

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 10th of November 2023

Important Upcoming Events 2023

20 November	FINAL day for pizza orders to be in to whānau teachers - Order forms come home today
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
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

A happy Diwali to all who are celebrating this weekend!

We farewell Mrs Guerin at the end of this year. Amy has been on Team Hokowhitu for nine years and we have valued her passion and experience as an educator. She leaves us to join Roslyn School as a team leader in the junior area of the school. Thank you for all your contributions to our kura Amy!

We will welcome Mr Andrew Shirley and Mrs Jenny Lovegrove to our permanent teaching team from next year. Andrew is already here of course, and Jenny comes to us highly recommended from One School Global. We look forward to the tamariki meeting Mrs Lovegrove at transition day next month.

PREPARATION FOR 2024

Work is now well 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.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

The Year 4 - 6 ākonga had a fabulous morning on the field on Monday. It was great to see the participation and enthusiasm shown over a range of events - ka pai.



Special congratulations to the following people - fabulous results!

Permission slips will be coming home with the athletes selected to participate in the upcoming inter school event.

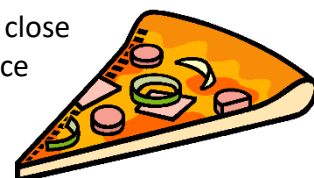
Year Group	Shot Put	Discus	Hurdles	Sprints	Long Jump	High Jump	800m
Year 4 Girls	1st - Orla O 2nd - Kate C 3rd - Mila P	1st - Amelia G 2nd - Orla O 3rd - Charlotte G	1st - Kate C 2nd - Mila P 3rd - Bailey C	1st - Bailey C 2nd - Amelia G 3rd - Kate C	1st - Mila P 2nd - Bailey C 3rd - Kate C	1st - Mila P 2nd - Bailey C 3rd - Kate C	1st - Bailey C 2nd - Mia 3rd - Johanna D
Year 4 Boys	1st - Mason M 2nd - Luca O 3rd - Harry D	1st - Mason M 2nd Jaxson M 3rd Lachie B	1st - Harry D 2nd - Lachie B 3rd - Chase J	1st - Harry D 2nd - Lachie B 3rd - Luca O	1st - Lachie B 2nd - Matty B 3rd - Chase J	1st - Lachie B 2nd Jaxson M 3rd - Matty B	1st - Lachie B 2nd - Luca O 3rd - Donnacha
Year 5 Girls	1st - Ella S 2nd - Maisey B 3rd - Makayla D	1st - Makayla D 2nd - Miya L 3rd - Akira	1st - Molly D 2nd - Ella S 3rd - Isabella H	1st - Molly D 2nd - Ella S 3rd - Catherine C	1st - Hannah P 2nd - Catherine C 3rd - Isabella H	1st - Molly D 2nd - Hannah P 3rd - Miya L	1st - Catherine C 2nd - Hannah P 3rd - Willa H
Year 5 Boys	1st - Khorus PT 2nd - Hawaiiki 3rd - Chris P	1st - Will M 2nd - Khorus PT 3rd - Chris P	1st - Will M 2nd - Austin D 3rd - Luke T	1st - Austin D 2nd - Will M 3rd - Flynn J	1st - Will M 2nd - Luke T 3rd - Ollie C	1st - Luke T 2nd - Flynn J 3rd - Viktor D	1st - Austin D 2nd - Will M 3rd - Ollie C
Year 6 Girls	1st - Elahze R 2nd - Rei O 3rd - Angela LW	1st - Elahze R 2nd - Rei O 3rd Lilly DL	1st - Aria P 2nd - Isa D 3rd - Madi B	1st - Aria P 2nd - Madi B 3rd - Haylee W	1st - Haylee W 2nd - Madi B 3rd - Molly C	1st - Molly C 2nd - Haylee W 3rd - Eden J	1st - Emily C 2nd - Maya N 3rd - Haylee W
Year 6 Boys	1st - Rylan M 2nd - Riley A 3rd - Billy I	1st - Xavier L 2nd - Cooper W 3rd - Nixon H	1st - Xavier L 2nd = Sahith LA & Cooper	1st - Sahith LA 2nd - Xavier L 3rd - Cooper W	1st - Riley A 2nd - Cooper W 3rd - Rylan M	1st - Riley A 2nd - Sahith LA 3rd - Cooper W	1st - Riley A 2nd - Xavier L 3rd - Sahith LA

HOUSE RESULTS

1st	Kahurangi $87 + 50 + 100 + 1 = 238$
2nd	Kowhai - $50 + 110 + 70 + 3 = 233$
3rd	Kakariki $64 + 25 + 125 + 2 = 216$
4th	Whero $52 + 10 + 100 + 3 = 165$

PTA PIZZA LUNCH

Order forms for the lunch on Friday 24th November are in school bags today. Orders close on Monday the 20th of November - please don't ask us to accept a late order, as once totals are compiled and the order goes in, it's not easy to make changes.



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.

ATAWHAI AWARDS

TKW: Sadie - You are a reliable and responsible member of Huia who shows leadership qualities. You show Atawhai by taking care of others in need and you are always willing to do extra jobs to keep our classroom clean and tidy. You use your initiative to help routines run smoothly in the classroom and you are always volunteering to help others finish a task or teachers organise equipment for lessons. Kā pai Sadie. We are very thankful to have you in Huia!

TKP: Huatahi - You are a considerate and capable member of TKP. You consistently show Atawhai to all staff members and classmates. We can always rely on Huatahi to be doing the right thing at the right time in the right place. And she does it all with a smile on her face. You always know when it's ok to have fun and when it's time to focus. Ka Pai Huatahi!! Keep being awesome!

TKM: Rohan - We love your creativity and kindness in Te Kete Manawa. You are always leading with love and empathy in all you do. Thank you for supporting Hamed and teaching him some new kupu during te reo matatini. We are so lucky to have you in our kete - keep smiling, growing your resilience and being the wonderful person, you are.

TKA: Akira - Akira is a wonderful young lady to have in TKA. She demonstrates kindness and supports her friends whenever they are feeling down or if they have friendship concerns. Akira is willing to include others and take them under her wing when they are new or just need a friend and will do this without being asked. Akira, thank you for showing atawhai - we need more people like you in this world!.

TKT: Maya - 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: Mrs Hintz - Mrs Hintz does a fantastic job of keeping the staff here 'united'. She does this by regularly organising occasions/events/get togethers to ensure that we get to have fun together as well as work hard together. Thank you for showing atawhai in this very important way Kirstine.

Have a fabulous weekend everyone.

Ngā mihi nui

Lin Dixon

An extra special atawhai award: Mrs Dixon - We are very lucky here at Hokowhitu to have Mrs Dixon as principal of our school. Last Wednesday the teachers and support staff were able to show how much they appreciate the way in which Mrs Dixon leads our school. She does a lot of thinking, a lot of problem solving, a lot of organising and managing, a lot of helping and a lot of guiding the adults and tamariki in our school. Top of the list however is her atawhai, her kindness, she shows kindness to others every day. Thank you for the kindness you show on a daily basis, we appreciate all the things you do for us on a professional and personal level.

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 Spikers - Another great game today! With a 41-34 win. **Hasan** earned player of the day.

Summer Soccer

Hokowhitu Kickers - Hokowhitu kickers had another fun game. Players of the day were **Luke** and **Blake**. Kā pai Luke and Blake.

Hokowhitu Strikers - We had a great game against Riverdale. Lots of great passing, tackling and goals! Our Player of the Day this week was **Mila**.



Hokowhitu Shooters - The Shooters showed us their awesome skills in a close game against Our Lady of Lourdes. The team showed us their strength in attack and on defence. Our Player of the Day this week was **Will**.

Summer Hockey

Hokowhitu Red Sticks - Our third game for the season and the children are doing amazing work! Our players of the day were **Max** and **Romaan**. Awesome playing you too.

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

Everly - Welcome to Waka Iti Everly. It is great to see that you bring a happy smile each day!

Aisha - Thank you for being so friendly and welcoming to the new children in our class. Ka pai!

Sia - You are very careful with all of your work Sia. Well done on your wonderful presentation skills.

Myra - Wonderful matching skills on the iPad.

Sam - Fantastic effort with your oral language presentation.

Oakley - For fantastic work in maths.

Ange - For your enthusiasm and participation in our assembly song.

Cooper - For your amazing maths knowledge. Tino pai Cooper!

Ivy - For being brave during our Firewise activities. Kā pai Ivy.

Malone - For using a clear voice and speaking confidently in front of the class. Kā pai.

Hunter - For always asking great questions to find out more information. Kā rawe.

Te Kete Pounamu

Cici - For amazing patience when playing games with her peers.

Mia - For always being ready for whole class learning.

Evie - For moving into a new literacy space and picking up the spelling patterns quickly.

Anna W - For picking up and applying spelling patterns correctly.

Junoo - For always having great handwriting.

Inwoo - For using a variety of maths strategies.

Aaliyah - For being more vocal during class discussions.

Ron - For helping other class members in Maths.

Hanna - For always doing what you are supposed to be doing.

Te Kete Manawa

Jessica - For fantastic information packed writing, Ka rawe!

Anita - For looking out for ways in which she can help others and show kindness. Ngā mihi, Anita!

Freddie - For showing off his fabulous maths strategies. Tino pai!

Rory - For being brave and performing in front of the kete. You were amazing.

Louvan - For amazing reading with Miss Puts. You are a star!

Jamie - For being articulate and sharing about his whānau. We love learning about you and hearing all your wonderful ideas.

Maia - We love hearing about your world, Maia. You are so kind and gentle!





Achievement Awards

Te Kete Aronui

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

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

Charlie - For producing some impressive homework!

Will - For striving to do your best at athletic sports this week and gaining some awesome results!

Chase - For displaying great sportsmanship during our athletics.

Aarush - For impressive gains in number knowledge.

Minoo - For fantastic progress with your word study.

Tristan - For your impressive sprinting at our athletics day.

Frankie - For your perseverance at athletics sports and willingness to get up and keep going!

Molly D - For striving to do your best at athletic sports this week and gaining some awesome results!

Kate - For striving to do your best at athletic sports this week and gaining some awesome results!

Te Kete Tangaroa

Nixon - For showing manawanui in maths.

Alexis - For willingness to help others and sit with them when they are not clear of a task.

Jayden - Excellent improvement in addition and subtraction for maths.

Jack N - Speaking louder in the classroom especially when doing our afternoon roll.

Mila - For showing excellent searching and selecting skills in reading.

Kayno - For an improvement in Reading and Maths.

James - Excellent achievement in Maths

Molly - Showing STRIVE during Athletics.

Congratulations!



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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

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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

Car Boot SALE

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)



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TAIOPENGA Ā-RĒHIA

PLAY FESTIVAL


2023

Saturday 11 November
2 - 4.30pm
Te Awe Awe Quad,
Te Marae o Hine - The Square

We're inviting you to
celebrate cultural diversity in
our community through play.
Whether you're young or
young at heart, there will be
something for everyone!

 Welcoming
Communities
Te Whānau o Aotearoa

 Manawatu
Multicultural Council



2023
Palmerston North
Brick Show

25th Nov

9am - 5pm

26th Nov


9am - 4pm

\$5 Entry

EFTPOS Available

Fly Palmy Arena, Pascal Street

Get tickets now: www.well-lug.nz/tickets



**LAC Junior Boy's
Nationals Volleyball
Fundraiser**

**HANGI: \$15 EACH - ADD A
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Hangi contains:
2 chicken drumstick, potato,
pumpkin, Kumara, Cabbage,
stuffing. Vegetarian option
also available

Pick up 11th November @ Mosaic
Church Carpark, 27 Snelson Street
between 5-6pm

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order before the 9th November

Payments by 10th November to **03-0206-
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