

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 28th of July 2023

Important Upcoming Events 2023

1 August	5.30pm Board meeting - staffroom
2 August	LAST day to purchase disco tickets for Friday night's disco
4 August	9am Whole school assembly - TKW sharing their learning. All welcome School disco 5 - 6pm (Years 1 - 3), and 6.15 - 7.30pm (Years 4 - 6) Tickets \$5.00 (includes a drink and snacks) - pay your whānau teacher by Wednesday the 2nd at the latest ALL basic fact-a-thon sponsorship forms due back to school by today
10 August	Basic fact-a thon
17 August	Mathex competition for selected Year 5 and 6 students
18 August	9am Whole school assembly - TKT sharing their learning. All welcome
25 August	Daffodil day
1 September	9am Whole school assembly - TKA sharing their learning. All welcome
5 September	Cluster Performing Arts Festival
6 September	Ballot for out of zone enrolments
7 September	5.30pm Board meeting - staffroom
8 September	Market Day - See explanation below this table
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
9 October	First day of Term 4

Please also look out for kete newsletters - these include specific dates/events for that kete.



Update from the Principal

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

This term's inquiry concept is 'Whenua' (Earth). Each kete will have a slightly different focus around this topic ranging from creatures in the earth, or volcanoes, habitats, sustainability, solving issues around our land use etc.

Our major curriculum focus is technology based and will culminate in a 'Market Day' on the 8th of September.

Each kete will be designing, making and packaging items to sell to the rest of the ākongo here at school. Part of this process involves them working out the financial viability of the items they are going to be making - they will need to 'borrow' money off the Hokowhitu School board and repay the costs, before getting into profit. Profit made will go towards an end of year activity/celebration, so they will need to be sure to make a profit!

You may like to encourage your child to 'save' some money over the coming weeks, so they have a few dollars to spend at Market Day. Maybe they could be doing some extra chores and putting the money aside??

DISCO

The student council sent out information this week outlining next week's disco. While the student council are organising the vast majority of the evening, they would greatly appreciate some adult support with things like ordering and collecting items for snack bags, serving snack bags on the night, setting up or tidying up after the discos.

Can you help? If so, please email Sam Sloan at s.sloan@hokowhitu.school.nz stating how you would like to help. Ngā mihi.

CELEBRATING LEARNING

Sincere thanks to everyone who made the time to come to one of our Celebrating Learning evenings this week. The children enjoyed the opportunity to share some of their learning with you, and the staff enjoyed the opportunity to speak with you about achievements and next steps in learning. It's a great opportunity for you to speak with ALL the teachers in the kete - as they are all part of the 2023 educational journey for your child. If you attended a celebrating learning session and still have more questions or things you'd like clarified, please make an appointment to speak with your child's whānau teacher. Please note, their whānau teacher may not be the person currently teaching either literacy or numeracy to your child.

BALLOT FOR OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS- 6 September

We have 2 vacancies for out of zone enrolments at each of Years 2/3/4/5/6 for Term 4 of this year.

We are also accepting requests for enrolment for out of zone tamariki turning 5 in Terms 1 or 2 of next year.

A ballot (if needed) will be held on the 6th of September.

If you know someone who lives 'out of zone' who would like to attend our kura, please encourage them to collect and complete an enrolment form and return it before the 4th of September.

This applies to siblings of current pupils too. Please **DO NOT** assume we will know when they will be turning 5 and expect us to hold a place for them. Our Board is committed to keeping siblings together, however we do need to have the application in before ballot time, so we don't give their space away to someone else.

WHĀNAU FRIDAYS

A wee reminder that we encourage whānau to pop into classrooms on a Friday before school to enjoy looking at learning that has occurred recently. We continue to actively encourage the tamariki to develop independence by saying goodbye at the meet and greet points Monday - Thursday. There is always a staff member at the meet and greet point, you can give them any messages you need passed on.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

Further analysis of the recent survey -

Would you like to see more emphasis on any of the following areas of the curriculum?

Sciences led the way with the highest percentage of responses, then social sciences, performing arts, PE and digital technology and visual arts.

Our Māori respondents rated social sciences highest, followed by sciences, performing arts, PE, digital technology and visual arts.

Both groups had similar opinions re the current balance being appropriate, 29% and 24 % respectively.

It's great that everyone holds sciences and social sciences in such high importance, they are both areas where we STRIVE to provide maximum opportunities (without neglecting the other important areas of the curriculum).

Please rank your preferred means of receiving regular school news

Both groups ranked these the same:

Email newsletters, school app, Facebook, school website and noticeboard

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.

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

Next week is your last week to collect sponsors and practise your basic facts sheet. ALL sponsorship forms are due back to school by next Friday the 4th of August. Please return the sponsor sheet, even if you haven't collected any sponsors.

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 will be out in the coming week.





FINAL DAY TO REGISTER

Hokowhitu School will be offering YEAR 4, 5 AND 6 STUDENTS the ICAS assessment this year. **All entries must be completed by today - 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))
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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





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 **Marley** who has joined us in Waka - we hope you have a great time at Hokowhitu School.

Myra - You rode the balance bike so well - great job Myra!

Eliza - You have made a fantastic start to school - Keep up the great attitude!

Sam - You are making fantastic progress with learning letter sounds.

Freya - You created an amazing art piece with Mrs Easton. Ka pai!

Ange - You made a fabulous art piece with Mrs Easton. Ka pai!

Ivy - For working so hard in maths. Tino pai.

Ungatea - For your beautiful letter formation. Kā rawe.

Lucy - For being a kind friend and for always showing wonderful manners. Tino pai.

Darcy - For excellent recall of the basic facts. Kā pai.

Te Kete Pounamu

Cian - For riding a bike with confidence and perseverance.

Mia - For creating an amazing piece of line drawing art.

Annie - For creating an amazing piece of line drawing art.

Lilianna - For encouraging others during literacy.

Tyson - For adding details to his story writing.

James - For instant recall of the division facts.

Isla H - For creating an amazing piece of ice-cream art.

Te Kete Manawa

Congratulations to the most recent Top 30 winners: **Isla** and **Afokoula**.

A huge welcome to **Hamed** who has joined our kete this week!

Maleigha-Rose - For wonderful work in maths.

Mario - For working hard to complete tasks and for showing great listening skills.

Maia - For wonderful maths work - telling time.

Joslyn - For learning and applying new punctuation skills, great task card work too.

Hudson - For leadership with his play group in literacy.

Te Kete Aronui

Hasan - For helping a new class member settle into our kete and school - You are a great friend!

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Trinity - For having a go and then asking for help to ensure that you are completing tasks correctly.

Anne - For your attention to detail when completing your street art.

Leon - For participating enthusiastically in our maths starter games.

C-Jay - For showing awesome focus with his maths activities and asking for help when needed.

Isabella - For great time management skills and focus during independent work.

Tristan - For great time management skills when working on your task card in Literacy.

Leo - For demonstrating our amazing knowledge during science.

Te Kete Tangaroa

A big TKT welcome to **Hanieh** - we hope you enjoy your time here at Hokowhitu school.

Korbyn - For excellent work with bearings and coordinates.

Isaac P - For an outstanding result in the position and orientation test!

Molly - For stepping up in reading and managing her work well.

Saied - For his willingness to learn about higher level maths.

Nixon - For accurately and effectively using an anecdote in writing.

Jack K - For being an amazing friend and creating awesome beats during explore time.

Riley - For striving to be better always.

Awen - For creating an excellent venn diagram in reading.

Alyenna - For always thinking before she speaks.

Community Notices



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Beginners' karate classes starting now

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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

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Phone: 022 383 6563

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



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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

