

From the Principal

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

It was fabulous to have such a great turnout of parents/whanau at Monday morning's assembly. The children really enjoy the chance to perform to an audience. Thanks so much to everyone who came along. Our next assembly will be on Monday the 31st October - TKT will be on the stage and we also have representatives from ASB coming in to launch our reintroduction of 'school banking'. Everyone is most welcome.

PTA NEWS

There is still time for you to participate in the family portrait fundraiser. By paying a \$10 sitting fee you receive a free 10"x 13" printed photograph of your family or children. Bookings are being taken now for the sitting on the 29th October. Register and pay at the school office OR by phoning Kym on 021 022 05534. **ONE LUCKY FAMILY WILL WIN A FREE PHOTO PACK VALUED AT \$286 - you have to be in to win!**

Wanted - helpers to dig a trench to plant the rest of our orchard plants. Can you spare an hour after school one day or on a Saturday some time soon? Please let Lin know if you can help.

A helper would be welcomed for 30 mins on a Friday at lunchtime to assist the student council with selling juicies. Juicies will be on sale next Friday for \$1.00.

PARTNERSHIPS

Several of our local banks make generous donations to schools when the school is nominated at the time of taking out a home loan. If you are purchasing a home and taking a loan, do enquire as to whether you can nominate Hokowhitu School.

We are also registered with Warehouse Stationery - just name Hokowhitu School when making a purchase and 5% comes to our school.

DON'T MISS THIS!

The Manawatu Principals' Association is hosting Nathan Wallis on the **16th November** for a Professional Development day. That evening (from 7 - 8.30pm) the MPA is subsidising a presentation designed to help **parents** be right up with the play on your child/rens learning and development. Tickets can be booked from our school office from now for \$15.00.

If you have an interest in how your child's brain works, the impact of the early years, the story behind the "Teenage condition" or how can you make a positive difference for your child, **then this is a presentation not to be missed!**

Nathan is a lively, engaged speaker with up to date knowledge and learning in how the human brain works. He gives a focus on how to use this knowledge to create better outcomes for your children.

VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL

Teachers from Havelock North Primary School visited our classrooms this week to learn more about our flexible learning spaces and our play based learning programme (in Te Kete Wakahuia). Next week we host another Hawkes Bay group from Mahora School. Next month we have 2 representatives from the Education Review Office coming - we have been selected as a school that is successfully 'trending data upwards'.

Their specific interest is in what teaching strategies we are using to increase the number of students achieving **well** beyond Year 4. It's great to have the fantastic work of our learners (both teachers and students) acknowledged in this way. We have been asked to share our beliefs about why our data is trending upwards and while there may be multiple reasons for this, we attribute lots of this to:

- a) our very positive culture here at Hokowhitu School - home and school working positively TOGETHER for the good of the child, and
- b) the way we are developing self directed learners - every child having some ownership of their learning, some choice and the opportunity to learn through things they are passionate about, and
- c) the quality of the teaching the children are receiving right across the school

END OF THE DAY

Our corridors are very congested at 3pm with more than 380 children all exiting classrooms at the same time. It would be helpful if you had a 'pre-arranged' meeting spot (outside the buildings) for your child. This would reduce the number of adults waiting in corridors (which considerably adds to the congestion).

In the event of us needing to exit the buildings for an emergency, it would be much safer/quicker to only have the children to exit. Thank you for your understanding and support with this matter.

If you would then like to come back into the rooms to speak with a teacher and/or look at some of the learning, you will always be welcome.

Teachers do have meetings and professional learning booked after school on some days, but they will happily book a time to talk to you if you need more than a few minutes. Please don't ever think that you can only discuss your child's progress/wellbeing at formal Learning Conference times.

School will be closed next Monday the 24th October for the Labour Day public holiday. I wish everyone a happy, safe and enjoyable long weekend.

Nga mihi

Lin Dixon

Principal

Achievement Awards

Rūma Tahi (1)

Indigo

Well done on sharing your creativity with us during our pattern making
 You have been sharing some awesome writing with us and working hard to show your personal voice coming through in your stories

Elizabeth

Rūma Rua (2)

Charlotte

For being a super reader

Cooper

For top sportsmanship

Fleur

For being an awesome artist

Rūma Toru (3)

Walker

Excellent writing about friendship

Mila

Excellent improvement in maths

Lena

For encouraging excellent friendship

Rūma Wha (4)

Daniel L

You are a great class member - you are kind and helpful

Joshua F

You are a great class member - you show respect towards others

Lily C

Thank you for helping to look after the people in our a class - you are a good friend

Rūma Rima (5)

Lily, Josh

For being wonderful learners in Rūma Rima

Te Kete Pounamu

Riley J, Eva, Tobey,
 Kirtesh, Lilly-Anne, Sam
 Addison, Guanyu, Josiah

For super work in TKP this week

Tristan

Welcome to our kete!

Te Kete Manawa

Aashna, Seongjin,
 Katie

STRIVE workers of the week

Kotare, Waho

For consistently trying to make good choices
 For coping well with the challenges of a broken arm
 For completing tasks in the time allocated
 For focus in your learning and sharing well prepared homework

Charlie

Jacob

Lenny

Natsume

For fantastic instructional writing

Tristan

For great work telling the time in maths

Te Kete Aronui

TKA - Well done to all the students who have been meeting expectations in the Kete to gain marbles for our marble jar day. (Week 5 - Friday - more information to follow next week).

We are still requiring pens/pencils/glue sticks to help with our learning. If you can assist us with bringing some to school, it would be much appreciated.

Sunhats are required. Remember the slogan - NO HAT, NO PLAY.

Te Kete Tangaroa

George
 Zachary
 Lashya

Working hard on your persuasive introduction
 For stepping up with your work ethic during class
 For your efforts in maths with your new strategies

Tino

Great contributing to maths and reading

Anaru

For perseverance during athletics practice

Riley B

For your hard work in maths and using your strategies

Jordan H

For settling in and actively participating within the kete

Mackenzie

For your enthusiasm in maths workshops

Lucy

For showing improved confidence in your maths by trying new things

Annabelle

For showing leadership during your gymnastics club

School Notices

Sports News

We have two school indoor netball teams that play on a Monday night. They had their first games on Monday and they both drew. The Red Ferns drew 3-3 and the Blue Ferns drew 8-8 with the player of the day being Brayden C for excellent defence. The students said: "It was really fun and there was a lot of running involved. We had to work really well as a team". "It was a really fast zippy game and I got really tired. I had a good time jumping in the air and getting the ball!"

Our summer hockey starts next week with the Year 1-2 and 3-4 playing on Tuesdays and the Year 5-6 playing on Wednesdays after school. The coaches have been sent the draws with the times on them to make contact with the teams. Uniforms will go out this Friday (21st October).

School Sports Uniforms

Parents, we are in desperate need of school sports uniforms! If you know your child has finished sport for the year, can you please wash and return your child's sports uniform in a named plastic bag, with the last sport they played, to Mr Parsons in TKA.

Scholastic Books

Orders for Scholastic Books need to be returned to the Office. **Last day for orders is Friday 28th October.** If paying by cheque, please make cheques out to 'Scholastic NZ'.



Mana in Education Rugby Team

The Mana in Education rugby team beat Hawkes Bay Role Models in Education at McLean Park, Napier on the weekend. Hokowhitu School players are Sam Bradnock, Dean Parsons, Reece Hawkins and reliever Scott Larsen.

PTA

Please phone Kym on 021 022 05534 to book a sitting for your \$10 portrait fundraiser on 29th October. **Final day for orders and payments will be Thursday 27th October.**