

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 27th of October 2023

Important Upcoming Events 2023

6 November	9am - 12.30 Year 4 - 6 athletic sports (postponement 9th Nov) TKW and TKP participate in the Firewise programme
10 November	9am School assembly - TKW sharing their learning
WEDNESDAY 22 November	Teacher Only Day - school CLOSED. Teachers undertaking professional development around the refreshed curriculum
24 November	9am School assembly - TKT sharing their learning PTA Pizza Lunch - Forms to come home soon
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.

***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



Update from the Principal

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

PREPARATION FOR 2024

Work is now underway in placing children for next year. It is really helpful for you to let us know if you are not planning to be at Hokowhitu School next year, or if there are any other considerations that you think we should be aware of. Once placements are made, it is not possible to make changes. Please don't assume all teachers will be in the same spaces as this year either - we often make changes.

Almost every kete in our school is composite -that means there are 2-year groups of children in each kete. A reminder that whether your child is (for example) a Year 5 in TKT or TKA, they will have the same experiences. The same applies to EACH of the other year levels. One of the reasons that we have composite classes is to balance class numbers - no one wants their child in a class of 35+ children (with only 22 in the class next door). Another important reason is getting the right social/emotional/academic balance - this way we can better meet individual needs.

EVERY child at our school spends 2 years in at least one kete area, they are not being held back or disadvantaged in any way. All the children know this; they just may need reminding from you.

Our class placement process is considerable - we certainly don't just pop names on a list. We gather data from teachers and create draft lists. These lists go back to the teams to see what the combinations look like to them. We then tweak and rework the lists until we have our final placements. We think about children who work well together and those who don't. We consider teacher strengths and personalities to match individuals. While we try hard to ensure everyone has children that they know with them, sometimes they may not be in the same kete as their best friend - this happens. They get an opportunity to work with different people and widen their friendship circles. We encourage you to be positive about class placements with your children, they take their cues from you.

Thanks so much in anticipation of your support.

SUN SAFETY

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 the correct sunhat every day.

Hats are also available at Academy Apparel for \$15.00.

Along with their bucket hat, we recommend that you have them apply sunscreen before coming to school in the morning. Staff will also be reminding them to reapply during the day. If you are sending your child to school with sunscreen in their bag, we find that 'roll on' sunscreen is the easiest for them to apply independently.

YEAR 4 - 6 ATHLETIC SPORTS

Next Monday morning (weather permitting) the senior athletic sports will be held here at school. We encourage the children to bring their house t-shirts to wear while they participate. Spectators are welcome to come along and support the participants. Please ensure the tamariki are well sun screened in preparation for being outside for the morning.



GUMBOOT FRIDAY

Thank you to our student council members who organised us to wear gumboots to school today. This is to support the provision of timely, free access to counselling services for our vulnerable young people. We raised \$481.70 to send to the 'I am Hope' foundation.



Have a lovely weekend everyone

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

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

Volleyball

Hokowhitu Volleys - The Volleys had a great game this week. Player of the day was **Will M**, well done Will!

Summer Soccer

Hokowhitu Kickers - The Hokowhitu Kickers team had fun in the sun this week. Player of the day was **Nora**. Ka pai Nora.



Summer Hockey

Hokowhitu Red Sticks - We had our 2nd game for the season on Tuesday afternoon and the children did such a great job for a hot day! Our players of the day were **Ava** and **Connor**. Awesome play you two! Keep up the good work Red Sticks.

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

Lucy B - Thank you for always being ready to learn at both mat times and workshops. Ka pai!

Ivan - Wow Ivan, you show great enthusiasm at team fitness and sport. Keep it up!

Mila P - A big warm Hokowhitu welcome to you Mila. You have had a wonderful first week at school.

Marley - For fantastic wonderings when we read our big book.

Arlo - For fantastic progress in literacy.

Asher. F - For the great sharing during oral language of his house he made.

Freya - For asking awesome questions at oral language time.

Louis - For the amazing progress you have made with your reading. Tino pai Louis!

Sid - For working so hard on your reading and writing. Kā rawe.

Lucy S - You are a super-duper mathematician. Ka pai.

Rhyan - For showing wonderful listening manners on the mat. Ka Pai.

Te Kete Pounamu

Adam - For an awesome effort with your number knowledge test.

Huatahi - For an amazing use of heart words in independent writing.

Doha - For a great effort decoding vowel teams.

Henry S - For an awesome effort with his number knowledge test.

Connor - For an awesome effort with his number knowledge test.

Lachie - For an amazing spelling and code test.

Eugene - For an outstanding dragon art piece.

Leo Y - For better contribution in maths workshops.

Benny - For great effort decoding stage 5 texts.

Te Kete Manawa

Ali and Maan - For fabulous progress in maths, you have both worked so hard!

Lachie, Harry and Donnacha - You are always challenging yourselves in maths and making your kaiako think very hard! Tino pai!

Joslyn - For being articulate and sharing her thinking in maths.

Naomi - What a wonderful year you have had! We love your love of learning.

Hamed - WOW! You have learnt so much. We are so proud of your resilience.

Aria - For being an amazing artist, you are incredibly creative.





Achievement Awards

Te Kete Aronui

Joey - For working hard and persevering when adding fractions with different denominators.

Trinity - For supporting others in their learning in maths'

Schalk - For super concentration during free writing!

Amos - For a great improvement in Number Knowledge.

Jaxson - For a great improvement in your number knowledge and word study.

Leon - For super concentration during free writing!

Fin - For showing great focus and producing a wonderful amount of writing during free writing.

Senuli - For a great improvement in Number Knowledge.

Leo - For a great improvement in Number Knowledge.

Khorus - Welcome to Hokowhitu School and Te Kete Aronui. We are so glad to have you join us.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Luke - Outstanding work in mental mathematics.

Samuel - For making progress in maths.

Renee - For great division work.

Emily - For making improvement in spelling.

Connor W - Showing Manawanui in Maths and stepping up to be the best he can be.

Isaac P - Outstanding improvement in reading.

Te Kohi - Amazing work in Maths moving up a stage.

Eden - For making great improvement in word study.

Congratulations!



aPlus
out of school



HOTCAKES AND A DOCUMENTARY SERIES AT HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

MOST DANGEROUS WAYS TO SCHOOL



THURSDAY 16TH AND
FRIDAY 17TH ONLY

\$6

BREAKFAST
SERVED AT 7:30AM
AND THIS WEEKS
EPISODE STARTING
AT 7:50AM.

THIS WEEKS EPISODE - VIETNAM

IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF VIETNAM, TWO BOYS WAIT BY THE RIVER TO CATCH THE BOAT TO THEIR SCHOOL. 250 CHILDREN ATTEND THE LOCAL SCHOOL, WHERE THEY STUDY, SING, AND DREAM. HOWEVER, ONE CHILD IN EVERY HOUSEHOLD CAN'T GO TO SCHOOL BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO HELP AT HOME. LEARN HOW SOME CHILDREN LIVE THEIR LIVES WITHOUT STUDYING, AND TRY TO MAKE OTHER DREAMS A REALITY.

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PALMERSTON NORTH CHRISTMAS PARADE

Hey kids! Want to take part in the Christmas Parade?

We have a category for decorated bikes. So get you and your bike all looking like Christmas and you could win a prize. All entrants get to take part in the parade.

Entry conditions—you need to be between 4 and 12 years old, and have a bike that you can ride around the parade route (approx. 900m). You can bring a big person to walk with you if you need one. You will need to wear a helmet, so plan your design around that.

Only 50 bikes can go in the parade, so be quick to save your place! Go to www.pnchristmasparade.org.nz

to enter online.

3rd December 2023

2pm Parade Start



St Albans
Presbyterian Church



8AM SAT 18 NOV
+ COFFEE & FOOD STALLS



Book a space or table!

Car boots: \$25. Table \$20

Set up: 7-8am

Pre-booking is essential at:
St Albans Office (357 9411) /
office@stalbans.org.nz
or Paddy (022 031 9556)

**NEON dressup
Sausage Sizzle
Goodie Bags**



**Check-in
10am-
10.30am**

Festival Day
10.30am
12.30pm

**Future
Saturday
Nov 11th
Ferns**



**MASS Warmup
Fun netball
skills**

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/270233>