

Term 2 Week 9 5th July 2013

From the Principal

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

Thanks so much to everyone who has supported the home/school partnership by attending something at school this week. There has been plenty on offer - eg assisting with resource making, the Games Evening, school assembly, poi making, our open afternoon to celebrate Maori Language week. We know it isn't possible for anyone to attend EVERYTHING, but every time you are able to come along you are giving your child the message that you are interested in their learning and support what is happening in their life at school. We are coming along in leaps and bounds towards developing a strong partnership between home and school and as a TEAM....Together Everyone Achieves More!

GAMES EVENING

What a fantastic evening this was - seldom do you see a school so 'alive' by night! My sincere thanks to every member of staff who ensured this was such a success and also a huge thank you to the PTA members (and partners) who organised, prepared, cooked and served the food. I suspect there will be a number of families who will again hunt out skittles, knuckle bones, marbles, or board games for good family fun. I even heard mention of 'elastics' being revitalised.

HOUSE GROUPS

Hmmm.... yes again, the RED house name gremlin appeared in last week's newsletter! Whero is of course the correct title! My sincere apologies to everyone in Whero.

BOOK WEEKS

Term 3 will start in fine style - with Weeks 1 and 2 being our Book Weeks! This year's theme is 'Bold and Beautiful Books'. See the flyer in next week's newsletter for full details - however we welcome 'guest' readers. Do pop in and let us know if you, a friend, or a grandparent would like to come and read to a group of children. It is not too early to start planning for Friday, 9th August either. This will be 'dress up as your favourite book character day'.

NEW ENTRANT CLASS

Jocelyn Goodwin, our Deputy Principal will be opening up a New Entrant classroom at the beginning of next term. This is because our current New Entrant rooms are getting full. This is a really great problem to have, as a healthy roll helps with future resourcing.

If you have puzzles/ games/activities suitable for 5 year olds that you no longer require, Jocelyn would welcome you offering them to her for use in Room 4. She would particularly love a dolls house, or a train set, or a marble track - someone might know of one of these somewhere?

IMPORTANT COMING DATES

Thursday, 11th July Tui Team EOTC to Winter Sports Carnival
 Thursday, 11th July 7pm BoT meeting. Meetings are public - everyone welcomed
 Friday, 12th July 3pm School closes for Term 2

Monday, 29th July 8.50am School opens for Term 3

Lin Dixon
 Principal

Hokowhitu School PTA

Wow, what a fabulous turnout for the games evening this week! All of our kids and teachers did a wonderful job with their games and it was awesome to see everyone's smiles as they made their way around the classrooms. Thanks to all of you who supported us by buying sausages and American hotdogs. We raised a grand total of \$410.

A huge shout out and thank you to Kevin Hill and his Holiday Fun team for providing the yummy sausages, hot dogs, bread & buns and also to Spencer from T Market Fresh for donating the onions. Your support ensures that all of the money raised goes into our fundraising pot to use on much needed resources/items for our school!

Don't forget to hunt out those tried and true family recipes and email them to office@hokowhitu.school.nz if you would like to include them in the Hokowhitu School Cookbook that will be published for you all to purchase later in the year.

A Wonderful Place for Kids

Virtues
 Our focus virtue is:
CREATIVITY

Creativity is expressing new ideas and inventions, new kinds of music, dance and art. Creativity connects us with beauty. Creativity is the power of imagination. It is seeing old things in new ways, doing things in a way that has not been done before.

School Notices:

"Hokowhitu School's Got Talent" Finals
 Congratulations to everyone who auditioned for 'Hokowhitu School's Got Talent"! You all looked and sounded so great! The finalists will be announced on Monday and the finals will be held on **Friday lunch time** (the last day of school). It is a gold coin donation to compete. If you want to watch the finals you will need to pay \$2 per person, or \$7 for a family pass.

Child & Adolescent Oral Health Service:
 The mobile clinic will possibly be at the school next term. If your child requires dental attention between now and then please contact The Palms in Fergusson Street on 358 0953. The Clinic hours are 8.30am - 4.00pm

Wonderful Learning

Hokowhitu School students have been working very hard to make their own games. They had made games like pick up sticks, board games, computer games, and outside games. On the 2 July Hokowhitu School had a games evening. It was from 5.30 -7.00. Parents, grandparents and other family members came. Wow! Games night was amazing. It was so much fun and it was exciting because all of the people playing our games. They were having a good time. When you visited a classroom and played a game you got your ticket clipped or marked for a lucky draw.

The hot dogs and sausage sizzle were divine. The games were amazing. They looked very interesting and a lot of hard work got put into them. We all had so much fun last night.

by Caitlin, Emily, Liam A and Fraser



SPORTS NEWS

Netball: Results from last week: Silver Panthers won against Linton 6:5. Player of the day ~ Sarah
 Draw for this Saturday: Hokowhitu Silver Panthers v Junior Te Kawau Firebirds CT 7 12.00pm
 Hokowhitu Golden Cheetahs v Junior Te Kawau Pulse Arena 6 9.45am

Basketball: Hurricanes Basketball win against Russell Street 32-12

Achievement Awards

Whizzing One

Jenson, Esther & Sophie Super effort with our buddy class Maori Language activities.

Totally Two

Emily Isaac For a SUPERB term's work
 For sharing his information so enthusiastically

Enthusiastic 3

Flynn Zora For making a commitment to persevere with being a valuable member of Enthusiastic 3
 For striving to be the best she can be in everything she undertakes

Jacob & Leo Fraser

For helpfulness and willingness you have shown to others
 For being a purposeful host at games evening

Snazzy 6

Hannah & Millie Sam Striving for excellence and displaying perseverance during maths measurement.
 Demonstrating thinking skills and sharing her learning by taking part in class discussions.

Supreme 7

Shaheer, Matthew, Liam, Kuramaiki Aniya & Daniel Showing excellence and creativity with their homework projects, reading activities and maths activities for our "Game On" theme unit.

Extraordinary 8

Molly Elion Sam Asking good questions about our weather study
 Enthusiastically learning to speak Maori
 Top soccer skills and sportsmanship

Action 9

Erinn Lachy For improved dribbling skills in soccer
 For showing perseverance and positivity despite relying on a wheelchair/crutches to get around

Hunter Action 9

For a good improvement in your reading skills
 For a fantastic job at School Assembly

Techno 10

Jack & Quinn Charlotte & Morgan Zavier & Elizabeth Workers of the week
 For wonderful weather stories
 For making great choices

Extreme 11

Xingang Trey Mckenzie Thank you for being such a helpful, willing class member. Great!
 You have settled back well and you are working hard. Well done.
 You always make a big effort with your school work. Well done!

Friendly 14

Ryan Brandon Annalise You are an amazing reader - keep up this amazing reading
 For working hard on your target virtue
 For reading with expression and making it really interesting to listen to

Funky 15

Elsie & Kaitlin For kindly helping others in class

Sunny Sixteen

Arapata & Tyler For being great reading buddies

School Holidays:

Holiday Fun: Our school holiday programme is available in the office or see www.holidayfun.co.nz.
Football: ASB Holiday programme Monday 15th July - Thursday 18th July, 6-12 years, \$30 per day or \$100 for 4 days. Contact Scott 021 873 477.
Bead Bazaar: We have some Fantastic Holiday programmes planned using our cool and colourful beads. For plenty of winter warming activities or a copy of the programme see us at 14 George Street, Palmerston North or email beadbasaarn@xtra.co.nz.