

#### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS**

4 July	Kapa Haka performing at Pae Tamariki (Regent Theatre performance)
8 July	Hot dog lunch today <b>3pm School closes for Term 2</b>
25 July	8.50am School opens for Term 3

#### 1 July 2022

Kia ora koutou Ngā mihi kia koutou **Tālofa lava** 

#### KAPA HAKA

We wish the Kapa Haka roopu well as they represent us at Pae Tamariki on Monday. You have worked incredibly hard and we know that you will give your performance 100% effort. Sincere thanks and a huge 'ka pai' to the tamariki, whānau and kaiako who have given so much.

#### **ACTING PRINCIPAL**

I will be on leave for Term 3 as I have been successful with being awarded a Ministry of Education sabbatical. The purpose of this sabbatical is to provide a sustained period of leave during a principal's career, to engage in a balance of professional learning, reflection and rejuvenation.

Coincidentally, next Friday marks the 10th anniversary of me commencing as the tumuaki of Hokowhitu School - how time flies when your job is also your passion.

My approved area of professional learning is exploring ways to support the learning needs of learners who are not progressing as expected (even though we know they are receiving strong, explicit teaching daily).

I am also very much looking forward to seeing our overseas based daughter and grandsons again - it has been over 2 ½ years!

I leave the school leadership in very safe hands. Mr Reece Hawkins will be the Acting Principal and he will be ably supported by Mrs Helen Griffin. They are a great team!

I will be returning to school for the 'always busy' Term 4, feeling refreshed and energised! Thank you to the Board for your support of my application.

#### PTA HOTDOG LUNCH

Have you got a spare half hour next Friday? Could you come to school and help to serve the American hot dogs? Helpers will be warmly welcomed at 12. 15pm. Please let us know if you can help by emailing Amy at <u>a.westergaard@gmail.com</u>. We know that many hands make for light work and the more helpers we have, the less time the children spend in a queue waiting for their lunch.

Please send lunch boxes to school on Friday - we will serve the hotdogs into them.

If you have been absent and not received a form, please find this attached later in this newsletter. Please have this in to the office by **9am Monday** morning - NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

#### **BOARD TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS**

Preparations are underway to prepare the electoral roll for the upcoming election. Please ensure that the office holds the correct contact details to reach you as an eligible voter.

This is your correct phone and email address AND the correct physical address too.

#### 40 HOUR FAMINE

Many children have begun preparing for the 40hr Famine. The children are choosing various things to give up for 20 or 40hrs, including no electronics to the traditional 40hr of no food. For those wanting to support the very good cause of World Vision there is a link for the Hokowhitu School fundraising page. https://my.worldvision.org.nz/d/ss/4kf87m/hokowhitu-school

#### SIGNING CHILDREN OUT DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

We are grateful that (where possible) you do not need to have your child leave school before the end of the day. However, we also know that sometimes it is necessary and that's fine.

Our request is that you phone the office ahead of time, so we can have your child ready for you to take to their appointment etc. We are finding that sometimes parents/caregivers arrive at the last minute and can become frustrated if we cannot immediately locate children who may be in buddy class, or out on the field/turf, or in the hall, or visiting another kete. Please do not rely on email - this may not be picked up in time as staff do not often clear email during the school day.

Thank you for your support with this.

#### BALLOT FOR OUT OF ZONE NEW ENTRANTS - TERMS 1 AND 2 OF 2023

Do you have a child starting school in the first half of 2023? Do you know someone who would like their child to attend Hokowhitu School in 2023? Along with places for New Entrants we are likely to have up to 5 spaces for students entering Years 3 and 4 in 2023.

Now is a good time to pick up pre-enrolment information and return it to the school office before the ballot in September.

A reminder that you do still need to enter the ballot if you are out of zone but have siblings already at the school (our Board has committed to supporting all applications that fit this criteria), but you must have the enrolment information in before the ballot - we cannot hold a space assuming you will be coming.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Ngā mihi nui Fa'afetai tele lava

Lin Dixon Tumuaki



#### <u>SPORT</u>

#### BASKETBALL

**Hokowhitu Jets** - We had a great game against the Cloverlea Sharks winning 10 - 2. Fantastic to see passing and moving into space develop within the team. Our captain of the day **Nixon**, picked **Josh** as the teams MVP.

#### **COACHES/MANAGERS**

If you would like results or photos in the newsletter please send them through to office@hokowhitu.school.nz

#### Matariki - A report by Jaxson M (TKM)

"On Friday 24th June New Zealand had its first ever Matariki celebration.

#### Tradition

We started a family tradition. We went outside but it was way too windy so we went inside for dinner. We invited friends and family around. After dinner we looked at the stars.

#### Harvesting

Harvesting is where people dig up food like kumara, potato and pumpkin which are ready for eating. Traditionally Maori people would save it for the future. They would catch kereru, eels and preserve them in gourds and fat. The food would be stored safely in a Pataka.

#### School

We had three rotations to celebrate Matariki the day before the holiday. One group performed a play, Maui and the Sun. The other two groups did kite making and learnt rakau, stick games. It is very fun to celebrate Matariki with family".

#### YOUNG LEADERS DAY

"We are so lucky in our school to have an amazingly enthusiastic and dedicated bunch of student leaders formed from our senior year 6's. There are four branches to our student leaders: ambassadors, councillors, house leaders and wellbeing warriors. One thing they have in common is that they have to put in time and a bit of mahi into their role. To celebrate and grow our leaders we ran a student leader's day at school this Thursday. Wow, how lucky we are. We had an amazing day full of fun challenging team activities, shared kai and aweinspiring talks from amazing leaders! These inspiring leaders talked about their journey's, challenges, opportunities and their top tips and advice to being a great leader. We learnt that: leadership takes hard work and determination, to take opportunities that present themselves, that responsibilities come with both sacrifices and rewards and most importantly that we can "never dream too big but should ask ourselves if we're dreaming too small" (Hunter, Manakura waka ama leader). A big thank you to our guest speakers: Mrs Dixon; Manakura students and Flynn Yates. The leaders went away elated and ready to expand their dreams". Mrs Swale TKT.













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### AMERICAN HOT DOG LUNCH

#### HOKOWHITU SCHOOL



Friday 8th of July

Frankfurter in a bread roll with the option of tomato sauce and/or mustard

MERICAN HOT DOG

ORDER FORM

Please return the order with <u>correct</u> money to your **whanau teacher** by: **<u>8.50am Friday 1st of July</u>** 

Child's Name

Kete: .....

..... x Regular Hot Dog @ \$3 each

..... × Hot Dog, Gluten Free Option @ \$4 each

.....x Hot Dog, Vege/Vegan Option @ \$4 each

..... × Can of 'zero sugar' Sparkling water (assorted flavours) @ \$2 each

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$..... (exact money please)

ONE ORDER FORM PER CHILD PLEASE

#### **ICAS Assessment 2022 Information**

Hokowhitu School is giving Year 4, 5 and 6 students the opportunity to participate in ICAS Assessments<sup>™</sup> this year.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development. Every student will receive a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised.

The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment. Your child will be presented with high-quality, expert-developed questions, allowing them to apply their learning without the need for prior study or revision.

All ICAS Assessments will be completed online. You can learn more about ICAS here: <u>https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas</u>

Our school has signed up for the ICAS Assessments parent payment system (PPS) for all subjects. Through this system parents can pay for ICAS directly online while tests will still be held at our school. **Please use the following details to register your child no later than Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July.** 

Click on the link below and enter our School Code. https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps

School Code: GIL538

If you have any questions, please contact Reece Hawkins r.hawkins@hokowhitu.school.nz

These assessments will take place during school time. See table below for assessment dates and price of each test (if your child is away on the sitting date they will have another day within that week to sit).

Subject	School Years	Hokowhitu School Sitting Dates	Participation Price (incl. GST)
Digital Technologies	Year 4-6	MONDAY 8th AUGUST 9:15am	\$18.40
Writing	Year 4-6	TUESDAY 11th AUGUST 9:15am	\$18.40
English	Year 4-6	MONDAY 15th AUGUST 9:15am	\$18.40
Science	Year 4-6	MONDAY 22nd AUGUST 9:15am	\$18.40
Spelling Bee	Year 4-6	THURSDAY 25th AUGUST 9:15am	\$18.40
Mathematics	Year 4-6	MONDAY 29th AUGUST 9:15am	\$18.40



#### Achievement Awards

#### <u>Te Kete Wakahuia</u>

A big Hokowhitu welcome to Nina who has joined us in Waka. Happy school days Nina!
Lucy - For being brave and trying lots of new things at school - Great work Lucy!
Benny - For being a super role model and kind helper to our new children. Thank you, Benny!
Connor - For showing perseverance in difficult tasks. You never give up! Ka pai!
Daeun - For showing enthusiasm towards speaking in front of the class for oral language.
Paikea - For settling into Hokowhitu School and for being a kind and caring friend.
Jonah - For working hard to form your letters the right way. Tino pai.

#### Te Kete Pounamu

James - For making connections between number bonds to 10 and 100. Lausii - For good progress in reading.

**Louvan** - For great spelling of finals blends.

**Skye** - For reading with fluency.

Zareesh - participating in class discussions.

Sam P - For becoming faster at recording his answers during numeracy.

Mila - For making connections between number bonds to 10 and 100.

#### Te Kete Manawa

Lots of great work happening in TKM this week. Many students were acknowledged for meeting goals and for great work. Winners from our most recent Top 30 draws were **Danie**, **Nina**, **Tupuse**, **Jaxon** and **Levai**. Special mention for **Sahar** who has been working hard in class and contributing to discussions!

#### Te Kete Aronui

Saied - For enthusiasm during our literacy rock research project.

Sam - For amazing book presentation in Maths.

Austin - For showing improvement in the presentation of your work.

Emma - For taking pride in the presentation of your work.

Kiya - For confidently sharing your thoughts and experiences during whanau time.

Korbyn - For stepping up and persevering in a maths activity.

Sahith - For enthusiasm during his Manawatu research project about pekapeka.

Keesha - For consistently producing quality work in literacy.

#### Te Kete Tangaroa

Grace S - For good organisation of her writing, using paragraphs to group ideas.

**Inas** - Doing all her responsibilities at school with maturity. Making sure she goes to road patrol before kapa haka practise etc.

Wernich - For stepping up in Maths and making pleasing progress.

Josh T - For working out how to make the ground level to build the garden bed.

Nesha - Fantastic effort with long multiplication.

Huntley - Fantastic designs in TinkerCAD.

Maehe - Persevering with 2digit x 2digit multiplication problems.

Boston - Excellent result in your number knowledge test.

Zac - Excellent result in your number knowledge test.

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



**COMMUNITY NOTICES** 



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## DANCEWORKS studios

Winter School & Holiday Programme 10th to 15th July



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#### A state-integrated Christian Year 7-13 Day & Boarding School

ADDRESS: 100 Walkers Road, RD 7, Palmerston North, 4477 PHONE: EMAIL: (06) 354 1059 info@lac.school.nz



Day Tours: 9:30 - 10:30am and 12:00 - 1:00pm Evening Programme (including tours): 6:00 pm in the Cafeteria

## Has your tamariki got a sticky, puffy eye?

Bacterial Conjunctivitis is very common, particulary among younger children, and can be easily treated with eyedrops.

## You don't need to go to your GP.

You can get <u>free treatment</u> for tamariki aged aged 2-13 from your local participating pharmacy.

### ASK US ABOUT IT TODAY.

This service is funded by THINK Hauora and MidCentral Community Pharmacy Group.





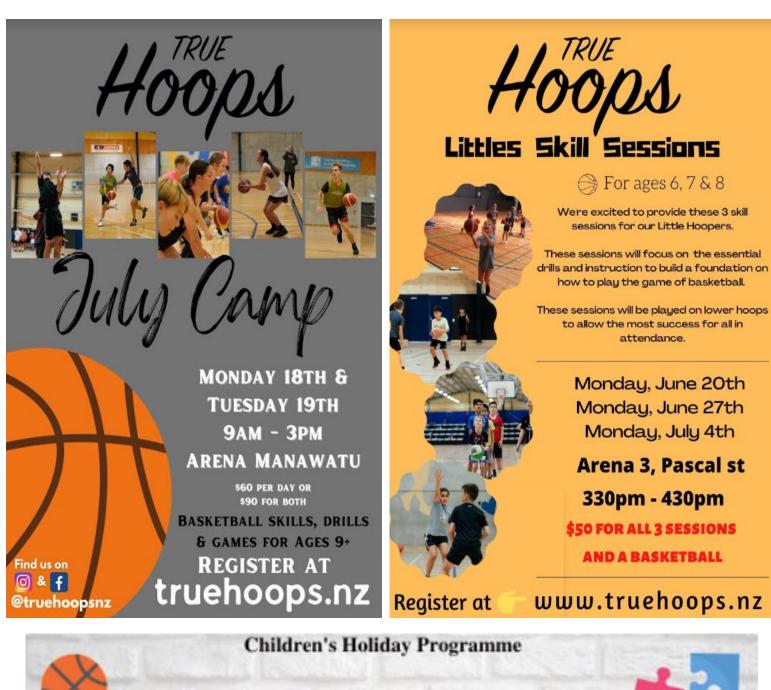
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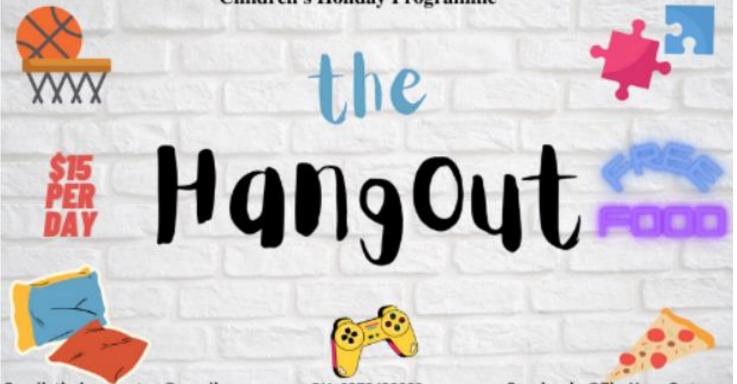
## THE EPIC HOLIDAY PROGRAM Activity Timetable

#### WEEK 1: JULY 11TH - 15TH



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## July/22 Y-Kids Holiday Programmes

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### Park Road Palmerston North

This programme is funded with support from the Ministry of Social Development.

