

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 26th of May 2023

Important Upcoming Events 2023

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| 31 May | Possible Strike Action - Please see details below |
| 2 June | SCHOOL CLOSED - Teacher Only Day (we make this day up at the end of the year). It has been calculated in our start/finish dates for 2023. Our whole Kahui Ako is participating in a symposium with Rangitāne o Manawatū |
| 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 ākongā 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

POSSIBLE STRIKE ACTION

In addition to yesterday's email explaining potential strike action next week.

NZEI - the primary teacher's union has advised the Board that their members had voted to take two further forms of industrial action - one being a strike on **Wednesday 31st May**. NZEI leadership has recently announced a pause on these actions to allow for further negotiations, but they have communicated to principals this may be resumed at short notice.

We will be informed this Sunday as to whether or not the Wednesday strike will proceed.

Our Board will then need to make the decision around school closure (and whether or not supervision can safely be offered) to those who need it.

We appreciate that **IF** this action goes ahead you will have short notice to prepare for Wednesday, so we are really just giving you a 'heads up' and will endeavour to let you know the outcome as soon as we possibly can - by Monday at the latest, but hopefully by app/email on Sunday.

COMMUNITY SURVEY - your last chance to complete this

Thank you so much to the more than 150 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. You will need to be quick - it closes tonight!

<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'.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all the tamariki who strived to do the very best they could do last Friday. It was fantastic to see the effort and sense of achievement as they crossed the finish line.

Special congratulations to the following people who finished in the first five placings of each year group.

| | YEAR 1 GIRL | YEAR 1 BOY | YEAR 2 GIRL | YEAR 2 BOY | YEAR 3 GIRL | YEAR 3 BOY | YEAR 4 GIRL | YEAR 4 BOY | YEAR 5 GIRL | YEAR 5 BOY | YEAR 6 GIRL | YEAR 6 BOY |
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| 1st | Darcy | Jaxxon | Zoe | Carter | Grace/ Joslyn 1= | Edward | Mila P | Jakeob | Hannah | Austin | Yuna | Riley A |
| 2nd | Zoe | Conor | Evie | Paxton | | Hudson | Anne | Lachie | Catherine | Chris | Yena | Cooper W |
| 3rd | Ivy | Joshua | Lilianna | Adam | Isla D | Joel | Bailey | Chase | Ava S | Saied | Maya | Alexey |
| 4th | Thea | Dontae | Joy | Lachie | Madison | Oscar | Olivia S | Mason H | Renee | Will | Emily | Sahith |
| 5th | Blythe | Asher | Ava M | Ron | Yuleena | K-J | Amelia | Donnacha | Cherry | Lucas | Haylee W | Xavier |

House Points: 4th place - **Kakariki**, 3rd place - **Whero**, 2nd place - **Kahurangi** and the winners were **Kowhai!**
Well done kowhai!

MEDICATIONS

A reminder with cold and flu season upon us to please keep your child home if they are unwell. We cannot give **ANY** child medications (Prescribed or not) without a parent consent form filled out. If you need one sent home with your child, just let us know. We also cannot have medications left in children's bags. This is for the safety of YOUR child as well other children that could accidentally come across it.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

PINK SHIRT DAY

Thank you so much to everyone who supported this worthy cause. \$343.50 was raised and sent to the Mental Health Foundation. Ka pai!

CALL FOR BAGS & SECOND-HAND UNIFORM

Do you have any paper or recyclable bags that we could have for the PTA cookie distribution? We are collecting these in the office. These will be unable to be returned to you.

We are also short on second-hand uniform. If you have any older uniforms that no longer fit your child, we would love to take them off your hands. Unfortunately, we cannot 'trade in' for bigger uniforms as we then get left with only small sizing. We keep the pricing low to keep this as an affordable option for families. Thank you in advance with your help.

PTA FUNDRAISER - COOKIE SALES

At this morning's assembly we recognised our top three cookie sellers.

Congratulations and thank you to **Edward W, Maisey B, Oscar** and **Henry S**. Between these 3 families they sold 147 packets of cookies - wow! I hope you have fun spending your well-deserved rewards.

ATAWHAI AWARDS

At this morning's assembly we recognised the following people for the way they have been showing atawhai (kindness).

TKW: Nikau - Nikau, you show all of the values of STRIVE. You have the most wonderful manners and you are always showing respect towards others. You have shown perseverance during our cross-country training and showed kindness towards others by encouraging them to keep running. You are always stepping up to be the best you can be in everything you do. Thank you for being such a kind friend in Huia. We are so lucky to have you. Tino pai!

TKP: Connor - Connor, you have shown perseverance when training for cross country and completing cross country. Even though you find these tasks difficult you still do complete them with a smile on your face while giving 100%. Koia kei a koe!

TKM: Georgia - Georgia is a supportive, caring person. She has the most positive attitude and is a joy to be around! She is a role model for others and regularly volunteers to help anyone who needs support. We really enjoy her love of reading and the books she often brings to school to share with others. Thank you for being so kind and thoughtful Georgia.

TKA: Molly D - Molly, you are a bright and cheerful member of the kete. You are a helpful, thoughtful, and kind person, always helping friends, teachers and anyone who asks. You go out of your way to step up for extra responsibilities and always lead by example for others to follow. You have a positive attitude and do everything with a smile! Koia kei a koe for showing atawhai.

TKT: Yasmeen - Yasmeen can always be relied on to brighten our days with her bright smile and positive attitude. She strives to be kind and helpful to all those around her. She regularly demonstrates leadership skills and take on new challenges. Your presence in class is appreciated by us all.

STAFF: Mrs Orr - Mrs Orr has a special way about supporting the other members of TKW. She always has a 'check in' start to her team meetings and does her very best to support them in their role. Thank you for showing atawhai to your colleagues Tracey.

SPECIAL AWARD: Rei O - Rei had her heart set on making the interschool cross country team this year. When she was out running the school cross country course last week, she came up to a friend who had fallen and was upset. Rei selflessly chose to stop and support her friend, rather than just running on. Thank you for showing atawhai in this way Rei. You should be very proud of yourself - we are proud of your kindness.

Wishing everyone a great weekend.

Ngā mihi nui
Lin Dixon

Yummy Sticker Collection

We are collecting the yummy stickers until the end of Term 3. Please collect and bring them in to school!

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

EAT YUMMY APPLES FOR NEW SPORTS GEAR FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

Collect the stickers from Yummy Apples and cut-outs from 1.5kg bags of Yummy Apples for your school's share of sports gear worth **\$200,000**

* **RUNS THROUGH TO END OF TERM 3**

EATING HEALTHY FOR COOL SPORTS GEAR SINCE 1998...

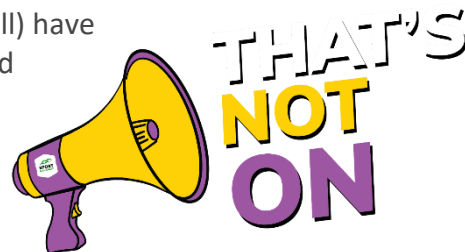
Yummy Apples at
NEW WORLD
PAK'nSAVE



Sport

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 School welcome to **Kirill** and **Roshni** that have joined us in Waka. We hope you have a fantastic time at school!

Maggie - For fantastic contributions to class discussions.

Eli - For blending sounds when reading new words.

Blythe - For quickly completing quality work and then helping others

Freya - For stepping up and trying her best with her work

Cooper - For the amazing progress you are starting to make in literacy. Tino pai.

Caleb - For trying hard with your numbers in maths.

Luke - For sharing your special book with us.

Clyde - For always showing wonderful mat manners and for working super hard in workshops. Kā pai.

Lucy - For always striving to be the best you can be and for having wonderful mat manners. Kā rawe

Te Kete Pounamu

Eliza - For counting on from the biggest number.

Rose - For counting on from the biggest number.

Vasiliy - For understanding how many were hiding in our place value task.

Henry - For putting detail into his weekend recount.

Daeun - For adding detail to her weekend recount.

Carter - You have come back from holiday all ready to learn.

Ameerah - For creating a great picture plan for her writing.

Anna W - You have come back from holiday ready to learn.

Zoe - For using her spelling rules accurately in her dictated sentence.

Te Kete Manawa

Madisyn and **Taylah** - For being helpful reliable buddies.

Ajay - For stepping up and working hard to improve in writing and maths!

Oliver and **Charlotte T** - Awesome ideas in your maths workshop.

Carlos, Lucy, Jessica, Afo, Lorenzo - Amazing map work with clear directions.

Te Kete Aronui

Olivia S - For working hard during literacy to ensure all your tasks are completed.

Minoo - For great focus during independent tasks in Literacy and Maths.

Harrison - For confidently sharing your knowledge and ideas during Literacy.

Ruixin - For stepping up and participating in Literacy class.

Charlie - For showing greater focus during Literacy and self-management to ensure task completion.

Lucas - For your speedy recall of all your times tables.

Titus - For great recall of your multiplication facts.

Joshpreet - For articulating your Maths thinking clearly.

Emma - For your organisation and work ethic during independent tasks.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Madisyn - Writing an excellent information report.

Molly - Super work in her writing, crafting super reports on Lions and Komodo Dragons.

James - Always showing manawanui and stepping up in class. He can always be relied upon to show the STRIVE Values.

Ruby - Being an invaluable member of our kete. Bringing in plants, helping with duties and generally just being an awesome person.

Emerson - Emerson has taken the lead and created some Bike Laws for the school to keep our kids happy and safe. He has also shown enthusiasm in science and wants to find out more.

Ella F - For Showing enthusiasm for learning and embracing challenges in Maths.

Felicity - For including quotation marks and commas correctly in her sentence word with amazing presentation.

Connor T/H - For going up in reading and showing he understands what he reads.

Catherine - An outstanding job learning and teaching how the moon phases are made.

Community Notices



**Daffodil Day - Friday 25
August 2023**

We Need Your Help!

- We need collectors to help raise much needed funds!
- Great experience to add to your CV and for leadership positions
- Genuinely help those in our community with cancer

To register as a Manawatu Centre volunteer email Hayley Puketapu on Hayley.Puketapu@cancercd.org.nz or call **027 212 0169**

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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SUPPORT LOCAL - EAT SUPER FRESH - SUPPORT COMMUNITY

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.

www.palmyparentandchildexpo.co.nz

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PALMERSTON NORTH

MOTHERS MATTER



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



PAPAIOEA PALMERSTON NORTH CITY