



HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Comment

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Yesterday morning, Kakapo Team's Little Businesses went into Market Day mode, setting up their stalls in the hall. As there are more children than usual in Kakapo Team this year, the hall was rather crowded, which really provided that 'market' atmosphere.

It is generally agreed by teachers that the quality, imagination, originality and presentation of marketing ideas was of a higher standard than previous years. Over past weeks the Kakapo Team classrooms have been a hive of activity, as each group worked through all the steps in their business plan. The amount of learning and growth of personal organisational skills has been very obvious and very impressive. The range of activities required to develop an idea, a business plan, create the products, market these and then sell them on the day means that children have had to extend their learnings and skills in quite a number of curriculum areas, that will have developed life long skills Well done Kakapo Team.

As school finishes next Friday at 12.30 pm, this is the last formal school newsletter for 2011. We will however be producing a more festive newsletter on Thursday 15th December to bring the year to a close.

School Reports

These have been sent home with children today. Teachers have worked very hard for many weeks to provide detailed information on how your child has done over the year. I've been really impressed by the overall quality of the reports, which capture a real summary of the wonderful learning that has taken place all around the school.

Allan Alach
Principal

Coming Events

2011

December

- 12 Pizza lunch
- 13 Tui Team Picnic
- 14 Kiwi Team Picnic
- 15 Year 6 Graduation
- 16 End of school year
- 12.30pm

February 2012

- 2 Start of 2012 school year

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Hokowhitu School Web Page

www.hokowhitu.school.nz



What's new in class blogs? Link via Newsletters page

- + SPORTY SIX "LITTLE BUSINESS MARKET DAY"
- + FEARLESS FOUR "LITTLE BUSINESS MARKET DAY"
- + ESOL CHILDREN "FLYING FISH"

TUI TEAM SPEECH FINALS RESULT			WELL DONE TO YOU		
ALL.					
YR. 4	1 ST	MATT W.	YR 3	1 ST	JOE
	2 ND	PIPPA		2 ND	CHENUKA
	3 RD	LIAM F		3 RD	DANIEL

POOL KEYS

Pool keys will once again be available both to our school families and the wider community to use the pool after school, during the weekends and holidays. Keys are available from the school office. The last day for key hire will be Friday 16th December at 12.30pm. We are aware that some people are obtaining access to the pool either without a key or using another families key. To ensure safety and correct use of the pool, Board of Trustee members will be undertaking spot checks on key use throughout the summer.

The key hire cost is:

School families: \$60 with a \$10 refundable bond when the key is returned

Non-school families: \$100 with a \$10 refundable bond when the key is returned.

Please note that when purchasing a key a "Conditions of pool use" form is required to be signed.

End of School Year

Please note that the 2011 school year will finish at 12.30pm on Friday 16th December.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our school policies are available on the SchoolDocs website. <http://hokowhitu.schooldocs.co.nz/>

User name: Hokowhitu

Password: albert

Visit the Ministry of Education parent website for more information about National Standards and reporting.

www.minedu.govt.nz/Parents/YourChild/ProgressAndAchievement/NationalStandards

Our focus virtue for next week is:

JOYFULNESS

Joyfulness is being filled with happiness. It is a peaceful sense of well-being. Joy is inside us all. It come from an appreciation for the gifts each day brings. Joy comes when we are doing what we know is right, and when we laugh and see the humour in things. Joy is the inner sense that can carry us through the hard times even when we are feeling very sad.

Achievement Awards

Wise 1

Aimee, Aylah & Matthew For demonstrating this weeks virtue of joyfulness.

Talented 2

Nisha, For bringing joyfulness to our class with her singing & dancing.
Daniel For retelling the story of his Dad's bravery with clarity & pride.
Bailey & Riley P For working hard to improve their reading skills.

Funtastic 14

Bayley Welcome to Funtastic 14.
Robert-Lee For your marvellous manners.

"Fun Fifteen"

Fun 15 Amazing manners, fun & learning on our trip to Te Manawa.

Superb 16

Matthew, Quinn, Molly & Lachy For being helpful & kind this week.

Enthusiastic 3

Zoha, Brennah, Isabella & Neo Using their leadership attributes all the time.

Fearless 4

Monica & Brooklyn Leading the RE Christmas dance.
Nicole & Rhys Lovely thankfulness writing.

Funky 5

Lewis, Jenson & Xavier Wonderful persistence with handwriting.
Melissa Amazing mathematician.

Sporty 6

Halley & Rawan Thanks for all your hard work as our Student Council Reps.
Jordan, George, Justin & Matua Congratulations for earning a star student badge.

Jacob O. For the effort put into your speech.

Supreme 7

Taane, Cody, Summa, Emma & Hannah Running very successful little businesses for market day.

Ecstatic 8

Blair For his fantastic writing.
Tom & Jamie For showing such a focused attitude during little business.

Platform 9½

Charlotte & Luke For a great effort in Petanque.
Ethan S For providing more information in your writing.
Sophie For working really hard on your handwriting focus of flicks.

Terrific 10

Troy Worker of the week.
Annelies, Karmeehan, Keona & Shaheer For excellent skills in written language.
Tom & Joe For creativity.

Extreme 11

Kyana Great acting out of the Sun Safety message.
Izayah Working cooperatively with his drama group.
Katlyn Great ideas for sun safety.
Leo A great mime artist.
Nykia Welcome back to Hokowhitu School.
Leyland Welcome to Hokowhitu School.
Nia Worked well with her drama group.
Eni Great effort with your language work.
Vincent Always a good friend to his mates.

Hokowhitu School Cricket Caps are available for purchase at the office \$10.00

Community Notices

TALL POPPIES
Drama & Theatre

Tall Poppies Drama School

Are now accepting enrolments for our Street Theatre School Holiday Programme. This will be running from 24-27 January 2012. Ages 8 plus. For more information please contact office@tallpoppiesdrama.co.nz or 354 2733.

RECREATIONAL GYMNASTICS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – JANUARY 2012

SMALL GROUPS CATERING FOR GIRLS & BOYS AGED 5-16YRS FROM BEGINNERS TO ADVANCED. TRAMPOLINES, BEAM, BARS, RINGS, FOAM PADS & SPRUNG FLOOR. WEEK 1: MON 16TH, WED 18TH, FRI 20TH. WEEK 2: MON 23RD, WED 25TH, FRI 27TH JANUARY 9AM-12PM AT MANAWATU GYMSPORTS, 10 DOWNING ST. PN. COST \$25 PER DAY. DISCOUNTED FOR ALL SESSIONS. CONTACT 357 7065

Netball Skills and Knowledge Lessons. Term 1 2012

Contact Sharon Cook on 358 8792 or txt 027 457 9313 or 021 149 3536. Numbers limited.

SPORTS FILE

CRICKET DRAW GOLD GRADE FOR FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER

HOKOWHITU GOLD TO MEET AT FITZHERBERT PARK 5.30PM

CRICKET DRAW FOR SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER

HOKOWHITU WICKETS VS FEILDING JCC2 HOKOWHITU PK 1
HOKO GREEN 1 VS RIVERDALE B ONGLEY PK J 13
HOKO GREEN 2 VS MILSON ALL STARS ONGLEY PK J 14
HOKO BLUE VS WHAKARONGO PAPAIOEA PK J 5

PLEASE NOTE: ALL THESE GAMES START AT 8.45AM SO PLEASE BE AT THE GROUNDS BY 8.30AM.

DRAW POSTED EVERY WEEK OUTSIDE ROOM 9, PLEASE CHECK.

CRICKET RESULTS FOR SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER

HOKOWHITU WICKETS VS WHAKARONGO WIN 71/6
PLAYER OF THE DAY: CLAYTON
HOKO GREEN 1 VS FEILDING GREEN LOSS BY 5 RUNS
PLAYER OF THE DAY: CAMERON
HOKO GREEN 2 VS RIVERDALE B LOSS
PLAYER OF THE DAY: BEN, KILLIAN, JACOB O
HOKO BLUE VS TE KAWAU JCC LOSS 38 - 76
PLAYER OF THE DAY: SARAH

HOCKEY RESULTS FOR THE FINAL GAME PLAYED ON THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER



HOKO MAGICSTICKS VS RIVERDALE JAGUARS DRAW
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School Stationery 2012

We are teamed up with OfficeMax MySchool – an easy use website where you can view our school stationery lists and order all your Back to School stationery requirements online.

Benefits for you: You receive competitive prices direct from supplier.
Save time by avoiding busy retail stores
Free delivery on orders over \$57.50
Order early & have plenty of time to cover books.
Your child will start the year with correct supplies.

Buying through OfficeMax My School will earn our school much needed educational supplies rewards. Every dollar spent will earn us School Rewards. Purchase by going to www.myschool.co.nz using your credit card. Search for our school, select your child's class/subject lists and follow instructions.
Otherwise shop at your leisure at our Office Max store, cnr Princess & Dahlia Streets.

OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Fraser E Congratulations on achieving your Yellow Belt 8th Mon
Daniel W Congratulations on achieving your Yellow Belt 8th Kyu
Alex C Congratulations on achieving your Orange Belt 7th Mon
These students have achieved these grades in Karate Do.

Community Notices

WEETBIX TRYATHLON MARCH 2012

Registrations are now open. You can register online at www.weetbix.co.nz with the event being so popular, be in quick to secure your place. There is a foundation that has been set up for those who wish to enter and are under financial strain. You can apply for a subsidy to help entry fee or to help with equipment. If you need help please visit. <http://tryathlon.weetbix.co.nz/foundation>

PN Basketball Association will be holding a Basketball NZ Level 1 Coaching Course 11 - 12 February 2012. If you are interested contact Helen at 354 5458 or pnba2@inspire.net.nz