

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 31st of March 2023

Important Upcoming Events 2023

3 April	Ballot for out of zone enrolments (see below for details)
4 April	Kids Lit Quiz
4 April	3 km Road Race (selected Y 5-6 students)
5 April	Hearing/vision testing (New Entrants without a B4 school check, those with no previous records)
6 April	Cultural celebration parade and shared kai (lunch) Last day of Term 1
24 April	SCHOOL CLOSED - teacher only day investigating the NZ Curriculum Refresh
25 April	SCHOOL CLOSED - ANZAC day public holiday
26 April	Day 1 of Term 2 for the tamariki (children)
9 May	5.30pm Board meeting. Everyone welcome
16 May	11.30am School cross country. Supporters welcome to attend
19 May	11.30am Postponement date for school cross country
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

Our sincere apologies to **Ihaia H** and **Ava F** who were both left out of last week's duathlon results. Please see the corrected results below! Once again, thanks to everyone who supported this event.

Placings	Year 1 - Girls	Year 1 - Boys	Year 2 - Girls	Year 2 - Boys	Year 3 - Girls	Year 3 - Boys
1	Zoe	Jaxxon	Joy	Carter	Joslyn	K-J
2	Darcy	Asher	Zoe	Lachie	Afokoula	Edward
3	Sadie	Luke	Isla H	Paxton	Olivia	Rory
4	Blythe	Oakley	Evie	Michael	Madison	James
5	Thea	Max	Darcy	Ihaia	Charlotte T	Brodie
6	Maggie	Conor	Ava M	Te Kekerewai	Antonella	Oscar
7	Nora	James L	Anna S	Ron	Georgia	Joel
8	Nina	Finley	Isla F	Vasily	Yuleena	Oliver
9		Jude	Lilianna	Aditya R	Daeun	Leo W
10		Oliver	Eliza	Harley	Isabella	Hudson

GOAL SETTING EVENINGS

Thanks so much to everyone who attended a session earlier in the week. We love seeing the tamariki taking a leadership role in showing whānau around the kete, introducing their kaiako (teachers) and proudly sharing their learning.

Whānau - thank you for completing the survey to give us more insight and guidance around our cultural competence. This survey is designed to help the school to find out about your perceptions of your child's experiences at Hokowhitu School. The responses will provide evidence to help inform decision making for our school. Please click on the link below or scan the QR code to complete the survey if you haven't already done so. The survey link will close next Thursday the 6th of April.

[Hokowhitu School Whānau survey 2023](#)



whānau survey code

CULTURAL CELEBRATION

Over term 1 we have been inquiring around Tūrangawaewae - the place where we feel especially empowered and connected. Tūrangawaewae is our foundation, our place in the world, our home.

For many children at our kura (school), their roots/ancestry has them identify with a culture other than NZ European or NZ Māori - we feel honoured to be so diverse here at Hokowhitu School and want to celebrate this in some way.

So on the last day of this term, we will be having a 'non-uniform' day and encourage the children to come to school wearing something that represents a country that is special to them. It is fine to be a 'kiwi' too of course. We will have a whole school parade at the start of the day, so do stay and enjoy this if you can.

Some costumes/outfits may be delicate and very special - if this is the case for you, please send along another set of clothes to change into after the 9am parade.

Each kete will be having a shared kai (lunch) at 12.45pm that day. We would love the food you send along to school for sharing on this day to also represent your special culture.

Thank you in anticipation of your support to make this a great day for all the tamariki (children). If we can help in any way, please speak with your child's whānau teacher.

BALLOT FOR OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS

This will be held under police supervision next Monday the 3rd of April. All applicants will be advised before the end of term if they were successful, or if not, what place they drew on the waitlist.

OUTLINE OF THE SCHOOL DAY

From time to time, I receive enquiries about the allocation of time to certain curriculum areas. Below is our 'business as usual' model for each day.

The first 2 hours of each day are literacy focused (reading and writing). This is broken up with a fitness and/or brain food break.

The hour after morning tea is maths/numeracy.

Lunchtimes include play, sport, clubs such as: Enviro team, digi crew, choir, kapa haka, chess, jump jam etc

The afternoons are filled with the arts (visual art, music, drama, dance), PE/sport, inquiry (science, social science, Aotearoa NZ history, technologies), Te Reo Māori.

Interwoven through all areas is the teaching of the very important key competencies and social skills.

It's no wonder the tamariki are tired by the end of the day!

WAYS YOU CAN HELP US AROUND SAFETY/WELLBEING FOR EVERYONE

1. Please do not send your tamariki to school before 8.30am in the morning. There is no access to the playground or classrooms before 8.30am as teachers are busy preparing lessons and/or attending meetings - we are unable to supervise behaviour, sort disagreements or provide first aid, so it's not really safe. This means the children are left standing outside at the noticeboard area waiting for the 8.30am bell and coming into the cooler weather this is not ideal.
2. The brainfood break at 10am is 'healthy food'. A piece of fruit/vegetable or half a sandwich is ideal, not something that comes in a wrapper. This is in line with our healthy eating policy. Thank you for your support with this.
3. Absences are to be indicated directly to the office. This can be done by email, text, app or phone. We appreciate you making contact with us prior to 8.50am when the roll is called - you need to also let us know the reason for the absence. This is so we can code it correctly. We try to follow up on unexplained absences, as safety is our number one priority.
4. The staff car parks are only for staff, service vehicles and mobility card holders. This includes drop offs and pickups from aPlus. Please park on the road, or at Hokowhitu Park - it's only a short walk. The driveways are not large enough for vehicles to be coming in and out at the same time, so it's unsafe.

Thanks so much to those of you who already do all of these things all of the time. We greatly appreciate your understanding and support.

RIPPA RUGBY

Approximately 30 Year 5 and 6 students attended the Rippa Rugby competition. It was a wonderful opportunity to participate in Rugby against all the other schools in the Manawatu. For many of our children it was the first-time playing rugby and hopefully the event will inspire some future involvement in the code. All of the children showed huge improvement over the day. Huge thank you to **Josh** (Fin's dad) for managing one of the teams and **Amy** (Will's mum) for transporting some of our players. Also thank you so much to **aPlus** for providing their time and vans to transport us to this event. We very much appreciate your ongoing support.



ATAWHAI AWARDS

At this morning's assembly we were delighted to hand out awards to tamariki in each kete who have been showing atawhai (kindness).

TKW: Joshua O - Joshua is a kind and caring member of TKW who always strives to do the very best he can. Joshua shows atawhai towards others by helping them to do the right thing. He helps to keep our kete tidy and will quietly do as he is asked - always showing atawhai to his teachers by doing so. Joshua, we are proud of how hard you are working on your learning too. Keep up the great mahi. He whetu koe.

TKP: Paxton Y - Paxton is a great example of a leader in Te Kete Pounamu. He is always someone who steps up and uses atawhai when helping others. He always has an enthusiastic attitude towards his literacy and maths work. It is awesome to see you stepping up and being a role model! Ka mau te wehi. Keep it up, Paxton.

TKM: Rylan B - Rylan has stood out for many reasons this week. He has stepped up and become an expert at managing himself after break times and is now a role model for others. The atawhai he shows for others in our kete helps to lift them up when they are feeling down. Tino kino te pai Rylan.

TKA: Louis F - Louis is a gentle and kind member of Te Kete Aronui. He helps his peers and teachers without being asked. Louis is polite and courteous. He shows he is ready to learn by sitting up nicely and being a good example to those around him. Ngā mihi nui ki a koe

TKT: Awen C - You always show empathy towards others. You help others quietly and without a fuss. You always put the chairs down in the morning and stack them in the afternoon without being asked. Awen, you set the tone for the afternoon with your beautiful calm manner while reading the roll. Thank you for shining brightly and modestly in our kete.

STAFF: Mrs Gifford Moore - Mrs G M has shown kindness over recent weeks by putting in lots of extra time to train our Kids Lit Quiz squad. I know she agonised over selecting her final teams. Thank you for showing kindness by giving your time to support our tamariki Priscilla.

I would also like to say a special thank you to **Tom Jackson** who assisted Reece Hawkins on Tuesday evening (in most unpleasant weather conditions), with taking down the damaged shade sail. Tom and Reece - your atawhai and willingness to assist was definitely 'over and above' the call of duty.

We are very fortunate to have such willing supporters on Team Hokowhitu!

Ngā mihi
Lin Dixon

Update from the School Board

Tēnā koutou,

The Board has met twice this term, and we have taken care of some items of core business that always come up at this time of year. We have approved the school's annual budget and annual plan, and behind the scenes last year's accounts are now being audited. We have also reviewed and updated our code of conduct, and put delegations in place for the year, which is all about making sure we're aware of our responsibilities and that there are good controls in place for the decisions we take.

The Board is also keen to know your views on a number of important issues, so we have been planning a consultation survey for the beginning of next term.

Finally: we are very aware that next year is the centenary of Hokowhitu School! We are working on a budget for the celebrations and are beginning to form a planning committee. If you have skills or ideas that you would like to contribute to this, please let Lin Dixon or another Board member know.

If you have questions or feedback on the school's governance, please feel free to talk to a Board member or to email us at board@hokowhitu.school.nz.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Philip Steer



Sport

Registering for sports teams at Hokowhitu School is a chance for you and your family to become involved in an activity that is outside of school. When you register and pay, the money goes to the sporting association that you register for - e.g. Basketball Manawatu. This money pays for the facilities, people in the association and other miscellaneous things. None of the money goes to the school and this is why we rely on families to support their children by volunteering to coach or manage or supervise at the games. We are struggling more and more for volunteers. We do also reach out to the associations for help and support to find coaches, as well as High Schools and other tertiary institutions.

If your child commits to playing a sport - fantastic! It builds new friendships, relationships and promotes a healthy lifestyle. Helping the team by making sure your child turns up to games, or advising the coach if they are unavailable, is part of that commitment.

When you register on Kindo a question is always at the bottom of the information asking if you are happy to share your personal information with the team that you are entered into - this relates to consent and privacy.

Summer Hockey

Hokowhitu Strikers - The Hokowhitu Strikers finished up the season with a nail biting hard fought 2 - 2 draw against the Turitea Lightning. The team put in a standout performance to come back from 2 early goals for Turitea. Players of the day went to **Harry** for his outstanding attacking including a runaway goal, and **Lily** for her huge defensive effort. The team has done extremely well this season, with all members showing an amazing passion for the sport, a big well done and thank you from me! - Michael, it has been a privilege to coach the team this season.



Badminton

Hokowhitu Rackets - Last Thursday was the last day of the badminton school competition and the Hokowhitu Rackets won second place!

Sahith, **Lucas**, and **Viktor** played really well and received a medal for being the second-best team! In addition, Lucas was one of the four players who received a badminton racket as a prize for being a skilled player! There were around 220 players, and only four of them were chosen to receive a racket for their achievements during the season! Lucas was very happy to be one of them!

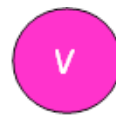
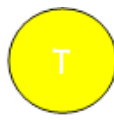


COACHES/MANAGERS

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



Achievement Awards



Te Kete Wakahuia

Welcome to **George** who has joined us in Waka this week - Happy school days George!

James L - You have had a great term of learning James - Keep up the great work.

Myra - For giving us big smiles to brighten up our day.

Eloise - For striving to do her best at fitness time.

Nora - For being able to hula hoop on her wrist.

Rhyan - For encouraging others and saying 'good job' to celebrate someone's success.

Dylan - For showing great skills on his bike and going super-fast in control down the hill.

Delena - For working so hard in all areas of your learning. Tino pai.

Vivaan - For working so hard on the formation of your letters.

Max - For stepping up and trying your very best in workshops. Tino pai!

Asher - For trying really hard to form the letters correctly. Ka pai!

Te Kete Pounamu

Darcy - For a fantastic piece of ANZAC art.

Griffin - For an excellent effort with his 2-digit addition.

Te Kekerewai - For understanding how many tens and ones are in a two-digit number.

Madi - For understanding how many tens and ones are in a two-digit number.

Isla D - For showing perseverance when completing her follow up activities.

Antonella - For a fantastic piece of ANZAC art.

Connor - For a fantastic piece of ANZAC art.

Te Kete Manawa

Sam M - For showing amazing resilience after crashing his bike in the duathlon.

Oscar - For being so open to starting new friendships.

Mason O - For contributing outstanding explanations during maths discussions.

Tilley - For contributing outstanding explanations during maths discussions.

Isabella - For making connections to other texts in literacy.

These students have really stood out for showing excellent manners in the kete this week - **Edward, Amelia, Matty, Anita, Lachie, Georgia** and **Jamie**.

Te Kete Aronui

Danie - For stepping up and moving when needed to help you concentrate.

Akira - For showing pride in the presentation of your work.

Ivy - For being a valued member of the kete.

Alex - For a growth mindset during your maths learning.

Viktor - For making a big effort in your independent maths work.

Molly D - For taking pride in everything you do - you are a great model to others.

Titus - For stepping up during maths and sharing your ideas and working with others.

Micah - For verbalising your thinking clearly during maths.

Johanna - For trying your best and seeking help during maths time.

Luca - For a positive attitude during whanau class.

Amiria - For taking pride in your artwork.

Orla - For producing a fantastic poster to share your learning in literacy.

Max - For a good effort with your ANZAC art.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Lily A - For leading the karakia loudly and proudly.

Sahith - For always wanting to be extended at Maths time.

Ruby R - For excellent focus and improvement at spelling.

Saied - For asking questions to find out more information.

Nixon - For excellent handwriting practice.

Ella S - For fantastic dancing in our K-Pop lessons.

Keesha - For honest goal setting.

Elahze - For picking up PE gear around the school.

Luka - For joining in with games more.

Lian - Welcome to Hokowhitu School.



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
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WEEK 1

CENTRAL LIBRARY

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



TUESDAY 11 APRIL

SPONTANEOUS IMAGINATION STATION

10:30AM

Get ready to jump on board the wildest ride of your life with the SpontaneoUS Imagination Station - the ultimate children's improv show that's guaranteed to spark your creativity and imagination! Join the hilarious SpontaneoUS crew as they take you on a journey through an imaginary world filled with fun, laughter and excitement. Perfect for all ages.

Children's Zone, First Floor

CANINE FRIENDS PET THERAPY VISIT

2PM-3PM

Come and say hello to our dog pals from Canine Friends Pet Therapy.

Children's Zone, First Floor



WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL

DROP-IN EPIC ECO WARRIOR MODEL MAKING

10AM-12PM

Your planet needs you!
Create and design your own Eco Warrior - a character who has attitude, skills and abilities to be an environmental saving force. Use the materials available in this drop-in session to start you off. Complete it here or at home and enter our Epic Eco Warrior Model Competition. Entries due by 5pm Thursday 20 April. Aimed at ages 5+
Children's Zone, First Floor



THURSDAY 13 APRIL

HERB WORLD WORKSHOP BOOKINGS REQUIRED

10:30AM-12PM

Meet Miss Calendula from the Herb World series of books with author and Herb Farm founder Lynn Kirkland.

Learn all about Miss Calendula and make your own Calendula healing cream.

Aimed at ages 5+

Oroua Room, Ground Floor

To book email rhonda.chenery@pncc.govt.nz

HAVE-A-GO WITH ROBOTICS BOOKINGS REQUIRED

To book <http://bit.ly/40qsx53>

2:30PM-4:30PM

Get hands on with a range of robots to construct, programme and interact with. An automated introductory session of technology, noise and experimentation.

Aimed at ages 5+

Oroua Room, Ground Floor



FRIDAY 14 APRIL

DROP-IN ADVENTUROUS EARTH ART SCAVENGER HUNT & ART ACTIVITY

10AM-3PM

Drop-in and explore art pieces in the library that have a special message about the world we live in with our self-discovery Library Art Scavenger Hunt. Find all the corresponding letters to make up the mystery word to go in our draw to win an Earth Day pack.

Then create a piece of artwork using the materials provided to express your own connections with nature or message to our living world.

Aimed at ages 5+

Children's Zone, First Floor



WEEK 2

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

MONDAY 17 APRIL

DROP-IN
EPIC ECO WARRIOR
MODEL MAKING SESSION

10AM-3PM

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- a character who has attitude, skills and abilities to be an environmental saving force.
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Entries due by 5pm Thursday 20 April.
Aimed at ages 5+
Children's Zone, First Floor



TUESDAY 18 APRIL

HAVE-GO ROBOTICS BOOKINGS REQUIRED

To book <http://bit.ly/40qsxS3>

9:30-11:30AM

Get hands on with a range of robots to construct, programme and interact with. An automated introductory session of technology, noise and experimentation.

Aimed at ages 5+

Oroua Room, Ground Floor

ZAPPO THE MAGICIAN
2PM

Come join Zappo for a 45 minute show that has magic music and movement, fun for all ages. FREE
Children's Zone, First Floor

WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL

HAVE-A-GO ROBOTICS
BOOKINGS REQUIRED

To book <http://bit.ly/40qsxS3>

2:30PM-4:30PM

Get hands on with a range of robots to construct, programme and interact with. An automated introductory session of technology, noise and experimentation. Aimed at ages 5+
Oroua Room, Ground Floor

THURSDAY 20 APRIL

POP UP PLAY SESSION
WITH SPORT MANAWATŪ

1:30PM-3:30PM

Join us at **Te Marae o Hine - The Square** with the crew from Sport Manawatū.
Fun and games for the whole whānau to enjoy!
Meet us on the grass in front of the basketball hoop.

FRIDAY 21 APRIL

DROP-IN
ADVENTUROUS EARTH ART SCAVENGER HUNT
& ART ACTIVITY

10AM-3PM

Drop-in and explore art pieces in the library that have a special message about the world we live in with our self-discovery Library Art Scavenger Hunt. Find all the corresponding letters to make up the mystery word to go in our draw to win an Earth Day pack.
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Aimed at ages 5+
Children's Zone, First Floor



SATURDAY 22 APRIL

WARRIORS OF THE WILD STORY TIME
11AM-11:45AM

We are the Warriors of the Wild - let us take you on a wild journey of earthly stories to celebrate Earth Day.

Dress up in your wildest costume.

Aimed at ages 5+

Children's Zone, First Floor

EPIC ECO WARRIOR MODEL COMPETITION
AWARD CEREMONY
11:45AM-12:15PM

Awards presented to achievement winners and all participants who entered the school holiday Epic Eco Warrior Model Competition.

Children's Zone, First Floor

(Entries due by 5pm Thursday 20 April)



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HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**10th – 21st April Weekdays
8:30am – 5:30pm**

**Contact us:
malamalama@xtra.co.nz
06 354 8945**



NEXT CHAPTER PARENTING

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UCOL Te Pūkenga and Manawātū Rugby Union host the
Hurricanes public talk

31 March 2023 | Public talk begins at 6.30pm | Manawātū campus atrium

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UCOL Te Pūkenga & Manawātū Rugby host the Hurricanes.
Hear speakers sharing insights on the importance of learning
and player development.

**HURRICANES
SIGNING SESSION**

SAT 1 APRIL

1.30PM - 2.30PM

**TE AWE AWE QUAD,
THE SQUARE**

SUN 2 APRIL - GAME DAY! →

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Please Scan and register to receive your **FREE SPLASHSAVE PARENT PACK** on the day.

LOCATION: Fryberg Pool - Palmerston North

DATE: 11th April 2023

TIME: 10am to 3pm - Scan the QR code to register.
Turn up any time and claim your free gift



This community day is run in conjunction with Water Safety New Zealand to promote the under 5 drowning prevention strategy Wai Ora 2025.





DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A TUMMY BUG?

Free help and advice is available from your community pharmacist.



Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand
Te Pae Hauora o Ruahine o Taranaki
MidCentral

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Has your tamariki got a sticky, puffy eye?

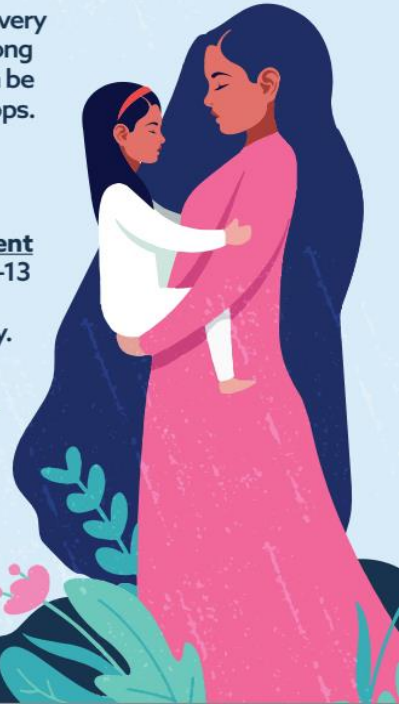
Bacterial Conjunctivitis is very common, particularly among younger children, and can be easily treated with eyedrops.

You don't need to go to your GP.

You can get **free treatment** for tamariki aged 2-13 from your local participating pharmacy.

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2 day Easter CAMP

AGES 9+

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CAMP DETAILS

- Calendar icon: April 12th & 13th
- Clock icon: 9.00am - 3.00pm
- Location pin icon: Arena Manawatu
- Dollar sign icon: \$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