

Term 2 Week 4 27th May 2016

From the Principal

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

To use a Game of Thrones phrase "Winter is Coming", in fact I'm pretty sure it's here! It was very nice to see the snow upon the Tararua ranges earlier this week. It's been another great week at school despite the regular rain and cooler temperatures. Our two construction projects continue to forge ahead and we are hoping to have the canopy on Te Kete Tangaroa and the new classroom to form Te Kete Pounamu completed in the coming weeks, which will be very exciting. Also I have exciting news surrounding Kapa Haka. We will look to be reigniting the Kapa Haka flame here at Hokowhitu School very shortly. The tragic passing of Pa Dawson Tamatea last year meant a halt for our Kapa Haka roopu. We have now secured a new kaiako to oversee and teach Kapa Haka to our students with the blessing of Andrea & Sarah Tamatea who have both kindly offered their services to the roopu when they can. We really appreciate that we can still maintain this link with the Tamatea whanau.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE RESULTS:

Our Board of Trustees (BOT) Election Nominations closed last Friday. We had four outstanding people nominated for the positions. Due to the number of nominations we did not need to have an election. I can now confirm and congratulate: Brett Calkin, Tim Foss, Alison Arrow and Philip Steer on all returning to our Board of Trustees for another term. This team has worked superbly as the last board and it would be remiss of me to not thank them for everything they do for our school. On behalf of the school I'd also like to thank Daniela Hurinui for all of her efforts during her term as a member of our previous Board of Trustees. Daniela is a true professional and her efforts with the Property Portfolio have been fantastic. We will miss her skills, knowledge and commitment to ensuring that Hokowhitu School continues to provide top quality education for all our students.

HEALTH:

The cooler weather has meant an increased number of student's being away ill or heading to the sickbay during the school day. We always want to see your children at school but do appreciate that if they are ill that you keep them at home until they are recovered to keep the spread of winter ills and chills to a minimum. You may have also read about the recent measles outbreak in the Horowhenua Region. I can assure you that we are very proactive on this issue and are in regular contact with the Ministry of Health and Mid Central Health to ensure the health and safety of all of our students.

LOST PROPERTY:

There is a mountain of lost property beginning to build up in the Lost Property room. The amount of jerseys especially is rather mind blowing considering the current temperatures. If your child has lost a jersey or any other item of uniform feel free to have a look through the Lost Property Room opposite Room 6. Please ensure that all items are labelled to help us match the lost items to their owners quickly.

EVENTS COMING UP:

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

I have recently been in contact with Lin who this week has been up visiting a variety of schools in the Waikato area. She misses being at school but has been able to pick up some great initiatives that I'm sure she will bring back to our school to make it an even better. I hope the weekend brings some much-needed sunshine and everybody is able to have a relaxing weekend. See you all next week.

*"SUCCESS IS NO ACCIDENT
 -It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice
 and most of all love what you are doing" - Pele*

Nga mihi
 Sam Bradnock
 Acting Principal

Young Leaders Day

On Monday 16th May the school councillors and ambassadors went to the National Young Leaders Day. We heard heaps of inspiring speakers talk to us about their past and how to be great leaders. Some of the speakers were Brylee Mills who is an amputee but she still dances professionally. Chris Jupp who works at World Vision and goes around the country helping people. We had heaps more inspiring people as well. Some of the key quotes were: "You don't have to be a leader to be a leader". "We all have ordinary footsteps, some people just took the right path". "It's not always what you achieve its about how you achieve it". "Work hard and stay focused". "Don't listen to hater, listen to supporters" and lots more.

In-between speakers, one in a while we would play a game to get us all energised. The first game we played was a game with step predominators, which is a small device that measures your steps. Whoever got the most steps one. The second game was a game with giant beach balls. We had to get them from one end of the arena to the other, just by bouncing it off our hands. The day was very fun and inspiring. It was a very cool opportunity and I am glad we could all go.

~ By Charlotte.



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



Achievement Awards

Rūma Rua (2)

Fleur Cooper For being ready to help anyone when they need it For always being on task

Rūma Toru (3)

Jai Caidyn For showing us to ask awesome questions An excellent attitude towards learning

Rūma Wha (4)

Andrew A You are clever finding your name card and copying your name

Te Kete Pounamu (5)

Vera, Cameron & Olivia Ata & Elsa For being great reading buddies For working with great purpose at reading time

Te Kete Pounamu (6)

Michelle Tobey Charlie For the way you are so happy to come to school with a smile! You are a super star! For your effort and creative moving at fitness time. We like your ideas! For sharing your amazing ideas and knowledge about stars. Tino pai!

Te Kete Pounamu (7)

Jihan Lilian Nicola Pleasing improvement in reading! Well done. You are such a wonderful classroom helper! Thank you! Keep up your good work in reading! You are developing great expression!

Te Kete Manawa

STRIVE award - Emma, Olivia C and Riley

Tristan Callum For being an enthusiastic, happy member of TKM For showing a positive, hard working attitude towards his learning

Maximus Sophie B For improved handwriting and book work For writing a wonderful game explanation

Hohepa Bianca M For working well independently For being a happy, positive member of TKM

Te Kete Aronui

Congratulations to our STRIVE winners from last week. You are all amazing citizens in our Kete! Sapphire, Tatiana, Olivia, Ava, Jasmine and Anna.

Happy Birthday to Ben last weekend.

Parents ~ we are signing off some amazing homework challenges. You children are all developing an amazing sense of what it means to be a wonderful 'Citizen' in this world of ours. Thank you for all your help and support. Lastly we are in desperate need of pencils - we have 6 left.....

Te Kete Tangaroa

Tayla Miracle Zavier For being honest and showing maturity in class For producing an excellent homework challenge For stepping up by being organised when coming into class

Hannah Alec For stepping up to be the best you can be and showing excellence by producing an outstanding diorama showing the planets in our solar system. For stepping up to be the best you can be and showing excellence by producing an outstanding diorama showing the planets in our solar system

Rhianna For consistently giving her best and working hard on her writing goals.

School Notices

Vision and Hearing will now be here on 1st July.

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

Pizza Notices due in by Tuesday 31st 9am. No late orders!!

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.

Sports Results

Hockey

Eagles had a great team win over CSNS B 4-1. Player of the day was Elizabeth S who had an awesome game. **Hokowhitu Mini Sticks** lost to Te Kawa 3-6. Great effort with only 3 players against their 4 players. Player of the day - Grace F. **Hokowhitu Firebirds** lost to Bush 1-6. Player of the day - Will F. **Hokowhitu Thunderbirds** lost to Russell Street School 3-6. A great game and a good challenge for the team to get some passing into their game. Player of the day - Erika M. **Winter Hockey Draw - Saturday 28th May:** **Hokowhitu Mini Sticks** vs Whakarongo Red Sticks - Field 1 9am. **Hokowhitu Firebirds** vs Winchester Wizards - Field 9 10am. **Hokowhitu Thunderbirds** vs Whakarongo Orange Sticks Field 15 9am. **Hokowhitu Eagles** vs Riverdale Rebels Field 24 9am.

Netball results

Last Thursday the **Hokowhitu Ferns** played Winchester. We lost 2-0. The players of the day were Kaitlin and Regan. **Hokowhitu High Flyers** played their first game of the season now grading is over. The team played a great game. **High Flyers** vs Tiritea Terrifics - we won 10-4. Player of the day Bella M.