

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 12th of May 2023

Important Upcoming Events 2023

16 May	11.00am School cross country. Supporters welcome to attend PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER START TIME THAN I ADVERTISED LAST WEEK
16 May	FINAL day for cookie orders and money to be into the office
19 May	11.30am Postponement date for school cross country
19 May	Pink Shirt Day - Celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness (Children can wear a pink or white top to school for a gold coin donation - Still uniform on the bottom half please). House Meeting Day - Children can also bring along their house t-shirts in their bags to get changed into for the house meeting in the afternoon.
26 May	9am Whole school assembly - TKT sharing their learning
2 June	SCHOOL CLOSED - Teacher Only Day
5 June	SCHOOL CLOSED - Public holiday for the sovereign's birthday
8 June	Frozen cookies delivered to school (pm). Helpers needed!!
9 June	9am Whole school assembly - TKM sharing their learning
13 June	5.30pm Board meeting, Everyone welcome
23 June	9am Whole school assembly - TKP sharing their learning
27 June	5pm - Te Aō Māori Evening combined with our Whānau hui. SAVE THIS DATE.
30 June	Last day of term 2



PINK SHIRT DAY

On Friday the 19th of May it is Pink Shirt Day. The Student Council has organised this event for Hokowhitu School to stamp out bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusion. On this day the students can wear a pink (or white) shirt and bring a gold coin donation. All the money raised will go to the Mental Health Foundation.



Update from the Principal

Kia ora koutou

Ngā mihi kia koutou

COMMUNITY SURVEY

Every three years our Board consults with our school community as widely as possible to get YOUR voice and ideas on the strategic direction for our kura (school). The survey link was emailed to you yesterday (but here it is again in case you missed it) - [2023 Community Survey](#)

Please do have your say - the board wants to know what you think we are doing well, and what we might consider for the coming years.

Everyone who completes the survey will be in the draws to win one of 3 family passes to Cloud 9 - so look out for the survey, complete it, and be 'in to win'.

The survey will remain open until Friday 26th May - it takes approximately 5 minutes to complete.

PTA FUNDRAISER

Cookie orders close next Tuesday - please get your forms/payment in by then as no late orders can be accepted. Important information

1. Please only make ONE online payment per family sheet. If you have orders from several people, please get them to make payment to your bank account or pay in cash. You can then pay in one lump sum.
2. Order forms and payment must be in by Tuesday 16th May.
3. Cookies will be delivered (frozen) to our school on the afternoon of the 8th of June. Please come and collect your order from the office at 3pm if it is too large for your child to carry home.
4. We need helpers to sort orders from 1.30pm on the 8th of June. Please offer to help if you can - the cookie dough is frozen, and we need to work quickly to get them sorted before they thaw.
5. There will be prizes for the families that raise the most money selling cookies.

ATTENDANCE

Unfortunately, there has been a considerable reduction in school attendance figures across the country (and in many other countries in the world) post COVID.

The Ministry of Education regards 90% attendance as the minimum to be considered 'regularly attending' school.

I have recently read that even missing one day of school a fortnight, equates to 20 days (4 weeks) per year of education lost. Over the years from preschool to Year 10, this equates to nearly 1½ years of school missed. Isn't that frightening?

We report termly to our Board with attendance figures that compare our tamariki's attendance with other schools of similar size and equity, both across the region and across the country.

It is really pleasing to be able to report that the tamariki at Hokowhitu School are attending school more regularly in these comparisons - a huge 'High 5' and 'ka pai' to each and every one of you who work so hard to encourage and support this regular attendance. Keep up the fantastic mahi (work).

If you are having difficulty with getting your tamaiti (child) to school, please let us know and we will do everything we can to support you.

We also appreciate that many of you are proactive and let us know if your child is not going to be at school. This can be by telephone, text, email or on the school app. When you contact us, please also state the reason for the absence so we can code it correctly.

MANAWATŪ ORIENTEERING CHAMPS

Well done to all the students that competed this morning at the Manawatu Orienteering Champs. It was a tough course this year, but everyone did their best and stepped up. A huge thank you to the parents that provided transport and helped organise our students at the event. Also thank you to aPlus for providing one of your mini vans to help with transport. We really appreciate your support Kevin and Agnes when we are needing to transport students to sporting events.

CROSS COUNTRY

Our whole school cross country event is scheduled for Tuesday the 16th May commencing at 11.00am. The tamariki are all training for this event at the moment - please help us by ensuring that they have footwear suitable for running in (e.g. gumboots, crocs and 'heelys' are NOT suitable).

We welcome spectators on the day - we respectfully ask that you do not follow your child around the course OR come to congratulate them when we are trying to record their correct place in the event. Thank you in anticipation of your ongoing support.

While it is not possible to give EXACT times the race order is as follows:

Commencing at 11am with Year 6, followed by Year 5, Year 2, Year 1's, Year 4 and finally Year 3. We expect all races to be complete before lunchtime (12.45pm)

ATAWHAI AWARDS

At this morning's assembly it was my pleasure to present the kete atawhai (kindness) awards.

TKW: Blythe C - You arrive at school each day with a smile on your face. You are a kind and gentle member of Waka. You step up to help keep our classroom neat and tidy. You are a great role model to others. You always show atawhai and have beautiful manners. Ka pai.

TKP: Inwoo C - You are such a gentleman. You consistently show atawhai with your beautiful manners towards your peers and the adults around the school. You always offer to help the teachers with little jobs such as carrying the library books, stacking chairs, and carrying sports gear. You are always STRIVING to step up with your learning and challenge yourself to learn new concepts. Great work Inwoo, keep on being you!!

TKM: Isla D - We welcomed you into Te Kete Manawa at the start of this term and you have made a fabulous start to your time at Hokowhitu. You show atawhai in the kete by the friendly way you interact with others, and by volunteering to help when you see it is needed. You are not afraid to ask questions for some help from our team. Autaia koe! - You are a champion!

TKA: Daniel S - Thank you for being you! You have a smile that brightens the kete and you always know how to make us laugh. We appreciate your willingness to help and support your classmates, especially if you have finished you will offer to help others. You are the first to start cleaning the class at the end of the day and this is greatly appreciated. Daniel, thank you for showing atawhai.

TKT: Jayden C - Jayden your name comes up in our kete community lots because you are kind and include others. A Mum just mentioned you this week because you made her son feel welcome at our school this year. Mr Masoe saw you sit down to help another friend calculate the perimeter of an object and Mr Sloan spotted you helping someone from Te Kete Wakahuia find their way back to their classroom. Thank you, Jayden.

STAFF: Miss Puts - Thank you for the atawhai you show to our tamariki every day. You are kind, patient and positive in the way you manage and modify behaviour. Thank you for showing kindness in this way Hannah.

Thanks to each of you for making our kura a better place to be because of your kindness.

Wishing everyone a fabulous weekend.

Ngā mihi
Lin Dixon

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.

ROAD SAFETY WEEK

Next week is road safety week. The theme of Road Safety Week 2023 is *Be a road safety hero*. The week focuses on recognising everyone who helps to make our roads safer and supports people to all play a part in making journeys safer for everyone.

We would like to give a huge shout out to our Road Safety Heroes - our school road patrollers. This great bunch are out in the sun and rain making sure all our Tamariki get to school safely each day.



Everyone can be a Road Safety Hero. It is all about using our roads safely and taking responsibility for your own safety and the safety of others. During Road Safety Week you can start your journey to become a Road Safety Hero by slowing down around schools, not parking on yellow lines, being a good role model by using the crossing and watching out for your safety and the safety of others.

On Wednesday our Road Patrollers will be in their superhero costumes. They will help us all become Road Safety Heroes by reminding us how to keep ourselves and others safe on the road. During the week there will also be a number of activities for our tamariki to build their understanding around Road Safety. On Friday we challenge you all to walk, cycle or use public transport to get to school. Remember we can all be a road safety hero by pledging to use roads safely and speaking up for safe and healthy journeys.





Sport

Basketball - The Hokowhitu Jets had a hard first game but did start to get better as the game went on. Player of the game was **Will M**! Congratulations.

At Hokowhitu School we are lucky enough to have a few parents or teachers who **volunteer** their time to coach and manage sporting teams. Remember if you are lucky enough to be on the side line supporting your child and their team, then all we want to hear from you is **POSITIVE PHRASES** to encourage all the team, including the coach and the managers. As adults we are the role models for our future sporting stars.

Five sporting organisations (Football, Rugby, Hockey, Basketball and Netball) have collaborated alongside Sport Manawātū to improve side-line behaviour and therefore create positive experiences for those participating. It is not just athletes and parents that this campaign focuses on but also coaches, referees, volunteers, and supporters down at our local fields and venues.



Here is the link for more information:

[That's Not On - Sport Manawātū](#)

Coaches/Managers - If you would like any awards or photos in the newsletter, please email them through to office@hokowhitu.school.nz by Thursday night at the latest.

Yummy Sticker Collection

We are collecting the yummy stickers until the end of Term 3. Please collect and bring them in to school!

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

EAT YUMMY APPLES FOR NEW SPORTS GEAR FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

Collect the stickers from Yummy Apples and cut-outs from 1.5kg bags of Yummy Apples for your school's share of sports gear worth **\$200,000**

RUNS THROUGH TO END OF TERM 3

EATING HEALTHY FOR COOL SPORTS GEAR SINCE 1998...

Yummy Apples at:

- NEW WORLD
- PAK n SAVE

Participating Yummy Fruit Company locations:

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Achievement Awards



Te Kete Wakahuia

A big Hokowhitu welcome to **Neave** and **Tanish** that have joined us in Waka. We hope you have a fantastic time at school!

Victoria - You are working so hard with your learning.

Namish - You are working so hard at literacy - Ka pai!

Baoyu - For great work making the space jigsaw.

Nora - Well done with all your great learning in literacy.

Eddie - For your super maths skills and for sharing your planet knowledge with us.

Claudia - For your enthusiasm for learning at home and at school. Kā rawe.

Dylan - For trying very hard to focus in workshops. Kā pai!

Nikau - For putting top effort into cross country training. Kā pai!

Te Kete Pounamu

Te Kekerewai - For helping others in the kete.

Inwoo - For stepping up valuing others.

Doha - For stepping up and valuing others.

Lilianna - For producing a fantastic written story.

Mason - For instantly knowing his number bonds to 10.

Kinza - For identifying the 'teen' numbers.

Ron - For saying his beginning sounds in words.

James - For fantastic training for cross country.

Ava M - For fantastic training for cross country.

Te Kete Manawa

Congratulations to **Taylah**, **Jade** and **Imogen D** who were drawn out as winners of the 'Top 30' STRIVE draw! **Tilley** - For great maths work with fractions.

Deondrej - For you amazing efforts in art with water colours.

Freddie - For sharing your prior knowledge in literacy workshops.

Hakaraia - For leading your whānau in learning te reo.

Jakeob - For consistently trying your best in cross country training.

Aria - For acting the monster part in our group play during literacy.

Te Kete Aronui

Tupuse - For always showing focus and great time management skills to finish all your tasks in maths.

Dwayne - For a fantastic effort in your Maths workshops.

Ben - For showing super focus and determination to complete all your tasks during literacy and maths.

Ollie - For stepping up, going above and beyond with your Term 1 homework.

Will - For your perseverance shown with card making.

Louis - For always being willing to help and support others with their learning.

Kate - For working hard and persevering in Maths workshops. Ka pai!

Mason - For always stepping up to produce your best work. A great role model to others!

Alex - For working well independently during Maths.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Korbyn - For stepping up and showing Manawanui in writing.

Eden - For persevering and working well in Maths.

Ayush - For being enthusiastic about his learning and applying himself in Literacy.

Declan - For taking responsibility and moving away from others so he could complete his task.

Pippa - For stepping up and making positive choices in learning.

Isaac H - For showing enthusiasm in our science project.

Alyenna - For quality presentation in her Science Writing.

Noah - For actively listens and participates in all class discussions.

Maya - For expert level writing with accurate sentences structure and accurate facts.

Community Notices



Palmerston North
Donor Centre
Gate 12, Ruahine St

OPEN SATURDAY 13th of MAY
8.00am - 1.30pm

Please make an appointment and bring photo ID with you

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Blood only lasts **35 days**



30,000 patients are treated with blood or blood products in New Zealand each year



Less than **4%** of us currently roll up our sleeves and donate



With each donation YOU can save up to **3 lives**



We require **4,000** donations **EACH AND EVERY WEEK** to meet hospital needs



NZ Blood Service is the **SOLE provider** of blood products to hospitals in New Zealand



You can get tea, coffee, juice and chocolate biscuits after every donation!!

We rely on the generosity of donors to save lives
Please help by giving blood



Ruahine AFC urgently need a few more 11- or 12-year-old girls to complete our girls only team. The team plays Saturday mornings between 10:15-12. If you haven't signed up for a winter sport yet, give football a go!
Contact info@ruahineafc.co.nz for more details or sign up on our website www.ruahineafc.co.nz.

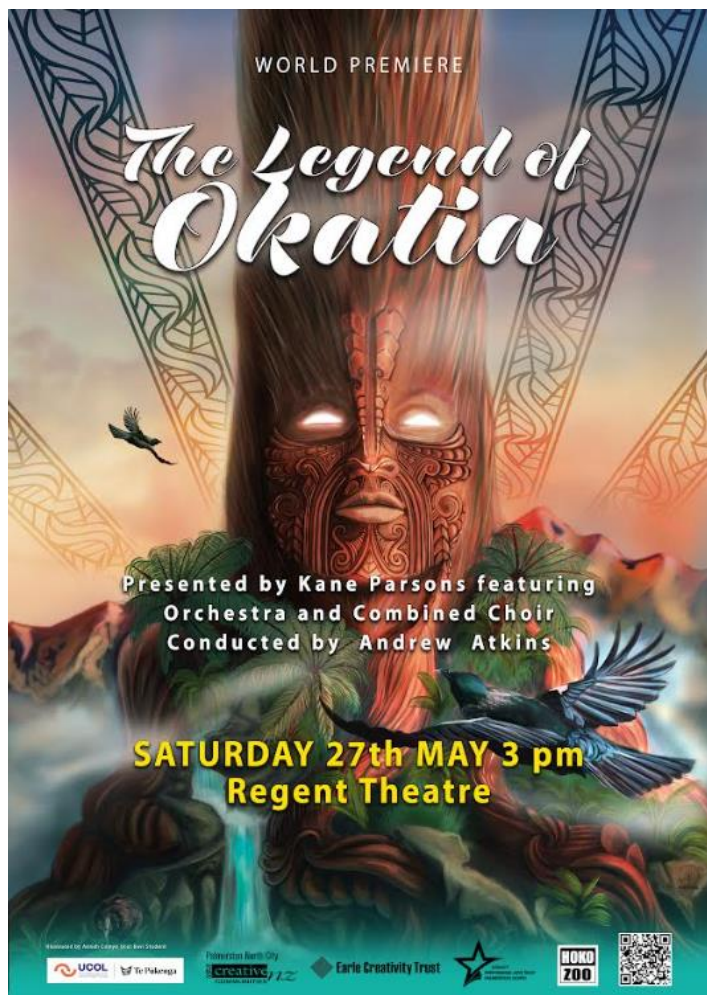


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Red Cross Book Sale. King's Birthday weekend. Friday 2 June to Monday 5 June.

Barber Hall, Waldegrave St. Lots of amazing bargains, lots of treasures.

Books, games, puzzles. Don't miss it!



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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Palmy Parent & Child Expo

MAY 28TH 2023

10AM - 3PM

AWAPUNI FUNCTION CENTRE

\$2 entry under 13's free

- Exhibitor stalls/Food trucks
- Bouncy castles
- Face painting
- Bunnings kids DIY activities
- Andrew Wilson magic show

Major giveaway and free goodie bags for the first 200 families through the door!

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