

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th of February 2023

Important Upcoming Events 2023

20 February	Triathlon practice for Years 4-6
21 February	9.15am Years 4-6 Triathlon
22 February	LAST DAY for lucky book club orders today
24 February	WHOLE school Big Day Out to Levin - not to be missed! See link below to give permission to attend
28 February	11.30am Y 1-2 swimming display
1 March	"Black and White" non-uniform day. Dress up in black or white and make a gold coin donation to Hawkes Bay schools.
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 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)
2 June	SCHOOL CLOSED - teacher only day



Update from the Principal

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

I am sure that you will all join us in sending 'we care about you' thoughts and our best wishes to the people in the many areas of the North Island that have suffered devastating effects as a result of the recent cyclone. We can consider ourselves extremely fortunate here in Manawatu, but many people will have whānau/friends/loved ones in areas that are suffering hugely. This can cause worries or anxiety even for people not directly affected, especially while communication and direct contact is so challenging. As a staff we will support the tamariki in an 'age appropriate' manner. Please let us know if you notice changes in your own children, we will help in any way possible.

DONATIONS TO SEND TO HAWKES BAY (PTS Logistics sponsored)

We have been made aware of containers being filled to distribute to those who have been displaced or are in desperate need of support. Our staff is supporting this initiative.

If anyone would like to support this cause, we are happy to have you deliver items to the school hall on Monday morning. Our student leaders will sort, box and label donations to prepare them for transportation.

Items that you could donate are:

- non-perishable foods
- bottled water
- baby formula
- nappies
- sanitary products and toiletries (new)
- clothing for babies, children, and adults (clearly labelled)
- socks and undies (new)
- blankets, sheets, and towels
- shoes
- pet supplies
- torches and batteries

If you have any boxes that we could have to package goods up, we would love them too!

Alternatively, if you would like to donate funds, there is a give a little page set up:

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/cyclone-gabrielle-community-support>

2023 SUPPORT STAFF

The following people work in one (or more) areas of the school each day. They support our tamariki and kaiako in many ways - and we appreciate their skills and patience.

OFFICE MANAGER - Mrs Jennifer Bates

OFFICE ASSISTANTS - Mrs Diane Wackrow and Mrs Leanne Hughes

LIBRARIAN - Mrs Susan Janssen

LEARNING COACHES - Mrs Tabitha Prisk, Mrs Tomoko Wada -Macdonald, Mrs Susan Janssen, Mrs Emma Vekula, Mrs Leanne Hughes, Mrs Wendy Donnellan, Mrs Karen Douglas

CARETAKER - Mr Steven Cooke

COUNSELLING

We are fortunate to have a registered counsellor visit in our school on alternate Monday mornings beginning next 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

EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM (EOTC)

Each kete has a range of exciting activities planned for the coming week. EOTC week culminates in our whole school 'Big Day Out' next Friday. Our sincere thanks to those adults who have offered to come along and support a group of children next Friday. Due to limited space on the buses we have calculated the number of adults we require to support the children - please try not to let us down at the last minute unless an emergency arises. Parent helpers will be allocated a group of children to supervise (not just your own child). Please have the tamariki here between 8.30 and 8.40am next Friday - we need to take the roll as soon as the bell rings and then load 350+ excited young people and their bags into buses and start our adventure. The children are to wear school uniform (including their sunhats), backpacks need to contain plenty of food and water for the day, along with their school polar fleece and togs/towel in a waterproof bag.

PAID UNION MEETINGS

Teachers have been called to meetings on Thursday or Friday afternoon on the 2nd/3rd March. While some schools are requesting parents take their children home early on one of those days, we have managed to cover in rooms and therefore do not require you to do an early pick up. I thank my very flexible and dedicated staff for their efforts to enable this happen.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

The school has set up a school group for ease of entering. The Palmerston North Weet-bix Tryathlon will be held on Tuesday, 21 March 2023 at Onley Park. The school does not class this as an official school event and will not be sending a teacher to the event. It is up to individual parents and caregivers to enter, organise and support their child at this event. If there is a group of parents happy to organise the picking up and setting up of our school marquee you are welcome to come and borrow it

Below is our SCHOOL GROUP specific link. This link will enable you to enter with ease!

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=48065&G=161389>

I wish everyone a safe and happy weekend.

Ngā mihi
Lin Dixon



Sport

ALL SPORTS REGISTRATIONS ARE CLOSED

We were very lucky to field 4 hockey teams, 1 t-ball team and 2 Badminton teams. Good luck to all the teams who begin their first games this week. Have a great season.


Look out soon for basketball, winter hockey and year 5-6 netball. All of these will begin in term 2.

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









Important Information for 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


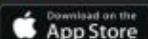




Download the
Hokowhitu
School App


-  **Absentee**
Phone or send an email to the Absence Office.
-  **Contacts**
Phone or email contacts for school staff and key contacts.
-  **School Info**
View, download and share school info here.
-  **Calendar**
View upcoming events and add individual events to your calendar.
-  **Newsletters**
View, download and share our Newsletters here.
-  **Alerts**
View alerts, and remove by swiping an alert left.

Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and Search '**SchoolAppsNZ**' to download the app onto your device.

Then search 'Your School Name' to find your school's app.



SchoolAppsNZ



Get in touch with us at support@snapp.co.nz
www.schoolappsnz.co.nz

Ways you can contact the office when your child/children will be absent -

Email - office@hokowhitu.school.nz

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

App - See how to download the App above

School cell phone (you can ring or text this number) - 027 357 9021

Please contact us as soon as you know your child is not coming into 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. Thank you.

Achievement Awards



Te Kete Wakahuia

Welcome to **Eliose, Myra, Ash, Victoria** and **Beaudi** who have joined us in Waka this week. We hope you have a fantastic time at Hokowhitu School!

Joshua - For working so hard on your writing. Tino pai Joshua!

Claudia - For super reading. Kā rawe.

Dontae - For being a helpful member of Huia. Kai pai.

Clyde - For always quietly working hard and trying his best. Tino pai.

Te Kete Pounamu

Ron - For participating in more of your literacy rotations.

Carter - For stepping up and meeting TKP expectations.

Mia - For instantly recognising number patterns to 10.

Aditya R - For asking good questions at Beach Education.

Evie B - For being brave when entering the water at Beach Education.

Lilianna - For reading with excellent fluency and comprehension.

Doha - For instantly recognising number patterns to 10.

Henry - For counting in 10s past 200!

Te Kete Manawa

Congratulations to the following Top 30 winners: **Baxter, Bailey, Olivia**. Special mention to **Aiden, Amelia**, and **Lucy** for stepping up in the kete and producing quality work.

Te Kete Aronui

Darcy - For working hard to produce your lego self-portrait to a high standard.

Makayla - For working hard to produce your lego self-portrait to a high standard.

Joey - For showing perseverance to complete your artwork.

Maisey - For showing great problem-solving skills and reasoning during our probability maths session.

Isabella - For your enthusiasm to share and contribute in Literacy sessions.

Flynn - For stepping up and showing you are ready to learn.

Minoo - For an excellent effort with your 'About Me' art.

Ava K - For your attentive listening during read and feed.

Harrison - For being a focused mathematician with our Daily 10.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Rylan - For stepping up in TKT and being an outstanding leader.

Maya - For measuring and recording data for our census accurately.

Kate - For volunteering to help out our new student.

Catherine - For stepping up and showing perseverance in a difficult maths task.

Felix H - Outstanding work on road patrol.

Ava - For being a model student. Being prepared and having an excellent attitude in learning workshops.

Korbyn - For outstanding effort on his portrait.

Te Kohi - Super work in Literacy and an amazing story.

Charlotte - For stepping up as an incredibly helpful member of TKT.





THE EGG PROJECT

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

Order your eggs on the website below (and use your code) before midnight Tuesday and they will be delivered super fresh to collect on Thursday when you collect your little people.

We will give back \$1.00 per dozen to help fundraise as well!

SUPPORT LOCAL - EAT SUPER FRESH - SUPPORT COMMUNITY

YOUR CODE is SCH-003



WWW.THEEGGPROJECT.CO.NZ

Blended Families



Creating powerful possibilities within your new family
Saturday 11 March - 9:30am - 4:00pm
Hancock Community House - 77 King Street, PN

Exploring:

- What makes up a Blended Family
- What are the Myths & Truths
- What the research says
- The challenges and Strengths

Come along to create a shared vision for positive change

Cost: \$30 for the whole day with lunch included

Phone Parentline Manawatu to register

06 355 1655 or Freephone 0800 4 FAMILY (0800 432 6459)

www.parentlinemanawatu.org.nz



JEDI SKATEBOARD ACADEMY - TERM 1, 2023

Weekly skateboard sessions
Memorial Park Skate Rink, PN

- FREE EQUIPMENT HIRE
- FREE RIDING INSTRUCTION
- FREE SKATEBOARD STICKERS

SAT FEB 11, 18, 25
MAR 4, 11, 18

Cost of Entry: \$15 per person
per session

REGISTER & PAY AT: WWW.ONBOARDSKATE.ORG.NZ



Our registrations are open for our 2023 junior KickStart Development Programme!

This programme is designed for Young Players who are Year 3 - Year 4 - Year 5 - Year 6 - Year 7 & Year 8 and will run for 4 weeks beginning on the 5th of March 2023.

the dates for the programme are;

Programme held over the following dates:

Sunday 5th March

Sunday 12th March

Sunday 19th March

Sunday 26th March (Festival Day) - Time TBC

COSTS: \$60.00 (transaction fees apply - calculated at checkout)

SESSION TIME: 10.00am - 11.00am

Venue: HMI Twin Turfs 6A Manawaroa Street, Palmerston North

We will be running fun activities, skills and drills throughout the sessions and goalkeepers are welcome. registering for this programme is simple, just visit our website 'Hockey Manawatu'

Link: <https://www.hockeymanawatu.org.nz/programmes-2/kickstart-2023>

Saturday Music

Music education classes for children at primary and intermediate level.

8:30 am - 11:45 am
Saturday mornings.
\$130 per student per class for 2023!

Classes begin 4th March 2023.

Teaching keyboard, drums, guitar, violin, cello, clarinet, flute, saxophone, trumpet, ukulele, choir and orchestra



To enrol: visit saturdaymusic.org.nz

COMPUTER/MOBILE CODING



A BRIGHT FUTURE

Our lessons will expand your child's horizons. Your child will learn to not only passively consume technology, but to create technology so that they can be an active part of the digital era. Learning to code is great for student's brains as it develops regions of the brain associated with both math and language. Children have an amazing capacity for learning and introducing them to coding while they're young will help set them up for success in our increasingly digital world.

APPLY NOW (Free Trial Lessons Available)

To give your child the opportunity to learn how to program technology apply now at codingnz.com/signup

WHO

Students aged 9 to 18

WHAT

Beginner and advanced coding lessons where students learn to create technology

WHEN & WHERE

Online at home
One hour per week
4pm, 5pm, or 6pm weekdays



WELCOME TO THE MARIST "HOT SHOTS" TENNIS PROGRAMME!

Tennis played on kid's terms!



Smaller courts and rackets! Softer tennis balls! A fun challenging programme with lots of friends! Thanks for checking out the award winning "Hot Shots" Coaching Programme at Marist (Vautier Park - Puriri Terrace). It is open to any junior player of any ability, 5 years and older. It is run by Manawatu's #1 Tennis Coach and our head coach, John Salisbury (Big John).

The programme is a structured skill development program which focuses on maximum participation and having fun, whilst teaching the fundamental skills of the game. The programme is delivered in 2 coloured stages. The children all move through each colour with skill drills and games which increase in complexity and movement.

It is a Saturday morning programme where we offer a 50 minute group lesson in Term 1 2023. It is a 6 week programme commencing on **Saturday 18th February 2023**.

- **Stage 1** - Red Squad (5-8 years) – **9am - 9.50am**
- **Stage 2** - Orange Squad (9+ years) – **10am – 10.50am**

To confirm your child's place in the programme for Term 1 a \$110 fee is required. Payment can be made by internet banking.

For internet banking: 'MARIST TENNIS CLUB' ANZ: 01-0745-0198533-00 Reference: Child's name. Could you also please email Big John confirming your child's participation, colour squad and that payment has been made. PLEASE ENROL ASAP! (johnsalisbury@xtra.co.nz)

Don't panic if you don't have a racket, we have them for you to use free of charge until you are ready to purchase your own. Again, see Big John for a correct fitting, he will have them available to purchase at the coaching sessions. Rackets are approximately \$50 mark. We will provide the other equipment, just bring yourself and a friend and we will put you in a draw to win an awesome spot prize!!

The wet weather rule is to phone Big John before you leave home, if you are unsure if the coaching is on. Contact him on 0274 808 808. There is no cancellation on the radio for this programme.

The Marist "Hot Shot" Team
--Manawatu's #1 Hot Shots Club!

Hot Shots Head Coach- Big John – Ph: 0274 808 808 email: johnsalisbury@xtra.co.nz