

From the Principal

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

What a fantastic evening our Christmas Carnival, prize giving and Year 6 graduation turned out to be on Tuesday evening! The weather was (relatively speaking) kind to us, the food was fantastic and we were delighted with the number of families who supported the event. Too many great people assisted for me to name you all, but I do want to acknowledge Susan Calkin's leadership in co-ordinating all the food helpers and menus! My sincere thanks to everyone who helped, we value your support immensely. While the exact proceeds are not available at this time, we know that more than \$1700.00 was raised - and the PTA are directing these funds to subsidising next year's EOTC week.

NEW WORLD 'GO FOR GOLD' REWARDS

Earlier this week we received our rewards from Melody's New World Go for Gold campaign. Our sincere thanks to all family/whanau who have shopped at Melody's over the year and nominated Hokowhitu School. The Year 6 children enjoyed the delicious cake as part of their graduation process and all the children were delighted to see the new dive rings, flutterboards, goggles and games that will be available for their swimming lessons next year.

EARLY DIARY DATES FOR 2017

- 8.50am Tuesday 31st January Term 1 opens: (24th January onwards ~ school office open daily from 8.00am - 4.00pm)
- Monday 6th February Waitangi day holiday
- 5.00pm Thursday 9th February Pool Party
- 17th February 'Science in a Van' Roadshow (the cost will be built into EOTC week)
- 20th - 24th February EOTC week - loads of action every day!!!!
- 24th February Whole School 'Big Day Out'. Helpers will be welcome, so book this day if you can!

Any families wanting to start putting some money into their family account for 2017 expenses can do so by making deposits to 12-3143-0322799-00. Please state your family name and 'Family Account' as the reference.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year.

To whanau moving on from Hokowhitu School, we send our very best wishes for the future and thank you for your positive contributions to our school.

If your personal circumstance change over the holiday period and you find that you will not be returning next year, an email to office@hokowhitu.school.nz would be much appreciated.

To everyone else - see you in 2017. I hope the sun shines brightly on you all wherever you are over the holiday period.

Nga mihi

Lin Dixon
Principal



Child & Adolescent Oral Health Service

The school based services close on 20th December. School holiday services will be available at "The Palms", Intermediate Normal and Feilding Health Care until 23rd December. Holiday services resume on 9th January at The Palms, Intermediate Normal and Ross Intermediate.

Achievement Awards

Rūma Tahī (1)

Ruma Tahī ~ It has been an absolute pleasure having you as my school family this year. I will miss each and every one of you and I am incredibly proud of all the individual progress you have made, as well as the way you have worked as a team!

Rūma Rua (2)

Ruma Rua, I have really enjoyed our time together. We have added, subtracted, read books and graphed. We have also shared many silly times and laughs! You have worked so hard and YOU are so very smart! I've watched you all learn and grow and change from day to day. I hope that all the things we've done, have helped in some small way. Congratulations to you all for completing a year at Hokowhitu School ☺

Ruma Toru

Lena & Miia

For excellent tidying up after themselves and others

Rūma Whā (4)

Joseph

You are always ready to strive to do your best. You are a SPECTACULAR student!

Lily

You always value others - you are kind and help others with their learning

Madison

WOW! Your learning is always the best you can make it - FANTASTIC!

Alex

You ask great questions when you are learning - keep it up!

Rūma Rima (5)

For all of the wonderful learners in Ruma Rima. Thank you for a great term. Happy Holidays!

Te Kete Pounamu

To all the children in TKP for a wonderful year. You have been amazing! Have a great holiday.

Te Kete Manawa

Thank you all TKM children for a great year. We wish you And you families a safe and happy holiday!
Mrs Gifford Moore, Mr Roper and Mrs Handcock

Te Kete Tangaroa

Congratulations to all the award winners from Te Kete Tangaroa. Also a huge congratulations to all the students who have been offered leadership roles for next year.

Student Leadership Team 2017

Ambassadors: Al-Bara, CJ, Tia, Esther

House Leaders: Kahurangi ~ Tylah & Jack S
Kakariki ~ Ruby & Mareko
Whero ~ Tayla & Vincent
Kowhai ~ Emi & Aiden

Student Council: Melissa K, Aylah, Isabel, Emily C, Zoe
Noah, Jenson, Matthew S, Jason G, Kazuki

Celebrating learning and achievement

Interschool Athletics

A selection of the top athletes from Hokowhitu School headed off to interschool athletics. The car ride was nerve-wracking, tense and the suspense was tough - almost impossible to bear. We arrived with our hopes high and ready to ace this. We felt prepared for whatever challenges were going to be thrown at us. We warmed up, listened to the rules and now was our time to shine. We all put our hearts and souls on the line and put in as much effort as possible. We strived to succeed and we all got some amazing places - some first, seconds, and even some thirds. We all did an amazing job knowing that there were 30 other schools also battling to win.

By Hannah Russell



TKA & TKT celebration day



TKT & TKA Celebration Day

Finally, the day was here. We had waited all year for our celebration day, where we get to experience a range of exciting activities. It was now time for the first people to hop in, I quickly grasped my opportunity, Dashing through the crowd, I soon stumbled upon an empty bubble ball. Face first, I plunged into the soft inflatable ball. With my arms hooked in the straps I walked, fell over and forward rolled to our assembly point where I hopped out and walked to our next activity, cultural food. Next we had a cooking extravaganza where we made sushi, curry and tacos which we then ate for lunch. After our cultural experience, a nice refresh in the pool was exactly what I felt like! The cool water was relaxing and had me prepared for my next experience - art. I was pretty pleased with myself on this activity, it was reasonably easy and afterwards we got to play computer games. For me, I thought: ugh not science, but that was when I didn't know it was water rockets. I really enjoyed watching the long streams of water fly up into the air and then plummet down. I really enjoy our celebration day, although sadly it was probably my last memory at Hokowhitu School, it was amazing.

By Jake C

Sports News

Sports Results

The Stormers team played Roslyn. We lost, putting us 4th out of 10 teams in the competition. Great effort team! The players of the day were Fergus and Jack W. Thank you to Brian, the coach, for the time you put into the time.

Hokowhitu School Stars won the third place of Division 2 after beating CNS United 7/1.

Hokowhitu School Wizards won 5th place of Division 3 after beating Tokomaru White 2/1.

The Knights Cricket team played Weraroa, Levin. We won reaching their score after 12 overs and 2 wickets. The player of the day was Miracle for not getting out this season. Great batting effort! The team was unbeaten this term. Well done!

Hockey:

Hokowhitu Hammerheads fought hard but the score was 4-0 to Riverdale School. Player of the day awarded to Milla who always participates enthusiastically on turf. On behalf of the team, thank you very much to our coaches Mr and Mrs Shailer for displaying good sportsmanship and all the parents and family for their positive support and encouragement from the side line!