

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

12 September	Māori Language Week
16 September	PNINS out of zone enrolments close (Year 6 students only).
19 September	Ross out of zone enrolments close (Year 6 students only).
20 September	Hokowhitu School Board meeting
21 September	RICOH Year 5/6 Winter Sports Tournament.

Rāmere, te 9 o Mahuru, 2022
(Friday 29th September 2022)

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

This week has seen a return to a more normal school programme with not one dance practice! There has been a fantastic vibe left over from our school production. Children are still enjoying and relishing the memories created on production night. The performance was recorded and is in the process of being edited. We will keep you posted once this is complete.

We have had two groups visiting our school during the week. Manchester Street School from Feilding visited to look at and talk to us about our collaborative teaching and spaces. They were blown away by our school and students. As they walked through our different learning environments they continually commented to me on the engagement and calmness of our students. They were impressed by a real sense of enjoyment around the school. On Wednesday, a class of adult learners visited from English Language Partners. We had a mihi whakatau with the kapa haka group welcoming our manuhiri, and our guests replying. For many of these manuhiri, it was their first time in a New Zealand school. They were impressed with the learning they saw, the wall displays, the use of nature in our lessons, and our amazing play facilities. They said the school was beautiful, exciting, and a happy place. They were taken by our Wacky Wig Day and contributed \$72.90 to the cause.

These comments are a credit to our tamariki, kaiako and support staff that work hard to make Hokowhitu School what it is. It is also a credit to you, our parents, caregivers and the wider school community that work together and support our school in many ways. Our tamariki come to school each day with a positive attitude, and a readiness to learn.

Waka Iti:

This week we have opened up the last new entrant classroom for the year. Welcome to our new students in Waka Iti. Mrs Hawkins and Mrs Griffin will be teaching the class for the remainder of the year. If you have a sibling in your family that is due to start school next year, please touch base with us so we can add them to our enrolment list. It helps us to make plans for next year.

Kid Lit Quiz - Monday 6th August

Mrs Gifford Moore took two Year 6 teams and two reserves to participate in the annual Kid Lit Quiz team competition in Feilding. There were approximately 40 teams throughout the Manawatu and the wider region that took part. In the Year 6 category our students placed 6th and 7th out of the 13 teams of the same age group. Lena won an individual prize for knowing a question that was posed to all students from Year 6-8. Hokowhitu B team won a category out of all teams participating - 39 in total. We would like to thank Mr Bennett for providing transport and all the students for their efforts. Thank you to Mrs Gifford Moore for preparing the children for this event.

Conservation Week:

This week students have been engaging in the outdoors. Tamariki have spent time learning in the outdoor classroom, the forest in Hokowhitu Park and around our school grounds. It was great to see whānau embrace the challenge of no wrapper Wednesday. It is small things like this that we can do to help preserve and protect our environment for future generations. If you were successful at having no wrappers in your child's lunch box on Wednesday, challenge yourself again by seeing if you can make it a regular thing. Every little bit helps!

Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week) - Mon 12th Sept - Fri 16th Sept:

We teach and encourage Te Reo in all aspects of school. There will be an extra push starting Monday 12th September where we will be working really hard to use as much Te Reo as we can. Here is a website with lots of cool ideas to help you improve your Te Reo www.reomaori.co.nz. We will also be participating in different activities during the week to help improve and maintain our Te reo. Next Friday we are extending Whānau Friday from 8:30am - 9:05am. The kapa haka will be performing outside between 8:30 and 8:50. Please come along and enjoy sometime with your child in their kete, you might even learn a little Te Reo. You are then welcome to join our assembly in the hall, starting at 9:15am.

Wig/Wacky Hair Wednesday:

Thank you so much for supporting Wig Wednesday. We made \$570 for child cancer. Also a big thank you to the student council supported by Mrs Swale for organising and collecting the donation for the fundraiser. We appreciate the work you do to support worthy causes in our community.

Covid 19:

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all our students, staff and school community for the commitment you have shown to upholding mask wearing and other guidelines we have had in place to navigate us in these tricky times. It has really supported us during the winter flu season and has enabled us to be able to manage staffing and student attendance without too many issues. In the next week or so we will reassess some of our guidelines around COVID 19, as we get updated guidance from the Government and Ministry. We will keep you informed.

Building work:

We are about to have a building project commence in the next couple of weeks. Part of this project is to upgrade the boy's hall toilets in to unisex toilets. The girl's hall toilets are going to be converted into a resource area and there is also going to be some upgrading and extending of the workrooms down that end of the school as well. No classrooms will be directly affected by this. However, a couple of entry points to the buildings will need to be closed off. We will also have a couple of areas fenced off too. We will keep you updated closer to the time of any adjustments to pick up and drop off areas.

Kia pai tō mutunga wiki (Have a good weekend).

Ngā mihi nui
Reece Hawkins
Acting Principal

Atawhai Awards

TKW - Ameerah

Ameerah your enthusiasm for school is outstanding! You always come to school with a smile on your face, organised and ready for learning. You show atawhai towards your peers by helping them if they are upset or are not sure how to complete a task. You are always gentle and kind and have lovely manners. Thank-you for being such a wonderful friend to others in Huia.

TKP - Amelia

Amelia you have a kind and caring demeanour. You are always one of the first to help others when they are hurt or upset. You are always willing to help out around the kete. We really appreciate everything you do to make our kete a fun, positive and friendly place. Kei runga noa atu koe!!

TKM - Tyler

Tyler, you greet everyone with a broad smile every day and we notice how kind and thoughtful you are! If someone needs help or wants to borrow something you always offer to help out. If a job needs to be done you volunteer. Thank you for showing kindness, we all appreciate what you do!

TKA - Ella S

Ella S shows kindness to all her peers and teachers. If she sees someone needing a hand she will always offer to help or check in with you. She notices those who may need someone to play and invites them to join. Ella is also great at showing our STRIVE values by stepping up and trying new things. Ella keeps herself busy doing mau rakau, choir, kapa haka and jump jam. She takes pride in whatever she does and is always willing to share her experiences with others. Thank you for being in our kete and we value what you bring, Ella.

TKT - Te Kohi Kohurangi

Te Kohi you always come in with a smile on your face. You share with us all the great things going on which brings a smile to our faces. You constantly tidy up the bags and shoes to help your house win the tidy clock bay award. You always help in class and include others in work and play. Tino Pai Te Kohi.

STAFF - Mrs Gifford-Moore

Priscilla - You have done an awesome job at putting together our school production, training our Kid Lit quiz team and now working on planning the Yr4 sleepover. You have done all these things in a supportive and kind manner, even when you are under pressure. Thank you for showing Atawhai Priscilla and making things happen at our Kura.



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Sport

To register for any of these sports please follow the Kindo link below.

<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml?shop=Hokowhitu%20School>.

T-Ball

Registrations open today on Kindo. We are only registering an under 7 team (Years 0-2) and an under 9 team (Years 3-4). Please be aware we will need coaches or parents to take the teams on the day. (Saturdays)

Volleyball

This is now CLOSED. We have 2 teams registered in this competition. One team is still requiring a parent to take them on a Thursday evening.

Summer Touch

Registrations for Summer Touch are **NOW OPEN**. We are only running 2 teams. Under 8 and Under 10. **This will close on the 16th of September.**

If you have any questions please contact Carlee Hodge - c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz.

Wrapper Free Wednesday



“On Wednesday the 7th of September we had Wig Wednesday and Wrapper Free Day. We wore wigs and made our hair all funky and wild. Wig Wednesday was to raise money for the Child Cancer Foundation and we were able to raise \$570. We also had wrapper free day, where we all tried to make our lunchbox have no wrappers and no plastic. This was to help support Conservation Week. I think that wrapper free day and wig Wednesday was a great day. Now every Wednesday I think we should have wrapper free day. Thank you to everyone who tried to make their hair wacky and who made their lunchbox wrapper free”.

By Maddy (Student Council)

Wig/Wacky Hair Wednesday



Yummy Sticker Collection

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

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

EAT YUMMY APPLES FOR NEW SPORTS GEAR FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

Collect the stickers from Yummy Apples and out-outs from 1.5kg bags of Yummy Apples for your school's share of sports gear worth

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Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

Benny - For the best good mornings! Thank you for starting our day with a smile!

Pray - Taking a risk and sharing at oral language time. We love hearing all the things you have to say.

Clyde - It has been great to see your smiley face in the class asking lots of super questions Clyde!

Jude - You are trying so hard at workshops Jude - Fabulous work!

Griffin - For showing kindness and respect to our classroom environment. Tino pai Griffin.

Isla F - For working hard on your independent writing. Kā rawe.

Cian - For being helpful towards others. Tino pai Cian.

Noah - For always working your hardest in your workshops, Tino pai Noah.

A warm welcome to **Louis**, **Meilah** and **Aaden** who have started school this week in Waka Iti. You have had a fabulous week settling in. Ka pai!

Te Kete Pounamu

Tyson - For beginning to remember his number bonds.

Rylan - For orally recalling number bonds to 10.

Oscar - For great use of sentence starters.

Maan - For a great recount of production.

James - For identifying nouns and adjectives.

Joel - For finding fractions of a set.

Lola - For using her phoneme fingers when spelling unknown words.

Lorrenzo - For helping teachers in the kete.

Te Kete Manawa

Congratulations to the following Top 30 winners for standing out and earning a place on our board: **Olivia S**, **Ben**, **Harrison** and **Nina**.

Te Kete Aronui

Bilal - For your approach to STRIVE homework. You have really stepped up and produced high quality work and set achievable goals.

Ruby M - For working hard during your reading workshops with Mrs White. Kai pai te mahi!

Maia W - For your enthusiasm and commitment to your role in drama plays.

Kelsey - For your willingness to seek clarification and understanding in Maths, Ka pai!

Darshan - For improved focus during learning times and making positive choices about who you sit next to.

Korbyn - For creating an incredible design for our Tongan language week Tapa artwork.

Daniel - For sharing your knowledge and understanding through contributions during Maths Starter.

Joshpreet - For showing courage and bouncing back when something didn't go as planned.

Senuli - For your enthusiasm and commitment to your role in drama plays.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Rosie - Rawe effort in your dancing.

Kian - Great reading and participation in reading workshops.

Marshal - An outstanding effort writing and presenting his speech to the class.

Braxton B - For concentrating and writing a great speech in literacy.

Skye - For concentrating and writing a great speech in literacy.

Felix C - For caring for others at lunch time.

Yara - For sharing your thinking and participating in fractions workshops.

Tanu - For great enthusiasm towards our production dance.

Jack D - For always putting in 100% effort into everything you do and striving in all areas of the curriculum.

Community Notices



THE EGG PROJECT



HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

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10 AM - 3 PM

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