

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 21st of July 2023

Important Upcoming Events 2023

17 July - 11 August	Rostered cycling programme with Sport Manawatu support
21 July	Mid-year reports home in bags this afternoon
25 July	Celebrating Learning evening 5.30 - 6.30pm (surnames A - L)
27 July	Celebrating Learning evening 5.30 - 6.30pm (surnames M - Z)
28 July	Last day for Lucky Book Club orders today
1 August	5.30pm Board meeting - staffroom
4 August	9am Whole school assembly - TKW sharing their learning. All welcome
4 August	School disco (Years 1 - 3, and Years 4 - 6) - times to be advised
10 August	Basic fact-a thon
17 August DATE CHANGE!!	Mathex competition for selected Year 5 and 6 students
18 August	9am Whole school assembly - TKT sharing their learning. All welcome
1 September	9am Whole school assembly - TKA sharing their learning. All welcome
5 September	Cluster Performing Arts Festival
6 September	Ballot for new enrolments
7 September	5.30pm Board meeting - staffroom
8 September	Market Day
15 September	9am Whole school assembly - TKM sharing their learning. All welcome
18 - 22 September	Book Week
22 September	Dress as your favourite Book Character Day Last day of Term 3



Update from the Principal

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

Welcome to Term 3 everyone! A very special welcome to the tamariki/whānau who are new to our kura (school). We held a mihi whakatau just before morning tea on Monday morning to particularly say 'nau mai, haere mai' - welcome! My sincere thanks to Ms Finikin and the senior Kapa Haka roopu who supported us with this.

We hope that everyone new to our kura feels well supported and I hope you have a long and positive association with Hokowhitu School.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

Further analysis of the recent survey -

How satisfied are you with the physical safety of your child/children at Hokowhitu School?

82% of all respondents were 'satisfied', 16% were neutral and the remaining 2% unsatisfied.

82% of our Māori respondents were 'satisfied', 10% neutral and the remaining 6% unsatisfied.

How satisfied are you with the emotional safety of your child/children at Hokowhitu School?

74% of all respondents were satisfied, 20% neutral and 6% unsatisfied.

65% of our Māori respondents were 'satisfied', 21% neutral and the remaining 13% unsatisfied.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate in this survey last term. I will continue to share responses in the coming weeks.

In addition to sharing these results, we are also looking closely to see if there are patterns and/or areas that we can strengthen further.

MID YEAR REPORTS

Please check school bags today for mid-year reports (and a letter advising attendance rates, if your child's attendance is lower than the Ministry of Education's expectation).

We trust that you will enjoy reading about the progress being made towards learning goals.

In both literacy and numeracy kaiako (teachers) have also made an 'overall teacher judgment' about each child's progress towards meeting the END OF YEAR expectations.

If we have concerns that your child is unlikely to meet expectations - 'Of concern' will have been indicated.

If we consider that your child is tracking well and likely to meet expectations by the end of the year - 'on track' has been indicated.

If your child is already at the end of year expectation - 'at expectation' has been ticked.

If your child is currently learning at a level higher than the end of year expectation - 'exceeding expectation' has been indicated.

It is hugely important to celebrate and recognise progress, successes and the effort put in, rather than only considering the outcome as important. We teach every single child 'from where they are at' and work to progress them from that point.

Staff look forward to your coming to one of our Celebrating Learning evenings next week so you can further explore books, activities, and chat informally with staff too.

CELEBRATING LEARNING - 25TH OR 27TH JULY

25th JULY: 5.30 - 6.30pm (surnames A - L)

27th JULY: 5.30 - 6.30pm (surnames M - Z)

We hope that everyone will take the opportunity to come along and enjoy spending some time with your child in their kete next week. Teachers have planned a range of activities and things for you to enjoy, and they also look forward to having time to chat with you informally about anything you'd like further clarification or information around.

If it is not possible for you to attend on your allocated night, it is fine to come on the other night. We are simply trying to spread numbers evenly, so you don't spend too much time waiting to chat to staff. There are no set appointment times, you can stay for as little (or as much) time as you like within the allocated times we are open. The final bell will ring at 6.45pm, so allow yourself enough time to be finished by then.

One of the activities we will be inviting you to complete next week is to give us some feedback about our current health/wellbeing programme here at school. After consulting with whānau we will be able to see the programmes/actions that you highly value us teaching at school and also see any areas that we could potentially strengthen.

BASIC FACT-A-THON - forms came home at the end of last term

Excitement is building as the tamariki grow their basic facts knowledge in preparation for the basic fact-a-thon on the 10th of August. It is great to hear parents saying their child is completing the sheet daily and seeing if they can get faster and faster!!

Both 'number' and 'basic fact' knowledge are key parts of success in mathematics. It is completely optional as to whether the ākonga participate in the fundraising aspect of this activity - however having some sponsors can be hugely motivating to practise drill learning these facts.

All sponsorship forms need to be returned by Friday 4th August (even if they are empty) in preparation for testing the following week.

If you need another sheet (either to practise or for more sponsors) please email your child's whānau teacher or ask for another at next week's Celebrating Learning evening.

The PTA will offer 'prizes' for the top fundraisers in this event, so we encourage you to take this opportunity to raise some funds to support the school in replacing/modernising the senior playground.

Ngā mihi nui

Lin Dixon

SAVE THIS DATE ***SCHOOL CENTENARY - 5TH AND 6TH APRIL 2024***

Hokowhitu School celebrates its 100th anniversary next year. A committee has been formed to start the planning process.

Spread the word to any ex-pupils/colleagues who you think may be interested in attending.

More details to come. Watch the newsletter, keep an eye on the school website - registration details to come.





Hokowhitu School will be offering YEAR 4, 5 AND 6 STUDENTS the ICAS assessment this year. **All entries must be completed by Friday the 28th of July.**

What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that is designed to assess students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, and Digital Technologies.

Every student who participates will receive a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals.

Learn more about ICAS [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas). (<https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas>)

How to participate in ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please:

1. read about ICAS subjects and prices [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas): ([icasassessments.com/products-icas](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas))
2. read the terms and conditions [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Parents-PPS-TsCs_final.pdf): ([icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Parents-PPS-TsCs_final.pdf](https://www.icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Parents-PPS-TsCs_final.pdf))
3. go to Parent Portal to purchase tests [here](https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps): (shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps) enter our school's access code – **PWX570**
4. enter your child's details, select the tests you would like to purchase, then proceed to payment.

After payment is made via the Parent Payment System, you will receive an order confirmation email, please keep this for your records.

Dates of Hokowhitu School ICAS testing

- Digital Technologies - Monday 7th Aug
- Writing - Tuesday 8th Aug
- English - Monday 14th Aug
- Science - Monday 21st Aug
- Spelling Bee - Tuesday 22nd Aug
- Mathematics - Monday 28th Aug

ICAS Results and Certificates

We will notify you of the date(s) that we run ICAS at the school and when your child's ICAS results are ready. Once we have received your child's ICAS certificate, we will send it home with your child. The back of the certificate shows ICAS results and the login details, "TAP ID and Pin", that you and your child need to enter the [Results Portal](https://orti.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent) orti.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent

Please do not hesitate to contact Reece Hawkins our DP if you have any questions

- r.hawkins@hokowhitu.school.nz





Sport

Volleyball - Years 4, 5 & 6

Volleyball is being offered in term 4 this year for years 4-6 students.

It will be held on Thursdays at Arena 3 on Pascal Street

A team consists of minimum of 4 with a maximum of 8 in one team.

Season will begin Thursday 19th October (**Week 2 Term 4**) for 7-9 weeks (depending on entries)

Games will be from 3:40pm

Fee for season is \$35 per player

Registrations will close on 18th August - 3pm, NO late entries will be accepted.

Netball (6 aside) - Years 5 & 6

Is played on either Monday **OR** Tuesday nights beginning 4th or 5th of September at Vautier Park (Outside).

Times: 4-5pm or 5-6pm

Price \$40 this includes uniform hire.

(Please note some changes from Netball Manawatu from the app sent out earlier in the week regarding days and pricing). This is the accurate information.

We will need a coach or a manager for this to go ahead.

Registrations will close on 9th AUGUST - 3pm, 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.

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 - <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.

Yummy Sticker Collection

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



Achievement Awards



Te Kete Wakahuia

A big Hokowhitu welcome to **Eli, Karen, Navya, Cyrus** and **Eliza** who have joined us in Waka - Happy school days to you all!

Jacob - For looking after your belongings carefully.

Alex - For trying hard with your handwriting - Keep it up!

Conor - For great knowledge work in maths!

Ashpreet - For great work with blending sounds in literacy!

Sid - For being a role model to others in Huia.

Ayson - For your amazing maths knowledge. Tino pai.

Mehar - For being a confident speaker in front of the class and for beginning to answer questions. Tino pai.

Frankie - For being so brave and sharing her news in front of the class. Kā pai.

Te Kete Pounamu

Madi - For learning to start riding with a 2-wheel bike.

Avyaan - For great balancing on a bike.

Ava S - For being able to divide a set of objects into groups of 5.

Rose - For an excellent start to her literacy workshops.

Eugene - For instantly knowing his 5 times tables.

Pippa - For adding detail into her sentences.

Ihaia - For being able to divide a set of objects into groups of 2.

Carter - For knowing his doubles to 20.

Te Kete Manawa

Maan - For a great keynote presentation and fabulous manners in TKM.

Rylan - For great attitude and enthusiasm in maths.

Bailey - For a wonderful attitude and kindness during maths lessons.

Harry - For great work in literacy.

Skye - For using her initiative and showing kindness to our new student in TKM.

Donnacha - For stepping up to be the best he can be.

Naomi - For being a wonderful buddy and role model to our new student.

A huge Te Kete Manawa welcome to **Luoxue**! You have shown lots of resilience and enthusiasm. We are looking forward to seeing all your growth and learning over the coming weeks.

Te Kete Aronui

Jonathan - Welcome to Hokowhitu School and Te Kete Aronui. We are excited to have you join us.

Schalk - For a fantastic effort with your bike skills. Ka pai!

Charlie - For taking risks and persevering with cycling.

Eli C - For your willingness to share your understanding when rounding numbers in maths.

Aarush - For your willingness to step up and take on challenges in maths starter.

Ava K - For showing awesome focus during your literacy starter activities.

Amiria - For your positive and focused start to the term.

Chris - For a great effort sloping your letters and numbers in handwriting.

Daniel - For good information about the different layers of the Earth.

Fin - For showing great enthusiasm and focus on his literacy.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Welcome back **TKT**! It has been lovely seeing all your bright smiling faces ready to start Term 3. Once again, we have a busy term ahead of us and we look forward to the learning journey ahead with you!

Community Notices



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Beginners' karate classes starting now

We invite kids (age 8 and above) and adults to come along and try a training session at the dojo and give Universal Shotokan Karate a try. USKU emphasises a balanced development of speed, strength, and range of techniques.

Benefits of karate training:

- Great for almost all ages
- Great for the whole family to do together
- Applicable to self-defence situations
- Build confidence and self-control
- Develop fast reflexes, balance, memory
- Keep in shape while having fun
- Build confidence

Class times (Mondays and Thursdays)

18:00	18:30	Kids (Age 8 and above)
18:00	19:00	Adults: Beginners (white & yellow belts), Intermediate (green & blue belts)
18:30	20:00	Advanced (brown & black belts)

Cost

Kids class (18:00 to 18:30) 30 minutes twice a week	\$100 per term
Adults class (18:00 to 19:00) 1 hour twice a week	\$200 per term

First two weeks free.

Places are limited – so booking is essential. Please email USKUNewZealand@gmail.com to book.

Contact

Sensei Julia Tanner

Email: USKUNewZealand@gmail.com

Phone: 022 383 6563

Further information: <https://usku-karate.nz/>



Successful black belt grading with [Hanshi Kenichi Fukamizu](#)



Sunday Sept 10th

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A fun event for kids who love being out on their bikes

Ngā Tau Mīharo Parenting Programme

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Learn effective strategies to support your child in:

- Strengthening social skills, self-control & problem solving skills
- Gaining emotional awareness, self-esteem & confidence
- School successes e.g. reading & social readiness
- Decreasing challenging behaviours

Start Dates/Times:

Friday 11th August 2023 @ 9.30am- noon in Feilding

Contact

**Parentline Manawatu or
MOE for more information
and/or for a referral form**

0800 432 6459

