

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 13th of October 2023

Important Upcoming Events 2023

14 October	School hall in use as a polling booth for the general election
17 October	Te Kete Wakahuia ONLY 5.45pm arrival time to be ready for the TKW Ball
19 October	Year 4 sleepover here at school (see kete notices advising details) Shake- out Day. Teachers will be talking with the tamariki about safety in the event of earthquakes, as well as practising an earthquake drill.
20 October	Year 4 EOTC trip to Ngā Manu 9am School assembly - TKP sharing their learning Lucky Book Club orders are due back by TODAY Calendar Art orders are due back by TODAY (See below for details)
23 October LABOUR DAY	Public holiday, school CLOSED
24 October	5.30pm School board meeting
26 October	PTA meeting, 3pm. Main agenda item, the Christmas Carnival - please come if you can
26 - 27 October	School photographs taken (Sibling photo forms are due back BEFORE photo day)
6 November	Year 4 - 6 athletic sports
10 November	9am School assembly - TKW sharing their learning
22 November	Teacher Only Day - school CLOSED. Teachers undertaking professional development around the refreshed curriculum
24 November	9am School assembly - TKT sharing their learning
30 November	Year 1-3 fundamental athletic skills display
8 December	School reports and 2024 learning areas home
12 December	1.45 Transition in 2024 classrooms 5pm Christmas Carnival 6pm Whole school prizegiving (followed by the Year 6 graduation)
15 December	12.45 Classes finish for 2023

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

Update from the Principal

Bula Vinaka
Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

Welcome to the ever-busy Term 4 - and a very special welcome to the 12 new ākonga who have joined us at Hokowhitu School this term so far. We are confident that you will very soon feel part of our kura and community. Please feel free to ask if anything doesn't make sense to you - sometimes we can assume that things are clear to everyone, and we aren't quite right! As the old saying goes 'there is no such thing as a silly question'.

SUN HATS

In terms 4 and 1 of each year it is compulsory to wear a sunhat when outdoors. Our regulation plain navy-blue bucket hat costs \$12.00 from the school office. Our school policy states, 'no hat, no play', so please ensure all the tamariki have a sunhat every day. Hats are also available at Academy Apparel for \$15.00.

ICAS COMPETITION

At next week's assembly we will present the following awards to ākonga who sat either the English or Science papers.

	ENGLISH	SCIENCE
PARTICIPATION	Anne L, Ronav P, Catherine C, Danie G, Hannah P	Richard Z, Hannah P, Ronav P, Catherine C, Danie G
CREDIT	Aarush M	Aarush M, Amelia R
MERIT		Makayla D
DISTINCTION	Makayla D	

Congratulations to each of you. Special congratulations to **Makayla** - her score in the English competition placed her in the top 9% of all participants in NZ and the Pacific region.

PTA

The next meeting is scheduled for 3pm on the 26th of October. Meetings are always less than 1 hour, and the children can safely play in the playground (we meet in the staffroom, so they are still in sight).

Term 4 is primarily around preparation for the ever-exciting Christmas Carnival which precedes our end of year Prizegiving.

Those of you who have attended the Carnival will recall the great atmosphere and fabulous food as we transform the quad area into a massive food court!

We rely on our school community to assist with the planning, preparation, and sale of the food items. We try to have a range of foods that celebrate our cultural diversity, so do let us know if you have a great idea!

If you can, pop along to the meeting and feel free to bring a friend. If you can't make a day time meeting, but can help in any way, please email Amy at amywestergaard@gmail.com. If everyone does just a little bit, the load is shared and no one bears a huge undertaking.

LUCKY BOOK CLUB & CALENDAR ART ORDERS

Calendar art envelopes came home earlier this week. You can purchase cards, diaries, or calendars with your child's art on them. There are display models of how these look in the office. We have spare envelopes in the office if required.

PROPOSED NEW UNIFORM

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 are currently on display in the office area. 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 the current uniform. Please see more details below for pictures of the new uniform.

EXAMPLES OF PROPOSED UNIFORM UPDATE (These are also in the office on display)

Price differences:

Current Pricing for Tartan Skort \$53.50

Current Pricing for Grey Shorts \$38.00

Current Pricing for Grey Pants \$49.00

- Pricing for Navy Blue Skort **\$41.50**

- Pricing for Navy Blue Shorts **\$33.00**

- Pricing for Navy Blue Pants **\$44.00**



If you would like to give us some feedback about the proposed changes, please make your comment via this link. <https://forms.gle/7AGWHTr2oMNY2FD29>

Have a fabulous weekend everyone.

Ngā mihi nui
Lin Dixon

***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



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://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

Term 4 sports - Touch, Volleyball, Netball, Summer Soccer and Summer Hockey

We have had a record number of children sign up for a term 4 sport. Some of these teams still have **NO** manager to help them run. You all should have received a team list for your child's sport via email last term. Paper copies have also been given to all children in all teams. If you can help your child's team by being a manager, then please email me c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz

Touch - Begins tonight at Monrad Park

Netball - Continues Monday at Vautier Park

Volleyball - Begins Tuesday at the Arena 4

Summer Soccer - Begins Wednesday at the Arena on the fields

Summer Hockey - Begins Tuesday the 24th and Wednesday the 25th at the Twin turfs

If you do not have a Hokowhitu sports uniform, then you need to click on the below link and register for one before your child's sport begins.

[https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml?shop=Hokowhitu%20School.](https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml?shop=Hokowhitu%20School)





Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

Amelia - Thank you for being a fantastic buddy to the children who have visited and have now started school. You are a great help. Kai pai!

Harrison W - It's great to see you join in everything we do with great enthusiasm and a big smile. Keep it up! Waka Iti warmly welcomes six new students this week - **Ivan, Lucy, Aisha, Riley, Sia** and **Spencer**. You have all had a wonderful week of trying new things. Ka pai!

Namish - You have made a fantastic start to Term 4 Namish - what a star!

Serena - For participating in workshops and group rotations - we love having you as part of our class!

Jacob - For being proud of your achievements at school!

Gian - For fantastic pattern work.

Eloise - For great decoding when reading!

Claudia - For the excellent progress you are making in your learning. Kā rawe!

Joshua - For being a super star reader. Tino pai!

Kiel - For showing perseverance with the tricky number work. Tino pai!

James - For showing enthusiasm for learning and great resilience. Ka pai!

Te Kete Pounamu

Vinnie - Welcome to TKP and Hokowhitu School.

Nitnem - Welcome to TKP and Hokowhitu School.

Isaiah - For stepping up and showing strive.

Louhan - For sharing his news about his holidays.

Ava S - For knowing halves and quarters of shapes.

Zara - For great presentation in story writing.

Madi - For writing several sentences in your story writing.

Annie - For great number knowledge in your follow ups.

Carter - For improved focus at the follow ups.

Harley - For spelling the 'er' sound.

Te Kete Manawa

Deondrej - For fabulous kindness and empathy.

Te Whakaira - Fantastic growth mindset and attitude in math workshops.

Joel - For an amazing start to the term!

Edward - For having a real get up and go attitude, we love your idea of starting a running club.

Charlie - For her kindness and being a mentor in maths, we appreciate you.

Oscar - A role model for mat manners on our hui mat. Keep stepping up, Oscar!

Baxter - For a growth mindset in maths.

Sammy - For starting the term with positivity, kindness and a can-do attitude. Ka rawe!

Roman - For his kindness and trying his best at math workshops.

Hakaraia - For an amazing start to the term and a wonderful attitude in maths!

Henry and **Zayd** - For being amazing support people and friends to our new student.

K.J and **Alex** - For a super start to the term. Your mahi in maths and awesome attitudes are really standing out. Well done!

A big TKM welcome to **Senura**! We cannot believe you have only just started at Hokowhitu School. You have settled in so well and are taking lots of risks in your learning already! Tino pai.



Achievement Awards

Te Kete Aronui

Ruixin - For your awesome drawing skills when sketching the carvings on our marae trip.

Makayla - For showing great enthusiasm during Ki o Rahi on our marae trip.

Miya - For showing great enthusiasm during Ki o Rahi on our marae trip.

C-Jay - For persevering with your drawing of the carvings on our Marae trip.

Max - For an enthusiastic and positive start to the term.

Anne - For an enthusiastic and positive start to the term.

Sanuthi - Welcome Sanuthi to Te Kete Aronui. We are really excited to have you join us at Hokowhitu School.

Flynn - For demonstrating great skills in badminton.

Viktor - For demonstrating great skills in badminton.

Micah - For focus and perseverance with your work this week.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Billy - For giving out strive vouchers to those children who were putting their sports equipment away.

Keira - For writing detailed sentences with the correct punctuation.

Connor TH - For reading and completing comprehension questions by himself.

Catherine - For showing enthusiasm and asking great questions on our marae trip

Wonil - For speaking superbly on behalf of all the year 5's at the marae trip.

Ella S - For speaking superbly on behalf of all the year 5's at the marae trip.

Lilly - Excellent problem-solving skills in maths.

Ben - Working well and explaining his thinking in Maths.

Korbyn - Excellent work designing an App for kiwi gamers.

Aminaa - Welcome to TKT Aminaa.

Lola - Welcome to TKT Lola.

Congratulations!

Enrol. Vote. Be heard.

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U11 Jennian Homes Development programme

Friday 27th October - Friday 24th November
4.30pm - 5.30pm

Festival day
Sunday 26th November

Jennian
HOMES

Registration closes
Friday 20th October

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for more information or head to our website



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Children's Drawing classes with Mike Ryan

Does your child love to draw? Would you like to get them away from the screen. Mike Ryan is an experienced art teacher and portrait artist, with spaces still available this term for children to develop their drawing skills across a range of subjects e.g. people, animals, birds.

Classes are held at the Manawatu Chinese Association Hall, PN, Tuesdays 3.30 – 5.00. The cost is \$150 for the term.

For more information or to enroll please contact Rachel Summers, email: info@artforartsake.co.nz or 021 624 892. <http://artforartsake.co.nz>

"Fun in the Sun with the Marist Hotshots Tennis Programme – Beginner skills development programme for 5-12 year olds run by our amazing Hot Shots coaches. These 50 minute sessions run on Saturday mornings over term 4 and will focus on improving strokes, footwork and court strategies! This is our most popular tennis programme which will upskill and develop techniques so you are ready to face challenges on the court this summer season. All levels catered for and all equipment provided. For more info contact Big John on 0274808808 or email johnsalisbury@xtra.co.nz"



SAVE THE DATE

NZSC Manawatu Tough Kid® Challenge 2024

Mount Biggs School, with the support of Sport Manawatu,
would like you to SAVE THE DATE for the NZSC Manawatu Tough
Kid® Challenge.

FRIDAY MARCH 22nd 2024



Entries will open on Tuesday 20th of February 2024



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HOMESTAY FAMILIES

Awatapu College has been hosting international students from some 15 different countries for about 30 years. **We urgently require short-term homestay families** to host our students who arrive towards the end of January for Term 1 or longer. We have students arriving for 2 weeks, some for 3-10 weeks and others for 6-12 months. There is a remuneration of \$300.00 per week.

Would you be able to help us by hosting a student? Being a homestay family is a rewarding experience and an excellent opportunity to discover new cultures and languages. We provide 24-hour support for both the homestay family and the international student.

Could you please welcome an international student into your home to give them a 'Kiwi' experience? If you are interested please contact our team at homestay@awatapu.school.nz or give us a call at 0276020220 / 0274995478

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FANTAILS

Marist Football
 are excited to run the
 NZ Football FANTAILS PROGRAMME in Manawatu!!
 A girls only Football Hub for girls aged 7 – 12 years

When: Sundays, Term 3 & 4 (4pm – 5pm)
Location: Freyberg School – School Gym
Dates:
 23rd July – 17th September 2023
 & 15th October – 26 November 2023

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