

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

29 July	School reports come home today (except those who have had a 6 week or 6 month interview this year)
1 August	Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School Roadshow for all Year 6s
2 August	Ross Intermediate Roadshow for all Year 6s 5.30pm Celebrating Learning evening - for those with surname A - L (those who received a mid-year report)
3 August	5.30pm Celebrating Learning evening - for those with surname M - Z (those who received a mid-year report)
5 August	Whānau Friday - Everyone welcome in the kete to view learning. 9am Whole school assembly - TKT are sharing their learning. Masked spectators are welcome.
10 August	Lucky Book Club is due back by today.
1 September	Save this date - Major Production at the Regent Theatre.

Friday 29 July 2022

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

Welcome to Term 3 everyone! We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new students who have joined us this week. We hope that you feel supported and happy here at Hokowhitu School. Mrs Dixon has started her sabbatical. We wish her well as she explores ways to support the learning needs of students who are not progressing as expected.

It is an exciting time ahead as our tamariki work towards performing in our major production at the Regent Theatre in Week 6 of this term. Plenty of mahi will be involved in preparation from both students and staff. Please mark in your diary the evening of Thursday 1st September to come along and enjoy the show.

SLIDE

Please be aware the big stainless steel slide is currently out of action. We have discovered issues with it and it is not safe. Please ensure your children stay off the fort and slide if you are using the playground after school or at the weekend. Weather permitting the slide will be removed shortly.

REMINDERS

School starts at 8:50. Please make sure your child is here on time so they don't miss the morning routines. Anyone arriving at school before 8.30am needs to wait by the noticeboard. This is cold and unpleasant in winter, so please aim to drop off at 8.30am.

Remember when picking up or dropping your child up for appointments to come to the office to sign them out or in. It also helps if you could ring ahead so we can have your child ready in the office for you, especially when appointments are in break times.

BOARD TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS

Nominations are open for five parent representatives for the Hokowhitu School Board. Our school, alongside many schools, were going to use an online voting system however the Ministry of Education did not give clearance for this to go ahead therefore our election will now be a postal election. Nomination forms have been emailed or posted to all eligible voters in the first week of the school holidays. Parents who did not receive a nomination form please contact the school office, office@hokowhitu.school.nz.

Nominations close at noon on Wednesday 3 August. You can nominate yourself or someone you know to be on the Board.

For more information on being a Board member, visit the School Board Elections website www.schoolboardelections.org.nz

REPORTING TO PARENTS

1. Mid-year Reports

With the exception of the tamariki in Waka and a few in Huia (who have interviews after both 6 week and 6 months at school), your child will bring home a school report today.

The first page of the school report has an explanation about how teachers make overall teacher judgements (OTJ) of achievement, by matching our expectations against the National Curriculum Levels. These levels typically relate to the number of years at school, but of course, many students do not fit this pattern. Also due to COVID-19, this year has been extremely disruptive in a variety of ways, with high rates of absenteeism and uncertainty. Teachers have been cautious when making OTJs. You may see this reflected in some learners' levels and comments for students who seem to have made less progress than we would usually see. Hopefully the remainder of the year will be more settled for our learners than the first half.

Generally, each curriculum level takes 2 years to work through.

- Most learners in Years 1 and 2 are working through Level 1
- Most learners in Years 3 and 4 are working through Level 2
- Most learners in Years 5 and 6 are working through Level 3
- Most learners in Years 7 and 8 are working through Level 4

Judgment on how your child is progressing towards meeting end of year expectations.

- Of concern - unlikely to make expectations by year end
- Working towards - not yet at year end expectation, but with 6 months' progress, likely to meet expectation
- At expectation - already at year end expectation
- Above expectation - exceeding year end expectation already

2. Celebrating Learning evenings - 2nd and 3rd August (see table at the beginning of this newsletter)

Celebrating learning is an open evening inviting parents to come in and chat with all of the teachers in the kete (as your child's whānau teacher may not be their literacy or numeracy teacher). This is a great opportunity for you to spend some time in the kete, the teachers will have some fun activities for you to engage in with your child and you can ask any general follow up questions regarding their report. There is no need to make an appointment, come on in any time between 5.30pm and 6.30pm. You can spend as much or as little time as you like enjoying the classroom environment and sharing learning experiences with your child. We suggest that those with surnames A - L come on the 2nd and those with M-Z on the 3rd. This is just a suggestion to try to balance the numbers over the two nights - if the suggested night is impossible for you, come on the other evening. There is also an opportunity for you to request a follow up appointment with your child's whanau teacher if you have more detailed queries or concerns that are not suitable to be discussed at the Celebrating Learning evening. **We do ask that all adults wear masks when attending our Celebrating Learning evenings.**

COVID 19 & INFLUENZA RESPONSE

Mask wearing - We are continuing to strongly encourage the wearing of masks indoors as advised by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education. We now have our supply of 'child size masks' and teachers in Years 4, 5 and 6 will distribute these to children who need one each day. We encourage tamariki to continue to bring their own masks, but this is an option.

If adults are coming into buildings, we do ask that you wear a mask - spares are available at the office. We sincerely thank you for your tolerance and patience as we endeavour to protect those who are at higher risk of serious illness with either COVID or influenza.

Good Hygiene Practices - We are ensuring our classrooms have good ventilation. The students hand wash and use hand sanitizer regularly and we are promoting correct sneeze and cough etiquette.

Sickness - If your child is sick keep them home.

We are doing our very best to restrict sudden widespread illness and absences, in the hope of keeping our tamariki and staff healthy, and allowing our Kura to run with minimal interruption to learning programmes.

It's been a great first week back at school, despite the wet weather! Children have settled well back into routines and there is a positive buzz around our Kura.

Ngā mihi nui

Reece Hawkins
Acting Principal



SPORT

Volleyball - A notice of interest has been sent out this week with children who are in Year 4-6. If your child is interested in volleyball, please return the bottom half of the letter with name and kete by **FRIDAY 5th AUGUST**.

Please be aware that information for Summer T-Ball for years 1-4, Summer Hockey for all years, Touch for all years and Summer Soccer for all years will be appearing in the newsletter when it becomes available. **KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED.**

COACHES/MANAGERS

If you would like results or photos in the newsletter please send them through to office@hokowhitu.school.nz.



LUCKY BOOK CLUB



Welcome back to Term 3!

Lucky Book club pamphlets came home earlier this week, if you did not receive one, you can collect one from the office.

To order online, go to:

<https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz>.

Orders are due by Wednesday the 10th of August. If ordering through the school office, make sure your order has the student's Name, kete and the **exact money**. All orders earn Scholastic Rewards for the School Library. Happy Reading Everyone!

YUMMY STICKER COLLETION

We are collecting the Yummy stickers until the end of Term 3. Please collect and bring them in to school!

A colorful promotional poster for The Yummy Fruit Company's 25th anniversary. The poster features the company logo and a "CELEBRATING 25 YEARS" badge. The main headline reads "EAT YUMMY APPLES FOR NEW SPORTS GEAR FOR YOUR SCHOOL!". Below this, it says "Collect the stickers from Yummy Apples and cut-outs from 1.5kg bags of Yummy Apples for your school's share of sports gear worth \$200,000". The drive "RUNS THROUGH TO END OF TERM 3" and is described as "EATING HEALTHY FOR COOL SPORTS GEAR SINCE 1998...". The poster shows various sports balls (volleyball, soccer ball, basketball) and a green Yummy Fruit Company bag. At the bottom, it lists retail partners: "Yummy Apples at NEW WORLD and PAK'nSAVE". A row of Yummy Apple variety logos is shown at the very bottom, including Ambrosia, Braeburn, Fuji, Honeycrisp, Jonagold, Red, New Zealand Rose, Red Delicious, Royal Gala, and Sweetango.



Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

A big Hokowhitu welcome to **Rhyan, Delenaa, Max** and **Oliver** who have joined us in Waka this term. Happy school days to you all!

Liana - For a great start to Term 3.

Emma - For being brave and sharing lots of information with us.

Henry - For having an infectious smile and laugh - thank you for bringing some sunshine to Waka!

Dontae - For being a fantastic role model and helper this week! Thank you!

Joy - For having a super start to Term 3. You are striving to be the best you can be! Kā pai.

Leo W - For having a super start to Term 3. You are striving to be the best you can be! Kā pai.

Inwoo - For your amazing maths work. Tino pai!

Adam - For trying hard to blend sounds as you read. Kā pai Adam.

Te Kete Pounamu

Amelia - For excellent story writing.

Maia - For excellent story writing.

Louhan - For excellent reading with his new glasses.

Naomi - For showing enthusiasm for learning in maths.

Tilley - For a positive beginning to Hokowhitu School.

Quinn - For decoding unknown words during literacy.

C-Jay - For trying new things in literacy and numeracy and eating his lunch.

Aria - For beginning to complete her follow-ups for maths and literacy.

Te Kete Manawa

Congratulations to the winners of our Kete Top 30 draw this week: **Eli, Koby** and **Scarlett**.

Te Kete Aronui

Ella, Felicity, Kate - For outstanding teamwork and communication during our STEM Challenge.

Pippa - For always including others during group activities.

Rylan - For your enthusiasm during literacy and your willingness to try new things.

Jayden - For showing great focus and sharing your ideas during literacy.

Catherine - For your willingness to share your understanding in literacy. Kai pai!

Brooklyn - For your focus during independent activities in maths. Keep it up!

Luke - For producing a wonderful friendship soup recipe!

Frankie - For producing a wonderful friendship soup recipe!

Jacob - For showing kindness and being a good friend to others.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Grace M - For stepping up and always volunteering to look after our kete.

Josh M - For making an extra effort in trying to extend your understanding of time.

Max - Awesome time conversions Max.

Isaac - For enthusiastic participation in reading.

Te Kohi - For helping others learn about time.

Braxton W - For thinking and rewriting sentences so they were structured correctly.

Zac - Awesome work in making insightful connections in reading.

Milly - For managing her learning. Milly missed a day of school and caught up with her learning. Amazing self-management.

Haylee - For opting into workshops to learn about decimal numbers.



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SKATEBOARD ACADEMY



TERM 3 WEEKLY SKATEBOARD SESSIONS

Location: Arena 5 (Bell Hall) Central Energy Trust Arena. Enter via Waldegrave St, PN

Day: Saturday

Dates: July 30th, Aug 6th, 13th, 27th, Sept 17th, 24th

Time: 10.30am - 12pm

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