

## HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2023

### Important Upcoming Events 2023

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| <b>13 June</b> | 5.30pm Board meeting, Everyone welcome   |
| <b>23 June</b> | 9am Whole school assembly - TKP sharing their learning                         |
| <b>26 June</b> | Y 4-6 Kapa Haka ākonga to Te Pae Tamariki (Regent Theatre)                     |
| <b>27 June</b> | 5pm - Te Aō Māori Evening combined with our Whānau hui. <b>SAVE THIS DATE.</b> |
| <b>30 June</b> | Last day of term 2   |
| <b>17 July</b> | First day of Term 3  |
| <b>21 July</b> | Mid-year reports home in bags this afternoon                                   |
| <b>25 July</b> | Celebrating Learning evening 5.30 - 6.30pm (surnames A - L)                    |
| <b>27 July</b> | Celebrating Learning evening 5.30 - 6.30pm (surnames M - Z)                    |

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**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

Sadly, I need to let our school community know that Gaylene Thompson passed away suddenly last weekend. Miss T as she was fondly known by the children, started MANY children on their learning journey here at Hokowhitu School over many years. Gaylene had great passion and patience - and will be fondly remembered by lots of ex (and current) pupils, parents, and colleagues at our kura. We had staff representation at the service to celebrate Gaylene's life and achievements.

### COMMUNITY SURVEY

The lucky winners of our family passes for Cloud 9 were drawn at this morning's assembly. Congratulations to **Ruby and Rita R, Anne L and James D/H** - happy bouncing!!!

### INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to each of the runners selected to represent our school at Wednesday's event. Everyone sends their top cross-country runners and so it is a very challenging competition. Special congratulations go to **Yuna** who took **2nd** place and **Yena** who finished **13th** place overall in the Year 6 girls' race. Our **Year 6 girls** team also placed second overall.



### TE AO MAORI HUI - 27th June at 5pm

We are excited to be offering an evening to celebrate Te Aō Māori (all things Māori), combined with our very important Whānau Hui (that 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 ākonga 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.

In the week before the hui we will be inviting you to send in a vegetable or soup ingredient - the tamariki will be involved in preparing the kai. TKA has offered to host the 'soup kitchen' in the evening and will have lots of crock pots of delicious soup (and bread rolls) for you to enjoy.

## **FROZEN COOKIE FUNDRAISER**

Thank you so much to the fantastic team who helped out with the sorting and distribution of the cookies yesterday - it was really pleasing to have such a good turnout! This was a hugely successful fundraiser - we made a profit of \$4,300.00.

Ka pai to everyone who bought and/or sold cookies too - happy munching!  
Special thanks to Amy Westergaard who spearheaded this fundraiser.

## **REPORTING TO PARENTS**

Teachers have been busy completing mid-year assessments and are starting to write reports. Reports will come home at the end of Week 1 of Term 3. (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.

## ***ATAWHAI AWARDS***

It was my pleasure to present the following people with their atawhai (kindness) awards at this morning's assembly.

**TKW: Brodie C** - Thank you for showing kaitiaki in our classroom. You help tidy up, put the recycling in the correct bins and help others with their belongings. You see the funny side of the situation and are willing to ask questions to help you with your learning. We love seeing your bright smile in our class every day. Thank you for being such a fantastic role model in Waka!

**TKP: Vasiliy L** - You strive both in the classroom and outside the classroom. You are really good at helping your friends when they are stuck with their learning. You show enthusiasm for learning and never give up. You are one tough nut! Tino pai, keep being a leader in TKP.

**TKM: Taylah D** - You are an incredibly empathetic and kind member of TKM. You are a supportive friend and take initiative with your learning. You are an important part of our TKM whānau with your gentle and quiet nature. Thank you for being the fabulous role model that you are!

**TKA: Isabella H** - You demonstrate genuine kindness and compassion towards others. Your selfless actions have a positive impact on those around you. We are lucky to have you in Te Kete Aronui. Thank you for showing atawhai.

**TKT: Darshan R** - We love having you in TKT. You show great care for all of the members of our team. You show kindness by always being the first person to volunteer to do any job in the kete or help others. When talking to people you show a genuine interest in who you are talking to, asking them questions and listening to their ideas. Every day you have a wonderful smile and bring great positivity to our space. Darshan thank you for being kind.

**STAFF: Miss Caldwell** - Miss Caldwell shows atawhai every single day with her warm greetings and huge smile. She works very hard to make sure she is meeting the needs of her ākongā too. Thank you for showing atawhai in this way Ang.

Wishing everyone a lovely 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.

### **Basketball**

**Hokowhitu Shooters** - Last week we played the College Street Suns and had our first win (8-2). Our player of the day was **Rohan**, for never giving up even when he got hurt! Well done everyone!

Last night we had our second win for Hokowhitu Shooters! We played West End Warriors and won 10-4. Everyone played exceptionally well and worked as a team! Congratulations to **Jaxson M** for getting player of the day, you worked hard and included all your team mates!

**Hokowhitu Jets** - Last week we played Milson. It was a fast paced game with plenty of breakaway goals scored. Player of the day was **Nixon**.

Last night the Hokowhitu Jets played an amazing second half game. They kept the other team scoreless and were outstanding in defence. Player of the day was **Emerson** for always being open and available to be able to pass to under the hoop.

**Coaches/Managers** - If you would like any awards or photos in the newsletter, please email them through to [office@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:office@hokowhitu.school.nz)

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### *Ways you can contact the office when your child/children will be absent or late -*

**Email** - [office@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:office@hokowhitu.school.nz)

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

**App** - [https://schoolappsnz.co.nz/login/](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.

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## *Yummy Sticker Collection*

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



# Achievement Awards



## Te Kete Wakahuia

**Tanish** - For being brave and following our class and school routines.

**Alex** - For stepping up in the classroom and supporting others.

**Zuhain** - For being a great superstar this week.

**Asher** - For super maths work.

A big welcome to the new students in Huia this week: **Maggie, Ava, James L, Baoyu, Frankie, Harkamal, Eli, James D/H.**

**Aaden** - For working hard on your heart words at home and at school.

**Delenaa** - For working on the formation of your letters. Tino pai.

**Jaxxon** - For super reading skills.

**Mehar** - For showing wonderful mat manners and for showing confidence in sharing her news with the class.

**Malone** - For being brave and sharing his ideas in front of the class.

## Te Kete Pounamu

A warm welcome to our new students: **Emma, Liana, Zara, Benny, Dylan.**

**Lachie** - For learning a new maths game off seesaw.

**Harley** - For passing stage 4 in your number knowledge maths test.

**Griffin** - For a passing stage 4 in your number knowledge maths test.

**Paikea** - For writing a great recount of your long weekend.

**Mia** - For an amazing piece of weather art.

**Anna S** - For reading with greater fluency.

**Landon** - For reading with greater fluency.

**Madi** - For imaging addition and subtraction to 20.

## Te Kete Manawa

Congratulations to our Top 30 winners: **Rylan, Afokoula** and **Tilley.**

**Muhammad** - For lovely manners and a cheery good morning for his teachers.

**Ali** - For sharing at literacy workshops.

**Imogen D** - Wonderful focus on her independent work.

**Zareesh** - A superstar in our kete who shows fantastic initiative.

**Charlotte G** - A fabulous love and enthusiasm for learning.

## Te Kete Aronui

**Elijah** - For making good progress with your number knowledge.

**Max** - For a good effort with your coordinates in Maths. Keep it up!

**Chase** - For making great progress with your number knowledge.

**Schalk** - For a great improvement and effort with reading.

**Danie** - For making good progress with your number knowledge.

**Madisyn** - For persevering with your artwork to produce a fantastic final piece.

**Flynn** - For making an effort to focus during learning time.

**Isabella** - For making good progress with your number knowledge.

**Jacob** - For persevering with your new situation and showing independence and determination!

## Te Kete Tangaroa

**Lily D** - For great fluent reading with excellent comprehension.

**Ava M** - For working hard in word study and writing.

**Yasmeen** - For excellence in reading.

**Renee** - For excellent presentation and focus during independent tasks.

**Samuel** - For going up a level in reading

**Ava S** - For making progress in maths and reading.

**Kate** - For making notes and writing them in her own words

**Bilal** - Excellent compound sentences in sentence work.

**Jayden** - For working on his goal and practising reading at home.

## Community Notices

### HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

Awatapu College has been hosting international students from some 15 different countries for about 30 years. **We urgently require short-term homestay families** to host our students who arrive in July-August for Term 3. We have students arriving for 3 nights, 9 nights and others for 3-10 weeks. There is a remuneration of \$280.00 per week or \$40.00 per night.

Would you be able to help us by hosting a student? Being a homestay family is a rewarding experience and an excellent opportunity to discover new cultures and languages. We provide 24-hour support for both the homestay family and the international student.

Could you please welcome an international student into your home to give them a 'Kiwi' experience? If you can, please contact our team at [homestay@awatapu.school.nz](mailto:homestay@awatapu.school.nz) or give us a call at 0276020220 / 0274995478

**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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