

NEWSLETTER

8th November 2019

UPCOMING DATES/REMINDERS

DATE	ACTION/ACTIVITY
13/11	8.50am Sausage sizzle orders close
13/11	3.15pm PTA meeting – please come if you can
14/11	Kapa Haka (Y4-6) visit to CSNS
15/11	9am Assembly Mrs Hodge and Mrs Blay's classes
18/11	Athletic Sports/Fundamental Skills day
18/11	Sausage sizzle lunch

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

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

Thank you to the families who have assisted us by letting us know that you will not be attending our school in 2020. We are in the final stages of placing the teaching staff into their 2020 kete and then will be able to complete placements of learners in whanau classes.

Please keep in mind that it is to be expected that everyone will spend two years in at least one kete over the time they are here at Hokowhitu School– e.g. if a child is a Y4 in TKA this year and is then placed in TKA as a Y5 for next year – they are NOT being held back. The New Zealand curriculum is spread over levels and each level of the curriculum is designed to take 2 years to complete. Additionally, we teach each child from 'where they are at now' and 'move them on'. Our system does not consider that 'one size fits all' and therefore everyone will be completing the same work simply because they are in the same area.

It is, in fact, often when the second year in a kete occurs, that increased opportunities for leadership responsibilities are given as being one of the more senior members of the kete.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Every 3 years our Board of Trustees conducts a major consultation with our school community. We are reflecting on the things we do well and checking that our strategic direction aligns with the majority of our community – along with looking for fresh ideas that would enhance our school even more.

This survey can be completed EITHER on line or in a paper copy. **We request only one response per family, so you can choose your preferred method to feedback to us.** It is easier for us to collate on-line responses, but we would rather have a paper copy than no response.

Thanks to those of you who have responded already – very efficient.

All responses are eligible for an entry into a lucky draw to receive a prize. We encourage you to take the time to complete the survey – even if you do it electronically, you can pause and come back to it when you have a spare few minutes. If you have not received an electronic version – please check your junk mail!

Paper copies of the survey can be placed in the ballot box in the school office – your entry into the lucky draw goes into the lucky draw box sitting beside the STRIVE voucher box (also in the office area).

If you did not receive the link by email it may be sitting in your junk mail! Here is the link if you would like to do the survey electronically. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5NQCBY8>

SAFETY AFTER SCHOOL

There seems to be an increasing number of families allowing children to wait at Hokowhitu Park after school. Are you aware that there is no supervision - the playground there is a public place and not part of school grounds. It is our strong recommendation that everything possible is done to keep our tamariki safe by ensuring you are collecting them as close to 3pm as possible – from the school grounds.

KAPA HAKA PERFORMANCE

Next Thursday morning the Year 4 – 6 section of our Kapa haka roopu will be attending a hui at College St Normal School. 3 other schools will be participating, each with a brief performance time and then attending workshops. Thanks to Mrs Blay and Miss Stella for preparing this group. We know that they will perform with pride while STRIVING to be the best they can be.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

Our annual athletic sports (or fundamental skills display in the case of Y1 – 3 learners) is timetabled for Monday the 18th November. Years 1-3 commence rotations on the field at 9.15am, Y4 - 6 start at 10.00am. The children love an audience and everyone is welcome to come and view the skills the tamariki have been learning in recent weeks.

The postponement day (in the case of poor weather) is Tuesday, the 19th November.

N.B. The sausage sizzle will go ahead on Monday even if the sports are postponed.

Nga mihi

Lin Dixon
Principal

Sport



Sports Teams

If your child is playing a summer sport and you have not already paid the sports fee, please do so as soon as possible. Invoices have been sent out via xero but this may have gone to your junk mail folder. If you are not sure if you have paid please check at the office. Thank you.

Sports Uniforms Hire

Students requiring sports uniforms need to follow the link below and fill in the uniform form. Uniforms cost \$5 per term to hire. Please return your uniform to your kete, as your sports season finishes. If you are playing sports for another term you will need to complete the form below again, unless you paid for more than 1 term. Payments can be made by direct credit to the bank account 12 3143 0322799 00 marked clearly with your child's name and sports uniform

<https://goo.gl/forms/fLTExOxDxoxrDIPm1>

Weet-Bix Tryathlon

Entries are open for the Palmerston North Weet-bix Kids TRYathlon on Wednesday 18th March 2020 at Onley Park (**Year 5/6 students will be at camp on this date**). Our school has created a School Group which you can join when you enter from home. To enter the TRYathlon, visit tryathlon.co.nz. Any questions please contact the Weet-Bix TRYathlon team directly, 0800 weetbix.



Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

Riria - For writing a story all by yourself. You are becoming a great writer.

Akira - For being so brave to start your day in the morning with a smile on your face.

Noah - For creative construction skills in outdoor area.

Ruby N - Ka pai on learning lots of animal names in Te Reo. You are amazing at remembering the sign name of them too!

Xavier - Thank you for being a reliable milk monitor in Ruma Rua

Catherine - For being kind, friendly and helpful

Leo - Listening attentively and following instructions

Frankie - For working hard to learn your doubles to 10 in maths.

Isabella - For the huge progress you have made in your reading!

Dwayne - Fantastic thinking in Maths Dwayne. You are working hard on learning to add. Ka pai!

Hohua - For always striving to do careful work in your poem book. Well done Hohua.

Marley & Jade - Welcome to Hokowhitu School. It's great to have you learning with us in Ruma Rima

Te Kete Pounamu

Yuna - Showing perseverance with her story writing

Zachary - For striving to improve his handwriting

Harry - For your super maths skills

James - For having a positive attitude towards all your learning

Huntley - Great recall of information during reading

Madisyn - Great work in reading

Lilly DL - Confidence has grown in math

Cooper H - Great work in math

Alexis - Great attitude in math

Te Kete Manawa

The TKM super heroes for this week are: **Dante, Fergus, Lily B, Lily A, Mia, Josh F**

Well done on being role models this week. Keep it up!

Te Kete Aronui

Congratulations to our Week 3 Strivers; **Maiah, Michelle, Emily C., Samantha, Sarah and Josiah.**

Children's choice was **Liam Mo** and Teacher's choice was **Tayla**. Thank you to all of you for helping to make TKA a fabulous place to learn. He whetu koutou!



Thank you to those who helped to sort our games for us. We really appreciate you.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Alistair - A great effort in developing his Maths knowledge.

Katie - For a super use of adjectives and voice in her writing

Yousif - For an outstanding result in his spelling.

Tyler - Excellent effort in your number knowledge

Umar - Great progress in reading

Brooklyn - Great progress in reading

Asha - For a fantastic effort with your strategies in GLoSS

Grace - For a fantastic effort with your strategies in GLoSS

Scarlet - For showing initiative and focus in all areas of learning.

Caden - For showing good understanding of the text and supporting your answers with evidence

Community Notices

LEARN TO SKATEBOARD FOR CHILDREN ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM



November 9th and December 7th
At Bell Hall Central Energy Trust Arena,
Palmerston North - enter via Waldergrave St

10:30-11:30am

The cost of entry is \$5
per person per session

The programme is suitable for
children aged 6 years and above

All skateboards, helmets, safety equipment
and instructors are provided on the day.

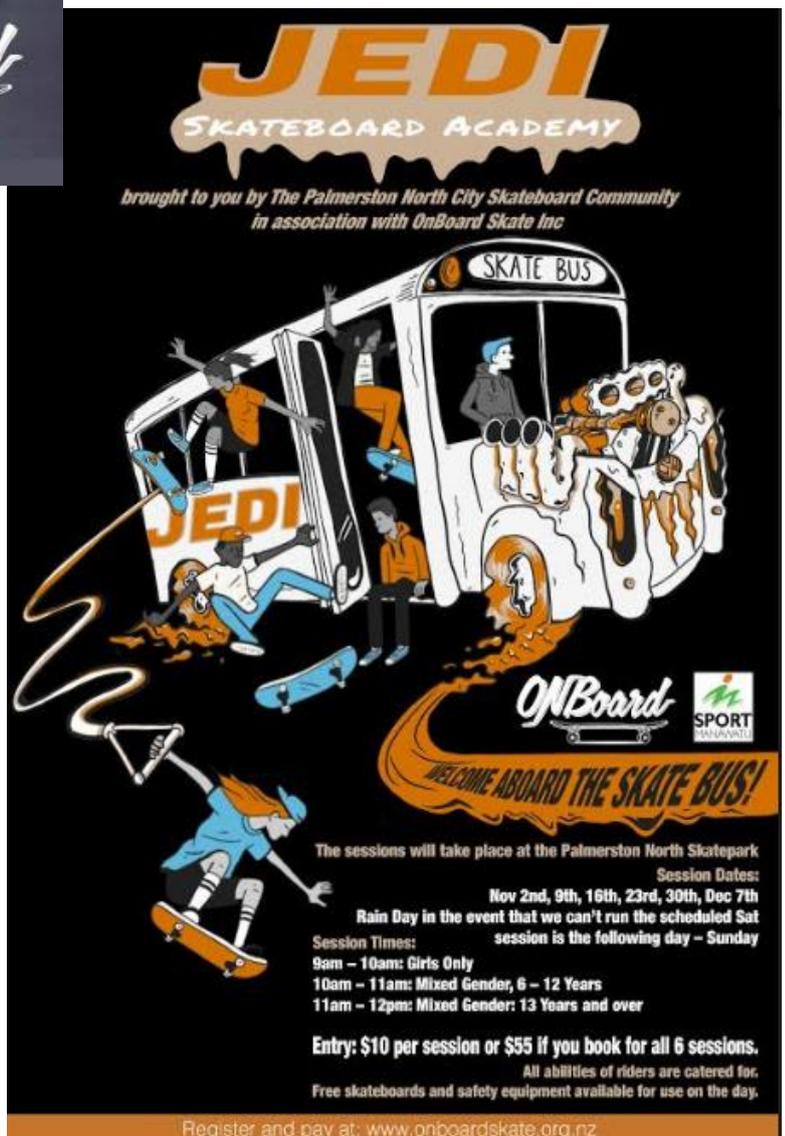
Any inquiries please contact Steve at 021 283 2777

ONBoard

Register and pay at: www.onboardskate.org.nz

JEDI SKATEBOARD ACADEMY

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in association with OnBoard Skate Inc



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WELCOME ABOARD THE SKATE BUS!

The sessions will take place at the Palmerston North Skatepark

Session Dates:
Nov 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, Dec 7th

Rain Day in the event that we can't run the scheduled Sat
session is the following day - Sunday

Session Times:
9am - 10am: Girls Only
10am - 11am: Mixed Gender, 6 - 12 Years
11am - 12pm: Mixed Gender: 13 Years and over

Entry: \$10 per session or \$55 if you book for all 6 sessions.

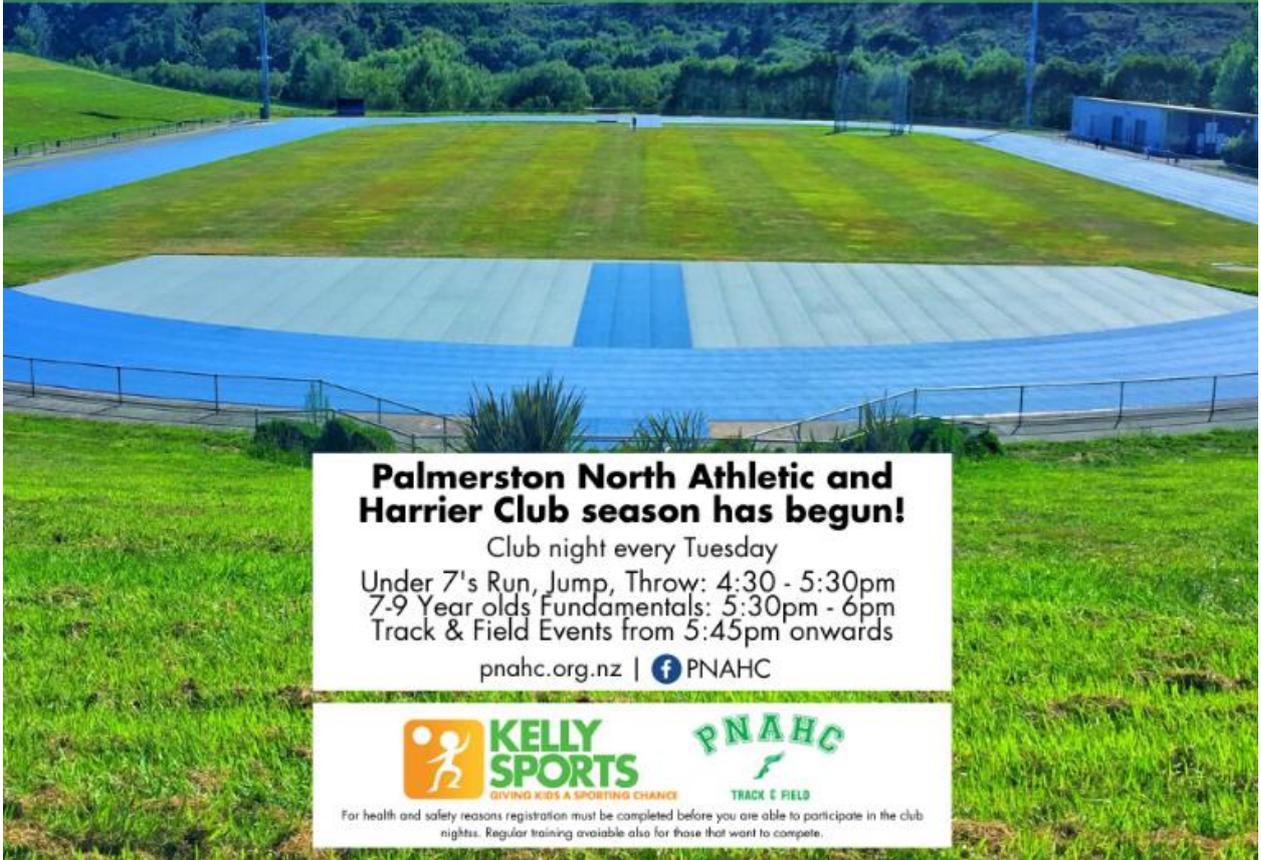
All abilities of riders are catered for.
Free skateboards and safety equipment available for use on the day.

Register and pay at: www.onboardskate.org.nz

REGISTER ONLINE AT
WWW.PNAHC.ORG.NZ

Come on down
and join in!

Very low cost for a full
season registration!



Palmerston North Athletic and Harrier Club season has begun!

Club night every Tuesday

Under 7's Run, Jump, Throw: 4:30 - 5:30pm

7-9 Year olds Fundamentals: 5:30pm - 6pm

Track & Field Events from 5:45pm onwards

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KELLY SPORTS
GIVING KIDS A SPORTING CHANCE

PNAHC
TRACK & FIELD

For health and safety reasons registration must be completed before you are able to participate in the club nights. Regular training available also for those that want to compete.



JOIN US THIS SUMMER

SUMMER READING 2019/20

BALLOT OPEN

**9AM MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER -
8PM SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER**

Visit www.citylibrary.pncc.govt.nz for more.



BIRD DISCOVERY AND ART WORKSHOP

FRIDAY 8, 15 AND 29 NOVEMBER
4.30 TO 5.30 PM

TRY THE APP TO DISCOVER BIRD SONGS AND LEARN TO DRAW THEM

WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN
\$15 PER CHILD

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