

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 17th of November 2023

Important Upcoming Events 2023

20 November	FINAL day for pizza orders to be in to whānau teachers
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
6 December	Hearing & Vision checks - <u>Children to be screened during this visit are:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Entrants who have not had/ completed their B4 School Check • Children who have no previous test record <p>If any parent/guardian does not wish their child to be checked, please inform the school office.</p>
7 December	Whole school STRIVE reward celebration
8 December	TKW's celebration day School reports and 2024 learning areas home
11 December	TKP and TKM's celebration day
12 December	1.45 Transition in 2024 classrooms 5pm Christmas Carnival 6pm Whole school prizegiving (followed by the Year 6 graduation)
13 December	TKA and TKT's celebration day
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

Our kaiako (teachers) have been hard at work completing end of year assessments with their ākonga, along with writing reports. However, full classroom programmes are being maintained, literacy and numeracy is being taught daily, regular PE, science, inquiry etc is ongoing. Alongside this we are finalising class lists and placements and preparing for end of year celebrations - so it is an extra busy time of the year.

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.

SWIMMING POOL

We are hoping that the swimming pool will be up and running in the next week or so for school use. We will let you know when it is ready, and the children can bring their togs to school.

PTA PIZZA LUNCH

Order forms for the lunch on Friday 24th November came home last week. Please see the office if you require another one. Orders close **This 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The student key cards have not yet arrived at school. We will get these out as soon as they do. To ensure you don't miss them in bags we will send an app out and let you know via newsletter that they have come home.

TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

A reminder that school is CLOSED next Wednesday (22nd November). This is to allow the teaching team to undertake further learning around the Curriculum Refresh. Many local schools are participating in this professional development with the curriculum leads from Te Mahau.

When the school is formally closed, there is NO supervision available, so please do not send your child to school next Wednesday.

CALENDAR ART

Calendars, diaries, and cards came home earlier in the week with everyone who had placed an order. Please check school bags if you haven't yet seen your order.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Ngā mihi nui
Lin Dixon

SKATEBOARDING SESSIONS

"This term many of the classes participated in the school skateboarding program. We learnt the skateboarding basics and we were encouraged to challenge ourselves. Many of the children managed to even skate down the pump track hill. It was one of the best opportunities I've experienced this term and after each session all the children had an enormous smile on their faces." By Hannah P - TKT



SPORTS

The following Term 1 sports will be open on Kindo for registration, day 1 of 2024 (1st of February 2024)

- Netball (Year 1-4)
- Summer Hockey (Years 1-6)

Volleyball

Hokowhitu Smashers - The Smashers played well and came out with the win in a tough game this week. Well done **Daniel** for being player of the day.

Hokowhitu Volleys - Great game everyone! Player of the day was **Nixon**, well done Nixon!

Summer Soccer

Hokowhitu Kickers - The Kickers had a great game against Terrace End. Player of the day was **Maggie**. Tu Meke Maggie!

Hokowhitu Strikers - The Hokowhitu Strikers played Aokoutere this week, we went 1-0 down and came back to win the game 3-1, kā pai team for your perseverance and never giving up. Our player of the day was **Mario**.

Hokowhitu Shooters - The Hokowhitu Shooters played Winchester in a very exciting game, winning 3-0. Our player of the day was **Austin**.

Hockey

Hokowhitu Red Sticks - Another amazing game for the children. They all kept going like the champions they are even though it was a hot day. Our player of the day is **Eliza**!

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



Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

Riley - It has been great to see you step up Riley and try new things at school with lots of enthusiasm. Ka pai!

Mischka - Wow Mischka! You have settled into NZ school life very well and show great confidence. Ka rawe - awesome!

William H - We are so impressed William with how well you have settled into your new classroom. Welcome to Hokowhitu School!

Cyrus - Fantastic effort at skateboarding - You tried something new - ka pai!

Eliza - Fantastic effort at skateboarding - You tried something new - ka pai!

Lusion - For showing perseverance when skateboarding - ka pai!

George - For showing enthusiasm when reading his book - ka pai!

Dontae - For having great skateboarding skills and striving to become even better! Kā pai!

Eli - For showing super enthusiasm for school and for his learning. Kā rawe!

Luke - For impressing us with your amazing skills at skateboarding! Kā rawe.

Ayson - For trying hard at skateboarding and for learning a new skill. Tino pai.

Te Kete Pounamu

Te Kekerewai - For being confident on a skateboard.

Aditya R - For being confident on a skateboard.

Yuleena - For being confident on a skateboard.

Louhan F - For being confident on a skateboard.

Leo Y - For being confident on a skateboard.

Daeun - For being confident on a skateboard.

Harper - For being confident on a skateboard.

Antonella - For being confident on a skateboard.

Romaan - For being confident on a skateboard.

Max - For always showing 5 - looking and listening.

Henry D - For showing the R in strive.





Achievement Awards

Te Kete Manawa

Lucy - Thank you for being a careful listener and for following instructions.

Mason H - You have been making a real effort to be in the right place at the right time, great job.

Aiden - For making progress with reading skills.

Senura - For amazing book work and comprehension skills in literacy.

Madisyn - Thank you for taking care of our environment!

Hamed and Quinn - You have been doing a great job watering our sunflower seeds.

Te Kete Aronui

Hasan - For a great effort solving problems and sharing the strategies you use.

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

Richard - For using great strategies when solving word problems.

Shanaaya - Welcome to Hokowhitu School. We are excited to get to know you.

Tupuse - For great thinking and explaining during maths.

Chase - For a great job with reading fluency and comprehension skills.

Hohua - For your skills and confidence during the skateboarding sessions.

Alex - For demonstrating great reading comprehension.

Joshpreet - For an excellent effort with reading comprehension.

Isabella - For lovely expression when reading aloud.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Liam - Super comprehension work in reading.

Kiya - Outstanding work in reading.

Freya - Excellent comprehension in reading.

Bilal - Excellent problem solving in maths.

Awen - Excellent descriptive writing of her civilisation.

Jorja - For making a great start at Hokowhitu School and impressing us with your skateboarding skills.

Ava S - For improvement in maths.

Congratulations!

Community Notices

On behalf of Horizons Reginal Council

BUSES ARE CHANGING IN PALMERSTON NORTH

From 19 February 2024, bus routes and frequencies are changing in Palmerston North as we bring more direct and easy-to-understand bus routes to the city. On top of that, we are also introducing New Zealand's first, fully electric bus network. Here are some of the exciting things for ETC students and staff to know:

- Significant infrastructure improvements at bus stops, with more bus shelters and more accessible bus stops around the city, including better lighting at stops.
- Improvements to real-time information, with real-time departure boards at major bus stops in the city.
- Increased frequency of buses, running every 15 minutes from 7:00-9:00, and again from 3:00pm-6:00pm, Monday to Friday. Every 30 minutes outside of those hours and on weekends
- Earlier and later bus services, with the first bus starting at 6:30am, and the last departure at 9:00pm, 7 days a week.

The new routes, indicative timetable, and other project updates can be found at; <https://www.horizons.govt.nz/buses-transport/palmerston-north-and-ashhurst-network>

For more information, please contact transport@horizons.govt.nz



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

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)

GIRLS WEEKLY SKATEBOARDING SESSIONS

ONBoard
Skateboard School

**ENTRY
\$20
(CASH)**

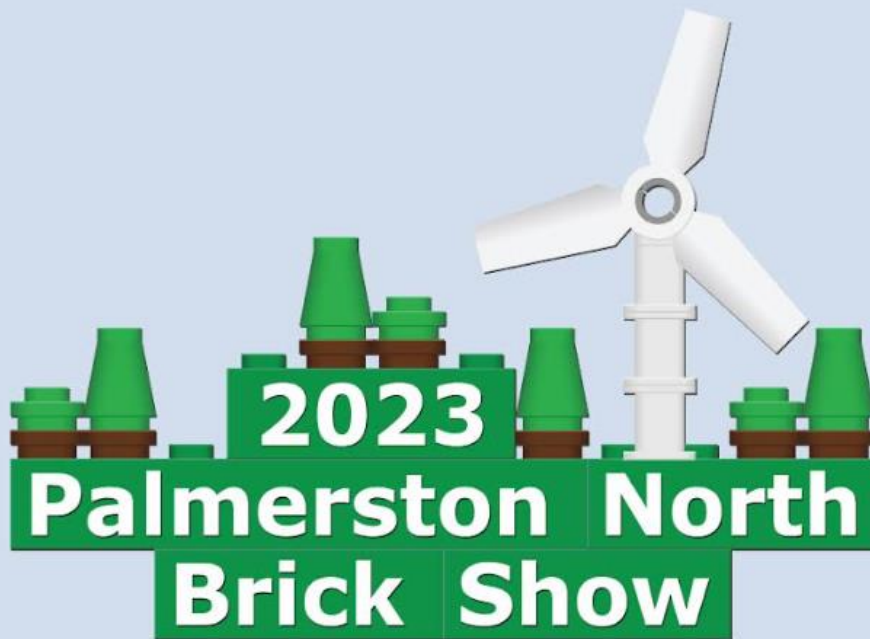


**EVERY
WED
FROM
4.30PM**



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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



SUMMER READING
2023-24

WHERE WILL YOU GO WITH YOUR READING THIS SUMMER?
SUMMER READING FOR AGES 4-10
I READ FOR AGES 11-13
LANGUAGE OPTIONS AVAILABLE

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

NOV 27 9AM REGISTRATIONS OPEN

DEC 04 PROGRAMME STARTS

JAN 25 PROGRAMME FINISHES

← PĀNUI READ
↑ HŌPARA EXPLORE
TŪHURA DISCOVER →

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