

# Term 3 Week 1 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016

## From the Principal

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

Welcome to Term 3 everyone. It was great to see excited kids rushing in the doors on Monday morning, obviously pleased to be back with their friends and teachers. A special welcome to new families to our school - we are confident you will be pleased to be part of Team Hokowhitu! Always ask if you are unsure or concerned about something, as we want to do our best to communicate well with you and have a strong home/school partnership.

I am delighted to be back 'at my desk' following last term's sabbatical. Over the time, I completed school visits and research into ways to support effective personalised learning in both flexible learning spaces and single cell classrooms. I now look forward to sharing my learning with the staff so we can further develop learners that are confident, connected, actively involved, life long learners!

My sincere thanks to our Board of Trustees who supported my sabbatical application. Special thanks go to Sam Bradnock (ably supported by Helen Griffin, Juis Honore and the rest of the staff) who kept the school running so effectively.

### TERM 3 HIGHLIGHTS

Where do we begin? This term is jam packed with action!

For the teachers and learners in the Year 2 area of the school, just being in the brand new building has to be a major highlight. Mrs Milidenhall, Miss Coley and Mrs Flaus have invested MANY hours over the holidays in setting up a learning environment, which can only be described as stunning. Te Kete Pounamu (TKP) is quite the place to be! We need to wait for improved weather to finish the grounds, but mostly this project is complete.

Learning conferences are being held on both the 9<sup>th</sup> and the 11<sup>th</sup> August. A reminder that school closes at 12.30 on the 11<sup>th</sup> August, so the children need collecting or out of school care organised from 12.30 that day.

One of the best things about the New Zealand curriculum is the opportunity to produce well-rounded citizens and so we aim to give different experiences and learning activities to appeal to each of our unique learners.

Academic Challenges such as the Mathex competition, the World of Maths Roadshow, and Speech Competitions are just a few upcoming examples of this. Sporting Challenges such as the upcoming Elite winter tournament, all our school sports teams, and of course enthusiastically supporting the Olympic Games. The Arts' features strongly this term too with dance lessons from Ezra, in preparation for a HUGE highlight with our Major Production on the 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Therefore it is probably no surprise then for you to learn that our big concept/idea for this term is 'Challenge' and our key competency is 'participating and contributing'. Much of the children's learning will be exploring ways to challenge themselves and others, persevere when the going gets tough, accept wins and defeats with grace, be positive and useful members of our community, and much more.

Please check your term calendar for dates and details including costs.

### JULS HONORE

At the March BOT meeting earlier this year, Juis advised the Board that she is to resign at the end of this term. As you can imagine, our first reaction was 'NO YOU CAN'T.' However, the time has come where Juis wants to have more flexibility and freedom in her life and ... no one deserves it more. We will soon be advertising for another 'Office Manager extraordinaire' but in the meantime we will just enjoy having Mrs Honore here with us.

### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our first assembly for this term is NEXT Monday morning at 9am. TKT will be our presenters. Please stay after drop off if you can and be our audience.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES - VACANCY

The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the casual vacancy by selection. If 10 percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to: Chairperson, Board of Trustees, Hokowhitu School, 227 Albert St Palmerston North, by the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

Have a great weekend everyone - let's hope some sunshine is on its way.

Nga mihi

Ljn Dixon  
Principal

### Celebrating Learning

#### Grizzly Attack

Thump, thump, thump. My heart beats like thunder as I am face to face with a grizzly. I get out my iPhone 6 and say to the grizzly 'don't kill me'. The bear starts rumbling, moving its legs like a bull starting to charge. I run like my feet are lightning bolts. The bear starts screeching his claws together getting ready to eat. Then just above his nose his eyes look so terrifying like a leopard and tiger's eyes mixed together. I didn't escape - I died.

By Jaxon

### PTA

The next PTA meeting will be held on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August** at 7.00pm in the staffroom. All welcome!

## Achievement Awards

### Rūma Tahi (1)

Ruma Tahi you have all made a really positive start to Term 3 - I am very proud of you all. Keep up the hard work my friends!

### Rūma Rua (2)

Mason For sounding out unknown words during writing time  
Charlotte Welcome back from your long holiday in France!

### Rūma Toru (3)

Mila For presenting her learning very neatly  
Lena For giving everything a go  
Caidyn For being a great team leader

### Rūma Wha (4)

Zachary Welcome to Ruma Wha  
Braxton Welcome to Ruma Wha  
Jessica Welcome to Ruma Wha

### Te Kete Pounamu

For all the children in TKP for making a great start in our new Kete. Tino pai!

### Te Kete Manawa

STRIVE Award - Regan, Kotare, Caitlin

Kael For great work in reading  
Lennox For improved letter formation in handwriting

Lillie For working hard with her reading  
Ruby W For improvement and enthusiasm at maths time

Rebecca For fantastic improvement and effort with your reading  
Riley For great writing ideas

### Te Kete Aronui

Well done to all students in TKA for the fabulous beginning to the term. You have all shown STRIVE over the last few days - KEEP IT UP!  
A note will go home with all TKA students regarding our next marble jar prize day. Please help us by returning it promptly.

Sports: Ricoh Tournament is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September. If there are any parents/coaches who would like to help TKA and TKT with any sports teams we would really love to hear from you! This would be during school hours. Please e-mail Carlee Hodge or Reece Hawkins: [c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz) or [r.hawkins@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:r.hawkins@hokowhitu.school.nz)  
The sports are: hockey, netball, badminton, rugby 7's tackle, basketball and soccer

### Te Kete Tangaroa

Trey For working really hard in writing his speech at school  
Esther For stepping up and thinking of a question to challenge her peers during a maths starter  
Annah For showing excellent respect during maths starters

James, Emiliya & Quinlan For your enthusiasm and presentation efforts for your passions

Iona For your hard work with your fractions goal  
George For your contributions to your reading group discussion

Al-Bara Valuing others by working well in a group  
Anaru Stepping up to be the best he can by working hard on writing his speech

## School Notices

### Learning Conferences

These will be held on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August**. Information was sent out with your child last term. To book go to [www.wschoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.wschoolinterviews.co.nz) Our code is 8tucn. Key in the code and go to the parents page. If you are unable to go online please return the form to us by **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**. Times are filling fast so please book as soon as possible.

### Photos

School photos will be taken on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August** during school time. Every child will be photographed individually and in their class group. When photos are ready for printing, students will bring home their own unique 'shoot key'. Go online and follow the steps to view and purchase your photos. Order is completed and payment is made online.

Information has been sent out with your child this week regarding the process, ordering online, ordering if you do not have a computer and also about sibling photos.

Please contact the office if you require further information.

### School Donation

Thank you to those who have paid their school donation. Our donations for 2016 have been set at \$160 per child for the year or \$120 if you have a community services card. This can be paid either per term or per annum. We really appreciate your support with this. If you have yet to pay you can either pay by eftpos, cash, cheque at the office or internet banking - Hokowhitu School Board of Trustees: 12-3143- 0322799-00

### Scholastic orders

If you would like to order any books through Scholastic please have orders returned to the office by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August. If you are paying by cheque, please make the cheque out to Scholastic NZ.

## Community Notices

### Palmerston North

#### Intermediate

#### Normal Open Day

An invitation to all parents to view our school in action:

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2016

9.30am - 10.45am;

11.15am - 1.00pm;

2.00pm - 2.45pm.

Includes tour of all school. See our

website:

[www.pnins.school.nz](http://www.pnins.school.nz)

## Sports Results

### Netball

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July we played a very hard game against Terrace End and lost 9-1. Player of the day was Charlotte for her extreme calm under pressure.

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July we played a very close and exciting game against Roslyn. We lost 8-7. Kiilani was player of the day for her great agility in defence. We were very pleased to see Miss Bisset watching us and we were lucky to have Ella from Awatapu College as our referee.

### Hockey

Winter hockey results - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July

Hokowhitu Thunderbirds lost to Russell Street Hawks 2-5. Player of the day award: Callum M for your awesome defending