

Term 2 Week 2 13th May 2016

From the Principal

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

Week one has come and gone and we have flown into week two. The Life Education Trust mobile Classroom has been in at school this week and the feedback from both the students and staff has been extremely positive. The sun continues to shine and the winter thus far has been kept at bay. It has been great for me to hear the chatter amongst the student's about how their Saturday Sport went. Nothing better than walking around the school hearing "I got three tries" and "I got four goals". My favourite quote though this week was from a Year 2 student chatting with his friends on Monday morning when he announced very proudly to his friends "We had heaps of oranges at halftime" that comment made my day. Also huge congratulations to Ruma Rua Teacher Jay Stella who graduated on Wednesday. Miss Stella has made a fantastic start to her teaching career and we are very lucky to have her here at Hokowhitu School.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Nomination Forms for the Board of Trustees (BOT) Elections were mailed out to every parent/guardian of the students at our school during the first week of May. You will have received an information sheet and a nomination form. Along with the nomination form, it suggests you may like to submit a brief (up to 400 words) statement about yourself. We strongly advise that anyone nominating him/herself does this, as it helps the voters make a well-informed decision.

A copy of all the statements received will be mailed along with the voting forms. Nominations close noon **Friday 20 May 2016**. Any nominations and statements received after noon (12pm) will not be accepted.

If you have not received these forms by now, please contact the school office or email our Returning Officer Susan Janssen at sjanssen@hokowhitu.school.nz

8:30am DOORS

As you may have noticed this term we have kept the external doors closed until 8:30am. Last term there were an increasing number of students and parents inside before the 8:30am bell. This decision has been made to ensure that our teachers have the time in the morning necessary to prepare the day and to ensure that the children have the best available learning. The office will also be closed until 8:30am. Thank you in advance for your cooperation around this issue.

YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE

On Monday we are sending 13 of our Student Leadership Team along with Mr Hawkins to the National Young Leaders Conference at CET Arena. National Young Leaders Days are the largest and longest running leadership event for primary, intermediate and secondary school students. These large-scale annual events aim to develop student leadership. Since 2001 over 110,000 students have been empowered to fulfil their dreams and become great leaders. This is a fantastic opportunity for our student leadership team to build on and develop further their leadership skills. This year the students will be lucky enough to hear inspiring speakers such as Billy Graham, Brylee Mills and Avalanche City amongst others.

EVENTS COMING UP:

- 18th May – Board of Trustees Meeting – 5:30pm – Staffroom
- 20th May – Board of Trustees Nomination Forms due back to Returning Officer
- 2nd June – School Cross Country Race

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend and look forward to seeing everybody back smiling next week. I shall leave you all this week with a quote from one of the greatest leaders of our time.

"Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world" – Nelson Mandela

Nga mihi
 Sam Bradnock
 Acting Principal

Achievement Awards

Rūma Tahī (1)

- Payton You are using amazingly descriptive language in your stories
- Dante You are using lots of new words and ideas in your writing. Keep it up my friend!
- Lachie & Thomas You have been formulating some very rich questions for our inquiry learning. Well done!

Rūma Rua (2)

- Crystal For trying 100% of the time
- Sigmund For being an excellent entertainer

Rūma Toru (3)

- Neveah Writing the sounds in word by herself
- Lachie For looking after his classmates

Rūma Wha (4)

- Hajra For always being ready to try new things

Te Kete Pounamu (5)

- Vera For taking risks with her learning
- Cameron For using courage
- Joshua & Malakai For striving to be the best they can be

Te Kete Pounamu (6)

- Olivia For the way you are listening so carefully and participating in discussions. Tino pai!
- Levi For your consistent use of fantastic manners. Thank you Levi!
- Scarlett For your independence and great attitude towards your learning. Well done!

Te Kete Pounamu (7)

- Maiah You have settled in well to our class and ketel! It is lovely to have you here!
- Isaiah You have started the term well! You are making some good learning choices! Keep it up!
- Milla For sharing your great ideas about healthy food! Well done!

Te Kete Manawa

- Juan For striving to be on task and for being focused
- Olivia C For embracing her learning in an enthusiastic way
- Lenny For being conscientious and focused with your learning
- Christina For striving to be the best she can be
- Nic For amazing measurement maths work
- Waho For excellent contributions in the Life Education bus
- Mahee For excellent focus and effort in all of your learning
- Ella Maree For a fantastic effort in maths, estimating and ordering different weights
- Zahara For being a caring and helpful member of TKM

Te Kete Aronui

Last week's amazing STRIVE winners were:
 Hamish, Alex M, Chavira, Page and Kazuki.

Thank you to those parents who have brought in some much needed pens. We still desperately need a lot more - blue please. Happy Birthday this week to Mia and Ariana. We hope you both enjoy being another year older!

Te Kete Tangaroa

- Kade For persevering with his reading and working hard on sounding out new words
- Brandon For being a role model in assembly
- Jordan For a creative and effective poem with fabulous descriptive words
- Annabelle For beautiful descriptive writing using your senses
- Tino For working hard on the Literacy Contract
- Melissa For using good mental strategies when multiplying
- Quinlan For using super descriptive language and dialogue to enhance your writing.
- Anaru For making great predictions during writing
- Shama For her great attitude towards developing her lunch time club
- Josiah For collaborating with a buddy and developing a lunchtime club to help coach younger students play soccer

On Tuesday 17th May, some TKT students will be holding stalls to fundraise money for specific causes. This has emerged from our Term 1 inquiry unit where we investigated citizenship. Students decided to fundraise for a cause, to highlight how they can be local or global citizens.

The below stalls will be running, both before (8.30am - 8.50) and after school (3.00 - 3.15pm) on **Tuesday 17th May**

Price	Way of Fundraising	Cause
\$1 per plastic shopping bag	Selling pinecones	Child Cancer
\$1 per cupcake	Cupcake sale	SPCA
\$1 per item	Bake sale	Helping Fiji
\$1 per item	Bake sale	Just Zilch
\$.50 small; \$1 large	Selling bracelets	SPCA

This will be a one-off fundraising morning and afternoon, so please support our stalls where possible.

School Cross Country - Thursday 2nd June. 11.00am - 12.30pm we shall see you there for a fantastic event!!
Parents, please bring along your best cheering voices!!

School Notices

Scholastic Books

Scholastic book order forms have been distributed. If you wish to make an order please make sure these are returned to the office by Friday 20th May. If paying by cheque, please make cheques out to Scholastic New Zealand.

Library

A huge thank you to Lisa M, Sarah S, Hilda H and Pam F for volunteering their time to in our library to help with lunchtime supervision, tidying shelves, book covering and repairs. We now have our library open four lunchtimes a week and the children love it. We couldn't do it without your help
 A friendly reminder that Hokowhitu School library books are issued for one week. We have a large amount of books overdue from February. Reminder notices were sent home earlier this week. Please help your children find these books and return them to our library so others can enjoy them. Thank you for your assistance in this matter ~ The Library Team.

Sports Results

Hockey

The **Golden Eagles** had 2 wins in their grading games. First game vs West End won 2-0. Second game vs College Street Red won 1-0. Player of the day was Jake C.
Hokowhitu Firebirds vs Westend lost 2-3; vs Winchester lost 0-2. Player of the day Ruby W. **Hokowhitu Thunderbirds** vs Opiki won 4-0; vs Cloverlea Tigers lost 0-3. Player of the day Baxter J.
 Hockey draw for Saturday 14th May at Manawaroa Park: Hokowhitu Mini Sticks v Bush 4 9am, field 6. Hokowhitu Firebirds v Tiritea Tornados 9am Field 12. Hokowhitu Thunderbirds vs Riverdale Lions 10am Field 12. Hokowhitu Eagles vs Cloverlea Panthers 10am, field 20.

Netball results

The Hokowhitu Stars had their grading games on Saturday. They lost to Riverdale A1 and had a draw in a great game against Opiki. Congratulations to all the girls, especially the girls playing their first ever games of netball.

Celebrating Learning

The volcano

The volcano is going to erupt. I am worried. The red hot lava is coming out. It is bubbling at the top.
 By Payton B - Ruma Tahī



My Poppy poem

Poppies are red, poppies are black, poppies are beautiful, poppies are pretty, poppies are awesome, poppies are in Flanders Field, poppies are for celebration, poppies celebrate the people who died on Anzac Day.
 By Steph



War

There I was in the middle of the circle losing my friends one by one. I was scared and terrified that I was next! Then it happened - there I was in a better place.
 By Paige

Writing from TKT

The colour green

Green feels like the fluffy grass under your toes
 Green tastes like a brand new Granny Smith apple
 Green sounds like peacefulness in your back garden
 Green smells like my Feijoa Ginger cake. ~ by Annabelle

Fire

Fire dancing around me
 Her big fiery hair
 Trying to burn me
 And teasing me as I escape ~ by Lucy

Snowstorm

Snowstorm watches me getting colder and colder
 Screaming and screaming
 Laughing and laughing
 Turning to ice
 Growing and growing
 Whiter and whiter
 Until it moves to the next snow hill around the world ~ by Bayley

Tsunami

Tsunami gave a furious roar and flung herself at the coast.
 She gobbled up houses, couches, trees and anything in her path.
 She chased the fleeing people, dragging them back when she caught them.
 Then she receded, leaving a trails of destruction behind her ~ Esther