

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

3 June	Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
6 June	Queen's Birthday public holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
7 June	Year 5 & 6 Interschool Cross-Country
10 June	8.30 - 8.45am Whānau Friday. Come on into classrooms and enjoy looking around 9am Assembly TKM presenting. Masked spectators welcome
15 June	Tim from Life Ed Trust catching up sessions today

3rd June 2022

Kia ora koutou

Ngā mihi kia koutou

Tālofa lava. Vaiaso o le Gagana Sāmoa - Samoa Language Week

THANK YOU

Last week we thanked everyone who had supported the recent fundraising events by purchasing pies/lamingtons and/or a pizza lunch.

This week I'd like to say a HUGE thank you to Amy Westergaard and her band of helpers (both PTA members and others who are happy to just help on the day) who have done all the 'behind the scenes' work to ensure that the food was tallied and ordered and then put together a team to sort and distribute. Every little bit of help is appreciated, otherwise the load falls too heavily on a few people.

The old saying 'many hands make light work' is definitely true - we thank you for your help and look forward to even more helpers in the future.

BOARD ELECTIONS

The triennial School Board elections are in September of this year. Now is a great time for you to be considering whether you would like to stand for election to the Board. The Board takes responsibility for the governance of the school and works closely with the Principal and Senior Leadership who take responsibility for the day to day management.

Our current Board has been operating with portfolio responsibilities such as policy and planning, finance, community and personnel and grants. We are seeking interest from people with other skill- sets too, for example iwi representation or interest/experience with property or project management.

If you are interested in finding out more about the way our Board operates, please make time to chat further with me OR come along to our next board meeting (21st June at 5.30pm) and get first-hand experience.

WHANAU FRIDAYS

On Friday mornings we invite parents to pop into your child's classroom to enjoy having a look around at the displays and learning that has occurred over the week.

A staff member will still be outside at the meet and greet point for those of you who want to just 'kiss and go', but if you have a few spare minutes we know the tamariki would love to show you around their room. This is between 8.30 and 8.45am. The start of the day bell rings at 8.50am and we need to be getting on with our learning routines by then.

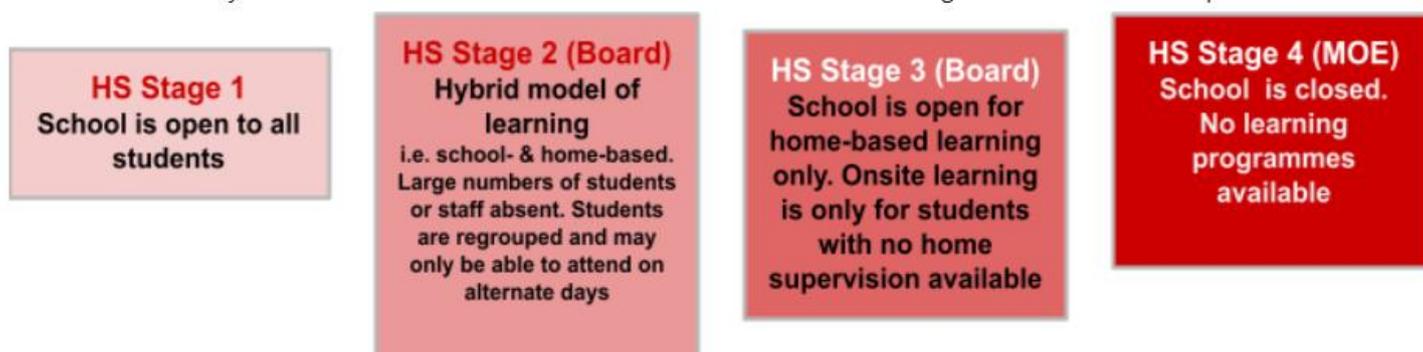
STAFFING

You may be aware that staff for relief teaching is currently in very high demand and demand is exceeding supply. We are finding ourselves challenged to have sufficient teachers and learning coaches well enough to be in front of the tamariki on a day to day basis.

While we remain committed to keeping things running smoothly here at school, I do need to ensure that you remain aware that it is POSSIBLE that we may need to switch to a hybrid model of learning for a short period of time IF we do not have enough staff available to ensure everyone's health and safety. This is obviously an action we would only take if we had no other options available. Please see below for our previously published response plan.

The school's flexible response to Covid will depend on the various scenarios that could play out within the school community. The movement between the stages need to be fluid considering the volatile conditions we are currently facing due to Covid:

- The overarching consideration will be given to the safety of students and staff, and whether the school will be able to function on limited staff, in extreme cases.
- The Board in consultation with the staff, will shift to **Stage 2** due to high absences (students and/or staff).
- The board, in consultation with staff, will make the decision to switch over to *home based learning (Stage 3)* should it no longer be possible to run school-based learning programmes.
- The Ministry of Education will instruct schools to close in the event of a regional/local or national pandemic event.



CROSS COUNTRY

We were extremely fortunate to be able to hold our cross country 'in the sunshine' on Tuesday. It was lovely to have supporters to cheer the tamariki on too.

Congratulations to EVERYONE who participated and STRIVED to be the very best they could be.

The following people placed in the top 5 in their year groups - 'faamalo' (congratulations).

Year 1	Year 2	Year 2	Year 3	Year 3	Year 4	Year 4	Year 5	Year 5	Year 6	Year 6	PLACING
Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	
Carter N	Joslyn Z	Jainil P	Mila P	Jakeob L	Ava S	Austin D	Yuna C	Cooper W	Nesha N	Oscar H	1ST
Ihaia H	Madison T	Sailor C	Anne L	Luca O	Willa H	William M	Maya N	Xavier L	Brooke K	Jedd F	2ND
Paxton Y	Antonella S	Rory E	Olivia S	Chase J	Hannah P	Koby M	Aria P	Sahith L	Grace S	Oliver N	3RD
Adam H	Lucy A	Brodie J	Amelia G	William C	Sahar S	Jacques J Saied H	Janae B	Rylan M	Paris T	Oliver S	4TH
Mason C	Yuleena B	Leo W	Johanna D	Donnacha F	Makayla J	Viktor D	Haylee W	Declan C	Mia V	Maehe A	5TH

Kowhai was the winning house overall - way to go kowhai!

The inter school event for the first 5 Year 5 and 6 place getters is being held at the Ashhurst domain next Tuesday the 7th June.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Local Intermediate schools will soon be requesting email addresses of our Year 6 families so they can send an email outlining enrolment procedures for 2023. Any Y6 parent/caregiver who DOES NOT consent to us providing your email address, please advise us of this by Wednesday of next week. Thank you.

Have a lovely LONG weekend everyone. We look forward to seeing the tamariki at 8.30am on **TUESDAY** 7th June.

Ngā mihi nui
Fa'afetai tele lava

Lin Dixon
Tumuaki



HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

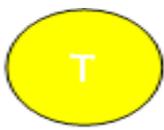
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Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

A big Hokowhitu welcome to **Dontae, Hunter** and **Finley** who have joined us in Waka this week. Happy school days to you all!

Liana - You are working so hard with writing letter sounds correctly - Ka pai!

Isla - You are trying so hard in literacy workshops Isla - Tino Pai!

Mia - For sharing a friendly smile and showing confidence! Tino pai!

Ava - Taking risks and having a lovely positive attitude. You are a star!

Aditya S - For your super work with numbers in maths.

Anna - For trying so hard with your writing. Kā rawe Anna.

Te Kekerewai - For using your initiative and being helpful towards others.

Leo Z - You have such a wonderful attitude towards learning and are very helpful.

Te Kete Pounamu

K-J - For reading with fluency and phrasing.

Gurjap - For sharing his maths strategies with his workshop group.

Afokoula - For creating a fabulous tapa mat.

Amelia - For using her heart words accurately in her independent writing.

Jainil - For using his doubles to solve large addition and subtraction problems.

Lucy - For reading with fluency and accuracy.

Te Kete Manawa

Congratulations to this week's Top 30 winners: **Lincoln, Trinity, Amos** and **Aiden**.

Te Kete Aronui

Keira - For your attention to detail and the high standard you set in artwork.

Ruby M - For working really well in your Literacy workshop. Keep it up!

Felicity - For being such a focussed learner when working independently within the kete.

Ben - For stepping up independent learning and supporting and encouraging others during cross-country.

Noah - For being a role model by showing respect and self-control during whole kete activities.

Ava M - For your public speaking skills during our kete assembly. You had great confidence and clear projection.

Tristan - For showing perseverance when training for and completing the cross country.

Titus - For your wonderful manners and always greeting the teachers in the morning.

Senuli - For her confidence when performing in the choir to an audience.

Special congratulations to all those kids that participated in the school Cross Country and for giving it 100%. We are super proud of you all. A special mention to those TKA students that have been selected for Interschool - **Cooper, Xavier, Sahith, Rylan, Declan, Yuna & Maya**.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Yara - For your stunning mahi toi. You're such a talented artist Yara.

Amiyah - For really stepping up your contributions in literacy.

Josh M - For really stepping up your contributions in maths. Ka rawe!

Sophia - For sharing her thinking in maths and working hard at mastering new maths strategies.

Ruby - excellent spelling practice.

Lilian - For stepping up her contributions in maths both in whole class and in workshops. Rawe!

Hikurangi - Excellent attitude - always listening and following instructions - it shows in your improved literacy Hiku!

Jack K - Excellent attitude towards learning this term!

Rei - For stepping up your contributions in both maths and writing. We love hearing your thinking.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NEXT CHAPTER PARENTING

Offering

The **PARENT SURVIVAL KIT**

PARENTING COURSE



- Do you find yourself yelling at your child more often than laughing with your child
- Do you feel you have lost touch with your child
- Do you feel frustrated and find yourself saying the same things over and over again with no result

TOPICS COVERED

COMMUNICATION	CHOICES/CONSEQUENCES	COMPLIANCE
EMPATHY	SIBLING RIVALRY	TEENAGERS AND BOUNDARIES
SETTING LIMITS	TEMPERAMENTS	ARE YOU DOING TOO MUCH
PERSONALITY TYPES	PRAISE VS ENCOURAGEMENT	QUALITY TIME



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