

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 1st of December 2023

Important Upcoming Events 2023

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 (bring togs/ towel and rash tops)
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 - Students to be in full school uniform please 6pm Whole school prizegiving (followed by the Year 6 graduation)
13 December	TKA and TKT's celebration day
14 December	8.30am NEW ITEM - 2023 SCHOOL HELPER'S COFFEE AND MUFFIN THANK YOU 9.30am Farewell Assembly
15 December	12.45 Classes finish for 2023
31 January	Open afternoon - whānau welcome to pop into the kete and have a look at the classroom and bring your stationery (to avoid the rush on Thursday)
1 February	8.30am the bell rings, come on in for the start of Term 1 2024
6 February	Waitangi Day, school CLOSED

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

Welcome to the first official day of summer - let's hope someone 'in charge' realises that means we are soon expecting sunshine and warmer days.

SWIMMING

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.

PLATE TO PLATE

"Everyone in Year 6 participated in the Plant to Plate programme this year. The programme was run mostly by volunteers. We planted some rocket, spring onions, sweet corn, and lavender in the Hokowhitu School Garden. After gardening, they helped us prepare many dishes all made with vegetables or fruit. We learned how to hold a knife properly, how to cut vegetables properly, and other ways to be safe in the kitchen. Our favourite recipe was the banana and feijoa smoothie".

By Charlotte Hill and Elahze Rafferty.



PHOTOLIFE PHOTOS

Keycodes were emailed out to parents last week directly from Photolife. If you have not yet received this email, please contact the office for your child's keycode.

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL AND WHOLE SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING

For those of you who have not attended the Hokowhitu School carnival and prizegiving - make sure this date is clearly in your calendar. It is an evening not to be missed - food stalls, live entertainment (including the choir, Kapa Haka and whole school singing), the presentation of special awards, and more. This is an overall relaxed evening designed for whānau enjoyment. Come along from 5pm, purchase food items from a range of cultures represented at our kura (or bring your own picnic) and the prizegiving commences at 6pm. We expect the ākonga (learners) to be present and in school uniform for this event, along with parental support. We plan this event to conclude by 7pm.

A big thank you to everyone who has donated food items for this event.

The Year 6 graduation ceremony will take place for the Year 6 ākonga and whānau immediately following prizegiving.



**The children and staff of Hokowhitu School
Would like you to join us for our end of year celebration**

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

Date: Tuesday 12th December 2023
Time: 5.00pm - 7.00pm approximately

Outline of the evening
5.00pm Arrival / mingling / dinner (including dessert options)
6:00pm Prize Giving -
7:00pm Conclusion
7:00pm Year 6 (only) Graduation/Farewell Ceremony

“Christmas Carnival” (No alcohol)
Food can be purchased from stalls or alternatively BYO
A wide range of yummy food will be on sale for dinner!

PLEASE BE AWARE THIS EVENT IS NOT SUITABLE FOR UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN.

END OF YEAR REPORTS AND 2024 TRANSITIONS

School reports will come home in school bags next Friday, 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.

YEARS 1 - 3 FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS AND HOUSE RELAYS

While the weather didn't quite play ball, it was lovely to see the fundamental skills (that support the skills required for athletics) in action with our younger ākonga yesterday. It was fantastic for the tamariki to have an audience too - thank you to everyone who came along and supported them.

There were some very close races in the house relays - including 6 of the fastest Year 6 sprinters, who very closely took out the race against the teachers!! Homai te pakipaki to all participants



Fundamentals house points 2023

	Whero	Kakariki	Kahurangi	Kowhai
TKW	100	80	80	40
TKP	60	100	40	80
TKM	80	60	40	100
Yr 1 house relay	80	100	60	40
Yr 2 house relay	60	100	40	80
Yr 3 house relay	40	80	60	100
Yr 4-6 house relay	60	80	100	40
<i>Total</i>	480	600	420	480

SCHOOL HELPERS

Over the school year, we make numerous requests for support with school events. Without whānau support we simply couldn't meet either our school EOTC policy ratios, or health and safety requirements. This would mean camps, trips, sporting events, cultural celebrations, end of year treats, out of school sports teams etc just couldn't happen! We value everyone who supports us to ensure that we are providing the BEST experiences we can for our tamariki.

While we know it is not possible for everyone who has served the kura or the ākongā to attend a 'thank you' occasion during the working week, we want to say thank you by offering a coffee and muffin to start your day at 8.30am on Thursday 14th December. This will be held in the staffroom.

Invitations are coming home asap, but we are only human, and it is possible we have left someone out when we shouldn't have. Come along if you can - this of course includes our dedicated Board members and PTA.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Ngā mihi nui
Lin Dixon



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

NOTE - These are NOT open yet.

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

Hockey

Hokowhitu Red Sticks - On Tuesday we had our last game and the children were absolute champs, the rain and cold didn't stop these cool kids! Well done to the children for rocking these last 6 weeks. Our player of the day for hockey was **Te Kekerewai**, well done!



Hokowhitu Goalies - The Hokowhitu Goalies are playing so well together. We have had three wins in a row and learning new skills every week! This week's players of the day: **Paxton and Nina**.

Soccer

Hokowhitu Kickers - The Hokowhitu Kickers had their best game yet. Players of the day were **Claudia and Zoe**. Tino Pai Claudia and Zoe.



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://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

- Zayn** - How wonderful to have you start school Zayn and join your three older siblings. Welcome to Waka Iti!
- Harrison W** - Thank you for showing your initiative and noticing little jobs that need doing in the classroom. Kā rawe!
- William** - You tried so hard at our sports day and joined in all the activities with great enthusiasm. Ka pai!
- Alex** - Fantastic questions at oral language.
- Sebastian** - You have amazing mat manners Sebastian - What a star you are!
- Sasha** - For great sharing and asking interesting questions at oral language time. Ka pai!
- Kirill** - For showing enthusiasm each day!
- Oliver** - For making great progress in your reading. Tino pai.
- Suyog** - For working hard in literacy. Kā rawe.
- Sadie** - For always using expression and fluency when reading aloud. Tino pai!
- Harkamal** - For working hard in your literacy workshops and taking great pride in the neatness of your writing. Tino pai!

Te Kete Pounamu

- Ava M** - For sharing her cultural knowledge with the kete.
- Ameerah** - For always showing STRIVE.
- Isla H** - For knowing some spelling patterns.
- Jonah** - For having amazing handwriting.
- Pippa** - For an amazing performance with Tall Poppies.
- Isla F** - For an amazing performance with Tall Poppies.
- Noah** - For his enthusiasm for learning.
- Luca** - For making connections with our Inquiry and his Samoan culture.
- Pray** - For reading texts with understanding and answering questions.
- Rita** - For being able to defend her maths thinking during Move 'n' Prove.

Te Kete Manawa

- Muhammad** - For a fantastic growth mindset during our skating sessions.
- Ruby** - For her beautiful manners and atawhai. You are a wonderful role model for kindness in our kete.
- Carlos** - For wonderful enthusiasm and energy! You are a star!
- Imogen B** - For working hard to learn new strategies for solving maths problems.
- Bailey** - For all her help around the kete, we appreciate you!
- Zareesh** - For amazing resilience and persistence during our skateboarding sessions.
- Charlotte G** - For showing atawhai to her teachers.
- Liam** - For sharing his amazing maths knowledge and learning!





Achievement Awards

Te Kete Aronui

Miles - For your enthusiasm researching and producing a fantastic information report about the colossal squid.

Akira - Great work with learning column addition using regrouping.

Danie - For your impressive skateboard skills!

Dominic - For showing improvement in your word study.

Ollie - For your impressive effort with your designs on your art folder!

Olivia S - For the perseverance you have shown with your broken arm - You are a star!

Ava M - For a huge effort with your art during 'whole kete time'.

Orla - For a super work on adding and subtracting fractions.

Tyler - For your perseverance and new skills during skateboarding.

Amiria - For your enthusiasm in Science sessions.

Emma - For working hard to produce and publish an awesome information report about emperor penguins.

Kiara - For your perseverance with our escape rooms.

Willa - For fantastic skills with skateboarding.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Ruby R - For always showing manawanui.

Xavier - Being a great house leader and supporting the juniors during the fundamental's sports day.

Charlotte - Showing manawanui in TKT.

Zac - Being focussed and showing Nga whakapuke in all his learning.

Ella F - Branching out and talking to someone new.

Riley - For being an outstanding helper at junior athletics.

Cherry - Excellent proofreading skills.

Milly - Getting involved and participating at Plant2Plate.

Pippa - For doing an amazing job with our Waka Iti children during fundamentals.



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



HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

Delicious

FREE RANGE OR CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS

YOUR CODE SCH-003

ORDER BY MIDNIGHT TUESDAY FOR THURSDAY COLLECTION FROM SCHOOL

THE EGG PROJECT

www.theeggproject.co.nz

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.

Summer TRUE Hoops Camps

**Little's
Camp**
December
18 & 19

9am-12pm
Ages 5-8

**2-DAY
CAMP**
January
25 & 26

9am-3pm
Ages 9+

**3-DAY
CAMP**
December
18-20

1230pm-330pm
Ages 9+

**ADVANCED
CAMP**
December
18-20

9am-12pm
Ages High
school only

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

VISIT
CITYLIBRARY.PNCC.GOV.T.NZ
 OR SIGN INTO BEANSTACK

← PĀNUI
READ

↑ HŌPARA
EXPLORE

TŪHURA
DISCOVER →



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



AKOTECH CodeCamps Summer School Holidays - FREE PRIZE & EARLY DISCOUNTS

Our holiday camp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action-packed environment. Create and train your own AI Avatars, make games, code drones & go to work for a simulated Tech Gaming Studio to build games for a big pretend client.

Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create your own games, worlds, and apps to make our world a better place.

We also have **Literati Lab** just for girls

Enter our competition to win a FREE 4-day pass to one of our CodeCamps

Venues: PNINS

Dates: 8th - 11th & 15th - 18th January

Book Now at www.akotech.nz

Competition: www.codecamp.co.nz/competition

Early Bird Save Up to 21% Until 14th December

Siblings Save 6%

 CODINGNZ

Summer 2023/24

Free Coding Holiday Activity

Ages:
9 & 10,
11 & 12,
13 & 14,
15 to adult

Educational? Yes!
Fun? Yes!
Affordable? Yes! (it's free!)

Suitable for beginner
to advanced coders.



Limited spots

SIGN UP FOR FREE NOW:
codingnz.com/freeactivity

FREE SUMMER BBQ

All welcome!



Activities for kids (can bring bikes & scooters)
Meet the neighbours
Free food & Free clothing

Dates: 6, 20 Dec - 3, 17, 31 Jan - 14, 28 Feb


Reformed
CHURCH
Palmerston North

5:30 – 6:30 pm

541 Ruahine St, Hokowhitu

Welcoming Schools Programme



[CLICK HERE](#)

NEWSLETTER

Oct/Nov 2023

Please see the attached banner and below the link for the Welcoming Schools Programme Newsletter for Term 4 of 2023.

[WSP Newsletter Oct/Nov 2023 v2 \(mmcnz.org.nz\)](https://mmcnz.org.nz)



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www.karate.org.nz
GOJU RYU KARATE
PALMERSTON NORTH

LOCATION: Hokowhitu School Hall
Albert St, Palmerston North
TIMES: Tuesdays, Juniors 6:00-7:00pm
Adults 7:00-8:00pm

CONTACT: Clayton. 021-2082-012
EMAIL claytonsensei@gmail.com
WEBSITE: www.karate.org.nz

- Strength
- Flexibility
- Coordination
- Fitness
- Respect
- Discipline
- Humility



I.O.G.K.F
GOJU RYU
KARATE
PALMERSTON
NORTH

International Okinawan Goju Ryu Karate Federation New Zealand is New Zealand's largest Goju-Ryu Karate body, and is affiliated with the International Okinawan Goju Ryu Karate Do Federation (IOGKF). Okinawan Goju Ryu Karate emphasizes a wide range of karate techniques appropriate to all levels of training. The Palmerston North dojo is run by Sensei Clayton Evans, as a satellite of the Wellington dojo run by Sensei Rajesh Ravji.



Tatsuji Nakamura
World Chief Instructor



Rajesh Ravji
7th Dan Wellington dojo



Clayton Evans
PN dojo instructor



Tuesday Evenings
Hokowhitu School Hall
Albert St, P.N.



Juniors 6pm-7pm
Adults 7pm-8pm

Fees:
\$50 per term



021-2082-012
claytonsensei@gmail.com
www.karate.org.nz

We're upgrading the watermain on Railway Road

We are letting you know about an upcoming watermain renewal project.

The purpose of this project is to upgrade the water network on both sides of Railway Road, between Tremaine Ave and the railway bridge. The job will commence on 1 December and is expected to be completed by the end of February.



Our team is planning to work on one side of the road before Christmas before moving to the other side after Christmas.

Traffic management: Two lanes of traffic will be maintained during the work period, but speeds will be reduced to 30km/h. There will be minor periods where stop/go signs are used as we upgrade the pipes across the width of the road.

Entry/Exit on Tremaine: We're asking any big businesses to use their entry/exits on Tremaine Ave rather than using Railway Rd during the construction period.

Water shutdown period: There will be water shutdown periods at different stages of the project to test the new connections. Your business will receive a letter with at least 48 hours' notice of the scheduled shutdown, and these are likely to occur outside normal business hours.

Chat to our team onsite: If you have any questions or you would like an update during the work period, a senior team leader will be onsite to chat with you each Thursday between 1-2pm.

We'll also be returning to rebuild the section of Railway Road between the bridge and Tremaine Ave next year. This work will be completed in two stages over the next two summers. We'll keep you updated when we secure a contractor.

If you have any questions, please contact our Council contact centre on 06 356 8199.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we improve Palmy's water network for everyone in our community.

WATER TEAM

Palmerston North City Council