

Term 2 Week 3 20th May 2016

From the Principal

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

Wow, what an exciting week we have had here at Hokowhitu School. We have had a range of visitors eager to come and share their experiences with our children. Tim, Harold and the Life Education mobile classroom left on Thursday. Our Tararua team were treated to a visit by Big Harold the giraffe. The feedback on Life Education from students and staff alike was extremely positive and we look forward to seeing Tim and Harold next year. Tararua 1 also had a visit from Ronald McDonald yesterday. Ronald was here to educate our youngest learners about Road Safety. We have also had a specialist coach in from Netball Manawatu to develop our student's netball skills. It's wonderful to see all of these people interacting and enjoying their time with our students. I'd also like to welcome our two new Massey University College Teachers Sam Cameron and Kayla Cousins who are in TKM and Ruma Toru respectively. We hope they have an enjoyable practicum here and enjoy all the fantastic opportunities that Hokowhitu School provides.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Nomination forms for the Board of Trustees (BOT) Elections closed today at 12pm. If we secure more than five nominations there will be an election. Voting forms will be mailed to you next week should this be the case. We will inform parents via the app on Monday as to the next step in this process.

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

The construction around our school continues on. Many of you would have seen the new building being built out by our tree house. The external part of the project is now complete and the internal focus is well underway. To add to the construction of the new building we are just about to start a second project. The Board of Trustees have kindly purchased an external canopy, which is going to cover the deck out the front of Te Kete Tangaroa. This will create even more outdoor learning environments for the members of our school to continue their learning. This project is due to begin on Monday and I know that you will all be very happy with the result. I do ask that you stay away from the construction site until the project is complete.

TE KETE TANGAROA CHARITY FUNDRAISER

Many of you would have seen the amazing stalls that popped up on Tuesday morning before school. As part of Te Kete Tangaroa's kete inquiry into 'being a good citizen'. The students decided to fundraise for a range of charities including Fiji, Just Zilch, SPCA and Child Cancer. The students came up with the fundraising ideas and then went about creating and collecting the good to sell. Their sales made a grand total of \$232.60 which will be distributed amongst the charities. It's heartening to see our student's commitment to helping others. A huge congratulations must go out to TKT and the teaching team of TKT for inspiring such valuable learning.

EVENTS COMING UP:

- 2nd June – School Cross Country Race commencing at 11:05
- 2nd June – Pizza Lunch
- 6th June – Queens Birthday holiday

Finally, I'd like to thank all the students and members of the Hokowhitu School community for the sympathetic and cheeky comments about my unfortunate black eye and stitches I have been carrying around with me this week. Contrary to the wild and imaginative stories I have heard this week I can confirm that it was done during completing a tackle playing in Presidents grade rugby. A grade I thought would be suited to my aging body and one I thought might have a little less contact, more the fool me. The kid's comments have been hilarious and due to it I might take this weekend off.....might!

Have a wonderful weekend, best of luck to all children and parents playing sport, enjoy yourselves and keep smiling.

"The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra" – Jimmy Johnson

Nga mihi
 Sam Bradnock
 Acting Principal

Achievement Awards

Rūma Tahī (1)

- Ruan: We are so pleased to have you join Ruma Tahī. You have made a super start to the term!
- Joshua: You have been trying so hard with your writing and have made fantastic progress. Well done my friend!
- Lily: You have been trying really hard to focus on new words in your reading - keep it up my friend!

Rūma Rua (2)

- Olivia: For being a great friend to everyone in Ruma Rua
- Annie: For trying really hard during reading
- Dylan: for making good choices all week

Rūma Toru (3)

- Elijah: For always having an excellent attitude towards learning
- Charlie: For practising ordering numbers during a wet lunchtime

Rūma Wha (4)

- Masaki: For pointing to words when reading

Te Kete Pounamu (5)

- Max: Always striving to be the best he can be. Tino pai!
- Amelia, Malakai & Eli: For using appropriate maths language to explain their clever thinking

Te Kete Pounamu (6)

- Emma: For trying so hard to explain your thinking at maths time. Well done for being a risk taker!
- Riley: For being more organised at the beginning of each day. Great self-management
- Finn: For great progress with your handwriting. Well done for striving!

Te Kete Pounamu (7)

- Brooklyn: Sharing great ideas during discussions. Keep it up!
- Addison: Wonderful progress in reading. Well done!
- Jilly: You are such a hard worker. Keep it up!

Te Kete Manawa

- Finn, Brooklyn & Amelia: STRIVE award
- Chloe: For showing good progress in reading
- Tioke: For reading fluently with confidence
- Nic: For being involved in all our classroom activities
- Lennox: For enthusiasm in all his learning
- Natsume: For fantastic explanation writing
- Shoki: For being conscientious and focused with your learning

Te Kete Aronui

Huge congratulations to our amazing STRIVE winners: Stephanie, Ryan B, Kegan, Jason, Amitis and William. Keep up all your great behaviour!

We are still in desperate need of blue pens and also pencils please. If you can possibly throw some into your trolley when at the supermarket, K-mart or the Warehouse it would be very much appreciated. Have a wonderful weekend!

Te Kete Tangaroa

- Brayden: For showing perseverance when clarifying during a reading group
- Jess: For creating an excellent personification poem about a snow storm
- Amnah: For showing leadership and great reflective skills in her art group
- George: For using good descriptive language and similes in your colour poem
- CJ: For using your senses when doing descriptive writing
- Hannah R: For showing perseverance when solving mathematical word problems
- Elizabeth: For your commitment to helping your cause as part of our inquiry unit
- Andy: For being a patient student, who is working hard on his writing goals
- Matthew: For showing great passion and perseverance with developing and organising his lego club
- Carli: For always valuing others, by showing understanding and empathy

School Notices

Vision and Hearing

The Vision and Hearing Technicians will be at the school on **Friday 27th May**.

Children to be screened during this visit are:

- New Entrants who have not had/completed their B4 School check
- Children who have no previous test record.

If any parent/guardian does not want their child to be checked could they please inform the school.

PTA

Parent Opportunity! Share a cup of coffee with other parents and help teachers by preparing resources for their classes. A great opportunity to meet other parents and help the school while drinking coffee! We will meet in the staffroom 8.50am Monday morning for about an hour. On days where there is a school assembly, feel free to attend the assembly first and then come over to the staffroom. For further details contact Sarah 022 023 5824

Community Notices

Table Tennis

Table Tennis has begun in the hall on Mondays from 3.15pm to 4.15pm for years 3 and above. We would love more to attend! For further information please phone Reg on 356 9435. The cost is \$15 per term.

iBike4Kids

A fun event for kids who just love being out on their bikes. Sunday May 22nd, Victoria Esplanade, Palmerston North. www.ibike4kids.co.nz

Girl Guiding:

Enquiries are welcome from girls interested in joining Girl Guides: Pippin (5-6yrs, meet Tues), Brownie (7-9yrs, meet Tues) Guide (10-12 yrs, meet Weds). Sessions are Hokowhitu based. For more information please phone Kaye 358 3159 or email warrenkaye@vodafone.co.nz

Celebrating Learning

My War

There I was, losing all my friends
 It was sad but then I died
 I was glad to get away from that awful place,
 And start a new life....
By Connor J

A big thank you to Vicki C for coming into the office and doing a tremendous job on our fish tank - they have never looked so bright and shiny!



Cross Country running Times

Race Times:

Please note these times are approximate - they may run early or late depending on the runners.

11.05	Year 1 girls
11.10	Year 1 boys
11.15	Year 2 girls
11.20	Year 2 boys
11.25	Year 3 girls
11.30	Year 3 boys
11.35	Year 4 girls
11.40	Year 4 boys
11.45	Year 5 girls
11.55	Year 5 boys
12.05	Year 6 girls
12.15	Year 6 boys



Farewell from Tim and Harold!

We just wanted to say thank you so much for having us at your awesome school - what an incredibly positive, enjoyable, energetic 9 days we experienced. The buzz and enthusiasm of the pupils, staff and parents made each day something to treasure! So many wonderful moments to take away and all the valuable discussions and learning that took place will stay with us for a very long time. Please go to our Life Education Facebook page to see photos and captions of the visit. Please leave a comment and if you like us - FANTASTIC! We hope the rest of your 2016 is rewarding and we would love to come back and see you in the future - hopefully see heaps of you at the Manawatu Striders multi-run/walk event on May 29th where me and Harold will be donning our Stubbies and Bata Bullets! Bring your sunglasses. Take care! Love from Tim and Harold

Sports Results

Hockey

Hokowhitu Thunderbirds vs Riverdale Lions loss 7-1. Player of the day Finn F
Hokowhitu Eagles had a tough fought 2 all draw against a very good Cloverlea team. Great game by all players. Player of the day Jessica L. **Hokowhitu Mini Sticks** v Bush, - loss. Player of the day ~ Hera. **Hokowhitu Firebirds** v Tiritea - lost 3-9. Player of the day Maiya S.
 Winter hockey draw Saturday 21st May, Manawaroa Park. **Hokowhitu Mini Sticks** vs Te Ke Kawau Tuis Field 1 9am. **Hokowhitu Firebirds** v Bush 3 Field 11 10am.
Hokowhitu Thunderbirds v RSS Hawks Field 11 9am. **Hokowhitu Eagles** v CSNS B field 19 10am.

Netball results

The Hokowhitu Ferns netball team played Tiritea Legends. The improvement in our passing and catching is amazing! Players of the day were Olivia and Sophie. We won 2-1.
High Flyers netball: Grading games on 14th May. Highflyers vs TKMOM Nga Koko - lost 0-6. Player of the day Carli Game 2 - Highflyers vs St James Yellow - won 7-1. Player of the day Tia H. **The Hokowhitu Stars** played two grading games on Saturday. They had a 6-1 win and a 6-0 loss. Player of the day was Zoe.