

# HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 18th of August 2023

## Important Upcoming Events 2023

<b>14 Aug - 8 Sept</b>	Weekly gymnastic sessions for everyone (with Manawatu Gymsports)
<b>21 August</b>	All basic fact-a-thon sheets and money due to your child's whānau teacher today please
<b>25 August</b>	Daffodil day - non uniform day. Wear green or yellow, gold coin donation
<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
<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
<b>10 October</b>	Marae visit for Year 5 tamariki (more details to come)
<b>12 October</b>	Marae visit for Year 2 tamariki (more details to come)

***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

Next Friday is the nationally celebrated daffodil day fundraiser. Daffodil Day is all about showing your support for cancer research, awareness, and cancer societies who are doing their best with volunteers to raise funds.

We invite everyone to come to school dressed in either yellow or green (and we will see if we can make a huge human daffodil). The student council also invites everyone to make a gold coin donation that we will collect and send to the Cancer Society.



### CONGRATULATIONS

#### **CHES**

By Noah and Bilal.

“On Tuesday, August 15th, four of us – Noah, Catherine, Josh, and Bilal – took part in a chess tournament held at Takaro Bowling Club. We competed against seven other school teams and managed to secure the third spot. If we had scored just one more point, we would have qualified for the nationals, but nonetheless, it was a memorable day. Tamaki School came in first place, followed by Milson School, and then our team. We are grateful to the school for funding our participation in the tournament and would like to express our appreciation to Mr. Sloan, Mr. Evans, and our parents and caregivers for their support”.



#### **MATHEX**

Congratulations to the awesome ākonga who represented us yesterday at the annual Mathex competition. Historically there can be up to 50 teams per year level entered in this event, and competition is tough as everyone sends their best mathematical problem solvers. Sincere thanks to Mrs Longley who has admirably trained the squads.

##### **Year 5 mathex squad**

Richard Z, Joshpreet S, Emma Z, Hannah P, Sam M, Austin D, Wonil H, Ava S and Isabella H, Catherine C, Viktor D, Cherry T.

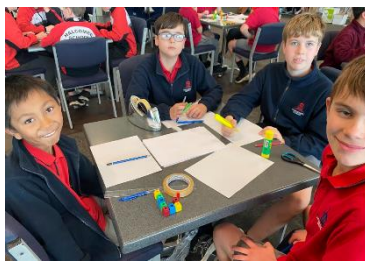
##### **Year 6 mathex squad**

Jack N, Zac Mc, James L, Riley A, Rei O, Emerson A, Ella F, Yuna C and Angela L/W, Felix H, Yena L

The first Y 5 team finished in 12th place and the challenge team earned a gold award!

The first Y 6 team finished in 6th place and the challenge team earned a silver award!

Well done to each of you.



#### **BASKETBALL**

Congratulations to the Hokowhitu Shooters Y 3/4 basketball team who were overall ‘runners up’ to the champions of their grade this season.

Special thanks to Whaea Bree who stepped out of her comfort zone and did a fantastic job of coaching this team. Also, a big thank you to Mr Coker for all of your support.



# Congratulations

## **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 last term's survey -

### ***How satisfied are you with the quality of the classrooms at Hokowhitu School***

Responses from **all** respondents indicated 84% satisfied, 11% neutral and 6% unsatisfied

Responses from our Māori respondents indicated 86% satisfied, 10% neutral and 3% unsatisfied.

### ***How satisfied are you with the quality of the outdoor facilities and environment at Hokowhitu School?***

Responses from all respondents indicated 88% satisfied, 7% neutral and 5% unsatisfied.

Responses from our Māori respondents indicated 87% satisfied, 3% neutral and 10% unsatisfied.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate in this survey. In next week's newsletter I will share some of the responses about ways the Board could consider even more improvements to our facilities or environment.

## **ATAWHAI AWARDS**

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

**TKW: Lucy S** - You are always showing atawhai towards others and demonstrating Hokowhitu School's STRIVE values. You always use your kind voice and are friendly and helpful. In your spare time you offer to help around the classroom, which is greatly appreciated. You have an excellent attitude towards learning and take great pride in the presentation of your work. Tino pai Lucy! You are such a super role model to have in Te Kete Wakahuia.

**TKP: Hanna S** - You are such a delightful student to have in TKP. You consistently put 100% effort into your learning and always produce work of a high standard. In class you role-model the STRIVE values by valuing others, respecting the kete, and your enthusiasm for learning is a joy to see. Ka pai Hanna. Keep up the awesome attitude!

**TKM: Charlie T** - Charlie is eager to please and do well. She takes advice on board and acts upon it. She shows leadership by showing others what is expected during whanau mat time. Charlie can be relied on to look after our environment and to help others to be organised. She is keen to be part of extra activities and to support others - she is an expert at handstands!

**TKA: Harrison I** - Kid President once said, "Be somebody who makes everybody feel like a somebody." You live by this every day. You show atawhai to others even if that means compromising when you don't need to do so. We have watched you put others before yourself because you can see that they really need it. You say good morning to all your teachers and have a great smile to go with it. Thank you for the kindness you offer to peers and adults alike. Thank you for demonstrating Manaakitanga.

**TKT: Eden J** - You are a conscientious and thoughtful person who is always one of the first to offer to help your peers and teachers alike. You're kind to those that need your help offering support and understanding in a gentle manner. You step up and do your best in everything you do, from helping new students find their way to doing the duties of students who are absent. Thank you for being kind.

**STAFF: Ms Finikin** - Ms Finikin showed atawhai by providing extra kitchen items when we had a large group of adult visitors at our kura this week. She just used her initiative and went shopping to help us.

Thank you for showing kindness in this way Gwenna.

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

Ngā mihi nui

Lin Dixon

## *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.

### **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.



## **Sports Results**

### **Hockey**

#### **Hokowhitu Red**

Here is a picture from our final game on Sunday. Our team have played so well together with lots of new skills learnt and fun had.



#### **Hokowhitu Blacksticks**

The Hokowhitu Blacksticks closed out their season last Sunday with a hard-fought win against Turitea. After conceding a goal very early in the game, the Blacksticks fought back to a 4-2 win, with players of the day going to **Willa** for being an amazing goalie in the second half, and **Molly** for playing an excellent offensive game. The team has played extremely well this season, taking away 7 wins and 1 draw out of 11 games, with some standout team work. Well done team, you should be very proud of your efforts.



#### **Hokowhitu Bluesticks**

Well done to the Hokowhitu Bluesticks on a great season! You all played so well together.



**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.



## ***Sports Open For Registration***

### **Volleyball - Years 4, 5 & 6 - THIS CLOSSES TODAY AT 3PM - No late entries will be accepted.**

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

### **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 Soccer**

Ages set for summer soccer are Year 0, 1 & 2, Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6.

These children will play a 24-minute game after 4.00pm on a Wednesday afternoon. The competition will start on the Wednesday 18th of October, with an end date scheduled for Wednesday 13th December.

Fee for the season is \$30 per player.

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

Years 5-6 - WEDNESDAY night - **THIS IS NOW CLOSED.**

Cost for years 1-2 \$25

Cost for years 3-6 \$30

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

PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR THE KINDO LINK TO REGISTER FOR YOUR SELECTED SPORT & HIRE A SPORTS UNIFORM

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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 welcome to **Sasha** who has joined us in Waka this week. We hope you have a great time at Hokowhitu School.

**Karen** - For making excellent progress in literacy and numeracy.

**Brodie** - For excellent progress in literacy.

**George** - For showing enthusiasm during dance.

**Roshni** - For great work in literacy.

**Oliver** - For confidently sharing your news at oral language time each week. Tino pai.

**Vivaan** - for working so hard during your workshops. Kā rawe Vivaan.

**Sadie** - For using your initiative in the classroom and showing leadership skills when it comes to stepping up and helping others. Ka pai!

**Finley** - For being an active, thoughtful speaker and listener in class discussions and workshops. Tino pai.

## Te Kete Pounamu

**Leo Y** - Welcome to Hokowhitu School.

**Eliza** - For adding details when completing her writing.

**Rita** - For beginning to form letters correctly when writing.

**Lachie** - For having such an interest in non-fiction texts.

**Michael** - For displaying awesome gymnastic skills.

**Isaiah** - For recognising when to put 'ed' suffix when writing words.

**Joy** - For being a great leader for the Jump Jam Strictly Team.

## Te Kete Manawa

Congratulations to the following Top 30 winners: **Mila P, Joslyn, Afokoula** and **Amelia**.

For wonderful poetry work: **Ruby, Harry, Zareesh, Georgia** and **Miya**.

For great skills in gym: **Mila P, Charlotte G, Isla, Brodie**, and **Joel**.

## Te Kete Aronui

**Miya** - For taking responsibility for your learning and opting into workshops that develop your learning in maths.

**Makayla** - For super scientific thinking and confidently sharing your ideas.

**Louis** - For being a co-operative, engaged and enthusiastic scientist with exceptional manners.

**Orla** - For taking responsibility for your learning and opting into workshops that develop your learning in maths.

**Tupuse** - For working cooperatively and engaging in the process during science.

**Johanna** - For being kind and cooperative with your buddy during science.

**Micah** - For great focus and enthusiasm during science.

**Viktor** - For your positive engagement and willingness to share during science.

**Frankie** - For working cooperatively with your buddy and recalling new and prior knowledge in science.

## Te Kete Tangaroa

**Yasmeen** - For showing great understanding in maths.

**Cooper** - For stepping up during learning time, being ready to learn and having a great attitude.

**Hanieh** - For a positive attitude in her learning and working hard on her English.

**Rei** - For showing kaitiakitanga consistently and when no one is watching.

**Aria** - For great focus and effort in Mathematics.

**Luke** - For stepping up and showing kaitiakitanga.

**Emerson** - An outstanding attitude towards his learning. Showing Nga Whakapuke in all learning.

**Maya** - For always taking pride in her presentation of her bookwork.

**Bilal** - For applying himself in maths and showing an excellent understanding of coordinates and bearings.



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**Create a team and join us!**  
**7.00pm, Wednesday 6 September**  
Hockey Manawatū Clubrooms, Manawaroa St, PN

**Snacks Provided - Bar Available - Raffle**  
**Spot Prizes - Great Community Support**  
**Mystery Bottle Auction\* - Prizes for winners**

\*Each team please bring a mystery bottle for the auction  
Only 20 team tables available - Bring cash for auctions, raffle, etc

**How to Register your team:**

Scan the QR Code to access the google form:

Or Fill in the google form: <https://forms.gle/13kDSGAY3xWodh719>

Or Email for details: [nicolablackler@gmail.com](mailto:nicolablackler@gmail.com)

Payment to be made to the following account before the night:

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