

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

21 June	5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom. Everyone welcome
23 June	THURSDAY - 9am Assembly TKM presenting. Masked spectators welcome
23 June	Y6 Ki-o-rahi tournament (invited participants) Y 6 STEM workshop (invited participants) 11.00 - Tree planting to recognise PNCC's 150th anniversary 11.45 - Matariki celebrations here at school
24 June	SCHOOL CLOSED - Matariki public holiday
28 June	Jets players here working with our basketball teams
29 June	3pm Kapa haka practice, 4pm Dress rehearsal, whānau welcome to view

17th June 2022

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou
Tālofa lava

While we are aware that the number of people wearing masks is waning across the motu, we are continuing to follow MOE advice.

The advice from the Secretary of Education in this week's bulletin was *'we continue to strongly recommend that your staff and students in Year 4 and above wear masks when indoors. It will go a long way in protecting the vulnerable among you, everyone wearing masks helps protect those of your students and teachers who are at greater risk of infection, we know, for example, that the parents of some children with disabilities have felt that their children are less safe at school because of the lack of masks.'*

There are a number of nasty 'influenza' type viruses circulating, as well as COVID, so it is our intention to follow the advice given and offer masks to everyone indoors in Years 4 and above. We appreciate that many children have their own masks and encourage them to bring them to school themselves.

If you do NOT wish your child (Years 4-6) to wear a mask indoors, please advise their whānau teacher by email over the weekend.

We are doing our very best to restrict sudden widespread illness and absences - you will be aware that MANY schools are having to/or have had to restrict the number of days' children can attend, or have had to split classes up. Our stance has avoided this situation so far, and we very much hope it can stay this way. My staff are absolutely essential to us being able to remain fully open, so we thank you for your support with this.

REMINDERS

DROP OFF:

We have been made aware that some children are being dropped at school and then taking themselves off to Hokowhitu Park OR taking themselves to the dairy. Neither of these things are acceptable, so please go over the rules with your child at drop off time.

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.

START OF THE DAY TIMES:

A reminder that the bell rings for the start of the day at 8.50am. Please try to ensure that your tamariki arrive at school between 8.30am and 8.45am. This allows time for them to come in, complete morning routines and be ready to start their learning. We ALL have occasions where something doesn't go to plan and children need to arrive late - that's understandable. However, regularly arriving after the bell means wasted time for everyone as missed instructions and learning needs to be repeated.

ATTENDANCE:

Children enrolled in school are expected to attend regularly unless they are genuinely medically unwell. The Ministry of Education regards 90% attendance as the minimum threshold for regular attendance. We are currently reviewing our attendance records and will be making contact to offer additional support to those not meeting these guidelines.

Thank you for your support.

Happy weekend everyone - stay warm and dry

Ngā mihi nui
Fa'afetai tele lava

Lin Dixon
Tumuaki

SPORT

BASKETBALL

Hokowhitu Jets - The Jets played against the leading team in their pool. Great game by all and taking the win 8-6. The Jets are now joint leaders in their pool. Our captain of the day (**Emerson**) picked **Nixon** as the teams MVP

Hokowhitu Shooters - Great game played by the Shooters. Players of the day were **Finn & Jaxson**.



COACHES/MANAGERS

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

ICAS Assessment 2022 Information

Hokowhitu School is giving Year 4, 5 and 6 students the opportunity to participate in ICAS Assessments™ this year.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development. Every student will receive a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised.

The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment. Your child will be presented with high-quality, expert-developed questions, allowing them to apply their learning without the need for prior study or revision.

All ICAS Assessments will be completed online. You can learn more about ICAS **here**:

<https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas>

Our school has signed up for the ICAS Assessments parent payment system (PPS) for all subjects. Through this system parents can pay for ICAS directly online while tests will still be held at our school. **Please use the following details to register your child no later than Monday 18th July.**

Click on the link below and enter our School Code.

<https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

School Code: GIL538

If you have any questions, please contact Reece Hawkins r.hawkins@hokowhitu.school.nz

These assessments will take place during school time. See table below for assessment dates and price of each test (if your child is away on the sitting date they will have another day within that week to sit).

Subject	School Years	Hokowhitu School Sitting Dates	Participation Price (incl. GST)
Digital Technologies	Year 4-6	MONDAY 8th AUGUST 9:15am	\$18.40
Writing	Year 4-6	TUESDAY 11th AUGUST 9:15am	\$18.40
English	Year 4-6	MONDAY 15th AUGUST 9:15am	\$18.40
Science	Year 4-6	MONDAY 22nd AUGUST 9:15am	\$18.40
Spelling Bee	Year 4-6	THURSDAY 25th AUGUST 9:15am	\$18.40
Mathematics	Year 4-6	MONDAY 29th AUGUST 9:15am	\$18.40



Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

A big Hokowhitu welcome to **Asher** and **Clyde** who have joined us in Waka this week! Happy school days to you both!

Junoo - You are making excellent progress in literacy. Tino pai!

Zara - For stepping up in her learning and working hard on presenting her handwriting neatly!

Harper - For your amazing progress in your learning. Tino pai rawa Harper!

Ibrahim - For working so hard on your reading and writing. Kā rawe!

Cian - For your awesome effort and progress in your maths learning. Ka Pai!

Myat - For your fantastic progress in mathematics! Ka pai!

Te Kete Pounamu

Georgia - For great work with her spelling rules.

Maan - For an excellent result with number knowledge.

Taylah - For great work with number knowledge.

Rylan - For making good choices.

Ranvir - For excellent improvement in his reading fluency.

Rory - For excellent work with number knowledge.

Te Kete Manawa

In the past week many students were acknowledged for doing the right thing, great work or for showing kindness to others. We congratulate the winners from our Top 30 draws: **Ruby, Lincoln, Scarlett, Dominic, Tyler** and **Maddie**.

Te Kete Aronui

Kate - For great improvement in your Number Knowledge and moving up a stage.

Lilly D - For your hard work on your Samoan project at literacy time.

Mila - For great improvement in your Number Knowledge and moving up a stage.

Eden - For your hard work on your Samoan project at literacy time.

Emily - For stepping up and demonstrating great independence in and outside the classroom.

Kelsey - For offering to help a teacher to carry in their heavy belongings.

Joshpreet - For great improvement in your Number Knowledge and moving up a stage.

Makayla - For sharing her ideas and knowledge during maths workshops.

Ollie - For taking feedback and acting upon it in your writing work.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Brooke - For being focussed and kind to her peers.

A.J. - For an outstanding effort in learning new Maths strategies.

Mia - For enthusiastically doing school jobs and duties. We appreciate your contributions.

Marshal - For making really good progress in his reading!

Amelia - For great expression and phrasing in reading.

Rosie - Stepping up and embracing opportunities.

Braxton B - For fluent reading with great expression and phrasing.

Oliver S - For attention to detail in his art work, taking great care in his presentation.

Milly - For using good fix up strategies to work out unknown words.





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TOURING AOTEAROA THROUGH JUNE-JULY 2022 DURING TERM AND THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

The Glow Show's fabulous, giant-scale, glow-in-the-dark puppets are back, touring all of Aotearoa!

The magical MATARIKI GLOW SHOW is coming to a theatre near you, during Term 2 AND the July school holidays.

61,000+ tamariki, educators and whānau have already seen our Glow Shows... this year, join us in an exquisite celebration of our very first, nationwide Matariki holiday.

The MATARIKI GLOW SHOW tells the gorgeous story of te kāhui whetu ō Matariki (the star cluster/whānau of Matariki) as they gather to light up the skies for Te Tau Hou Māori (Māori New Year). But where is the smallest star Waipuna-a-rangi? Could she be lost in the moana?

The show brings this mythical magic to life with its unique puppets, which glow under UV lights in a black box theatre and intrigue tamariki wherever they go.

Delightfully told in te reo Māori and English, the MATARIKI GLOW SHOW educates as it entertains, with its cutting-edge concept, upbeat original soundtrack, and themes of whakawhānaungatanga, friendship and togetherness.

The show is touring to 40 venues, from Kaitaia to Invercargill, most locations, staging two different shows - a concise version for ages 5 and under, and a longer version with Q&A for 6-12 year olds. Shows sell out so book your tickets fast!

The Matariki Glow Show will be at Regent on Broadway, Palmerston North, July 13!

School Holidays

11am (family show) - \$17.50pp + fees

One day only, so don't miss out! Book at www.glowshow.co.nz/bookings

You can email us for more info at hello@glowshow.co.nz

We would love to invite school age children and their whānau to a free school concert.

The concert is in Palmerston North at 2:30pm on Saturday 18 June at the Regent on Broadway.

The sign up is on the website and can be found here: <https://www.nzso.co.nz/nzso-engage/setting-up-camp/schoolwhanau-concerts/>

If you have any trouble signing up on the website, or, if you have any special requirements please email education@nzso.co.nz

There is no cost to attend. We hope you can make it! It's going to be a fun concert.



Book online:
www.ycentral.nz

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July/22

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Monday, June 20th
Monday, June 27th
Monday, July 4th

Arena 3, Pascal st
330pm - 430pm

\$50 FOR ALL 3 SESSIONS
AND A BASKETBALL

Register at  www.truehoops.nz

THE EPIC HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Activity Timetable

WEEK 1: JULY 11TH - 15TH

MONDAY



Roller Skating

TUESDAY



Bowling

WEDNESDAY



Yoga

THURSDAY



Youth Theatre

FRIDAY



Fear Factor

WEEK 2: JULY 18TH - 22ND

MONDAY



Baking / Crafts

TUESDAY



Cloud 9

WEDNESDAY



Epic Party

THURSDAY



Roller Skating

FRIDAY



**Movie
(at venue)**

FOR DETAILS AND SIGN UP FORMS GO TO WWW.EPICMA.NZ