

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th of March 2023

Important Upcoming Events 2023

20 March	Pizza orders close today at 9am
21 March	5.30pm Board meeting. All Welcome
22 March	Duathlon practice
23 March	9am Years 1 - 3 duathlon. Spectators are welcome to come along!
28 March	Rippa Rugby Tournament (selected Y 5-6 students)
28 March	5.30 - 6.30pm Goal setting evening - surnames A - L (not Waka)
30 March	5.30 - 6.30pm Goal setting evening - surnames M - Z (not Waka)
31 March	9am Assembly - TKW sharing their learning
4 April	Kids Lit Quiz
4 April	Manawatu Primary Schools Road Race (selected Y 5-6 students)
6 April	Cultural celebration parade Last day of Term 1
24 April	SCHOOL CLOSED - teacher only day
25 April	SCHOOL CLOSED - ANZAC day public holiday
26 April	Day 1 of Term 2 for the tamariki (children)
2 June	SCHOOL CLOSED - teacher only day
5 June	SCHOOL CLOSED - public holiday for the sovereign's birthday

Ways you can contact the office when your child/children will be absent or late -

Email - office@hokowhitu.school.nz

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

App - See how to download the App below

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

Please contact us as soon as you know your child will be late or is not coming to 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. Please do not contact the teacher directly, they don't always see emails when they are teaching. Thank you.



Update from the Principal

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

You will have seen in the upcoming events section of this newsletter that we have **Goal Setting** evenings coming up.

At goal setting evenings the tamariki (children) are given a 'run sheet' to guide them in leading you through a series of activities. This will include meeting each teacher in the kete, having a discussion about the way they have settled into the year, routines etc. There will be an opportunity for you to complete a brief online survey that gives us information about how we are managing 'cultural competence' in our kura (school), opportunities to view books, art work etc and generally enjoy sharing the classroom environment.

There are no set appointment times, you can spend as much or as little time in the kete as you like.

You will leave the kete with a sheet sharing the goals that have been set for literacy and numeracy.

Specific appointments can be made (after these evenings) to speak in more detail with your child's whānau teacher if required - however the goal setting evenings are your opportunity to speak with each of the teachers, as in many cases their whānau teacher may not be their literacy or numeracy teacher.

The reason that tamariki in Waka are not included in these sessions is because teachers meet with whānau after your child has been at school for 6 weeks and give you all this information at that time.

We will send the survey link home, so you don't miss out on this.

The reason we request that families with surnames A - L come on the **28th of March** and surnames M - Z come on the **30th of March**, is simply to spread the numbers across the school. If your allocated evening is impossible for you to make, please feel free to come on the other night. Teachers look forward to meeting with you and encourage every whānau to come along.

THANK YOU

Please accept my sincere thanks for all your support around this week's strike action. We very much appreciate the way you managed this unfortunate disruption.

INTER SCHOOL TRIATHLON

20 students represented Hokowhitu School at the inter school triathlon on Wednesday. The children aimed high, and this showed in their results. A huge Congratulations to Hannah P who came 3rd in the Year 5 girls. All Hokowhitu participants showed STRIVE by aiming high, trying their best, cheering on others, learning a new course, and smiling. A big thank you to the parents who transported children and bikes, pumped up tyres and fixed bike seats. You made the day run smoothly.

Top 20 finishers:

Year 5 boys

Austin D - 17th
Luke T - 18th

Year 5 Girls

Hannah P - 3rd
Ava S - 20th

Year 6 Boys

Alexey L - 14th
Riley A - 20th



WEETBIX TRYATHLON

Please ensure you email the office to record your child's absence from school if you are attending this event next Tuesday. We do not send a teacher to this event so parents are responsible to organise and supervise their own children. Amy Westergaard has volunteered to take our Hokowhiti School Marquee for Hokowhiti School Whānau to use on Tuesday. Amy will be putting the marquee up on Monday afternoon at 5pm. If you are able to help with erecting the Marquee on Monday, please let Reece Hawkins know at the school office or by email r.hawkins@hokowhiti.school.nz.

BALLOT FOR OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS

A ballot for 'out of zone' enrolments for New Entrants starting school in Terms 3 and 4 of 2023 is being held on the 3rd of April.

A ballot for 'out of zone' enrolments for the remainder of 2023 for students at Years 2 - 6 is also being held on the 3rd of April.

If you know of someone who would like to enrol at our school, please ask them to contact us immediately for enrolment forms. These must be returned to school by the 31st of March.

Please note - **everyone** who lives outside our zone needs to have their application in to us by this date. This applies even if you already have children at our kura. Our board has made a commitment to always support sibling enrolments; however we **MUST** have the information before the ballot so that we know for sure how many spaces we have.

PTA FUNDRAISER - PIZZA LUNCH ON FRIDAY 24TH MARCH

Monday morning is your last opportunity to order pizza for next Friday. Please ensure orders and money are into the office first thing on Monday.

ATAWHAI AWARDS

At this morning's school assembly, the following people were recognised for showing atawhai (kindness).

TKW: Frankie G - Frankie we love your cheery good mornings, to both your peers and adults. You are a positive role model to everyone in Waka with your positive and enthusiastic nature. Thank you for always including others, showing STRIVE in everything you do and your excellent discussion skills. We are lucky to have you in Waka!

TKP: Lilianna R - You often shine a light on other people's learning by giving them a compliment that really makes their day. You are super enthusiastic for all of your learning; this has really shown when given a play to work on. You can be counted on to be in the right place and always doing the right thing. We have enjoyed your seesaw posts. Keep being you Lilianna. Ka Rawe!

TKM: Quinn M - The enthusiasm you show for leaning is infectious. We really appreciate your willingness to share opinions and amazing knowledge with fellow kete members. You also help others to be in the right place at the right time, STRIVEing to always do the right thing. Tino kino te pai Mason.

TKA: Makayla D - Makayla is a kind and compassionate member of TKA. She is always looking for ways to help others, such as making a bookmark for a teacher who keeps losing her page or ensuring that others know what they need to do. Makayla is genuine with her kindness and is someone who we all want to be around. We appreciate the way you enrich our kete Makayla with your presence!

TKT: Ava S - Ava is a kind and caring member of TKT. She is always willing to support others by working alongside them in the classroom on tasks and she helps her group to achieve their goals through her positive interactions. Ava is often one of the first people to lend a hand. Although, you quietly go about these things often unseen by many; we do recognise and appreciate all that you do.

STAFF: Whaea Bree - Whaea Bree showed kindness by caring for and supporting an unwell child recently. Thank you for showing atawhai in this way Whaea.

Have a fantastic weekend everyone.

Ngā mihi

Lin Dixon



Sport

Basketball 2023 - Term 2

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

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.

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.

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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Achievement Awards



Te Kete Wakahuia

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

Harkamal - You are an amazing artist - Ka Rawe!

Alex - For coming into school every day with a smile on your face!

Conor - For showing perseverance and creativeness with the Archi Mates equipment.

Ashpreet - For showing atawhai when looking after a new student.

Zoe - For working so hard on your learning. Tino pai.

Jaxxon - For showing atawhai towards others.

Emma - For always being a kind friend and striving to be the best you can be.

Jude - For stepping up and trying your best in workshops.

Te Kete Pounamu

Adi - For riding a bike without training wheels.

Rita - For instantly knowing and sequencing numbers smallest to largest.

Isaiah - For always helping and doing the right thing.

Junoo - For an amazing effort with his number knowledge test.

Isla H - For great presentation with your learning.

Avyaan - For stepping up and trying new things. (Being a jump jam leader).

Anna S - For completing her learning on seesaw.

Isla F - For always doing the right thing at the right time.

Kinza - Welcome to Hokowhitu School and New Zealand.

Te Kete Manawa

Congratulations to the winners of the TOP 30 draw this week: **Harry** and **Nehan**.

Te Kete Aronui

Miles - For sharing your predictions during our literacy workshop.

Charlie - For your contributions in the maths workshops.

Jaxon T - For putting in an extra effort to complete your independent tasks.

Willa - For excellent collaboration during dance with Miss Pratt.

Tristan - For being reflective after feedback during your learning.

Penelope - For your enthusiasm during your dance performance.

Elijah - For showing great kindness to your peers.

Anne - For taking pride in your book presentation.

Tyler - For great focus during independent learning.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Lilly - For an engaging piece of writing on the Triathlon.

Ayush - For showing Manawanui, stepping up in his learning and applying himself in class.

Yasmeen - For a great attitude in maths and mastering a new strategy.

Noah - For showing his thinking in addition strategies.

Felicity - For an excellent recount that was full of interesting thoughts and feelings.

Samuel - For showing a growth mindset, demonstrating manawanui.

Aria - For showing enthusiasm in Maths.



Community Notices

We're doing some work at Hokowhitu Domain soon

We're letting you know that soon we'll be upgrading some of the services at Hokowhitu Domain.

This includes upgrading the pipes running from the public toilets to our wastewater network near the road. We have attached a picture of the worksite over the page for you.

Our contractors are starting on Monday 6 March, and they expect to finish by late March. They'll be working weekdays, between 7:30am to 5pm, and they're doing the work in two stages, so you won't see them onsite all the time.

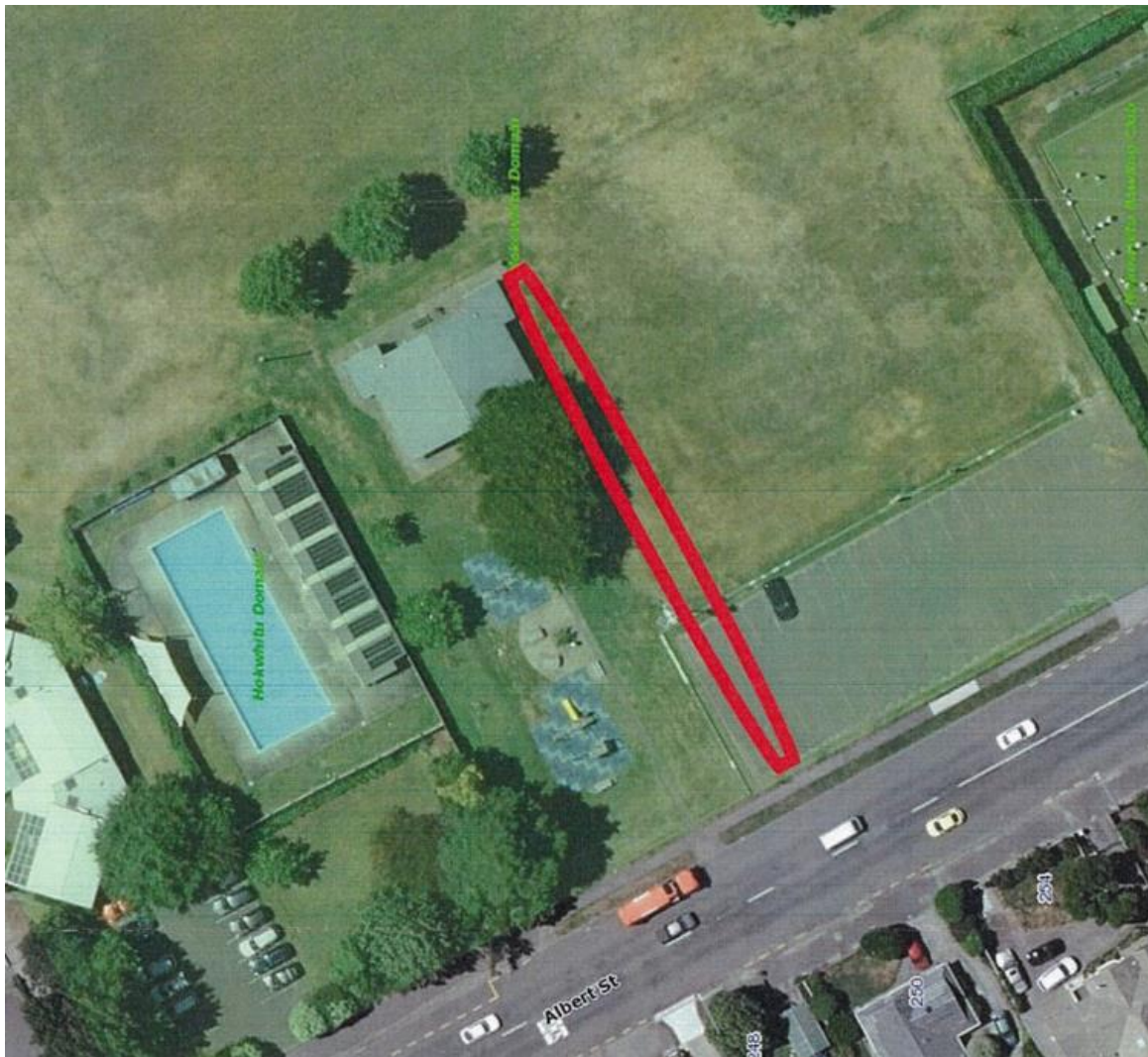
You'll see some machinery and safety fencing where they're working. They'll try to keep any disruption to a minimum, but there will be some noise during the day as they work.

While the playing field remains open, a small section of the car park will be unavailable to the public during the period of work.

We appreciate your understanding as we work to improve our public facilities for everyone.

PROPERTY TEAM

Palmerston North City Council



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!



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UNDER THE LAMP

aka Open Mic Challenge

Under The Lamp is an opportunity for young singers from Years 1 to 8 to try out their vocal talents on stage in a supportive and inspiring environment. Evenings are held once each term at The Stomach, a PNCC owned performance and recording venue in Lombard Street in the City Centre.

Singers perform a song they have prepared (typically to a backing track but live instrumental backing is also encouraged).

Following the performance, they will be provided with some constructive and supportive feedback from a guest mentor.

Entry is free for both singers and by gold coin donation for supporters.

The next Under the Lamp Show is on the 23rd March 2023 at 6pm.

Registration is now open by filling in a short online form via the QR code below. Registrations via email and Facebook will be directed to the online booking form. You can still contact us with questions, comments and suggestions at:

underthelampnz@gmail.com / Facebook: [@underthelampnz](https://www.facebook.com/underthelampnz)



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



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LIBLAB



LIBRARY FUN WITH A TOUCH OF LABORATORY MADNESS & BOOK EXPERIMENTATION
CHILDREN'S ZONE | 3:45-4:45PM |
 Aimed at ages 5+ | No bookings | FREE

Term 1 HISTORY'S HIDDEN MYSTERIES

CELEBRATING MANAWATU HERITAGE AND HISTORY

MARCH

2

HIDDEN MYSTERIES

DISCOVER AND MAKE YOUR OWN RELICS

MARCH

9

TIME DIGGERS!

CREATE A TIME CAPSULE

MARCH

16

MAP EXPLORERS!

EXPLORE MAPS AND A CREATIVE MAP CHALLENGE

MARCH

23

FANTASTIC FOTOGRAHY & TERRIFIC TREES

PERILOUS PORTRAITS & FAMILY TREES

MARCH

30

HEAR YE HEAR YE!

MAKE A FUTURE HISTORICAL NEWSPAPER

APRIL

6

Eat me

PUTTING ON THE RITZ!

AFTERNOON TEA 1920'S STYLE



Skatey CON

OCEANIAS FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY 18TH MARCH 10AM-7PM

WHAT?

Come and play Board Games all day long as a fundraiser for Nathan and Katie when they represent NZ at the Oceanias Speed Skating event in Brisbane at Easter. There will be over 100 games to choose from!

Ages 10-100

WHERE?

Te Kura O Wairau School
 45 Somerset Crescent
 Palmerston North

PRE-SALE TICKETS

\$10

per person

Door sale tickets \$20

Bring cash along to buy snacks, drinks and raffle tickets!

Book and pre-pay your tickets via smcilhatton@gmail.com



TRUE Hoops 2 day Easter CAMP

AGES 9+

Calling all basketball players! TRUE HOOPS Easter Camp is the perfect way to spend your Easter break! Our camp is designed to help young athletes sharpen their skills and have a great time. Our experienced coaches will provide instruction on the fundamentals of basketball, along with drills and games to help you hone your abilities. So sign up today and let us help you take your basketball game to the next level this Easter!

CAMP DETAILS

- April 12th & 13th
- 9.00am - 3.00pm
- Arena Manawatu
- \$90 for 2 days
\$60 for 1 day

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NETBALL MANAWATU PRESENTS...

ACTIVE APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

YEAR 1 - 6

COME AND JOIN US FOR SOME NETBALL FUN IN THE FIRST WEEK OF THE APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL
NETBALL UMPIRING FOCUS

WEDNESDAY 12TH APRIL
NETBALL SKILLS FOCUS

THURSDAY 13TH APRIL
NETBALL SMART FOCUS

GAME PLAY, TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES AND A SWIM WILL BE INCLUDED IN EACH DAY!

\$30 - 1 DAY \$50 - 2 DAYS
\$65 - 3 DAYS

9:00AM - 3:00PM DAILY

VAUTIER PARK, PALMERSTON NORTH