

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 19th of May 2023

Important Upcoming Events 2023

26 May	9am Whole school assembly - TKT sharing their learning
2 June	SCHOOL CLOSED - Teacher Only Day
5 June	SCHOOL CLOSED - Public holiday for King's birthday
8 June	Frozen cookies delivered to school (pm). Helpers required, please email Amy Westergaard if you can help - amywestergaard@gmail.com
9 June	9am Whole school assembly - TKM sharing their learning
13 June	5.30pm Board meeting, Everyone welcome
23 June	9am Whole school assembly - TKP sharing their learning
26 June	Y 4-6 Kapa Haka ākonga to Te Pae Tamariki (Regent Theatre)
27 June	5pm - Te Aō Māori Evening combined with our Whānau hui. SAVE THIS DATE.
30 June	Last day of term 2

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 - See how to download the App below

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.



Update from the Principal

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

SAFETY CONCERN

Following on from yesterday's notice advising you that we had a child offered lollies from a stranger on their way home from school, we thought it may be helpful to share some ideas around how to assist with safety if tamariki need to walk/scooter home by themselves.

1. Be very clear with your children on your expectations that they walk directly from home to school and from school to home at the end of the day (no stopping off at parks etc to play).
2. We DO NOT advise that you make a plan to meet your child at Hokowhitu Park - this is unsafe as there is no supervision.
3. Where possible, tell them to walk with siblings or other people from our school. There is safety in numbers.
4. Talk with your child about who their 'safe' people are, and make it clear that they are ONLY to go with these safe people - **no one** else.
5. If approached by someone who is unknown or not one of their 'safe' people, do not stop and talk to them, or accept any treats.
6. Walk fast/run and head immediately home (or to someone they know). Whichever is closest.
7. Tell one of your safe people immediately, so they can help you.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

Thank you so much to the 121 whānau who have taken the time to complete this survey. We really want EVERYONE to give us their ideas and feedback. Please see the link below and complete the survey **if you haven't** done so already.

Every three years our Board consults with our school community as widely as possible to get YOUR voice and ideas on the strategic direction for our kura (school). The survey link was emailed to you last week (but here it is again in case you missed it) - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WVBX58P>

Please do have your say - the board wants to know what you think we are doing well, and what we might consider for the coming years.

Everyone who completes the survey will be in the draws to win one of 3 family passes to Cloud 9 - so do complete it, and be 'in to win'.

The survey will remain open until next Friday 26th May - it takes approximately 5 minutes to complete.

PTA FUNDRAISER

We have been delighted with the response to our cookie fundraiser orders. The three families with the highest sales will be recognised at assembly in a future assembly.

Thank you to everyone who supported the selling of cookies and thanks in advance for the offers of help on delivery day. We will gladly accept all helpers - 'many hands make for light work'.

KAPA HAKA

Our kapa haka group has grown this year to almost 80 students! We are very excited about this. We are also very proud of those tamariki who have committed to joining Mrs Blay and Mr Masoe on Thursday mornings to have extra practices. Thank you to our whānau for supporting this.

On Monday 26th June our year 4-6 kapa haka students will be heading to Te Pae Tamariki at the Regent Theatre. A permission slip for this will be coming home next week. We are only able to take our Year 4-6 tamariki due to restrictions on our numbers.

On Tuesday 27th June our whole kapa haka group (Years 1-6) will be performing as part of our Te Aō Māori evening. We will be working towards these two events and are very excited for all of our tamariki to showcase their learning!

CROSS COUNTRY

The weather has not been very kind to us this week. Due to the heavy rain and hail on Monday, the PNCC closed their grounds until at least Thursday, and this made it impossible for us to proceed (even when the sun decided to shine again on Wednesday).

While conditions were less than ideal today, we decided to forge on and run the event. Results will be published in a future newsletter.

Well done to everyone who competed and congratulations to our champion runners!

PINK SHIRT DAY

Thank you to everyone who entered into the spirit of this event by bringing a donation and wearing a pink (or white) shirt today. Funds raised will be donated to the Mental Health Foundation to support them in their mahi (work).

Pink Shirt Day is an anti-bullying campaign that celebrates diversity and creates environments where all people can feel safe, valued and respected.



ROAD PATROL SAFETY WEEK

We value our road patrol team every single day, but this week has highlighted their importance to us all. Thank you to those of you who stop at the pedestrian crossing when you can see there are people waiting to cross - especially in wet or miserable weather conditions.



Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Ngā mihi nui

Lin Dixon



Sport

Basketball

Hokowhitu Jets - What a great game! You doubled your score from last week and you worked as a team on defence, way to go. Congratulations to **Saied** for player of the day, making sure that you helped the point guards bring the ball towards our goal.

Hokowhitu Shooters - The Hokowhitu Shooters have started the season enthusiastically with good games. Thanks to **Whaea Bree** for coaching the team.



At Hokowhitu School we are lucky enough to have a few parents or teachers who **volunteer** their time to coach and manage sporting teams. Remember if you are lucky enough to be on the side line supporting your child and their team, then all we want to hear from you is **POSITIVE PHRASES** to encourage all the team, including the coach and the managers. As adults we are the role models for our future sporting stars.

Five sporting organisations (Football, Rugby, Hockey, Basketball and Netball) have collaborated alongside Sport Manawatū to improve side-line behaviour and therefore create positive experiences for those participating. It is not just athletes and parents that this campaign focuses on but also coaches, referees, volunteers, and supporters down at our local fields and venues.



Here is the link for more information:

[That's Not On - Sport Manawatū](#)

Coaches/Managers - If you would like any awards or photos in the newsletter, please email them through to office@hokowhitu.school.nz by Thursday night at the latest.

Achievement Awards



Te Kete Wakahuia

A big Hokowhitu welcome to **Gian, Asher** and **Lusion** who have joined us in Waka. We hope you have a fantastic time at school.

Neave - For settling into school routines so quickly. Ka pai!

James L - For stepping up and managing himself!

James D/H - For stepping up to be his best in math!

Oakley - For sharing his awesome knowledge about road safety.

Ange - For fantastic writing of the numbers in math.

Joshua - For being brave when standing up to share your news at oral language time. Tino pai.

Zahlaye - For settling back into school so well and for trying really hard to show STRIVE.

Max - For trying hard to speak clearly and confidently in oral language.

Asher - For working super hard in workshops. Kā pai!

Te Kete Pounamu

Rita - For completing her homework on seesaw.

Annie E - For extending her learning to home by making a rain gauge.

Michael - For having great focus with his learning.

Evie - For fantastic place value knowledge.

Paxton - For his multiplication and division strategies.

Hanna - For completing a scavenger hunt for simple machines.

Joy - For completing homework on seesaw.

Adi - For completing his homework on seesaw.

Huatahi - For giving 100% to her writing.

Te Kete Manawa

Winners of the Top 30 draw: **Zareesh, Amelia**.

Jainil and **Aaryan** - Impressive work summarising information during Literacy.

Georgia, Ruby, Matty and **Alex** - For wonderful listening skills.

Samuel P - For working hard to write descriptively.

Zayd - For asking questions to ensure he understands what is asked.

Te Kete Aronui

Hohua - For working really hard to quickly solve your two times tables in maths workshops.

C-Jay - For seeking help and speaking up in Literacy.

Amos - For great focus and sharing of your ideas during Literacy.

Trinity - For a great effort persevering when challenged with new learning in maths workshops.

Joey - For working hard to get your independent tasks completed.

Eli - For participating and asking for help when needed during maths.

Micah - For improved focus and task completion during Literacy.

Chris - For your patience and understanding with supporting others needs.

Viktor - For great descriptive compound sentences.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Liam - A super effort in writing his cat report.

Kiya - Enthusiasm for learning when learning music.

Charlotte - An outstanding effort in her learning.

Alby - For completing daily reading tasks.

Austin - For learning to calculate an area of triangle.

Hannah - For creating and developing logo designs for our kete.

Emily - For going up 2 steps in her basic facts ladder.

Rylan - For using adjectives in the correct order.

Jack N - For writing creatively with Ms Finikin.

Community Notices



**TECH
WEEK**

FREE!

CODING ACTIVITY

LEARN TO CODE GAMES AND WEBSITES

Details:

- 1hr online activity at your choice of 4, 5 or 6pm
- Live tutors available to help
- Fun for ages 9 to 18

SIGN UP AT
CODINGNZ.COM/SIGNUP



Ruahine AFC urgently need a few more 11- or 12-year-old girls to complete our girls only team. The team plays Saturday mornings between 10:15-12. If you haven't signed up for a winter sport yet, give football a go!

Contact info@ruahineafc.co.nz for more details or sign up on our website www.ruahineafc.co.nz.

WORLD PREMIERE

The Legend of Okatia

Presented by Kane Parsons featuring
Orchestra and Combined Choir
Conducted by Andrew Atkins

SATURDAY 27th MAY 3 pm
Regent Theatre

Do you want some farm fresh eggs?

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 from outside the office when you pick up your little people! You can even set up a subscription and it happens like magic!

Free Range Dozen - \$8.50
Organic Dozen - \$10.50



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

YOUR CODE is SCH-003

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Palmy Parent & Child Expo

MAY 28TH 2023
10AM - 3PM
AWAPUNI FUNCTION CENTRE

\$2 entry under 13's free

- Exhibitor stalls/Food trucks
- Bouncy castles
- Face painting
- Bunnings kids DIY activities
- Andrew Wilson magic show

Major giveaway and free goodie bags for the first 200 families through the door!

Cash out facilities available.

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CATERING PALMERSTON NORTH



CITY WELCOME

PŌWHIRI FOR NEWCOMERS

Join us for a pōwhiri (formal welcome), morning tea and a walking tour of the city centre. This is a free event!

SATURDAY 27 MAY, 10.30AM

TE MANAWA MUSEUM
326 MAIN STREET

