

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd of February 2023

Important Upcoming Events 2023

6 February	School CLOSED for Waitangi Day
7 February	TKA Beach Education Day
8 February	TKM Beach Education Day
9 February	4.30pm 'Seesaw' Parent information session for Year 1, 2 @ 3 parents. See below for details
9 February	5 - 6.30pm Pool Party here to meet informally with staff and whānau
13 February	TKP Beach Education Day
14 February	5.30pm Board meeting
21 February	9.15am Years 4-6 Triathlon
24 February	WHOLE school Big Day Out to Levin - not to be missed! See link below to give permission at attend
28 February	11.30am Y 1/2 swimming display
2 March	11.30am Y 3/4 swimming sports
3 March	9am School assembly - TKM sharing their learning
3 March	11.30am Y 5/6 swimming sports
7 March	5pm Whānau Hui - all Māori whānau warmly welcomed to this hui
16 March	9am Years 1 - 3 duathlon
17 March	9am School assembly - TKP sharing their learning
21 March	5.30pm Board meeting
28 March	5.30 - 6.30pm Goal setting evening - surnames A - L (not Waka)
30 March	5.30 - 6.30pm Goal setting evening - surnames M - Z (not Waka)
31 March	9am Assembly - TKW sharing their learning
4 April	Kits Lit Quiz
6 April	Cultural celebration parade Last day of Term 1
24 April	SCHOOL CLOSED - teacher only day
25 April	SCHOOL CLOSED - ANZAC day public holiday
26 April	Day 1 of Term 2 for the tamariki (children)



Update from the Principal

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

Welcome to the 2023 school year. It was lovely to see the excited faces pouring in the gate on Tuesday morning. A special welcome to all whānau (families) who are new to Hokowhitu School - we sincerely hope that you will enjoy being part of our school whānau. Please ask if there is anything unclear to you - we will be very happy to help and/or explain further.

SUMMER

Three quick reminders

- a school regulation sunhat is required for outdoors in Term 1. NO HAT, NO PLAY. Hats are available at the school office for \$12.00
- the sun is fierce at this time of the year. Please ensure sunscreen is applied before coming to school in the morning and pack sunscreen for your child to reapply at break times.
- our swimming pool is solar heated and covered at night. Swimming is part of the school curriculum - we expect everyone to take part. Children are to bring their togs/towel/rash top every day. Please email your child's whānau teacher if they are unable to swim for medical reasons. Teachers will not take the tamariki swimming on days that are unsuitable and no child is ever made to stay in the pool after getting cold.

END OF THE DAY ROUTINES

Tamariki in TKW and TKP are released at 2.45pm from their 'meet and greet' point. As there are no school patrols on duty at that time, for safety reasons we only release the children to their parent/caregiver. Older siblings can be released at 2.45pm if this is needed - just email your child's teacher.

If your child is in TKW or TKP and it is problematic for them to finish at 2.45pm, please email their whānau teacher and tell them you require a 3.00pm release time.

Tamariki in TKM, TKA and TKP are released at 3.00pm when the bell rings and the road patrolters go out to assist with negotiating the traffic flow and the pedestrian crossing.

Please note - DO NOT tell your children to go down to Hokowhitu Park and play after school while they wait to be collected. This area is a public park and we cannot be sure they will be safe unsupervised.

2023 TEACHING TEAMS

Te Kete Wakahuia: TKW - this kete is split into Waka and Huia (Years 1 and 2)

Waka: Mrs Tracey Orr and Miss Andrea Caldwell, Huia - Mrs Anna Blay and Mrs Kirstine Hintz

Te Kete Pounamu: TKP (Years 2 and 3)

Mrs Carlee Hodge, Mr Clayton Evans and Whāea Bree White

Te Kete Manawa: TKM (Years 3 and 4)

Mrs Priscilla Gifford Moore, Miss Hannah Puts, Mr Andrew Shirley

Te Kete Aronui: TKA (Years 4 and 5)

Ms Hilary Salter, Mrs Amy Guerin, Ms Stacey Tayler

Te Kete Tangaroa: TKT (Years 5 and 6)

Mr Samuel Sloan, Mrs Liz Longley, Mr Elisha Masoe

In the coming weeks I will introduce our all-important part time teaching and support staff to you.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Pippa G who was chosen to join Ed Sheeran on the stage in Wellington last night - to assist with singing Galway Girl. 48,000 people present - what an achievement Pippa. Go you!!

EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM (EOTC)

Every alternate year we run a school wide EOTC programme in Term 1. You should be aware of the two major events planned for 2023 - each kete has a beach education day at Himatangi Beach over the coming fortnight and then on Friday 24th we have our whole school BIG DAY OUT to Levin.

Both these events are significant and exciting - it's great to be able to give these additional experiences! We are very fortunate to have the support of parents/caregivers to assist with supervision - school policies have minimum adult/child ratios for safety. Thanks so much to everyone who has made themselves available to help out, we couldn't do it without you.

We are also very fortunate to have received a grant from Pub Charities that has assisted with the costs for buses and the Beach Education providers. Sincere thanks to Rachel Buckley (one of our board members) who has applied for and secured this grant.

The remainder of the costs is being met by MOE funding for schools who meet criteria and do not charge a parent donation/fee.

Please complete this link to give permission for your child to attend the Big Day Out AND to indicate whether or not you are available to support a group of children on this day.

[Child permission and Parent help form](#)

SEESAW PARENT EDUCATION SESSION - Years 1, 2 and 3 Next Thursday 9th of February at 4.30pm

Seesaw is a simple on-line platform designed to keep your extended family involved in the home/school process. While we used seesaw extensively for 'learning from home' over the COVID lock downs, it is a tool that our teachers consider really valuable in an ongoing way to provide home learning/share individual learning/keep you informed of upcoming events etc.

We are aware that one barrier to parental uptake in using Seesaw may be a lack of knowledge about the platform or difficulty in accessing/logging.

Parents with tamariki in the Year 1 - 3 area are warmly welcomed to come to the information sharing session next Thursday at 4.30pm. You can come directly from this meeting to the pool party. Please bring along the device you will be using - an ipad or laptop is preferable to a cell phone.

POOL PARTY - 5.00 - 6.30pm next Thursday 9th February

We are excited to be planning the return of our popular informal 'meet the teacher' evening.

Everyone is welcome to come along and join the fun. Bring a blanket or rug to set up a picnic spot if you like.

All Hokowhitu School students will be issued with a ticket for a free sausage, siblings and parents can purchase a sausage for \$2.00, a bowl of nachos for \$5.00, lolly cake \$2.00 and juices \$2.00.

Thanks to the Board and PTA who have partnered up to prepare and serve the food.

The pool will be open for the tamariki to enjoy a swim, we have sports equipment out for those who want to enjoy a game, teaching staff will be available for an informal chat, as will both Board and PTA members.

CAN YOU HELP?

You don't have to be a member of the PTA to help out for the pool party? Can you help by making a batch of nacho mince or whipping up some lolly cake (recipe and ingredients supplied), or can you help with serving on the night?

We would be truly grateful for any help - please contact Amy Westergaard on amywestergaard@gmail.com.

COUNSELLING


We are fortunate to have a registered counsellor visit in our school on alternate Monday mornings beginning Monday 20th February. Each session would be approximately 30-45 minutes. This is available for students who attend Hokowhitu School with the students being seen individually. If you would like to access this service for your child, please contact Helen Griffin for further details by phone 06 3579667 or email h.griffin@hokowhitu.school.nz

Wishing you all a lovely long weekend. We look forward to seeing everyone from 8.30am next Tuesday the 7th of February.







Ngā mihi
Lin Dixon

ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Please download our school App if you haven't already, all IMPORTANT/URGENT notifications will come through this channel. Follow the directions as stated below


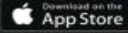




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Sport

Summer sports available this term -

T ball (Year 1-4) - Played at Colquhoun Park on Saturdays from the 11th of Feb - now available on kindo to register.

Outdoor netball (Year 1-2) - Played at Vautier Park on Mondays from the 13th of Feb - now available on kindo to register.

Outdoor netball (Year 3-4) - Played at Vautier Park Tuesday **OR** Wednesday 14/15th of Feb - now available on kindo to register.

Summer hockey (ALL year groups) - now available on kindo to register.

PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR THE KINDO LINK TO REGISTER & HIRE A SPORTS UNIFORM

<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml?shop=Hokowhitu%20School>.

If you have any questions, please contact Carlee Hodge - c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz.

Achievement Awards



Te Kete Wakahuia

A big Hokowhitu welcome to **James L, Eli, Jacob, Ava, Maggie, Frankie, JuJu, Toanui, Oakley, Conor, Angie, Thea, James D-H, Zuhain** that have joined us in Waka. We hope you have a fantastic time at school!

Suyog - Welcome to Huia and Hokowhitu School.

Ayson - Welcome to Huia and Hokowhitu School.

Sadie - For having a fantastic start to the school year!

Te Kete Pounamu

Welcome to all the students in TKP and a Hokowhitu School welcome to **Ron** and **Eugene**. You have all made a fabulous start to your year. Keep it up! Remember we are swimming every day.

Te Kete Manawa

What a fabulous start to the year! Welcome to our new Hokowhitu School students: **Matty, Lachie, Grace, and Mario**. All of the children have settled in well and are re-establishing and making new friendships. Each week we spot students doing the right thing - schoolwork, socially etc. Students are invited to put their name up on a sheet numbered 1-30. When the sheet is full, we do a draw in the kete and the students whose names are drawn out are invited to choose a prize from the basket and they also receive a certificate! Congratulations to the following Top 30 winners: **Mason, Edward, Lachie, and Baxter**.

Te Kete Aronui

Wow! What a fantastic start to the year. It has been great to meet all of you and your whānau. We look forward to the exciting year ahead. A special welcome to **Lucas** and **Kate**. We are excited to have you at Hokowhitu School and in Te Kete Aronui.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Well done on a wonderful start back to all the amazing members of TKT. Everyone is stepping up to be the best they can be. A special welcome to **Yena, Luka** and **Malakai** who join Hokowhitu School in TKT this year.

