

## HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 4th of August 2023

### Important Upcoming Events 2023

<b>TODAY</b> <b>4 August</b>	School disco 5 - 6pm (Years 1 - 3), and 6.15 - 7.30pm (Years 4 - 6) ALL basic fact-a-thon sponsorship forms due back to school by today
<b>NEW EVENT</b> <b>9 August</b>	Hearing and Vision testing this morning - ONLY for 5-year-olds with no before school check, or no records. <b>Parents advise us if you DO NOT want this completed.</b>
<b>10 August</b>	Basic fact-a thon
<b>17 August</b>	Mathex competition for selected Year 5 and 6 students
<b>18 August</b>	9am Whole school assembly - TKT sharing their learning. All welcome
<b>25 August</b>	Daffodil day
<b>1 September</b>	9am Whole school assembly - TKA sharing their learning. All welcome
<b>5 September</b>	Cluster Performing Arts Festival
<b>6 September</b>	Ballot for out of zone enrolments
<b>7 September</b>	5.30pm Board meeting - staffroom
<b>8 September</b>	Market Day - See explanation below this table
<b>15 September</b>	9am Whole school assembly - TKM sharing their learning. All welcome
<b>18 - 22 September</b>	Book Week
<b>22 September</b>	Dress as your favourite Book Character Day Last day of Term 3
<b>9 October</b>	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

### **DISCO**

Everyone will have received details/information via the school app (and by email) earlier this week regarding tonight's disco. Only people who have prepaid for tickets may come - we have no space for door sales, sorry. We very much appreciate those adults (both staff and whānau) who have put their hand up to assist with preparation and/or support during the event. I am VERY grateful for the way our staff give their own whānau time to support the tamariki. Tino pai - I appreciate you!

### **BALLOT FOR OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS - 6th 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.

### **COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FEEDBACK**

Further analysis of the recent survey -

***How satisfied are you with the effectiveness of the following methods of reporting your child/children's progress?***

Responses from **all** respondents indicated 42% were satisfied with goal setting/celebrating learning evenings, 42% were neutral, and 15% were unsatisfied.

Online/zoom teacher appointments met with satisfaction from 51%, 43% were neutral, and 6% unsatisfied. Face to face teacher appointments met with 65% satisfaction, 30% neutral, and 5% unsatisfied.

Responses from our Māori respondents indicated 38% were satisfied with goal setting/celebrating evenings, 52% neutral, and 10% unsatisfied.

Online/zoom appointments met with 45% satisfaction from respondents, 41% neutral and 13% unsatisfied. Face to face teacher appointments met with 58% satisfaction, 34% neutral, and 7% 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.

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

ALL sponsorship forms were due back to school by today. Please return the sponsor sheet on Monday if you haven't already, even if you haven't collected any sponsors.

All ākongo will participate in the event next Thursday during the day at school. Teachers will mark off the number of correct answers and the tamariki can then collect the pledged money from their sponsors.

## **ATAWHAI AWARDS**

At this morning's assembly the following people were recognised for showing atawhai (kindness) within their kete.

**TKW: Nora L** - We love seeing your smile each morning when you arrive at school. You are always showing atawhai by caring and helping others. You know Waka's routines and guide others who are still learning them. You complete your work to a high standard then you help others who need it. Tino pai Nora!

**TKP: Isla H** - You are always fully engaged in everything happening in TKP, from your learning to your friendships. You are always happy to lend a hand, you show atawhai to others and freely encourage your classmates to do their best. Keep up the awesome attitude!

**TKM: Henry B** - Henry is dependable! He is one of the first people to offer to help when he sees a need. Henry is the person you ask when something is misplaced- he usually knows where to find it, whether it's a teacher's laptop or a glue stick. He often volunteers to help a teacher on duty too - great job!

**TKA: Miya L** - Miya consistently shows kindness towards others, whether it is providing a helping hand with solving a problem, checking in on an upset friend, or being tolerant of others. She enters our kete every day with a positive attitude and she sets an example of what caring for others looks like. Thank you for showing atawhai!

**TKT: Nixon H** - Nixon you are a super star. Nixon demonstrates atawhai by looking out for his friends and peers. When he sees something that's not quite right, he encourages others to step up and to make a positive change. He has also been great at welcoming in one of our new students and showing them the ropes. Keep stepping up and leading by example. We value and appreciate having you in TKT.

**STAFF: Mr Sloan** - Mr Sloan has shown atawhai to all our tamariki by supporting our student councillors in planning tonight's disco. Thank you so much for helping our student leaders to make our kura a fun place to be Sam.

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

## **2024 TERM DATES**

At this week's Board meeting the calendar dates for our school for next year were confirmed.

Term 1: Thursday 1st February - 12th April 2024

Term 2: 29th April - 5th July 2024

Term 3: 22nd July - 27th September 2024

Term 4: 14th October - Wednesday 18th December 2024

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 days.



## Enriching our School Curriculum

A way in which we manage Teacher Classroom Release Time is by employing specialist teachers to enrich parts of our curriculum. This happens on a Wednesday. Each Whānau class across the school gets 1 hour a fortnight. This year Mrs Mikkelsen is running a science programme using specialised kits from the House of Science and Mrs Easton is running an art programme developing students' skills across a broad range of art media. Ākonga spend two terms throughout the year engaging in each programme.





## Sport

### **Basketball**

The Hokowhitu Jets had a fantastic win over the Winchester Lakers last Thursday. Players of the Day were **Malakai** and **Juha** for their great defence.

**Coaches/Managers** - If you would like details in the newsletter, please email to [office@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:office@hokowhitu.school.nz) no later than Thursday.



### **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.

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.**

### **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.**

### **Touch Rugby - ALL AGES (We only have 2 teams under 8 - Yrs 1-3 & Under 12 - Yrs 4-6)**

Games are played on Fridays at Monrad Park in Term 4.

Game times are from 3.30-7.00pm

The competition will commence on 13th October - 1st December (8 Weeks).

Children will play in grades according to their year group (age) and teams will be mixed gender.

**Registrations close - Friday 25th August at 3pm. NO late entries will be accepted.**

### **Summer Hockey**

The competition will run after school for 6 weeks from the 24th of October to 30 November 2023.

Years 1-4 - TUESDAY nights

Years 5-6 - WEDNESDAY night

Cost for years 1-2 \$25

Cost for years 3-6 \$30

No coaches are needed to run practises but just to sub on and off the field on the night of the game.

**Registrations close - Friday 25th August at 3pm. NO late entries will be accepted.**

PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR THE KINDO LINK TO REGISTER FOR YOUR SELECTED SPORT & 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](mailto:c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz).

# Achievement Awards



## Te Kete Wakahuia

A big Hokowhitu welcome to **Lucy** who has joined us in Waka - we hope you have a great time at Hokowhitu School Lucy!

**Marley** - You have made such a great start to school Marley - Ka pai!

**Namish** - For taking risks with your learning.

**George** - For great descriptive language when sharing a story.

**Toanui** - For making super progress with his maths knowledge.

**Claudia** - For confidently sharing your oral language in front of our class. Tino pai Claudia.

**Jaxxon** - For your super maths learning. Kā rawe.

**Asher** - You are showing resilience in everything you do. Ka pai!

**Max** - You are always striving to the best you can be. Tino pai!

**Kiel** - Welcome to Hokowhitu School. You have already settled in very well.

## Te Kete Pounamu

**Harper** - For working hard on her letter formation.

**Henry** - For writing interesting stories.

**Connor** - For knowing his teen numbers.

**Emma** - For giving all her learning 100% effort.

**Liana** - For giving all her learning 100% effort.

**Louhan F** - For great rugby ball skills.

**Pray** - For showing how to dribble a basketball correctly.

## Te Kete Manawa

Congratulations to the most recent Top 30 winners: **Mason H, Ryder, Louvan, Isla.**

**Naomi** - For showing atawhai to Luoxue and being a role model of the places to be in TKM.

**Ryder** - For a fantastic start in your new literacy book.

**Jainil** - For enthusiastically sharing his knowledge in maths workshops.

**Te Whakaira** - For showing atawhai to Hamed and showing him where to be at brain fuel and eating times.

**Lucy** - For producing beautiful bug art and presenting her poetry to a high standard. Tino pai!

**Liam** - For wonderful effort and enthusiasm during your maths workshops.

**Anita** - For fantastic effort during maths workshops - you have a wonderful growth mindset!

## Te Kete Aronui

**Joey** - For demonstrating great scientist thinking during science.

**Ollie** - For showing impressive problem solving during our maths investigations.

**Will** - For sharing your ideas and knowledge during our science experiments.

**Eli S** - For great cooperation when carrying out science experiments.

**Max** - For demonstrating lovely sharing skills during science.

**Johanna** - For persevering with your independent tasks and seeking support when needed.

**Marley** - For outstanding cooperative skills demonstrated in science.

**Senuli** - For outstanding cooperative skills demonstrated in science.

**Titus** - For using your manners and speaking politely to your teachers - Kā rawe!

## Te Kete Tangaroa

Welcome to **Mohammad Javad** who has joined us in TKT this week - Welcome to Hokowhitu School!

**Charlotte** - For being a helpful and supportive member of TKT.

**Lily** - For showing bravery and courage during the lightning and thunderstorm.

**Lilly** - For exceptional connections to themes and ideas during literacy.

**Kiya** - For stepping up during independent activities and tasks. And for understanding Mr Sloan's joke.

**Malakai** - For great enthusiasm and engagement in writing.

**Pippa** - For being proactive and using time wisely during literacy time.

**Juha** - For accurately using and creating a hook in writing.

**Emily** - For creating an excellent Venn diagram to compare going to school in Korea and NZ.

**Noah** - Identifying and reading angles correctly in Maths.

**Jack N** - For investigating to find out what prime numbers are.

**Felicity** - For excellent work during maths, accurately identifying all types of angles!

**Connor W** - For enthusiasm during writing. Researching about scams and technology.





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For enquiries about the programme and to register your child, contact Josh Curry  
[josh@manawatubadminton.org.nz](mailto:josh@manawatubadminton.org.nz), or 02102435085



**Shuttle Time Merit & Bronze/Silver/Gold Classes**

**Time:** Thursdays,  
Merit/Bronze 4-4.45pm  
Silver/Gold 4.45-5.30pm

**Venue:** Longburn Adventist College Gym,  
100 Walkers Rd

**Date:** August 10<sup>th</sup> – Sept 21<sup>st</sup> (7 sessions)

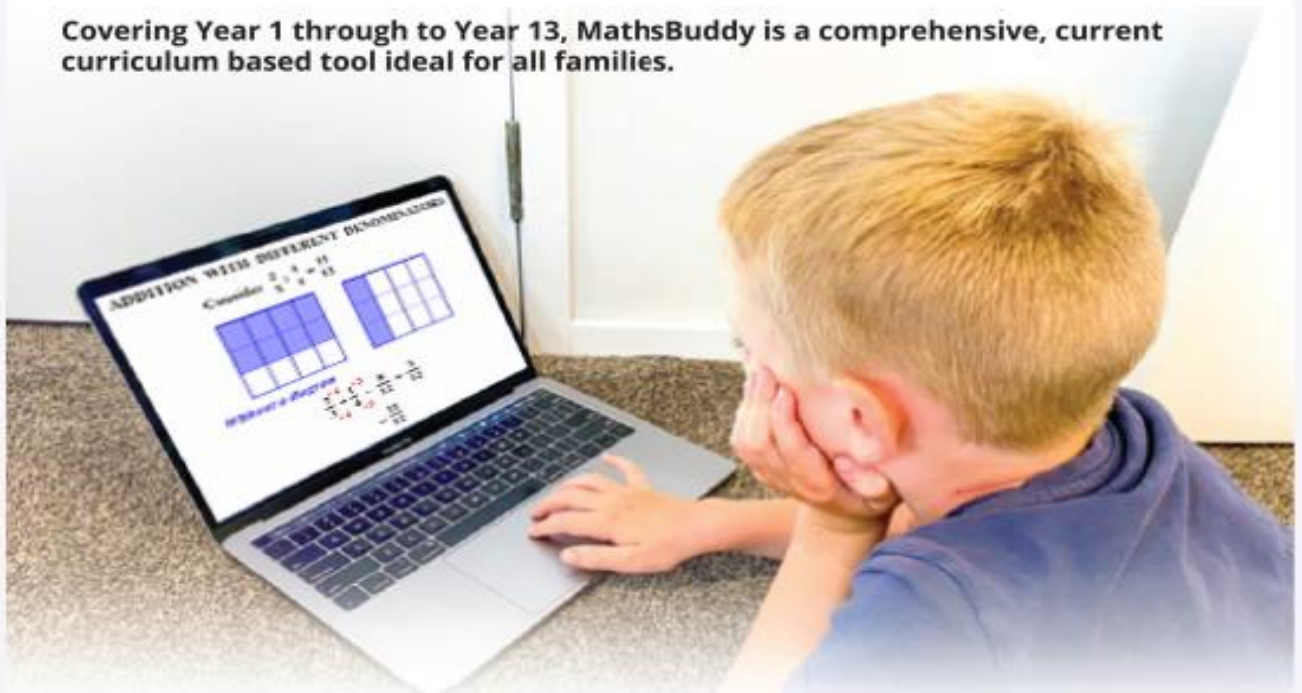


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- Strengthening social skills, self-control & problem solving skills
- Gaining emotional awareness, self-esteem & confidence
- School successes e.g. reading & social readiness
- Decreasing challenging behaviours

**Start Dates/Times:**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023 @ 9.30am- noon in Feilding**

## Contact

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

0800 432 6459



Red Kiwi  
Orienteering club



# Have-a-go SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING DAY

Come along and gain some orienteering skills and have fun.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

We are running an orienteering course with club members there to help, guide and give feedback where needed. This is open to students as well as teachers and parents.

## WHERE AND WHEN

It will be held at Waterloo Park on the **6th of August**, 10:30am - 1:00pm starts. Course closure will be 2:00pm.

Cost - \$3 students, \$5 adults, \$10 max for a family (cash only)

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT CLUB EVENT OR THE MANAWATU SCHOOLS RELAY CHAMPS ON THE 13TH OF OCTOBER, WEEK 1 TERM 4.

## CONTACT INFO:

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