

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 16th of June 2023

Important Upcoming Events 2023

21 June	Kī o rahi tournament for selected TKT ākonga
23 June	9am Whole school assembly - TKP sharing their learning
26 June	Y 4-6 Kapa Haka ākonga to Te Pae Tamariki (Regent Theatre)
26 June	1.30pm Soup preparation (see details below)
27 June	5pm - Te Aō Māori Evening combined with our Whānau hui. SAVE THIS DATE. School event, school uniform please
30 June	Last day of term 2
17 July	First day of Term 3
21 July	Mid-year reports home in bags this afternoon
25 July	Celebrating Learning evening 5.30 - 6.30pm (surnames A - L)
27 July	Celebrating Learning evening 5.30 - 6.30pm (surnames M - Z)

SAVE THIS DATE
SCHOOL CENTENARY - 5TH AND 6TH APRIL 2024

Hokowhitu School celebrates its 100th anniversary next year. A committee has been formed to start the planning process. Spread the word to any ex-pupils/colleagues who you think may be interested in attending.

More details to come. Watch the newsletter, keep an eye on the school website - registration details to come.



Update from the Principal

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

At our meeting this week, the Board started to unpack the responses received in our recent community consultation. Over the coming weeks I will share responses to specific questions - so everyone can see what most people thought.

1. Our current mission statement as guiding philosophy for our school is 'Torongia ki ti kihi ō te maunga - striving to get to the top of the mountain'. 75% of ALL respondents thought it appropriate or highly appropriate and 9% thought it inappropriate. The remainder were neutral.
Our Māori whānau responded similarly with 75% thinking it appropriate or highly appropriate and 11% thinking it inappropriate.
2. In response to 'how appropriate do you feel our current 'STRIVE' values are for shaping our school community?' 86% of ALL respondents thought them either appropriate or highly appropriate, 10% thought them inappropriate and the remainder were neutral.
Our Māori whānau responded similarly with 85% of responses rating them appropriate or highly appropriate, and 11% inappropriate.

These responses give us a clear direction to continue developing and fostering these values and statements. Thank you. Next week I will share some more results with you.

TE AŌ MĀORI HUI - 27th June at 5pm - starting in the hall

We are excited to be offering an evening to celebrate Te Aō Māori (all things Māori), combined with our very important Whānau Hui (this was postponed last term).

Kapa Haka will perform for us, each kete will have activities for you to enjoy with the tamariki, there will be hot soup and bread rolls on offer, whānau will be warmly welcomed to 'drop into' the staffroom and share your ideas about the things we are doing well for our Māori ākongā and the things you'd like to see us do more of or introduce.

We'd love everyone to come to this celebration - the staff would welcome you coming into each kete to enjoy the activities they have prepared.

We will gladly accept a donation of a soup vegetable (eg carrot, pumpkin, potato, leek, celery etc) to add to our soup stock - these can be sent to school at the end of next week or on the Monday before our hui on Tuesday. If you can loan us your crockpot or soup ladle, please let your child's whānau teacher know (and ensure they are clearly named when you bring them into school).

A note came home this week inviting you to make a vegetable donation and also asking for assistance to prepare the vegetables on the Monday afternoon before the hui on Tuesday. Please check school bags if you haven't seen it.

SCHOOL UNIFORM - FOOTWEAR

Our school uniform requests that the tamariki wear '**black or brown footwear that is school sensible**'.

We are noticing an increasing number of 'unsuitable' shoes being worn to school.

For example, crocs are not considered school sensible (and the gibbitz/charms are targets to go missing), neither are 'heelies'.

Plain black sneaker type footwear is perfect as it is suited to PE activities too. Please ensure velcro closures if your child cannot tie their own laces.

Our recent community consultation survey indicated a strong preference for maintaining a school uniform (78% of respondents thought it either important or highly important, and a further 15% didn't mind either way), so please support this by ensuring your tamariki come to school in the correct school uniform. Thank you.

KĪ O RAHI TOURNAMENT

Next Wednesday we have two teams competing in this tournament. Congratulations and best wishes for a great day!

It was lovely to host 2 sports teams from Winchester School this week - a great warm-up/practise session for all the tamariki.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Teachers have been busy completing mid-year assessments and are continuing to write reports. Reports will come home at the end of Week 1 of next term. (The only children not receiving a mid-year report are those children in their first year of school who have recently had or will soon be having either a 6 week or 6-month interview with your child's whānau teacher).

The following week we will be holding Celebrating Learning evenings - inviting you to come into school with your tamariki and see and hear more about their learning. As usual there is the opportunity to speak with each of the teachers that works with your child, not just their whānau teacher.

Wishing everyone a fantastic weekend.

Ngā mihi nui

Lin Dixon



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.

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.

Yummy Sticker Collection

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



PUANGA
WHAKAMĀNAWA

Come celebrate the Māori new year with whānau and friends

14 JULY / HŌNGONGOI | 3 - 7.30PM
TAIKAHERE - PIT LANE
CENTRAL ENERGY TRUST ARENA

Kapa haka | Music | Kai | Storytelling | Games | Bouncy castles

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Achievement Awards



Te Kete Wakahuia

Brodie - Super improvement with handwriting - Tino pai!

Myra - You are becoming so strong and courageous Myra.

Lusion - For coming into school with a smile on his face.

George - For trying hard to write his name independently.

Ungatea - For helping to keep our classroom nice and tidy. Thank you Unga!

Vivaan - For working hard in maths.

Hunter - For always showing enthusiasm for learning and always striving to do your best.

Finley - For always showing enthusiasm for learning and for being a kind friend.

Sadie - For showing atawhai towards others in need and for being a responsible role model in Huia.

Te Kete Pounamu

Adam - For arriving at school and getting ready for learning.

Harper - For counting on and back from teen numbers.

Cici - For counting on and back from teen numbers.

Lohan D - For being a role model and friend to his peers.

Eugene - For having greater fluency when reading.

Yuleena - For rounding numbers to the nearest 10.

Noah - For reading with excellent fluency and comprehension.

Te Kete Manawa

Congratulations to our Top 30 winners: **Ruby, Jamie.**

Ranvir - Great resilience, managing work with a broken finger.

Henry - For being a great help and for improved bookwork.

Alex, Georgia, Imogen, Isla, Grace - For amazing perspective art.

Isabella, Tilley - For brilliant follow up work from your workshop.

Edward - For persevering with your Keynote presentation to make it 'spot on'.

Lorenzo, Rohan - For wonderful coordinate skills in Battleship.

Te Kete Aronui

Ava K - For working hard to achieve your STRIVE goal.

Johanna - For working well as a team member to research all about dragonflies.

Tyler - For always trying your hardest with the spelling rules and book presentation.

Richard - For great concentration and teamwork during inquiry.

Molly SK - For a great effort with instantly recalling number knowledge facts.

Hasan - For showing greater independence and focus whilst working on your task card.

Fin - For working well in a team during inquiry.

Kiara - For great research on the Dragonfly during Inquiry.

Tristan - For persevering in maths when working with coordinates.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Xavier - Excellent improvement in Word Study.

Te Kohi - Brilliant presentation in her bookwork.

Cooper - Great skills in Ki o Rahi.

Felix H - For showing respect and Manawanui.

Luke - Excellent improvement in Word Study.

Seojun - Great improvement in Number knowledge.

Riley - For showing enthusiasm in maths.

Yena - For brilliant improvement in word study.

Luka - For awesome artwork and inspiring others.

Community Notices

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!

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STUDIOS

School Holiday Program



3rd - 7th July 8.30am - 5.30pm daily

Ages 5-11+ years
Dance, Crafts, Activities and more

For more information please email admin@danceworks.co.nz
or see our website <https://www.danceworks.co.nz>



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