

# HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 15th of September 2023

## Important Upcoming Events 2023

|                                 |  |
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| <b>18 - 22 September</b>        | Book Week - see separate notices that have come home giving details  |
| <b>20 September</b>             | Chess tournament for selected players  |
| <b>20 &amp; 21 September</b>    | <b>MAJOR UPGRADE TO OUR SCHOOL'S WIFI NETWORK.</b> Our phone lines and the internet connection may be sporadic/not working these days. Please contact the school for absences, messages etc on our mobile phone (text or call) on 027 357 9021 |
| <b>22 September</b>             | Dress as your favourite Book Character Day<br>Last day of Term 3   |
| <b>9 October</b>                | First day of Term 4  |
| <b>10 October</b>               | Marae visit for Year 5 tamariki (notices came home earlier in the week with the ākonga involved)   |
| <b>17 October</b>               | <b>Te Kete Wakahuia ONLY 5.45pm arrival time to be ready for the TKW ball</b>  |
| <b>NEW ITEM<br/>22 November</b> | <b>Teacher Only Day - school CLOSED.</b><br>Teachers undertaking professional development around the refreshed curriculum  |

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

**SAVE THIS DATE**

**SCHOOL CENTENARY - 5TH AND 6TH APRIL 2024**

Hokowhitu School celebrates its 100th anniversary next year. Spread the word to any ex-pupils/colleagues who you think may be interested in attending.

Registrations are now 'live'. Please find the link for registration on the school website: [www.hokowhitu.school.nz](http://www.hokowhitu.school.nz)



## *Update from the Principal*

Kia ora koutou  
Ngā mihi kia koutou

Nau mai ke Te Wiki o te reo Māori - welcome to Māori Language week.

Following our recent community consultation there was support for further consultation around us potentially phasing in a new uniform that could be worn by either boys or girls. The current school uniform would remain totally acceptable throughout the 'phase in' period - we will do our very best to avoid unnecessary expense. Samples of the potential new uniform will be on display shortly for you to view and give feedback. We have looked for uniforms of similar quality to our current items, and only propose to change the colour of our skort, shorts and trousers, while maintaining the red polo shirt and current fleece. The proposed alternatives are all at less cost than our current items.

### **BOOK WEEK**

Next week we celebrate loads of things associated with promoting a love of literacy. Thanks to Mrs Gifford Moore who has planned a range of fun and engaging activities for each day next week. Book week culminates with our ever popular 'Dress as your favourite book character day' next Friday. There are lots of ways you can do this without purchasing something special to wear on the day, so be creative and keep it simple!

### **CHESS TOURNAMENT**

We send our best wishes to the following chess club players who are competing in the Manawatu School Pupil Chess Championship (Individual) next Wednesday. Jaxxon Z, Victor D, Harrison I, Noah M, Bilal S, Jack N, Darcy M, Quinn M, Joshpreet S.

Sincere thanks to the whānau who have volunteered to support these participants.

### **BUNNINGS GRADUATION PROJECT**

On Tuesday staff from Bunnings helped us plant two lemon trees for our school. Bunnings give each participating school fruit trees as a thank-you gift to the school from the graduating students. This is for the Year 6 children to thank Hokowhitu School for the years we've attended and is a legacy to the future generations of students, who will need to look after the tree.



## **ATAWHAI**

**TKW: Meilah S/K** - Meilah is a quiet member of Huia who has been working hard on her learning this year and is always striving to do her very best. She works hard in workshops and her confidence in giving things a go has grown so much this term. Meilah works very hard with her friends to help keep our classrooms clean and tidy and shows atawhai to others when they are feeling sad or needing a bit of help.

Thank you, Meilah - He whetu koe.

**TKP: Doha** - Doha you are such a happy and cheerful boy. You always go out of your way to greet the teachers in the morning. You play with a wide range of kids in the kete and always lend a hand. You manage yourself well in class and are often 'caught being good'. Keep smiling Doha!!

**TKM: Brodie J** - You are a thoughtful and observant member of Te Kete Manawa. You notice when jobs need to be done and just do it. You are excited to learn and share this enthusiasm with those around you. You are super complimentary of your kaiako and always show gratitude for all your learning opportunities. Tino pai, Brodie!

**TKA: Sahar** - Sahar you are a bright and energetic member of TKA who always shows kindness and concern for both your peers and teachers. You do this by a very cheery good morning each day or the offer of a helping hand. You always ask if people are okay when you see them upset. Sahar you have a gentle demeanour which is appreciated by us all and you often become the sunshine in someone's grey day! Mīharo!!

**TKT: James L** - James, you are considerate of others and look out for those that need help or support. Going out of your way in Digicrew to support new students in their projects and often running small groups. You always put your hand up to help out or take on extra responsibility within the kete and wider school community. We appreciate your gentle nature and willingness to help out with whomever needs it. Thank you for being kind.

**STAFF: Mrs Hawkins** - Mrs Hawkins shows atawhai in starting our last New Entrant class in the second part of the year. She shows patience and kindness by settling our youngest ākonga into school routines and making sure they feel safe and welcome at our kura. Thank you for showing atawhai in these ways Merryn.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Ngā mihi nui  
Lin Dixon

*Some of our newest students from Waka Iti enjoying some treats from Market Day*



## ***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://schoolappsnz.co.nz/login/](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.



## ***Sports & Sports Uniforms***

Sports uniforms have been issued and you have not received one for your Term 4 sport, you will need to register on kindo for one.

**Sports uniform hireage information** - When you hire a sports uniform, you hire it for the school year, regardless of how many sports your child plays in this time. This is a cost of \$20 a year.

If sports uniforms are not returned when called back, you will be invoiced for a replacement as each uniform costs \$70 to replace.

If you have any questions, please contact Carlee Hodge - [c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz).

**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.



# Achievement Awards



## Te Kete Wakahuia

Welcome to Waka Iti **Jensen** - It has been wonderful to have you join us at school. Thank you for always bringing a happy smile!

**Navya** - Trying hard to say your letter sounds correctly.

**Serena** - Fantastic attitude at dance practises.

**Oakley** - For being a great messenger for the teacher.

**Gian** - For persevering when throwing and catching a ball.

**Aaden** - For working so hard in your workshops. Tino pai Aaden.

**Zoe C** - For your beautiful artwork.

**Dontae** - For taking great pride in his artwork and the neatness of his writing. Ka pai!

**Clyde** - For always being a kind friend and for having a fantastic attitude towards learning.

## Te Kete Pounamu

**Ron** - For correctly doing 3-digit column addition.

**Anna W** - For correctly doing 3-digit column addition.

**Griffin** - For correctly doing 3-digit column addition.

**Te Kekerewai** - For great general knowledge in his reading.

**Landon** - For improving the neatness of his handwriting.

**Lohan D** - For accurately completing his Number of the Day.

**Yuleena** - For beginning to use spelling rules accurately.

## Te Kete Manawa

**Ruby** - For her creativity and wonderful leadership when creating the barbie dance for TKM!

**Georgia** - For a fantastic growth mindset during math workshops.

**Hudson** - For taking the lead at cricket skills and sharing his knowledge.

**Brodie** - For fabulous manners on our hui mat, thank you for your kindness.

**Jamie** - For beautiful book work in literacy. Well done for taking pride in your learning!

**Lachie** - Fantastic strategies used in math workshops.

**Henry** - Well done on receiving your pen license, Henry, you have worked so hard.

**Imogen D** - Fabulous effort and enthusiasm as Barbie for our assembly item!

## Te Kete Aronui

**Ivy** - For always keeping your peers' company.

**Jaxon T** - For working hard on your presentation and task completion.

**Miles** - For persevering with your artwork to solve problems that may arise.

**Molly SK** - For great results with your reading comprehension.

**Olivia G** - Excellent work with your reading comprehension this week.

**Flynn** - For taking responsibility for your learning by seeking clarification and challenging yourself in maths.

**Hawaiki** - For your great scientific testing of magnets and magnetic materials during our science investigations.

**Mason** - For creating a very long paper clip chain to test a magnet's power during science.

**Maisey** - For being a co-operative group member during our science investigations.

**Amos** - For your enthusiasm to learn. It is great to see you opting in to learning more challenging concepts in Maths.

**Ava M** - For always being willing to help out whenever there are things to do.

**Luca** - For great work with learning and applying our spelling rules.

**Ronav** - For super work with perimeters in maths.

**Tyler** - For great knowledge sharing during our measurement activities.

## Te Kete Tangaroa

**Isaac P** - For super work in Maths working out tricky fraction problems.

**Molly** - Working well in reading developing her comprehension.

**Zac** - For modelling excellent Te Reo Māori pronunciation.

**Freya** - Great improvement in Maths Revision.

**Declan** - For always seeking clarity and not giving up in maths.

**Samuel** - For showing atawhai by taking one of our new students under his wing and showing him the ropes.

# Community Notices

## aPlus School Holiday Programme, Spring 2023

Hokowhitu School - 227 Albert St, PNth



### SMALL FRY - AGES 5 & 6 \$28.00 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

| Mon 25th Sept   | Tue 26th Sept  | Wed 27th Sept   | Thu 28th Sept   | Fri 29th Sept  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <b>BAG IT UP</b><br>Make wacky faces, owls or cat bags!                   | <b>BABY TIE DYE</b><br>Tie dye art, make a Grabber & then it's freaky races!               | <b>GRUMPY DAY</b><br>Grumpy start to the day, but you WILL go home laughing!                  | <b>SPRING STITCHES</b><br>Lion rocks, weaving trees, sardines & Lego bracelets. | <b>PENGUIN PRANKS</b><br>Learn to carry an egg like a Penguin.....             |
| Mon 2nd Oct   | Tue 3rd Oct  | Wed 4th Oct   | Thu 5th Oct   | Fri 6th Oct  |
| <b>STUNNING SEAHORSES</b><br>Seahorse Tic Tac Toe, Masks, Underwater fun! | <b>RAINBOW ROLLING PIN ART</b><br>Wet chalk, stunning artwork, yummy skittles experiments. | <b>CATTERPILLARS IN TOWN</b><br>Caterpillars, check them out before they turn to butterflies. | <b>SCRATCH IT</b><br>Scratch it, paint it and start again.                      | <b>WEATHER &amp; FLUFFY STUFF</b><br>White clouds, blue skies, Spring is here! |

### HOLIDAY FUN 7 YEARS & UP \$32.50 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

| Mon 25th Sept   | Tue 26th Sept  | Wed 27th Sept   | Thu 28th Sept  | Fri 29th Sept  |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| <b>BEAUTIFUL OCEAN</b><br>Litter art, Blob Tag and Catch the Bacon              | <b>THE MUSIC TABLE</b><br>Rhythm & Song - instruments to explore and a great new dance!  | <b>ROCK TROLLS</b><br>Rock Paper Scissors Tournament a bit of baking & heaps of fun.            | <b>LET'S YARN</b><br>Wrap initials, turtles, shave balloons, Dog and Bone!                 | <b>SEA OTTERS</b><br>Cheeky, clever and cute! Otter spotting!              |
| Mon 2nd Oct   | Tue 3rd Oct  | Wed 4th Oct   | Thu 5th Oct  | Fri 6th Oct  |
| <b>GECKO STARTS WITH G</b><br>What's a Gecko, come and find out all about them. | <b>DROP CATCH ROLL</b><br>Making our own drop, catch, roll game, you need a steady hand. | <b>SERIOUS SIDEWALKS</b><br>Design, play, colour, trace, taking sidewalk art to the playground. | <b>EXPLORING ELEPHANTS</b><br>Elephants toothpaste, elephant trunk games, Rumpelstiltskin. | <b>IS IT SOLID OR LIQUID?</b><br>A bit messy today, solid, liquid or both! |

### EXPLORERS - 7 YEARS & UP .....From \$32.50 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

| Mon 25th Sept  | Tue 26th Sept  | Wed 27th Sept   | Thu 28th Sept   | Fri 29th Sept  |
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| <b>THINKING CATS</b><br>Cats and Lemon Slice, create one & eat the other.          | <b>SHARPIE ART</b><br>Bring out your inner artist - wild colour with sharpies      | <b>HERB FARM BALLOON TWIST (Ex)</b><br>It's the guy from Blow Up NZ - workshop at the Herb Garden | <b>WOOD CITY SKYLINE</b><br>Join our city skyline workshop and take it home!  | <b>THE BALANCE TREE</b><br>What does it take to stop your tree falling over? |
| Mon 2nd Oct  | Tue 3rd Oct  | Wed 4th Oct   | Thu 5th Oct   | Fri 6th Oct  |
| <b>WEAVE AND TWIST</b><br>Weave wool, jump the creek, dribble like a professional. | <b>MOVIES AND PIZZA</b><br>Movies, pizza, snacks and games, chilling with friends. | <b>MIRROR ME</b><br>Oreo pops, badminton, then make a mirror for your room!                       | <b>MINI GOLF (Ex)</b><br>18 Holes of mini golf and a prize for a hole in one! | <b>3D FACES</b><br>3D faces to jazz up your walls at home!                   |

### AWATEA 9 YEARS & UP From \$42.00 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

| Mon 25th Sept  | Tue 26th Sept   | Wed 27th Sept   | Thu 28th Sept   | Fri 29th Sept   |
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| <b>MOVIES AND PIZZA</b><br>Movies, pizza, snacks and games, chilling with friends..                    | <b>ZEBRA CROSSING</b><br>Unique & fun Zebra activities. How many zebra types are there?         | <b>HERB FARM BALLOON TWIST (Ex)</b><br>It's the guy from Blow Up NZ - workshop at the Herb Garden | <b>ANEMOMETER</b><br>Join our city skyline workshop and take it home!       | <b>GO GO GOKARTS (Ex)</b><br>Off to XKarts - are you the champion of the day? |
| Mon 2nd Oct  | Tue 3rd Oct   | Wed 4th Oct   | Thu 5th Oct   | Fri 6th Oct   |
| <b>PUKAHA WILDLIFE (Ex)</b><br>Come & meet Kahurangi, a relative of the extinct Huia and so much more! | <b>SPINNING TOP SCIENCE</b><br>Build and experiment with all kinds of tops then take them home! | <b>MINI GOLF(Ex)</b><br>18 Holes of mini golf and a prize for a hole in one!.                     | <b>FRINGE AND FLOW</b><br>Flow - purerehua, Fringe - make a fringed Tshirt. | <b>BEACHCOMBER(Ex)</b><br>Driftwood, dune surfing, then fish and chips!!      |



## Holiday Programmes 25th September- 6th October 2023

Netball World Cup Day  
Monday 25th September 2023  
8:30am- 3:00pm (4pm for late collection for an extra \$10.00)  
Register at: [www.netballmanawatu.org.nz](http://www.netballmanawatu.org.nz)

PJ Day  
Wednesday 27th September 2023  
8:30am- 3:00pm (4pm for late collection for an extra \$10.00)  
Register at: [www.netballmanawatu.org.nz](http://www.netballmanawatu.org.nz)

Sports Day  
Friday 29th September 2023  
8:30am- 3:00pm (4pm for late collection for an extra \$10.00)  
Register at: [www.netballmanawatu.org.nz](http://www.netballmanawatu.org.nz)

Dress up as your favourite Netball Player  
Monday 2nd October 2023  
8:30am- 3:00pm (4pm for late collection for an extra \$10.00)  
Register at [www.netballmanawatu.org.nz](http://www.netballmanawatu.org.nz)

Winter Olympics Day  
Wednesday 4th October 2023  
8:30am- 3:00pm (4pm for late collection for an extra \$10.00)  
Register at [www.netballmanawatu.org.nz](http://www.netballmanawatu.org.nz)

Manawatu Netball Has Got Talent  
Friday 6th October 2023  
8:30am- 3:00pm (4pm for late collection for an extra \$10.00)  
Register at [www.netballmanawatu.org.nz](http://www.netballmanawatu.org.nz)

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**PLAY WITH CHAMPIONS AND REGISTER AT OUR GIVE IT A GO DAY!**

SOFTBALL CLUB/SCHOOL: **THEMPO SOFTBALL INC**  
DATE: **17th September 2023** TIME: **11am - 3pm**  
ADDRESS: **THEMPO HALL PALMERSTON NORTH**  
CONTACT: **KRIS PIKE 0276796600**

SOFTBALL - ANYTIME, ANYWHERE

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

Calling all Summer's Super Saturday Softballers, Takaro Softball Club warmly invites you to Our Give Softball A Go Day, this Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 from 11am until 3pm. From 4 years old to 40+ years old, beginners, to skilled. Come along, have fun and enjoy Softball. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank You.

Takaro SoftballClub.

Kris Pike 0276796600

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**Term 4 Registrations Open Now!**

Starting Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup> 2023

| Sunday Sessions |                              | Teaching Gym<br><b>Massey University</b><br>Orchard Road<br>Fitzherbert<br>Palmerston North |
|-----------------|------------------------------|---|
| Yrs 1/2         | <b>mini</b> 9am – 9:45am     |   |
| Yrs 3/4         | <b>junior</b> 10am – 10:45am |   |
| Yrs 5/6         | <b>pro</b> 11am – 12:30pm    |   |
| Yrs 7/8         | <b>all star</b> 1pm – 2:30pm |   |

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