

## HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2023

### Important Upcoming Events 2023

<b>13 February</b>	TKP Beach Education Day
<b>14 February</b>	TKW Beach Education Day <i>(this event was missed in last week's calendar)</i>
<b>14 February</b>	5.30pm Board meeting
<b>21 February</b>	9.15am Years 4-6 Triathlon
<b>24 February</b>	WHOLE school Big Day Out to Levin - not to be missed! See link below to give permission at attend
<b>28 February</b>	11.30am Y 1/2 swimming display
<b>2 March</b>	11.30am Y 3/4 swimming sports
<b>3 March</b>	9am School assembly - TKM sharing their learning
<b>3 March</b>	11.30am Y 5/6 swimming sports
<b>7 March</b>	5pm Whānau Hui - all whānau warmly welcomed to this hui
<b>16 March</b>	9am Years 1 - 3 duathlon
<b>17 March</b>	9am School assembly - TKP sharing their learning
<b>21 March</b>	5.30pm Board meeting
<b>28 March</b>	5.30 - 6.30pm Goal setting evening - surnames A - L (not Waka)
<b>30 March</b>	5.30 - 6.30pm Goal setting evening - surnames M - Z (not Waka)
<b>31 March</b>	9am Assembly - TKW sharing their learning
<b>4 April</b>	Kits Lit Quiz
<b>6 April</b>	Cultural celebration parade <b>Last day of Term 1</b>
<b>24 April</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> - teacher only day
<b>25 April</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> - ANZAC day public holiday
<b>26 April</b>	Day 1 of Term 2 for the tamariki (children)



## Update from the Principal

Kia ora koutou  
Ngā mihi kia koutou

Thanks so much to everyone who took the time to come to the Seesaw parent education session and/or the Pool Party last night. It's great that we are able to have these community events again. It is also nice for the children to associate school with some 'fun' events.

My sincere thanks to the Board, PTA (and helpers) and staff members who contributed something extra by way of cooking, purchasing, collecting, serving etc. We often find it is the same people who do 'lots', so find ourselves extremely appreciative of anyone offering to do even 'a little' - this shares the load.

### 2023 PART TIME STAFF

The following teachers work in one (or more) areas of the school for between 1 and 4 days per week. We value their flexibility and expertise.

Ms Gwenna Finikin - ESOL and support groups

Mrs Jo Mullinger - ORS and support groups

Mrs Merryn Hawkins, Mrs Michelle Mikkelsen, Mrs Kathryn O'Connor, Mrs Liz Easton - Classroom release, Kete Leader release

Next week I will introduce our all-important support staff to you.

### EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM (EOTC)

The beach education days that have been held already have been hugely successful and the staff are very appreciative to those adults who made a commitment and came along and supported the tamariki.

TKP and TKW look forward to their trips early next week.

These experiences are much more than just a day at the beach. Trained lifeguards instruct the children in ways to be safe in and around the water. As a nation surrounded by water, it is vitally important that we make the most of every opportunity to teach water safety skills. In the event of unsuitable weather, the programme can be adapted and run inside the clubhouse.

**Please complete this link to give permission for your child to attend the Big Day Out AND to indicate whether or not you are available to support a group of children on this day. (24th February).**

[Child permission and Parent help form](#)

### COUNSELLING

We are fortunate to have a registered counsellor visit in our school on alternate Monday mornings beginning Monday 20th February. Each session would be approximately 30-45 minutes. This is available for students who attend Hokowhitu School with the students being seen individually. If you would like to access this service for your child, please contact Helen Griffin for further details by phone 06 3579667 or email [h.griffin@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:h.griffin@hokowhitu.school.nz)

### REMINDER

There are times in everyone's lives where things don't go to plan and you need to contact us to arrange early pickups, or a later drop off. Sometimes, appointments cannot be scheduled out of school hours. Occasionally, you may get stuck in traffic or held up unexpectedly - we will always help out as needed.

If you need to drop or collect your child during the school day, please remember to phone or email the school office (with as much notice as possible) and be sure to come to the office to sign them in/out.

Wherever possible, the children should be here at school from 8.50am to the end of the school day.

Regular attendance at school is not only a legal requirement, it is essential that tamariki attend school every day they are well enough, so that they can make expected progress as a learner. If you are experiencing difficulty with regular attendance, please talk to a staff member who will help in any way possible.

Staff often have meetings etc after school, so are not available to supervise after 3pm. aPlus provide 'on site' before and after school care for anyone needing out of school care.

## WHĀNAU FRIDAYS

Staff are rostered to be at the 'meet and greet' points for your child's kete at the beginning and the end of each day. You can give the teacher on duty any messages or ask a quick question. We encourage the children to say their good-byes at this point and practise independence by coming into the classroom and unpacking their bag etc themselves.

On a Friday morning we encourage whānau to come into the kete and enjoy sharing the week's learning, chat informally with staff etc.

We will, however, still have a teacher at meet and greet, for those of you who need to 'kiss and go'.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend.

Ngā mihi  
Lin Dixon







## Sport

Summer sports available this term -

**T ball (Year 1 - 4)** - We have 5 players registered - we need at least 2 more for this to go ahead please. We will keep this open until **MONDAY 13TH FEB!**

**Outdoor Netball (Year 1 & 2)** - We only had 1 person register - we will not be running this for the term.

**Outdoor Netball (Year 3 & 4)** - We had 0 people register - this will not be running for the term.

**Summer Hockey (Year 1 & 2)** - We only have 3 players registered - we need 3 more to make this go ahead please. We will keep this open until **MONDAY 13TH FEB!**

**Summer Hockey (Year 3 & 4)** - We have enough players - registrations are now **CLOSED** for this.

**Summer Hockey (Year 5 & 6)** - We have enough players - registrations are now **CLOSED** for this.

**Badminton (Year 5 & 6)** - We have 1 player registered - we need 2 more to make this go ahead please. We will keep this open until **MONDAY 13TH FEB!**

**PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR THE KINDO LINK TO REGISTER & HIRE A SPORTS UNIFORM**

<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml?shop=Hokowhitu%20School>.

If you have any questions, please contact Carlee Hodge - [c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz).

### ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Please download our school App if you haven't already, all **IMPORTANT/URGENT** notifications will come through this channel. Follow the directions as stated below

Download the  
**Hokowhitu**  
School App

- Absentee**  
Phone or send an email to the Absence Office.
- Contacts**  
Phone or email contacts for school staff and key contacts.
- School Info**  
View, download and share school info here.
- Calendar**  
View upcoming events and add individual events to your calendar.
- Newsletters**  
View, download and share our Newsletters here.
- Alerts**  
View alerts, and remove by swiping an alert left.

Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and Search 'SchoolAppsNZ' to download the app onto your device.

Then search 'Your School Name' to find your school's app.

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# Achievement Awards



## Te Kete Wakahuia

Welcome to **Blythe** and **Brodie** who have joined us in Waka this week. We hope you have a fantastic time at Hokowhitu School!

**Oliver** - For being a kind and caring member of Huia. Thank you, Oliver!

**Eddie** - For settling into Huia so quickly and for showing STRIVE.

**Nikau** - For always using such wonderful manners, ka pai!

**Darcy** - For showing kindness towards others and being super helpful, tino pai!

## Te Kete Pounamu

A great start to Week 2 in TKP! Keep it up! Reminder that we swim every day.

**Paieka** - For stepping up during swimming.

**Adam** - For stepping up during swimming.

**Annie** - For amazing reading skills during Literacy.

**Hanna** - For respecting the classroom environment by cleaning up after herself and others.

**James** - For stepping up to be a leader in TKP! Keep it up!

**Tyson** - For stepping up to be a leader in TKP! Keep it up!

**Pippa** - For her excellent counting on skills.

**Vasiliy** - For showing enthusiasm for all his learning.

## Te Kete Manawa

TKM have had a busy week. A highlight was the trip to Himatangi beach, we learnt a lot from the Lifeguards - A huge thank you to the many parents who provided help on our first trip! We did follow up work at school and were very impressed with posters from the following students: **Anita, Matty, Baxter, Jamie**, and **Liam**. We would also like to acknowledge **Baxter, Lachie** and **Jamie** who won the most recent 'Top 30' draws.

## Te Kete Aronui

**Marley** - For stepping up and trying new things at Beach Education.

**Jacob** - For great attention to detail in your artwork.

**Frankie** - For a fantastic and positive start to your school year.

**Eli C** - For the positive start you have had to the year.

**Madisyn** - For a super effort setting up your books correctly.

**Ollie** - For stepping up as a leader and showing others the TKA expectations.

**CJay** - For making good choices in TKA.

**Chase** - For stepping up and having a positive attitude.

**Hohua** - For being a focussed learner in your new kete.

## Te Kete Tangaroa

**Kayno** - Excellent work stepping up and embracing the responsibilities of TKT.

**Isaac** - For managing his time well to be the first person to complete all his must dos.

**Riley** - For being a great leader and looking after our new student.

**Keira** - For demonstrating how to kick at swimming.

**Bilal** - For aiming for excellence in literacy and maths.

**Rei** - For stepping up and setting amazing standards at the outset.

**Renee** - For being a helpful and supportive member of TKT.

**Milly** - For excellent book presentation skills, keeping TKT expectations high.





# THE EGG PROJECT

## HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

Order your eggs on the website below (and use your code) before midnight Tuesday and they will be delivered super fresh to collect on Thursday when you collect your little people.

We will give back \$1.00 per dozen to help fundraise as well!

**SUPPORT LOCAL - EAT SUPER FRESH - SUPPORT COMMUNITY**

**YOUR CODE is SCH-003**



**[WWW.THEEGGPROJECT.CO.NZ](http://WWW.THEEGGPROJECT.CO.NZ)**



## Blended Families



Creating powerful possibilities within your new family  
Saturday 11 March - 9:30am - 4:00pm  
Hancock Community House - 77 King Street, PN

### Exploring:

- What makes up a Blended Family
- What are the Myths & Truths
- What the research says
- The challenges and Strengths

Come along to create a shared vision for positive change

Cost: \$30 for the whole day with lunch included  
Phone Parentline Manawatu to register  
06 355 1655 or Freephone 0800 4 FAMILY (0800 432 6459)  
[www.parentlinemanawatu.org.nz](http://www.parentlinemanawatu.org.nz)



# JEDI SKATEBOARD ACADEMY - TERM 1, 2023

Weekly skateboard sessions  
Memorial Park Skate Rink, PN

- FREE EQUIPMENT HIRE
- FREE RIDING INSTRUCTION
- FREE SKATEBOARD STICKERS

**SAT** FEB 11, 18, 25  
MAR 4, 11, 18

Cost of Entry: \$15 per person per session

REGISTER & PAY AT: [WWW.ONBOARDSKATE.ORG.NZ](http://WWW.ONBOARDSKATE.ORG.NZ)



Our registrations are open for our 2023 junior KickStart Development Programme!

This programme is designed for Young Players who are Year 3 - Year 4 - Year 5 - Year 6 - Year 7 & Year 8 and will run for 4 weeks beginning on the 5th of March 2023.

the dates for the programme are;

Programme held over the following dates:

Sunday 5th March

Sunday 12th March

Sunday 19th March

Sunday 26th March (Festival Day) - Time TBC

COSTS: \$60.00 (transaction fees apply - calculated at checkout)

SESSION TIME: 10.00am - 11.00am

Venue: HMI Twin Turfs 6A Manawaroa Street, Palmerston North

We will be running fun activities, skills and drills throughout the sessions and goalkeepers are welcome. registering for this programme is simple, just visit our website 'Hockey Manawatu'

Link: <https://www.hockeymanawatu.org.nz/programmes-2/kickstart-2023>

# Saturday Music

Music education classes for children at primary and intermediate level.

8:30 am - 11:45 am  
Saturday mornings.  
\$130 per student per class for 2023!

Classes begin 4th  
March 2023.

Teaching keyboard,  
drums, guitar, violin,  
cello, clarinet, flute,  
saxophone, trumpet,  
ukulele, choir and  
orchestra



To enrol: visit  
[saturdaymusic.org.nz](http://saturdaymusic.org.nz)

## COMPUTER/MOBILE CODING



### A BRIGHT FUTURE

Our lessons will expand your child's horizons. Your child will learn to not only passively consume technology, but to create technology so that they can be an active part of the digital era. Learning to code is great for student's brains as it develops regions of the brain associated with both math and language. Children have an amazing capacity for learning and introducing them to coding while they're young will help set them up for success in our increasingly digital world.

### APPLY NOW (Free Trial Lessons Available)

To give your child the opportunity to learn how to program technology apply now at [codingnz.com/signup](http://codingnz.com/signup)

### WHO

Students aged 9 to 18

### WHAT

Beginner and advanced coding lessons where students learn to create technology

### WHEN & WHERE

Online at home  
One hour per week  
4pm, 5pm, or 6pm weekdays



## WELCOME TO THE MARIST "HOT SHOTS" TENNIS PROGRAMME!

*Tennis played on kid's terms!*



Smaller courts and rackets! Softer tennis balls! A fun challenging programme with lots of friends! Thanks for checking out the award winning "Hot Shots" Coaching Programme at Marist (Vautier Park - Puriri Terrace). It is open to any junior player of any ability, 5 years and older. It is run by Manawatu's #1 Tennis Coach and our head coach, John Salisbury (Big John).

The programme is a structured skill development program which focuses on maximum participation and having fun, whilst teaching the fundamental skills of the game. The programme is delivered in 2 coloured stages. The children all move through each colour with skill drills and games which increase in complexity and movement.

It is a Saturday morning programme where we offer a 50 minute group lesson in Term 1 2023. It is a 6 week programme commencing on **Saturday 18th February 2023**.

- **Stage 1** - Red Squad (5-8 years) – **9am - 9.50am**
- **Stage 2** - Orange Squad (9+ years) – **10am – 10.50am**

To confirm your child's place in the programme for Term 1 a \$110 fee is required. Payment can be made by internet banking.

For internet banking: 'MARIST TENNIS CLUB' ANZ: 01-0745-0198533-00 Reference: Child's name. Could you also please email Big John confirming your child's participation, colour squad and that payment has been made. PLEASE ENROL ASAP! ([johnsalisbury@xtra.co.nz](mailto:johnsalisbury@xtra.co.nz))

Don't panic if you don't have a racket, we have them for you to use free of charge until you are ready to purchase your own. Again, see Big John for a correct fitting, he will have them available to purchase at the coaching sessions. Rackets are approximately \$50 mark. We will provide the other equipment, just bring yourself and a friend and we will put you in a draw to win an awesome spot prize!!

The wet weather rule is to phone Big John before you leave home, if you are unsure if the coaching is on. Contact him on 0274 808 808. There is no cancellation on the radio for this programme.

The Marist "Hot Shot" Team  
–Manawatu's #1 Hot Shots Club!

Hot Shots Head Coach- Big John – Ph: 0274 808 808 email: [johnsalisbury@xtra.co.nz](mailto:johnsalisbury@xtra.co.nz)