

# HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 24th of November 2023

## Important Upcoming Events 2023

<b>30 November</b>	9 - 11, Year 1-3 fundamental athletic skills display (postponement 5th December) Spectators are welcome
<b>1 December</b>	Interschool athletic sports for selected Year 5 and 6 athletes
<b>6 December</b>	Hearing & Vision checks - <u>Children to be screened during this visit are:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>New Entrants who have not had/ completed their B4 School Check</b></li> <li>• <b>Children who have no previous test record</b></li> </ul> If any parent/guardian does not wish their child to be checked, please inform the school office.
<b>7 December</b>	Whole school STRIVE reward celebration (it looks like water play is going to win) Library bus - final visit for 2023
<b>8 December</b>	TKW's celebration day School reports and 2024 learning areas home
<b>11 December</b>	TKP and TKM's celebration day
<b>12 December</b>	1.45 Transition in 2024 classrooms 5pm Christmas Carnival 6pm Whole school prizegiving (followed by the Year 6 graduation)
<b>13 December</b>	TKA and TKT's celebration day
<b>15 December</b>	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](http://www.hokowhitu.school.nz)



## Update from the Principal

Kia ora koutou  
Ngā mihi kia koutou

Hooray! The school pool is balanced and ready for swimming. Thanks to our solar heating system and pool covers we are able to maintain much warmer temperatures than the 'old days' when we simply had to rely on sunshine. Swimming is part of the NZ curriculum. As NZ is a country surrounded by water, being able to swim is a vital survival skill to have. We urge you to support us with this potentially lifesaving skill by ensuring the children understand we expect them to learn to swim.

Please send the tamariki to school daily with their togs, towel (and goggles if you have them) in a waterproof bag.

We strongly encourage rash tops (or sun safe togs) to limit the effect of sunburn.

Please be assured that the kaiako (teachers) WILL NOT take the tamariki swimming when the weather is unsuitable. Neither will they insist that a child stays in the water if they are feeling cold.

### **DONATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL TO SUPPORT THE PTA**

Earlier this week, a notice came home inviting specific food donations to minimise costs for the dinner options that will be available to purchase on the evening of the 12th of December.

Thank you so much to the people who have already donated. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We already have the total amount of tomato paste and packets of butter required. If you would like to contribute but have lost the list - here is a copy of the updated list.



## Christmas Carnival Food Donations 2023

The Christmas Carnival is near and many people have offered to donate ingredients to assist with the Christmas Carnival. This was a huge success last year and many people loved being able to contribute. Below is a list of some of the items we need to make the food we are preparing. Any contributions are greatly received.

- *Please note it is not expected to purchase ALL things on this list. This list is what we need in total from our school community.*

**If you would like to donate anything please bring it to school by end of day Friday 1st December.**

- 20 x Pascal Explorer /(Eskimo) packets of lollies
- 30 x Tinned Tomatoes
- 32 x Kidney beans- canned
- 110 x Jelly sachets/boxes (to make Jelly, various flavours)
- 10 x packs of Cheese slices (for burgers)

**Please either drop to the office or give it to class teachers.**

Thank you for your support  
Hokowhitu School PTA

*If you would like to help out with the Christmas Carnival in an other way or have any question please email Amy Westergaard [a.westergaard@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:a.westergaard@hokowhitu.school.nz)*

## **END OF YEAR REPORTS AND 2024 TRANSITIONS**

School reports will come home in school bags on the 8th of December. If your child has recently had a 6 week or a 6-month conference, you will have received a written summary already, so there will not be another report. Everyone returning to our kura next year will also receive a stationery list for the kete they are going to be in next year. Stationery can be purchased from wherever you like, however we ask that you specifically take notice of the brand of glue stick requested - 'not all glue sticks are created equally' and some brands of glue sticks simply break or don't stick! Complete stationery packs will be available at P Nth's Warehouse Stationery (and online) from the 15th of January.

On Tuesday the 12th of December the ākonga will spend some time in their 2024 learning space. They will get to meet their classmates and kaiako. Having this short time together relieves some of the worry about the 'unknown' aspect of a new year.

## **ATAWHAI AWARDS**

At this morning's assembly the following people were honoured for the way that they show atawhai (kindness).

**TKW: Spencer** - You light up the room with a delightful big beautiful smile. You always show atawhai by sharing with your classmates and playing in a kind way. You are always keen to look after the new children in Waka Iti and you do this in a thoughtful, caring, and gentle manner. We appreciate the warmth you bring to our classroom Spencer.

**TKP: Zoe** - You are such a happy, kind and caring member of TKP. You always show enthusiasm for learning and you share that enthusiasm with those around you. Your positivity is contagious!! You are always kind to others, make sure others are included and care for your friends in the playground. We love having you in TKP. You're a shining star!

**TKM: Isabella** - You are a diligent ākonga and you are always striving to grow your brain across the curriculum. You are a fabulous role model for those around you and are quick to support your peers. We appreciate your enthusiasm and kindness. Thank you for being such a star!

**TKA: Darcy M** - Darcy, you are kind and caring. You show patience and understanding to your peers when they need it. You are always smiling and having a laugh which makes those around you happy. We appreciate your bubbly presence in TKA. Thank you for showing atawhai. Tēnā rawa atu koe.

**TKT: Felix H** - 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 have contributed so much this year through service to the school. You set an excellent example within our kete Felix, we appreciate you. Thank you for being kind.

**STAFF: Miss Caldwell** - One way that Miss Caldwell shows kindness is by quietly placing a lovely wee vase of flowers on the vanity unit in our bathroom. Lots of the staff get to enjoy them. She doesn't make a fuss about it, they just magically appear. Thank you for showing atawhai in this way Ang.

Have a lovely weekend everyone - let's hope we are soon back to the warmer weather!!

Ngā mihi nui  
Lin Dixon

# SPORTS

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

NOTE - These are NOT open yet.

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

## Hockey

**Hokowhitu Red Sticks** - We had our 5th game on Tuesday and the children all had another wonderful game. Our player for the day was Doha, you were awesome Doha.



**Coaches/Managers** - If you would like any awards or photos in the newsletter, please email them through to [office@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:office@hokowhitu.school.nz)

# SPORTS

## *Ways you can contact the office when your child/children will be absent or late -*

**Email** - [office@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:office@hokowhitu.school.nz)

**Phone** (You can also leave a voicemail) - 06 357 9667

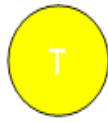
**App** - <https://schoolapps.nz.co.nz/login/>

**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.



# Achievement Awards



## Te Kete Wakahuia

**Mila P** - Ka pai Mila. You are being brave and sharing your ideas in classroom discussions. Well done.

**Everly** - It's been great to see you try new things at school. Ka rawe!

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

**Karen** - For fantastic questioning and answers in oral language!

**Roshni** - For finishing her work to a high standard. Ka pai!

**Zuhain** - For stepping up and taking pride in his work. Ka pai!

**Jaxxon** - For working hard on your letter and number formation. Tino pai.

**Meilah** - For trying hard to write more of your heart words. Kā pai.

**Nina** - For using an articulate voice and expression when reading aloud. Tino pai!

**Mehar** - For using great expression when reading aloud. Kā pai!

## Te Kete Pounamu

**Landon** - For awesome skateboarding skills.

**Leo W** - For awesome skateboarding skills.

**Paxton** - For always helping others in class.

**James** - For showing initiative when completing learning.

**Liana** - For being confident with her numbers to 100.

**Emma** - For trying really hard with all learning.

**Paikea** - For confidently making 10s using number bonds.

**Ibrahim** - For showing confidence on a skateboard.

**Isla D** - For showing fluency and comprehension during reading.

## Te Kete Manawa

**Tilley** - For trying hard to solve problems so she can have a happy day! Well done, Tilley!

**Hudson** - For sharing his amazing math strategies. Ka rawe.

**Jade** - For persevering hard in maths to learn new strategies.

**Nehan** - For an amazing sense of humour and kindness.

**Quinn** - For being a calm and gentle learner in TKM.

## Te Kete Aronui

**Daniel** - For your concentration and hard work during independent learning.

**Titus** - For great reading and story writing in literacy.

**Maisey** - For your hard work with our 'Reduce Waste' reading comprehension task.

**Eli S** - For a well written story about the Cursed Realm.

**Johanna** - For making good choices and completing independent tasks.

**Luca** - For good work in maths and being able to explain your thinking.

**Sahar** - For persevering during open ended maths tasks.

**Molly SK** - For great progress with your reading.

**Louis** - For a very descriptive and fun Halloween story.

## Te Kete Tangaroa

**Yasmeen** - Super progress in Maths.

**Ayush** - Amazing improvement in reading!

**Hanieh** - Good practise of friend making skills.

**Javad** - Good practise of friend making skills.

**Alyenna** - Saving lots and spending her banker money wisely.

**Noah** - Good progress in his use of strategies in Maths.

**Ruby M** - Reading and Writing a lot more!

**Luka** - Answering lots of questions in English.

**Jack K** - Excellent problem solving in Maths.

**Aria** - For encouraging classmates with words of affirmation.

**Isaac H** - For showing enthusiasm in writing.

**Austin** - For enthusiasm in maths.



**Congratulations!**

## Community Notices

### On behalf of Horizons Regional 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](mailto:transport@horizons.govt.nz)



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The advertisement features a black background with two fried eggs at the top corners and a row of several brown eggs at the bottom. The text is primarily in green and white, with the word "Delicious" in a cursive script.

## On behalf of the Palmerston North City Council

We wanted to let you know that today we're launching an educational campaign to remind both residents and visitors of the importance of safety when parking.

Over the past year, we've noticed more and more people parking dangerously around our city, especially in residential areas and around schools. Between July 2022 and July 2023, we issued 228 tickets for people parking over cycle lanes and footpaths. From November 21 until New Year's Eve, we will be giving out warnings with educational material to anyone who parks over footpaths and on cycle lanes to remind people of the parking rules and to make our roads and footpaths safer for all road users.

Our focus will be on central streets as well as residential areas.

When someone receives a warning, this will be logged into our system and if it happens again then a fine (infringement) will be issued.

We will continue issuing infringements for vehicles if they are parked on yellow lines and at bus stops.

After 1 January 2024, we will return to issuing infringements to all people parking unsafely and breaking the law in all spaces, including on footpaths and cycle lanes.

We also want to make people aware they can make a complaint about unsafe parking via the 'snap send solve' app or on our website at [www.pncc.govt.nz/parkright](http://www.pncc.govt.nz/parkright)

Before January 1, if people log a complaint that a vehicle has parked over a footpath or over a cycle lane, wardens will attempt to visit the location if it was recent, and if they find the vehicle they will be issued with a warning with educational material. If the vehicle cannot be found, the registered owner of the vehicle will receive a letter stating that their car was spotted being parked in an unsafe situation with educational information. They cannot be issued warnings if our wardens do not see the vehicle parked like that.

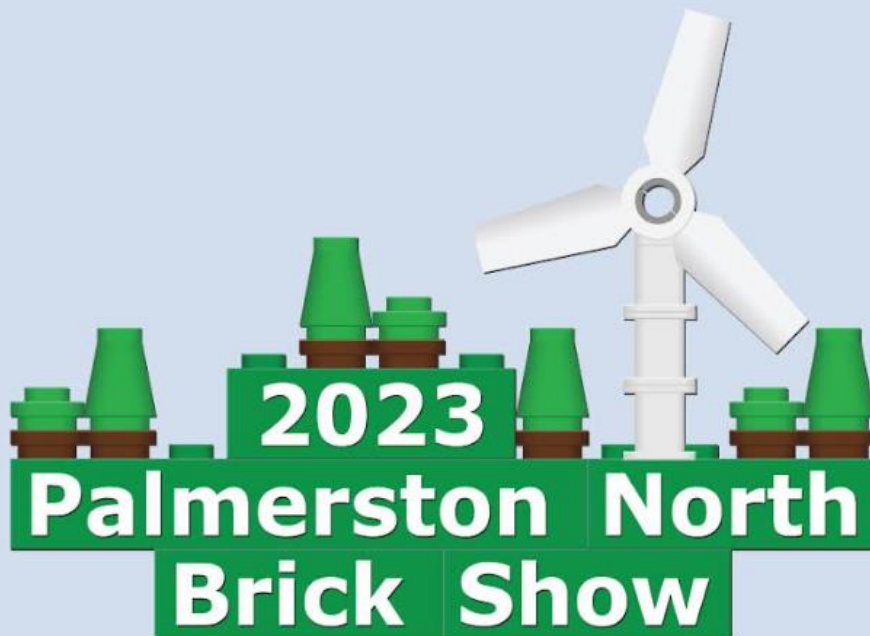
Here's some key messages that you're welcome to share with your school community.

**Never park over a footpath:** We know people don't intentionally choose to park over a footpath (well, we hope not!), but sometimes while waiting in the vehicle crossing or driveway, their car can cover part or all of the footpath. Our footpaths need to remain clear for people to use, especially our tamariki. When footpaths are blocked, people have to either go onto a person's property or move onto the road to get around.

**Parking in a cycleway puts people on bikes at risk:** Cycleways are for people on bikes- not parked cars. If bike riders must veer around a parked vehicle, it's more dangerous for them.

**If e-scooters are on the footpath, call the e-scooter company:** If you can lift the e-scooter off the footpath, please do so. If it is too heavy or you are not able to, please call the e-scooter company and let them know it is blocking a footpath. They can arrange for it to be moved.





**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](http://www.well-lug.nz/tickets)



# 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](http://www.pnchristmasparade.org.nz) to enter online.

**3rd December 2023**  
**2pm Parade Start**







# 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  
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TŪHURA  
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