

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 11th of August 2023

Important Upcoming Events 2023

15 August	Chess tournament for selected team
17 August	Mathex competition for selected Year 5 and 6 students
18 August	9am Whole school assembly - TKT sharing their learning. All welcome
25 August	Daffodil day
1 September	9am Whole school assembly - TKA sharing their learning. All welcome
5 September	Cluster Performing Arts Festival
6 September	Ballot for out of zone enrolments
7 September	5.30pm Board meeting - staffroom
8 September	Market Day
15 September	9am Whole school assembly - TKM sharing their learning. All welcome
18 - 22 September	Book Week
22 September	Dress as your favourite Book Character Day Last day of Term 3
9 October	First day of Term 4

Please also look out for kete newsletters - these include specific dates/events for that kete.

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.



Update from the Principal

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

Congratulations and thank you to the student council for their mahi and support at last Friday night's disco. Over 300 tamariki attended between the two events! We also had some very supportive parents - I thank you for your help in both preparation and support 'on the night'.

BALLOT FOR OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS- 6th September

We have 2 vacancies for out of zone enrolments at each of Years 2/3/4/5/6 for Term 4 of this year. We are also accepting requests for enrolment for out of zone tamariki turning 5 in Terms 1 or 2 of next year. A ballot (if needed) will be held on the 6th of September.

If you know someone who lives 'out of zone' who would like to attend our kura, please encourage them to collect and complete an enrolment form and return it before the 4th of September.

This applies to siblings of current pupils too. Please DO NOT assume we will know when they will be turning 5 and expect us to hold a place for them. Our Board is committed to keeping siblings together, however we do need to have the application in before ballot time, so we don't give their space away to someone else.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

Further analysis of the recent survey -

How satisfied are you with the current arrangements for dropping off and picking up your child/children at their kete?

Responses from **all** respondents indicated 78% satisfied, 14% neutral and 7% unsatisfied
Responses from our Māori respondents indicated 72% satisfied, 17% neutral and 10% unsatisfied.

How satisfied are you with the current split time at the end of the school day?

Responses from all respondents indicated 59% satisfied, 31% neutral and 10% unsatisfied.
Responses from our Māori respondents indicated 48% satisfied, 31% neutral and 20% unsatisfied.

How important is it to you that Hokowhitu School has a school uniform?

78% of all respondents thought it important, 15% were neutral and 7% thought it unimportant.
62% of our Māori respondents thought it important, 31% were neutral and 7% thought it unimportant.

How supportive would you be of changing to a gender-neutral school uniform?

44% of all respondents were supportive, 34% neutral and 22% unsupportive.
48% of Māori respondents were supportive, 38% neutral and 13% unsupportive.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate in this survey last term. I will continue to share responses in the coming weeks.

In addition to sharing these results, we are also looking closely to see if there are patterns and/or areas that we can strengthen further.

BASIC FACT-A-THON

This took place yesterday - it was great to see the increased confidence and speed for the tamariki who have clearly been practising their sheets over recent weeks.

The number of correct answers has been recorded by the kaiako (teachers) and returned home for collection of the \$ pledged. All forms and money need to be back at school by Monday 21st August, and handed directly to the child's whānau teacher.

Thanks to everyone who supported the learning and fundraising. Funds raised currently are being ring-fenced to support the Board with updating our senior playground.

2024 TERM DATES

At last week's Board meeting the calendar dates for our school for next year were confirmed.

Term 1: Thursday 1st February - 12th April 2024

Term 2: 29th April - 5th July 2024

Term 3: 22nd July - 27th September 2024

Term 4: 14th October - Wednesday 18th December 2024

KIND HEARTS DAY

On Wednesday a lucky group of Year 5 students had the opportunity to attend the Kind Hearts Day at the Awapuni Racecourse. They watched improv acting from Spontaneous, listened to motivational speakers and danced and sang along with many other schools in the Manawatu region. Some great takeaway advice from footy star and boxer David Letele "Greatness comes from failure, so get out there and start failing". Big Lou from the NZ Police told us "Your mind is the most powerful computer you have control of, so stay positive and look after it". Huge thank you for our parents' help. What a great afternoon of sharing wisdom and kindness.



Ngā mihi nui
Lin Dixon

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 will be out in the coming days.





Sport

Basketball

Hokowhitu Shooters - The Shooters played a great game this week, winning 10-2 against the Parkland Dunkers. Our team has been having a great season, showing great skill improvement, teamwork, and winning most of their games. Well done team! It's great to see you loving playing basketball. Keep up the great work! Thanks to the coaches Whaea Bree and Justin Coker.

Coaches/Managers - If you would like details in the newsletter, please email to office@hokowhitu.school.nz no later than Thursday.

Netball (6 aside) - Years 5 & 6 (girls & boys)

We need a couple more players for Netball to go ahead. The children don't have to have played before. Try something new! **LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER - Monday 14th 3pm!**

This will be played on Monday nights beginning the 4th of September at Vautier Park (Outside).

Times: 4-5pm or 5-6pm. Price \$40 this includes uniform hire.

Volleyball - Years 4, 5 & 6 - We require 2 more players please

Volleyball is being offered in term 4 this year for years 4-6 students.

It will be held on Thursdays at Arena 3 on Pascal Street

A team consists of minimum of 4 with a maximum of 8 in one team.

Season will begin Thursday 19th October (**Week 2 Term 4**) for 7-9 weeks (depending on entries)

Games will be from 3:40pm

Fee for season is \$35 per player

Registrations will close on 18th August - 3pm, NO late entries will be accepted.

Touch Rugby - ALL AGES (We only have 2 teams under 8 - Yrs 1-3 & Under 12 - Yrs 4-6)

Games are played on Fridays at Monrad Park in Term 4.

Game times are from 3.30-7.00pm

The competition will commence on 13th October - 1st December (8 Weeks).

Children will play in grades according to their year group (age) and teams will be mixed gender.

Registrations close - Friday 25th August at 3pm. NO late entries will be accepted.

Summer Hockey

The competition will run after school for 6 weeks from the 24th of October to 30 November 2023.

Years 1-4 - TUESDAY nights - **Registrations close - Friday 25th August at 3pm. NO late entries will be accepted.**

Years 5-6 - WEDNESDAY night - Due to a high number of registrations this will now close on **MONDAY the 14th of AUGUST at 3pm.**

Cost for years 1-2 \$25

Cost for years 3-6 \$30

No coaches are needed to run practices but just to sub on and off the field on the night of the game.

PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR THE KINDO LINK TO REGISTER FOR YOUR SELECTED SPORT & 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 **Arlo**, **Zia** and **Willow** who have joined us in Waka this week. We hope you have a great time at Hokowhitu School!

Cyrus - For sharing all your wonderful ideas and knowledge

Blake - For fantastic progress in literacy - Ka rawe Blake!

Blythe - For fantastic progress in maths and literacy - Ka rawe!

Lusion - For trying hard to learn our dance routines and for his enthusiasm!

Joshua - For working so hard on your basic facts at home and at school. Tino pai.

Luke - For being a super star in your maths workshops.

James - For working hard in your workshops and focusing well. Ka Pai!

Nina - for focusing well in literacy workshops and decoding very tricky words. Ka pai!

Te Kete Pounamu

Junoo - For quick recall of your basic facts.

Adi - For riding a two-wheel bike!

Huatahi - For being a great decoder during reading.

Ameerah - For using her phoneme fingers correctly.

Doha - For always completing your literacy follow ups.

Kinza - For improving your handwriting.

Paxton - For your perfect handwriting.

Te Kete Manawa

Alex - For your positive attitude towards your mahi.

Mila L - For the atawhai you show towards members of TKM.

Mason O - For excellent work during art with Mrs Easton.

Mila P - For fantastic collaboration in our current events quiz.

Harry - For excellent teamwork in our mathex quiz.

Te Kete Aronui

Dominic - Great thinking and strategies during our fractions workshop.

Danie - For sharing your answers and ideas confidently with your literacy group.

Sahar - For the positive way you approach learning and share your ideas with others!

Harrison - For showing great observation skills when looking at our solutions and mixtures during science.

Jaxson - For persevering with learning your basic facts and aiming to get a better score every time!

Olivia S - For persevering with learning your basic facts and aiming to get a better score every time!

Willa - For showing kindness to Big Lou, the police officer at the Kind Hearts Day.

Emma - For sharing your ideas and knowledge confidently during literacy.

Alex - For your enthusiasm with speech writing.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Ava M - For stepping up and helping other students in their learning.

Darshan - Stepping up and working hard on learning his basic facts.

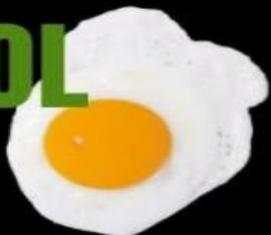
Wonil - For being proud to share about your culture! Can't wait to hear your speech.

Haylee - For being a good friend and showing kindness to others.

Billy - For stepping up and filling in for duties because he can be trusted and relied upon.

Rylan - For being enthusiastic and excited when learning about chemical reactions.

Yuna - For thinking about time management when answering Mathex questions at training.



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SHUTTLE TIME



NEW ZEALAND

Shuttle Time is a worldwide programme that aims to give kids of all ages & abilities an enjoyable & accessible badminton experience. Get your kids involved in the world's fastest growing racquet sport!

This programme is for children 7 – 18 years.
The Merit/Bronze class is perfect for beginners, while Silver/Gold progress in level & are perfect for aspiring Rep players or anyone wanting to develop their skills.

COST: \$50 (\$40 for LAC Students)

For more information about Shuttle Time, visit www.bwfshuttletime.com

For enquiries about the programme and to register your child, contact Josh Curry
josh@manawatubadminton.org.nz, or 02102435085

Shuttle Time Merit & Bronze/Silver/Gold Classes

Time: Thursdays,
Merit/Bronze 4-4.45pm
Silver/Gold 4.45-5.30pm

Venue: Longburn Adventist College Gym,
100 Walkers Rd

Date: August 10th – Sept 21st (7 sessions)



Music lessons for children aged 4 - 13

OPEN DAY

Saturday, 2nd Sept 9:00am - 11:30am
Palmerston North Intermediate School

We teach the following instruments:

cello, choir, clarinet, drums, flute, french horn, guitar, ukulele, junior flute (fife), keyboard, music basics, orchestra, recorder, saxophone, trombone, trumpet and violin.

Enrol for 2024!

www.saturdaymusic.org.nz

Email: contact@saturdaymusic.org.nz

Dr. Seuss's
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IN THE HAT**

LIVE ON STAGE IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

September 25
Regent on
Broadway

www.ticketek.co.nz
www.catinthehatlive.com



Sunday Sept 10th

Victoria Esplanade
Palmerston North

Enter Online Only
www.ibike4kids.co.nz

A fun event for kids who love being out on their bikes

CLASSICS WEEK

Celebrating 50 Years of Classical Studies at Massey University

Exploring Ancient Greece & Rome

Wednesday 9 August

Jump into Classics with Jumping Jellybeans / 10am (Central Library)

Thursday 10 August

Baby Bop Bounces Back to the Past / 10am (Central Library)

Lib Lab: Ancient Times Come Alive / 3:45pm (Central Library)

Saturday 12 August / 1 - 3:30 pm

Family Activity Afternoon (Central Library) Including:

Rock Painting - Classical Designs

Tabletop Games - from the Ancient World

Greek & Roman Quiz, Greek & Roman School

Photo Booth, Treasure Hunt

Sunday 13 August

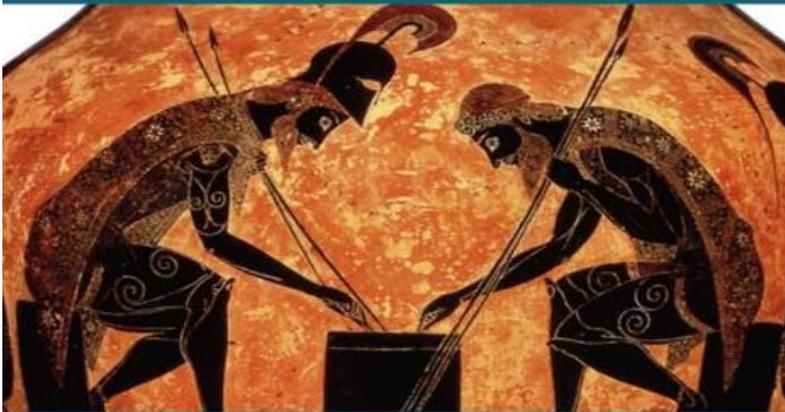
Greek Dancing / 2 - 3 pm (Youth Space)

Greek Cooking Demonstration (Adult) / 4 - 7 pm (Youth Space)

Limited numbers for cooking demo - registrations essential at:

genny.vella@pncc.govt.nz or 027 292 9965

7 - 13 August Palmerston City Library



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CHILDREN'S AUDITIONS

200-300 Children needed
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Saturday 16th September
For further information or to register an audition
please visit our Facebook Page



**\$80
PER TEAM**

**QUIZ
TIME**

**TEAMS OF
4-6 PEOPLE**



**Support our Manawatū Artistic
Roller Skaters going to the World Champs**

Lily Patete - Junior World Champs, Colombia

Ben Shirley - Figure World Cup, Germany

Phoenix Reid - Senior World Champs Colombia &
Figure World Cup, Germany

Create a team and join us!

7.00pm, Wednesday 6 September

Hockey Manawatū Clubrooms, Manawaroa St, PN

Snacks Provided - Bar Available - Raffle

Spot Prizes - Great Community Support

Mystery Bottle Auction* - Prizes for winners

**Each team please bring a mystery bottle for the auction*

Only 20 team tables available - Bring cash for auctions, raffle, etc

How to Register your team:

Scan the QR Code to access the google form:

Or Fill in the google form: <https://forms.gle/13kDSGAY3xWodh719>

Or Email for details: nicolablackler@gmail.com

Payment to be made to the following account before the night:

Kiwibank - N J Blackler - 38-9004-0874259-00 Reference: Team Name

If you are an individual wishing to join a team please email for details

