

## HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday the 1st of June 2023

### Important Upcoming Events 2023

<b>2 June</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> - Teacher Only Day (we make this day up at the end of the year). It has been calculated in our start/finish dates for 2023. Our whole Kahui Ako is participating in a symposium with Rangitāne o Manawatū
<b>5 June</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> - Public holiday for King's birthday
<b>6 June</b>	Interschool cross country for selected Year 5 and 6 ākonga
<b>8 June</b>	Frozen cookies delivered to school (pm). Helpers required, please email Amy Westergaard if you can help - <a href="mailto:amywestergaard@gmail.com">amywestergaard@gmail.com</a>
<b>9 June</b>	9am Whole school assembly - TKM sharing their learning
<b>9 June</b>	House tee shirt day! Wear your house tee shirt instead of your regular polo shirt
<b>13 June</b>	5.30pm Board meeting, Everyone welcome
<b>23 June</b>	9am Whole school assembly - TKP sharing their learning
<b>26 June</b>	Y 4-6 Kapa Haka ākonga to Te Pae Tamariki (Regent Theatre)
<b>27 June</b>	5pm - Te Aō Māori Evening combined with our Whānau hui. <b>SAVE THIS DATE.</b>
<b>30 June</b>	Last day of term 2

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

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

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

**App** - <https://schoolapps.nz.co.nz/login/>

**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

Just a brief message from me this week, not having to read an extensive newsletter may extend your weekend just a little more.

I thank you for the support so many of you give us every single day. We really are entering into a partnership with your whānau when you enrol your tamariki in our kura. We are well aware that this week has been challenging for many of you with interrupted school days - we have tried our best to help where we can.

### **COMMUNITY SURVEY**

The board is in the process of analysing the survey responses. Once this is completed, I will share the main findings in this weekly newsletter. Thanks again to everyone who took the time to share their opinions.

The draws to win one of 3 family passes to Cloud 9 will soon be completed - the lucky winners will be announced at next week's assembly.

### **KAPA HAKA**

At 8am each Thursday morning the tamariki that are registered with Mrs Blay and Mr Masoe come to a session in the hall. Only the children registered come to this practice. Thank you for your support.

### **PTA FUNDRAISER - COOKIE DELIVERY**

The frozen cookies will be delivered to school next Thursday afternoon (8th June). Thanks to everyone who purchased cookies. It's a great idea to come and collect your child that day if you've got a large order. Thanks to everyone who has offered to help sorting the orders - we gratefully accept your offer and look forward to seeing you in the hall from 1.30pm.

### **INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**

We wish our interschool squad of runners well for next Wednesday's competition. Sincere thanks to those who have offered transport on the day. This will be confirmed with you next Tuesday.

### **TWO REMINDERS**

1. The school and grounds are both smoke AND vape free zones. Please respect this for the health and safety of all our tamariki.
2. The school grounds, INCLUDING both the car parks are for staff, service and mobility card holder vehicles only. This includes pickups and drop offs to/from aPlus outside regular school hours. The driveway is not wide enough for vehicles to be coming in and out at the same time, thus creating a safety concern.

### **CALL FOR BAGS & SECOND-HAND UNIFORM**

Do you have any paper or recyclable bags that we could have for the PTA cookie distribution? We are collecting these in the office. These will be unable to be returned to you.

We are also short on second-hand uniform. If you have any older uniforms that no longer fit your child, we would love to take them off your hands. Unfortunately, we cannot 'trade in' for bigger uniforms as we then get left with only small sizing. We keep the pricing low to keep this as an affordable option for families. Thank you in advance with your help.

## MEDICATIONS

A reminder with cold and flu season upon us to please keep your child home if they are unwell. We cannot give **ANY** child medications (Prescribed or not) without a parent consent form filled out. If you need one sent home with your child, just let us know. We also cannot have medications left in children's bags. This is for the safety of YOUR child as well other children that could accidentally come across it.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Wishing everyone a fabulous long weekend. We look forward to seeing the tamariki at 8.30am next Tuesday morning.

Ngā mihi nui

Lin Dixon

## *Yummy Sticker Collection*

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



## *Sport*

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 Manawatū 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 Manawatū](#)

**Coaches/Managers** - If you would like any awards or photos in the newsletter, please email them through to [office@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:office@hokowhitu.school.nz)

# Achievement Awards



## Te Kete Wakahuia

A big Hokowhitu welcome to **Sam** who has joined us in Waka. We hope you have a fantastic time at school!

**Serena** - You are being so brave at roll call - we love to hear your talking voice Serena!

**Frankie** - Great effort at blending sounds to read new words.

**Ava** - Fantastic formation of letters Ava!

**Zara** - For taking great pride in the presentation of your work and for being a super listener in workshops.

**Emma** - For always being a caring friend who strives to be the best you can be.

**Sid** - For working so hard on your reading and writing. Tino pai!

**Oliver** - For your super maths knowledge!

**Zoe** - For trying so hard to learn your heart words.

## Te Kete Pounamu

**Qasim** - For tying his own shoelaces.

**Junoo** - For skip counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s.

**Isla H** - For skip counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s.

**Isla F** - For reading your play with expression.

**Aditiya R** - For making a great pompom.

**Ava S** - For solving her 10 times table.

**Leo Z** - For knowing his 2s, 5s, and 10s times tables.

**Isla D** - For knowing her number bonds to 100.

**Avyaan** - For making a great pompom.

## Te Kete Manawa

**Grace** - For outstanding work with numbers in maths.

**Isabella** - For your enthusiasm and love of learning.

**Aiden** - For outstanding ideas and interest in science.

**Zayd and Anita** - Wonderful keynote presentations.

**Ranvir** - For showing resilience, coping so well with a broken finger!

Congratulations to our Top 30 recipients: **Anita** and **Henry**.

## Te Kete Aronui

**Luca** - For a super effort with Number Knowledge. Ka pai!

**Anne** - For your confident, quick recall of your times tables.

**Aarush** - For working well independently during Literacy.

**Olivia G** - For working hard and improving your times tables knowledge.

**Darcy** - For sharing your ideas and recalling rules during our literacy starters.

**Miya** - For always working hard and managing your time well to ensure that all your tasks are completed.

**Willa** - For working hard and improving your times tables knowledge.

**Leo** - For making a huge effort with your reading comprehension.

**Daniel** - For your confident, quick recall of your times tables.

## Te Kete Tangaroa

**Ben** - For excellent writing of information reports on Reptiles and Mammals.

**Sahith** - For excellent work in Maths.

**Darshan** - For great phrasing and fluency in his reading.

**Nixon** - For showing enthusiasm in writing.

**Wonil** - For showing improved focus and accuracy during reading.

**Milly** - For stepping up during independent learning tasks.

**Zac** - For Manawanui. (Striving for excellence) in managing his time and presenting his book work neatly.

**Ruby M** - For going up a stage in number knowledge.

**Connor W** - For going up Reading levels.

## Community Notices



**Daffodil Day - Friday 25  
August 2023**

### We Need Your Help!

- We need collectors to help raise much needed funds!
- Great experience to add to your CV and for leadership positions
- Genuinely help those in our community with cancer

To register as a Manawatu Centre volunteer email Hayley Puketapu on [Hayley.Puketapu@cancercd.org.nz](mailto:Hayley.Puketapu@cancercd.org.nz) or call 027 212 0169

**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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