

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

We are having to make some tough decisions as MOE are asking that we continue to avoid events that involve large numbers of people.

21 February	Years 4, 5 & 6 Only Practice run of Triathlon (See below for more information)
22 February	Years 4, 5 & 6 Only Triathlon (See below for more information)
1 March	Years 1 & 2 Only Swimming display, Sorry no spectators
3 March	Years 3 & 4 Only Swimming Carnival, Sorry no spectators
4 March	Years 5 & 6 Only Swimming Carnival, Sorry no spectators

18 February 2022

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

Once again I must thank so many of you who diligently work your way through the newsletter and or class notices each week and complete the surveys/replies promptly. Sometimes it is hard to keep up with everything, so a quick reminder of current feedback we need from you.

1. Being able to get hold of you quickly in an emergency is really important, so please ensure we have current email and telephone contacts for you and your emergency contacts.
2. Please ensure you have let us know about your capability for 'home based learning' should this become necessary again this year. Please use this link if you have not completed this in the last week. [Capability for home based learning survey](#). It is not possible for us to accurately prepare without your input.
3. If you have a child/ren in either TKT or TKA, please ensure you have responded to the survey that was emailed to you earlier this week, asking you to give us your feedback about proceeding with camp in the week of the 4th - 8th April. We want everyone involved to share their opinion as this will guide the board in their decision making.
4. Should your child/ren test positive for COVID please advise me by email as soon as you possibly can. We can then start our processes. Please use l.dixon@hokowhitu.school.nz for this purpose.

The Board have shared 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](#)

BOARD UPDATE

Mr Tim Foss remains our Presiding Member (Chairperson) of the Hokowhitu School Board through to the election of a new board later this year.

Philip Steer, Rachel Buckley and Rafea Naffa are the other elected parent members of the board, Carlee Hodge is the staff representative and I am also a member in my Principal's role.

If you have an interest in learning more about what board members do in the governance role, please let me know. We are especially keen to have input from people with a passion for property/project management and/or cultural competence.

ATAWHAI AWARDS

The first recipients of our atawhai (kindness) awards for 2022 are:

TKW: Connor J - Connor you have had a fantastic start to the school year. You are continuously showing STRIVE and are a super role model for the rest of Huia. You have wonderful 'mat manners' and are a helpful, responsible member of TKW.

TKP: Zareesh F - Zareesh is gentle and kind towards others. She always shows respect towards her peers and adults alike and she enters the class with a cheerful greeting. Ka mau te wehi Zareesh!!

TKM: Hohua G/ H - Hohua may be a quiet member of the kete but gets noticed! He has modelled excellent behaviour in whanau gatherings and helps others by reminding them to do the same. He is quick to tidy up and is kind enough to help tidy up after others. Thank you for consistently showing us Atawhai.

TKA: Kayno F/P - Kayno, it has been wonderful seeing you step up into Te Kete Aronui. You have demonstrated kindness by helping around the classroom and looking for ways to help teachers. You have worked well by cooperating and sharing with others during group activities. Thank you for showing atawhai.

TKT: Rei O - Rei, you show great empathy for others. When people are away you take them under your wing and help them know where they are supposed to be and caught up. You are always willing to help out in class and show great fair play during games. Thank you for showing Atawhai.

STAFF: Mrs Longley - Mrs Longley showed great flexibility and kindness in agreeing to teach at a completely different level of the school this year. She is so very positive about the tamariki that she has seen grow and mature over the years here at school. Thank you for showing kindness in this way Liz.

I thank each and every one of you for helping to make our kura a great place to be.

MASKS

We are delighted with the way the tamariki in TKM, TKA and TKT have adapted to wearing a mask while indoors all day. We request that you consider a 'spare' mask in school bags in case they forget theirs one morning, or have a breakage or loss.

Thanks so much in anticipation of your ongoing support - we will always help out when a genuine need arises (but our supply of adult masks are not actually good fits on small faces).

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Dulux Main street for kindly donating paint for our house shields now up at the pool. Thank you Mrs Mullinger, it looks fantastic!

TRIATHLON

For all children in Years 4 - 6 our school triathlon is next week. Please ensure appropriate footwear, bikes/helmets and togs/towel are at school on Monday for the rehearsal. Bikes can remain at school on Monday evening, ready for the 'real thing' on Tuesday. **SORRY NO SPECTATORS!**

BALLOT FOR OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS

Do you have a child turning 5 in Terms 2, 3 or 4 of this year who is not yet pre-enrolled with us? Do you know of friends/whānau who may wish to attend our school? Now is the time to complete the paperwork.

We have some spaces in New Entrants and Years 2 and 3. The spaces at different levels occur when we have a number of families leaving the area and they happen to have been in the same age band as others.

The ballot (if required) for out of zone enrolments for the rest of 2022 is being held on the 21st March.

Please ensure that the enrolment form is completed and returned to the office by the 17th March - this includes siblings of children already attending our school (please don't assume we know to expect them).

Have a lovely weekend everyone - see you all at 8.30am on Monday morning.

Ngā mihi nui

Lin Dixon



SPORT

Netball

Year 3 and 4 netball began this week. We have had to combine with West End school due to numbers, however it's great that they are playing. Good luck to them this season.

Unfortunately, Year 1 and 2 netball has not gone ahead due to low numbers.

T-Ball


T-ball had their first game rained out. Good luck to them for this weekend.

Hockey


Hockey is starting next week, the children will receive all their team information and uniforms on Monday.

Coaches/Managers – If you would like results or photos put in the newsletter please send to office@hokowhitu.school.nz no later than Thursday please.

Parents/guardians can you please download the school app if you haven't already as notifications for sports will come through this and all sports will be done through Kindo




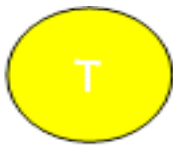
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Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

Liana - You are always so positive, friendly and kind. Thank you for showing atawhai in Waka Liana.

Ihaia - You have made a great start to school Ihaia - Keep up the great work!

Lennox - You have shown atawhai each and every day in Waka, Lennox. What a great start to your life at school!

Pray - You are peaceful, kind and try so hard at everything you do. Tino pai.

Hanna - For a fantastic start to the school year.

Leo Z - For being enthusiastic towards learning.

My - For your super learning and for helping others.

Harley - For working so hard to write your sounds and words.

Te Kete Pounamu

Maan - For great improvement in swimming.

Jainil - For working hard to learn how to float.

Lucy - For learning to float on her back during swimming.

Georgia - For trying new things in swimming.

Naomi - For trying new things during swimming.

Amelia - For an excellent attitude in literacy.

Joslyn - For confidently kicking on her back in swimming.

Anita - For confidently kicking on her back in swimming.

Rylan - For perseverance during swimming lessons.

All children have been assigned homework on seesaw. There will always be 1 kete piece of homework (listening this week), 1 literacy piece (assigned by your child's literacy teacher) and 1 maths piece (assigned by your child's math teacher). The new piece will be available from Wednesdays each week. We aim to have 3 pieces of learning a week.

Te Kete Manawa

Congratulations to this week's Top 30 winners **Chase, Ronav and Aiden**.

Te Kete Aronui

Darshan - For showing improvement when floating on your back.

Hannah - For attention to detail in your kiwiana art work.

Korbyn - For working hard in literacy and producing a great acrostic poem.

Connor - For persevering in swimming and being able to float on your back unassisted.

Rylan - For working hard in literacy and producing successful writing.

Yuna - For setting a high standard with your book work and learning.

Frankie - For showing perseverance during swimming and surprising yourself with what you can do.

Molly D - For her amazing detail in her art work and willingness to help others.

Ollie - For stepping up and putting your best foot forward.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Daniel - For stepping up and showing great leadership in class, sharing your expertise with others.

Andrey - For sharing your thinking and great participation in word study.

Te Kohi - For showing Manawanui during swimming.

Braxton - For being a reliable PE monitor.

Ilisma - For saying our roll in the afternoons.

Zach - For consistently sharing your ideas in our Kete meetings.

Amiyah - For proactively helping in the class and consistently stepping up, rawe!

A.J - For an amazing effort writing and presenting her Bio Poem.

StarR - For a great start in maths.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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 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)**



Badge Classes will be run according to Badminton Manawatu and Cornerstone COVID-19 policies for Traffic Light Red:

Everyone 12yrs and over will be required to show a vaccine pass for entry into the Cornerstone Gym. Masks must be worn at all times except when participating in the session activities. Note masks should not be worn during activity.

For any wishing to review Badminton Manawatu COVID-19 Health & Safety or Vaccination policies follow the link below:

<https://www.manawatubadminton.org.nz/policies/>



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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