

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.

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

25th February 2022

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

COVID UPDATE - Red traffic light Phase 3.

You'll be aware that yesterday the Government announced that New Zealand would move into Phase 3 of our response to Omicron from 11:59pm Thursday 24 February.

In Phase 3, only household contacts of confirmed cases are required to self-isolate. The isolation period will be 10 days. All other contacts of COVID-positive people are not required to isolate, but they will need to monitor for symptoms. Rapid antigen tests will become the primary testing method.

If anyone in your family is confirmed as having COVID-19, you will be asked to notify your close contacts yourself. Please get in touch with us ASAP if anyone in your household tests positive - you can do this via the school app, by telephoning in or emailing the office.

It remains really important that you do not send your child to school if they are unwell.

For further information, please read the template letter in the link below - this was produced by the Ministry of Education. [Phase 3 template letter by MOE](#)

BOARD UPDATE

Whānau of Year 5 and 6 students have received a message from the Board in response to the survey sent out about Camp Makahika. Further notices will come directly from the teaching team.

INTRODUCTION VIDEO

The teaching teams have (or are about to) create a short video introducing themselves and sharing some of the layout of their kete. We are well aware that your child may be working in an area of the school that you have not even set foot in yourself and/or for various reasons, you may not have been able to put a name to the face of one of their 2022 teachers. Look out for these videos - they will come to you either by Seesaw (TKW, TKP, TKM) or email (TKA or TKT).

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).

CAR PARK SAFETY

A reminder - there is NO parking in either of the staff car parks at any time - unless you a) hold a mobility card, b) are a staff member or c) are driving a service vehicle with authorised deliveries to the school. **Please park on the road for aPlus drop off and pickups.** Staff are often entering or leaving the grounds at the same time as parents are trying to complete the reverse action, and the entry/exit points are not wide enough for two vehicles. Thank you for your support with this.

CONCERNS FLYER

Please find attached a flowchart that outlines the correct way to go about dealing with concerns or incidents here at school. We hope that you don't often need to refer to it, but this process is the most streamlined as you are dealing with the person closest to the issue first.

TRIATHLON

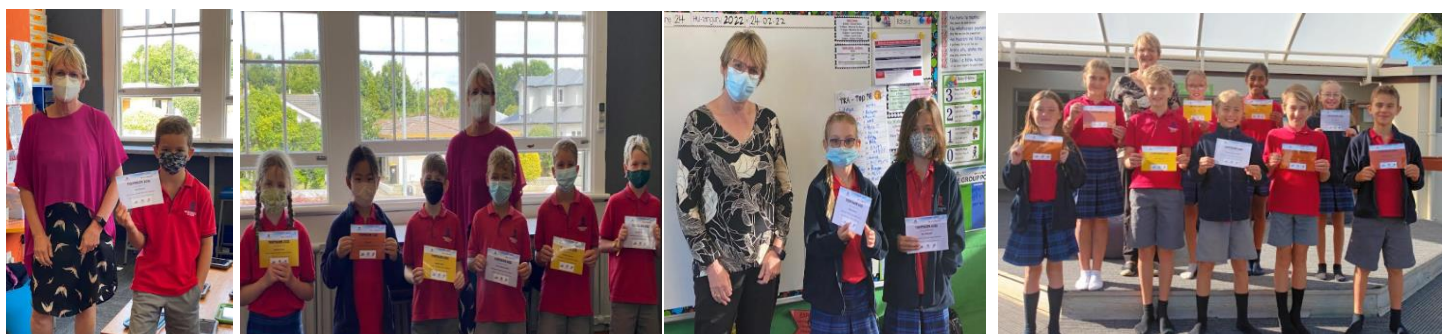
Congratulations to all our Year 4, 5 and 6 tamariki who completed the triathlon earlier this week. For some of them, this was a huge challenge and I admire the individual willingness to practise both the 'S' and the 'T' aspects of our STRIVE values - Step up (Manawanui) and Try new things (Kia kaha)! Challenges such as this certainly require perseverance, determination, persistence and the willingness to be strong.

Special congratulations to the following students who took overall places in each year group.

At this stage the inter school triathlon is still going ahead - hooray! Details will come home with those eligible to participate

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL TRIATHLON RESULTS 2022

	YEAR 4		YEAR 5		YEAR 6	
	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
1st - 10 points	Hannah P (8.57)	Austin (8.24)	Haylee W (11.49)	Alexey L (10.27)	Nesha N	Oliver S
2nd - 9 points	Ava S (9.15)	Viktor & Will M (8.39)	Emily C (12.35)	Cooper W (10.28)	Paris T	Oscar H-W
3rd - 8 points	Ella S (10.04)		Aria P (12.43)	Riley A (11.49)	Mila C	Jedd F
4th - 7 points	Molly D (10.45)	Luke T (8.57)	Charlotte H (12.49)	Xavier L (12.27)	Grace S	Jack D
5th - 6 points	Willa H (9.55)	Fin M (9.01)	Madsyn B (12.58)	Nixon H (13.03)	Lillian C	Andrey L
6th - 5 points	Cherry T (10.57)	Ollie C (9.04)	Janae B (12.59)	Irfan H (13.04)	Sai B	Jake Z
7th - 4 points	Miya L (11.41)	Saied HDJ (9.07)	Felicity S (13.48)	Rylan M (13.19)	Ruby S	Felix C
8th - 3 points	Molly SK (12.14)	Titus V (9.12)	Rei Otsuka (14.22)	Declan C (13.26)		Maehe A
9th - 2 points	Isabella & Emma (12.43)	Chris P (9.34)	Maya N (13.48)	Jayden C (13.43)		
10th - 1 points		Jacques J (10.07)	Keira J (14.27)	Sahith (14.12)		




Happy weekend, enjoy every minute.

Ngā mihi nui
Lin Dixon




ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS


Please download our school App if you haven't already, all IMPORTANT/URGENT notifications will come through this channel. Follow the directions as stated below



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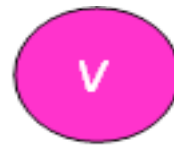
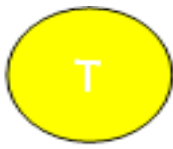
 Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android Device and search SchoolAppsNZ and download to your phone or tablet.

Search for Hokowhitu School in the App and save as your school.



SPORT

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.



Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

Isla - For your fantastic swimming skills - what a star!

Emma - For being a kind and peaceful member of our kete.

Huatahi - Working hard on your literacy skills! Ka rawe, Huatahi!

Mia - Working hard on your mat manners and giving it a go during literacy time. Tino pai, Mia!

Paxton - For being a switched on learner who is very focussed during workshops.

Ava - For always using your manners and for being a kind class member.

Zoe - For working hard during workshops and for your super maths work.

Griffin - For working hard to follow instructions and for being a helpful class member.

Te Kete Pounamu

Nehan - For knowing and using your sounds during literacy.

Yuleena - For excellent story writing.

Oliver - For knowing your shapes and doing a good shape picture.

Lausii - For great work with your spelling patterns.

Charlotte G - For great work with basic facts.

Te Kete Manawa

This week we would like to acknowledge the following students for winning the Top 30! **Anne** and **Micah**. We would also like to acknowledge **Akira**, **Tamira** and **Miya** for preparing and presenting an excellent play for their whanau class. The girls prepared the play in their own time.

Te Kete Aronui

Kelsey - For working hard in literacy and taking pride in your work.

Awen - For stepping up during literacy and producing an awesome acrostic poem.

Ben - For stepping up during learning time and engaging in workshops.

Bilal - For stepping up and showing perseverance when trialling for Swimming Sports.

Mila - For working hard during literacy and showing pride in your presentation.

Lilly D - For an outstanding effort with your respect shield as part of the homework challenge. Tino Pai!

Joshpreet - For outstanding letter formation and size in handwriting.

Jahsyah - For showing enthusiasm for learning and taking on challenges in maths.

Samuel - For your willingness to take on feedback and reflect in literacy.

A special mention to all our triathletes that stepped up and competed in the triathlon. You all did an amazing job and we are super proud of you all.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Lena - For some amazing Mahi Toi, you are a great artist Lena.

Olivia - For quietly helping others and getting things done using innovative.

Paris - Excellent attitude in literacy workshops.

Lilian - For always putting a great effort into her literacy mahi!

Ruby - For an amazing homophone story.

Braxton - Outstanding story writing, adding lots of detail.

Emerson - Using his initiative and putting Kaitiaki forms in his nature journal.

Maehe - Always stepping up displaying excellent manners.

Charlotte - For showing great passion and pride in her Waitangi day poster and creating the TKT art club.

Oliver - For consistently sharing your thinking in maths. Tino Pai!



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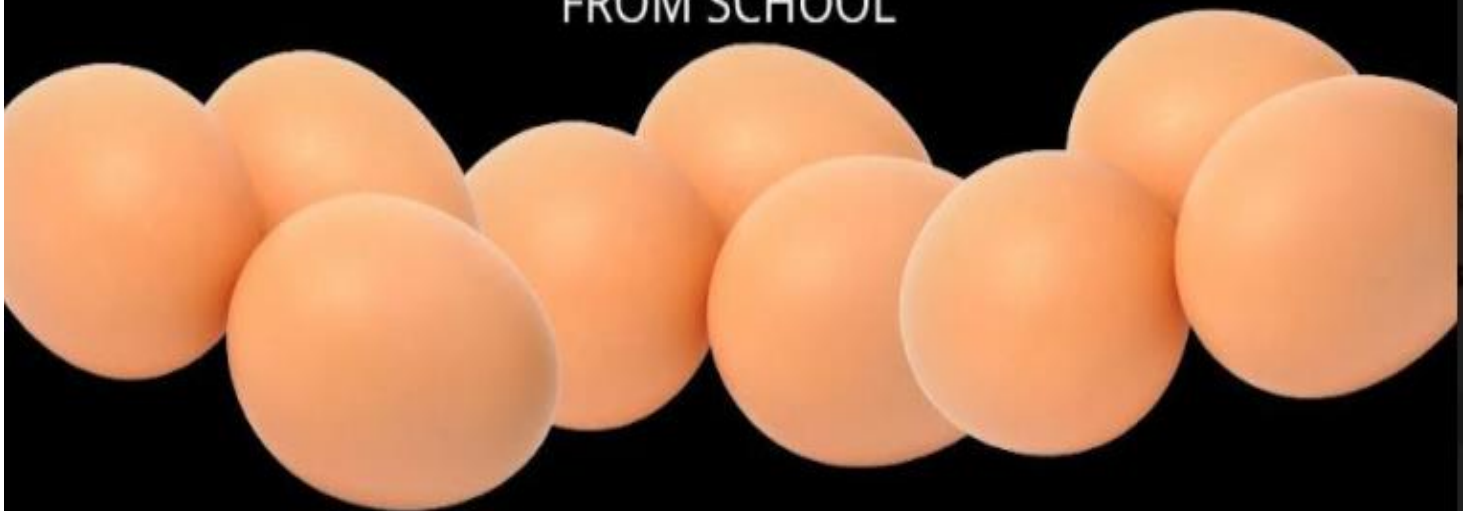
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