

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 20th of October 2023

Important Upcoming Events 2023

20 October	Year 4 EOTC trip to Ngā Manu Lucky Book Club orders are due back by TODAY Calendar Art orders are due back by TODAY
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

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

What a spectacle the TKW ball was earlier this week. We were treated to a lovely display of the dance skills of Te Kete Wakahuia ākonga (and their whānau had pretty impressive skills too). Thank you to all whānau for the efforts you made to support the ball and also for coming along to enjoy it. My sincere thanks to all staff who contributed to the success of the ball - we appreciate each and every one of you.



YEAR FOUR SLEEPOVER AND EOTC TRIP TO NGA MANU

The Year 4 students (and their teachers and supporters) had a fantastic sleepover here at school last night and today they've been down to Ngā Manu Bird Reserve in Waikanae. The weather has been kind, and everyone has had a fabulous time.

For some of our tamariki, having a night away from home is a new experience, and this provides a great building block for a 2-night camp experience in either Year 5 or 6.

My sincere thanks to Mrs Gifford Moore, Mr Shirley and Ms Tayler who have been the planners and implementers of this activity - we appreciate your commitment!

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 this morning's assembly I presented the following awards to ākonga who sat either the writing, maths, or spelling bee assessments.

	WRITING	MATHS	SPELLING BEE
PARTICIPATION	Ronav P, Amelia R, Hannah P, Anne L	Aarush M, Anne L, Ronav P, Danie G, Tristan C, Richard Z, Sahith L/A	Richard Z, Hannah P, Ronav P, Amelia R
MERIT		Catherine C, Riley A,	
CREDIT	Aarush M,	Amelia R, Makayla D, Hannah P, Joshpreet S	Aarush M, Makayla D
DISTINCTION	Makayla D		

Congratulations to each of you. Once again, there have been some outstanding results.

PTA

The next meeting is scheduled for 3pm next Thursday 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Class, individual (and where requested, sibling) photos will be taken next Thursday and Friday. You do **NOT** need to pay for the photos at this time. A 'shoot key/code' will be sent home in the coming weeks, this allows you to view the photos online, decide if you wish to order them and you then pay Photolife directly.

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/7AGWHTTr2oMNY2FD29>

ATAWHAI AWARDS

At this morning's assembly the following people were recognised for showing atawhai (kindness). Being kind is one of the few gifts that cost nothing and yet mean so much to the receiver. Thank you to each of you for showing atawhai - we appreciate you!

TKW: Roshni - Roshni you are always showing atawhai towards others. You know the routines and guide others who are still learning them. You complete your work to a high standard then help others. You are amazing at looking after our environment and show atawhai by always helping others tidy up. Tino pai! Roshni.

TKP: Avyaan - Avyaan is a gentle, kindhearted, creative member of TKP. He always tries by giving his learning 100% effort. He takes on board feedback and makes an effort to make changes. He always is willing to help others by showing them what to do, encouraging them to finish when they are struggling. We appreciate all that you do Avyaan to help others. Ka pai!

TKM: Amelia - Amelia your kindness, enthusiasm and massive smile are infectious! You are a ray of sunshine in TKM. You are always one of the first to offer support and encouragement to everyone in Te Kete Manawa. We appreciate your atawhai and are so lucky to have you in our kete!

TKA: Senuli - Thank you for your bubbly and infectious attitude in all that you do. Your positivity rubs off on everyone around you. You show kindness by welcoming others into the kete and include people in your games. You look out for others, and we appreciate the atawhai you show on a daily basis.

TKT: Riley A - You consistently show respect for both your peers and your teachers. Your sunny disposition has a way of rubbing off on those around you and your manners always impress us. The Plant to Plate team was very grateful for you drying the dishes. You're a kind and considerate student, and we're glad to have you in our kete. One of your best attributes is the way you encourage others. Thank you Riley.

STAFF: Mrs Mullinger - Mrs Mullinger showed atawhai in supporting TKW by being our 'official photographer' for the ball. Thank you for your kindness Jo - great photos too!

Have a lovely long weekend everyone. We look forward to seeing everyone again on TUESDAY morning.

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://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 - Began last Friday. Well done to all who participated.

Netball - Continues Monday at Vautier Park.

Volleyball - Began on Tuesday at the arena. Both teams had a great start by having coaching by volleyball Manawatu. They clarified rules and showed how to serve. **The Volleys** (a mixed team of Hokowhitu and Terrace End children) had a great win and all had success with serving. Player of the day was **Malachi** from Terrace End.

Summer Soccer - Unfortunately had to be postponed due to the weather. Will try again this coming Wednesday.

Summer Hockey - Begins Tuesday the 24th for years 1-4 and Wednesday the 25th for years 5 & 6 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>

Coaches/Managers - If you would like any awards or photos in the newsletter, please email them through to office@hokowhitu.school.nz



Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

Remy - For putting effort into all of your learning. Awesome Remy!

Jensen - Thank you for looking after our classroom by always helping to tidy up.

Mischka - Welcome to Hokowhitu School. You have had a great first week in Waka Iti, making new friends and trying new things. Kai pai!

Tanish - For being brave and trying lots of new things at school.

Beaudi - For showing E for enthusiasm in everything you do - it makes everyone around you feel happy and positive!

Eli S - Excellent efforts at developing your handwriting skills.

Conor - For super sentence writing in literacy.

Blythe - For super sentence writing in literacy.

Manha - For showing joining in with enthusiasm in movement and fitness. Ka pai

Jude - For showing awesome dance moves at our Te Kete Wakahuia Ball. Tino pai!

Max - For showing perseverance at our Te Kete Wakahuia Ball. Ka pai!

Maggie - For your enthusiasm during our dance and for being a great role model to others.

Ava - For working hard in maths. Tino pai.

Te Kete Pounamu

Avyaan - For improvement in handwriting.

Cian - For an informative and creative piece of writing.

Eliza - For amazing singing!

Ihaia - For amazing singing!

Mason - For giving 100% effort in all of his learning.

Michael - For going into a new literacy group and picking up new learning.

Joy - For knowing and having fast recall of basic facts.

Griffin - For using accurate spelling and punctuation in his dictated sentences.

Zoe - For using detail in her writing.

Te Kete Manawa

Ajay and Rylan - For amazing skills at badminton.

Maleigha-Rose, Mason O and Lucy - For writing interesting and well thought out retells! Ka rawe!

Sam M - For your kindness in our kete, thank you.

Aiden - For your care and helpfulness around our kete, we appreciate your initiative.

Matty - For being a wonderful, focused learner. We love seeing the mahi you produce at literacy time.

Olivia - For growing her brain in writing and showing her speech mark learning.





Achievement Awards

Te Kete Aronui

Eli C - For great work and knowledge of microbes during science.

Lucas - For sharing your skills and knowledge with others during badminton.

Jonathan - For persevering with learning new skills during badminton.

Ronav - For superb badminton skills.

Harrison - For your perseverance and skills during badminton lessons.

Ted - For stepping up and trying your best inside the classroom and out.

Penelope - For demonstrating a great improvement with your badminton skills.

Sanuthi - For great work and knowledge of microbes during science.

Hawaiki - For super engagement and respect during a Te Reo Māori lesson.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Saied - Showing initiative and stepping up when others aren't willing to.

Hannah - For excellent descriptive writing with fantastic vocab and imagery.

Zachary D - For always showing nga whakapuke, having a positive attitude towards learning.

Emerson - For being focused and motivated during independent task time.

Rylan - Listening carefully to learn the meaning of new words , especially scientific words.

Elahze - For teaching her peers how to do composting and raising the flag. Thank you for teaching others.

Lily - For having a growth mindset in maths and giving everything a go.

Angela - For showing enthusiasm in maths and being the first to complete the maths challenge.

Aminaa - For outstanding accuracy in mental maths.

Congratulations!



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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