising money for Parafed Manawatu.

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