

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

15 February	5.30pm Board meeting
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11 February 2022

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

Thank you for the effort so many of you are making to have your child arriving at school no earlier than 8.30am in the mornings. We have staff ready at the meet and greet points at this time and the tamariki can come on into the classroom and get ready for the day.

Safety at school under RED traffic light settings. School is open and everyone is expected to attend

We have been instructed by the MOE to take all possible steps to avoid large groups of people mixing. We have created different break times for various kete, different play zones, and we are not undertaking any 'whole school' events or even events that mix the kete groups up.

You can play your part in the following ways:

- Ensure that we have current contact details. Please return the slip that came home last week if you haven't already done so.
- Complete the brief on-line survey regarding your capability for 'home based learning'. [Capability for home based learning survey](#)
- Please DO NOT leave your child unattended waiting for the 8.30am bell. We are not allowing anyone into buildings before 8.30am and we do not want them mixing with other children who may not be in the same kete.
- Please do not enter school buildings unless it is ESSENTIAL - you must come through the office first and complete sign in procedures. We need to have accurate contact track and trace systems in case they are needed.
- Drinking fountains are turned off, please bring a drink bottle (this can be refilled in the classroom).
- TKW and TKP pick up time is 2.45pm unless you have made a specific arrangement with the teacher for a 3pm pick up. Older siblings will be released at the same time.
- Children from Year 4 - 6 are required to wear a mask indoors (you can be sure we give them lots of mask breaks during the day). Year 3's in TKM are encouraged to wear a mask too.
- If your child has symptoms of a cold, please do not send them to school. We are required to send them home if they are unwell.

As indicated in last week's newsletter, the Board are sharing our COVID RESPONSE STAGES to give you an indication of possible actions should the school have a significant number of students/staff away either isolating or unwell. Please see the explanation and outline here. [Letter from Board and our COVID RESPONSE STAGES](#)

2022 PART-TIME TEACHING STAFF AND SUPPORT STAFF

Last week we introduced you to the full time teaching team. This week it gives me pleasure to name the rest of the team.

TEACHERS	ADMIN	LEARNING COACHES
Ms Gwenna Finikin - ESOL/Support Mrs Jo Mullinger - CRT/ORS Mrs Merryn Hawkins - Release Mrs Michelle Mikkelsen - CRT Mrs Kathryn O'Connor - Release Mrs Liz Easton - CRT	Mrs Jen Bates - Office Manager Mrs Leanne Hughes - Office Assist Mrs Diane Wackrow - Office Assist Mr Steve Cooke - Caretaker Mrs Susan Janssen - Librarian	Mrs Susan Janssen Mrs Tabitha Prisk Mrs Tomoko Macdonald Mrs Emma Vekula Mrs Wendy Donnellan Mrs Nikki Christian Mrs Leanne Hughes Mrs Karen Douglas

Happy weekend everyone - see you all at 8.30am on Monday morning.

Ngā mihi

Lin Dixon

SPORT

Summer Hockey T1 2022

Years 0-4 play on Wednesdays - Year 5 & 6 Thursdays

Games begin from 3.45 - last game at 5.00.

Games will be played on Wednesdays - at The Twin Turfs - Beginning on the 23rd Feb - 30th March.

Games are played on a third of a full size turf and are 6 aside (12 minute halves).

\$20 per player.

Spectators will be required to show vaccine passes to enter the facility.

REGISTRATINS CLOSE THIS SUNDAY THE 13TH FEBRUARY

If you need a uniform, please make sure you put the Uniform Hire option in your cart.

Any queries please email a.guerin@hokowhitu.school.nz

Netball - Year 1 & 2

This is a 4 aside format played on MONDAY nights at Vautier Park. Times 3.45-4.45. The competition begins Monday 21st February and they will play for 6 weeks. The team will need a coach and the coach is expected to attend a coaching evening on 14th of February.

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 12TH FEBRUARY

If you need a uniform, please make sure you put the Uniform Hire option in your cart.

Any queries please email c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz





Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

A big welcome to the following children who have joined us in Waka ...**Vasiliy, Benny, Emma, Huatahi, Michael, Mia, Annie, Mason, Junoo, Adam, Inwoo, Pray, Liana, Dylan, Isla, Avyaan, Isaiah, Zara, Lennox, Ihaia, Muhammad Qasim** and **Ava**. We hope you and your whanau have a wonderful start at Hokowhitu School. Nau mai, haere mai.

A huge welcome to all the children who have joined us in Huia. A special welcome also to **Eleanor** and **Arman**. Welcome to Hokowhitu School! We have had a lovely start to the school year in Huia and we are excited for a fun and exciting year ahead. Nau mai, haere mai!

Te Kete Pounamu

A big welcome to the new families here at Hokowhitu school. What a fantastic start to the year we have had already.

Keep up the great work TKP.

Te Kete Manawa

Top 30 winners in week one and two are **Harrison** and **Dalia**.

A huge welcome to our new families, we look forward to meeting you all. Keep an eye out for our kete letter outlining important TKM information.


Te Kete Aronui

Welcome to Te Kete Aronui. A special welcome to all of our new families to Hokowhitu School. The kids have all had a great start and are doing really well with mask wearing! Thank you for your support in keeping each other safe. We do take regular breaks and go outside to give children a chance to remove their masks and breathe in the fresh air. We are looking forward to this exciting year ahead. Homework was sent home on Wednesday this week. Please check your child's bag if you have not seen it!

Te Kete Tangaroa


A massive welcome back to Te Kete Tangaroa. We have been so impressed with the great start the team has made this year. It has been brilliant seeing so many people showing Manawanui this week and stepping up in TKT. A special welcome to **Wernich** and **Max** who have joined us at Hokowhitu.





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SHUTTLE TIME

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 Cornerstone 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: Fridays,
Merit/Bronze 3.45-4.30pm
Silver/Gold 4.30-5.15pm

**Venue: Cornerstone
Christian School Gym, 119
Mihaere Drive**

**Date: Feb 18th – Mar 25th
(6 sessions)**





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9am – 1pm
Sunday

Street food

- Live music by local talent
- Artisan food stalls

Held 3rd Sunday of every month

20th
February
2022



For Information Contact Robin 027 283 6853

WELCOME TO THE MARIST “HOT SHOTS” TENNIS PROGRAMME!

Tennis played on kid’s terms!

Smaller courts and rackets! Softer tennis balls! A fun challenging programme with lots of friends! Thanks for checking out the award winning “Hot Shots” Coaching Programme at Marist. It is open to any junior player of any ability, 4 years and older. It is run by Manawatu’s #1 Tennis Coach and our head coach, John Salisbury (Big John).

The programme is a structured skill development programme which focuses on maximum participation and having fun, whilst teaching the fundamental skills of the game. The programme is delivered in 2 coloured stages. The children all move through each colour with skill drills and games which increase in complexity and movement.

It is a Saturday morning programme where we offer a 50-minute group lesson in Term 1 2022. It is a 5 week programme commencing on **Saturday 19th February 2022.**

- **Stage 1** - Red Squad (4-7 years) – **9am - 9.50am**
- **Stage 2** - Orange Squad (8+ years) – **10am – 10.50am**

To confirm your child’s place in the programme for Term 1 a \$95 fee is required. Payment can be made by internet banking.

For internet banking: 'MARIST TENNIS CLUB' ANZ: 01-0745-0198533-00 Reference: Child’s name. Could you also please email Big John confirming your child’s participation, colour squad and that payment has been made. PLEASE ENROL ASAP! (johnsalisbury@xtra.co.nz)

Don’t panic if you don’t have a racket, we have them for you to use free of charge until you are ready to purchase your own. Again, see Big John for a correct fitting, he will have them available to purchase at the coaching sessions. Rackets are approximately \$50 mark. We will provide the other equipment, just bring yourself and a friend and we will put you in a draw to win an awesome spot prize!!

The wet weather rule is to phone Big John before you leave home, if you are unsure if the coaching is on. Contact him on 0274 808 808. There is no cancellation on the radio for this programme.

The Marist “Hot Shot” Team
--Manawatu’s #1 Hot Shots Club!

Hot Shots Head Coach- Big John – Ph: 0274 808 808 email: johnsalisbury@xtra.co.nz