

# HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2023

## Important Upcoming Events 2023

<b>28 February</b>	11.30am Y 1-2 swimming display
<b>1 March</b>	“Black and White” non-uniform day. Dress up in black or white and make a gold coin donation to Hawkes Bay schools.
<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 with an interest in Te Ao Māori warmly welcomed
<b>15 March</b>	12.00pm Inter School triathlon (selected Y 5-6 students)
<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>	Kids 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)
<b>2 June</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> - teacher only day



## Update from the Principal

Kia ora koutou  
Ngā mihi kia koutou

If you have been into the school recently, you will likely have noticed the improvements we have made around the school since the end of last year.

The PTA directed the profits from the Xmas Carnival to the playground and bike track markings. Thank you, they look fantastic! Everyone who supports PTA events (helping out, preparation, fundraising activities etc) has contributed to us having these 'extra' things for the tamariki to enjoy.

The Board has invested funds into upgrading the surface under the junior playground, and a combination of a successful grant and Board funds has been spent to purchase and construct the shade sails on the upper court area!

We are looking very flash!

Each of these projects will be really well received by the tamariki - special thanks to everyone involved to see these projects through to completion (well almost completed in the case of the junior playground).

### DONATIONS FOR HAWKES BAY

Sincere thanks to EVERYONE who supported this venture. We had an amazing show of generosity and managed to box up a HUGE trailer full of goods to send up to flood affected areas.

My special thanks to Karen Cutts and Jenna Walker who assisted with the sorting, boxing and transportation, and the student leaders who assisted in this process too.



Next Wednesday we are having a 'non - uniform' day and inviting cash donations to further support Hawkes Bay schools. Other kura in the Manawatu, Taranaki and Waikato are involved in what is being called 'Black and White' day. We encourage the tamariki to come to school dressed in black and white and bring along a gold coin (or what you can manage) to donate to the cause.

Black and White has been selected as they are the colours for Hawkes Bay.

### 2023 STAFF

Just when I thought I'd introduced all the staff, I have found 3 omissions! My apologies, arohamai!

*LEARNING COACH:* Mrs Nikki Christian (working in both TKA and Huia currently)

*DEPUTY PRINCIPALS:* Mr Reece Hawkins and Mrs Helen Griffin. Helen is also our dedicated Learning Support Coordinator. Reece and Helen join me in forming the Senior Leadership Team - collectively we have the responsibility for the day to day operation of the school.

### EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM (EOTC)

What an exciting week the tamariki have had learning outside of the classroom. Activities as diverse as Teddy Bear's picnics, Amazing Races, skateboarding, wheels day, crime scene investigations, triathlon, walking trips, scavenger hunts - just to name a few.

By the time you are reading this newsletter we hope to have had a fantastic BIG DAY OUT in Levin as a whole school.

Once again, thanks to everyone who came along and cheered the tamariki on or gave their time to assist with supporting a group of children.

### **PAID UNION MEETINGS**

Teachers have been called to meetings on Thursday or Friday afternoon on the 2nd/3rd March. While some schools are requesting parents take their children home early on one of those days, we have managed to cover in rooms and therefore do not require you to do an early pick up. I thank my very flexible and dedicated staff for their efforts to make this happen.

### **WEETBIX TRYATHLON**

The school has set up a school group for ease of entering. The Palmerston North Weet-bix Tryathlon will be held on Tuesday, 21 March 2023 at Onley Park. The school does not class this as an official school event and will not be sending a teacher to the event. It is up to individual parents and caregivers to enter, organise and support their child at this event. If there is a group of parents happy to organise the picking up and setting up of our school marquee you are welcome to come and borrow it

Below is our SCHOOL GROUP specific link. This link will enable you to enter with ease!

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=48065&G=161389>

### **SWIMMING DISPLAYS/SPORTS**

Please see the upcoming events for times/dates of these events next week (all held at the school pool). Spectators are welcome to attend!

### **KAPA HAKA & CHOIR NOTICES**

Please find QR codes below for notices that came home this week for kapa haka & choir

#### **Kapa Haka Notice**



#### **Choir Notice**



Have a fantastic weekend everyone.

Ngā mihi  
Lin Dixon

# BLACK & WHITE DAY

# 1ST MARCH 2023



*Let's show our support whānau  
for Hawkes Bay*

**Dress up in Black and White on March 1 and  
bring a gold coin. All funds will go to HB kura  
whānau who have been affected by the floods**



## **Sport**

### **Basketball 2023 - Term 2**

Registrations are now open for **year 3-6** players who wish to play basketball.

Fees for the season will be \$91

Games will be played at CET Arena on Thursdays beginning 4th of May.

Children will be required to wear a mouthguard when playing.

Coaches will be needed for all teams.

**Registrations will close on Tuesday 21st March! *No late entries will be accepted.***


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).

# Important Information for 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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anApp mobile

Get in touch with us at [support@snapp.co.nz](mailto:support@snapp.co.nz)  
[www.schoolappsnz.co.nz](http://www.schoolappsnz.co.nz)

## ***Ways you can contact the office when your child/children will be absent -***

**Email** - [office@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:office@hokowhitu.school.nz)

**Phone** (You can also leave a voicemail) - 06 357 9667

**App** - See how to download the App above

**School cell phone** (you can ring or text this number) - 027 357 9021

Please contact us as soon as you know your child is not coming into school as it can take a long time to contact everybody that doesn't contact us. We do this to ensure your child is safe and not a missing child. Thank you.

# Achievement Awards



## Te Kete Wakahuia

A big welcome to **Harkamal** and **Alex** who have joined us in Waka this week. We hope you have a fabulous time at Hokowhitu School!

**Eli** - You are working so hard with your handwriting - Kā rawe!

**Frankie** - For your fabulous good mornings with a huge smile :)

**Blythe** - For awesome dancing and moving at fitness time.

**Aaden** - Welcome back! You have settled in so quickly.

**Zahlaye** - For your super skateboarding skills. Tūmeke!

**Luke** - For trying hard to read his words. Kā rawe.

**Lucy** - For taking great pride in the presentation of her work.

**Finley** - For listening well on the mat and working hard in workshops.

## Te Kete Pounamu

**Cian** - For forming all your letter correctly and neatly during handwriting.

**Lachie** - For your awesome de-coding skills when reading.

**Ava M** - For your amazing skateboarding skills. You are a natural!

**Eliza** - For your top-notch skateboarding skills.

**Mason** - For your top-notch skateboarding skills.

**Louhan** - For your top-notch skateboarding skills.

**Paxton** - For stepping up and helping around the kete.

**Ava S** - For helping put bikes and helmets away for her friends.

## Te Kete Manawa

We had an amazing time skateboarding and learning skills: Congratulations to the following students who showed super skills on the boards **Ruby, K-J, Grace, Mila P, Oscar, Joel, Bailey, Rylan, Zayd, Ivan** and **Mario**. Congratulations to the following Top 30 winners: **Georgia, Tilley, Hudson**.

## Te Kete Aronui

**Dominic** - For the kindness you showed to others during skateboarding, helping them when they were feeling unsure.

**Molly S/K** - For your bravery and outstanding stepping up during skateboarding - you should be very proud.

**Sahar** - For persevering with learning to ride a skateboard.

**Senuli** - For being a great leader in the Amazing Race and supporting your teammates.

**Leo** - For a great effort with your craft artwork.

**Kiara** - For your willingness to help others during our craft activity.

**Amos** - For having a growth mindset at skateboarding.

**Jaxson M** - For persevering with skateboarding and getting back up time and time again.

**Dwayne** - For an awesome effort with skateboarding. You were amazing.

***A special congratulations to all of the TKA students who stepped up and completed the Hokowhitu School Triathlon. You all did an amazing job. You should be proud of yourselves!***

## Te Kete Tangaroa

**Emerson** - Aiming for excellence and timing himself to see how fast he can do the numbers of the day.

**Zac** - For showing others how things work in TKT and volunteering to help others.

**Connor T/H** - For completing his tasks and writing a kind card to his friend.

**Ben** - Excellent time management, getting his literacy work done.

**Molly** - For an outstanding effort and showing our STRIVE Values this week.

**Malakai** - For making a great start to the year.

**Pippa** - For an outstanding effort and showing our STRIVE Values this week.



**Do you want some farm fresh eggs?**

## **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 from outside the office when you pick up your little people!. You can even set up a subscription and it happens like magic!

**Free Range Dozen - \$8.50**  
**Organic Dozen - \$10.50**

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



**YOUR CODE is SCH-003**

**WWW.THEEGGPROJECT.CO.NZ**

# **THE EGG PROJECT**

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

## 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)



## Girls Brigade ([www.girlsbrigade.nz](http://www.girlsbrigade.nz))

New friends, new skills, fun activities and opportunities.

For girls aged from 5 years and above. Come along and give it a go.

We have companies in:

Highbury/Takaro - Tuesday: Juniors: 4.45-6.15pm, Seniors & Pioneers: 6.00-8.00pm - Suzanne Ph: 356 1974

## LEARN2TRAIN

### BASKETBALL PROGRAM

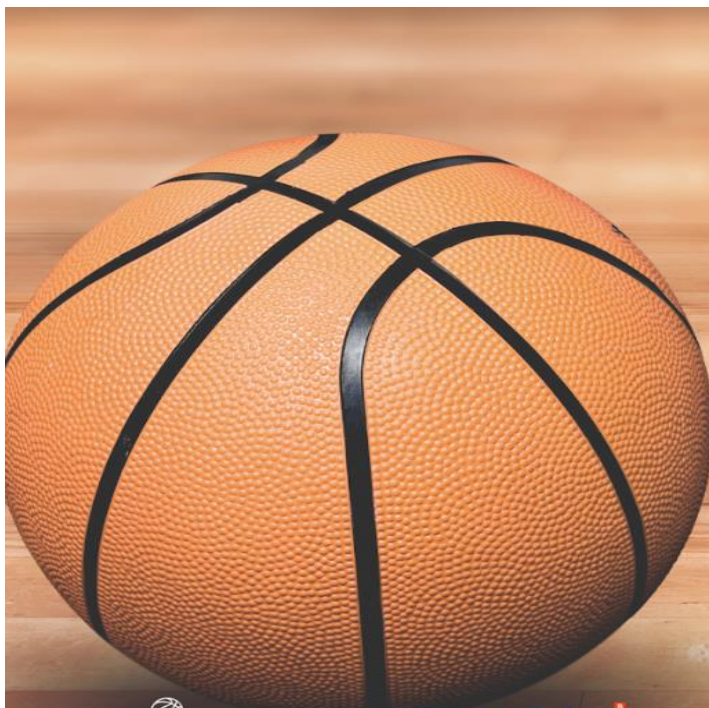
KAIZEN - CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

WHEN: EVERY FRIDAY 4-5PM  
**FOR 5 WEEKS!**  
MARCH 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

WHERE: **CET ARENA**  
GATE 4 ENTRANCE

COST: **\$65 PER PLAYER**

PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS TO TANIA HUNTER:  
[DEVELOPMENT@MANAWATU.BASKETBALL](mailto:DEVELOPMENT@MANAWATU.BASKETBALL)



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# SMASH PLAY

JUNIOR — TAMARIKI

COOPERATION

HONESTY



TEAMWORK

GREAT INITIATIVE

## SMASH PLAY - MANAWATU - TERM 1, 2023

### PAHIATUA

- Mondays: 3:30-4:30pm
- 27th Feb - 27th Mar

### PALMERSTON NTH

- Wednesdays: 3:30-4:30pm
- 1st Mar - 29th Mar

### DANNEVIRKE

- Mondays: 5:30-6:30pm
- 27th Feb - 27th Mar

### PALMERSTON NTH

- Thursdays: 3:30-4:30pm
- 2nd Mar - 30th Mar

### GIRLS CLUB

- Tuesdays: 3:30-4:30pm
- 28th Feb - 28th Mar

### FIELDING

- Fridays: 3:30-4:30pm
- 3rd Mar - 31st March



\$20 registration fee per player

TO REGISTER: please contact [Logan@mca.org.nz](mailto:Logan@mca.org.nz)

