

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

24 October	Labour Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
27 October	Kapahaka and Choir performing at Winchester School 3.10pm PTA meeting in staffroom - everyone welcome, do come along Calendar/diary/card orders and money - final day today
28 October	8.30am Whānau Friday - come on into classrooms and see the learning 9am Assembly - TKT sharing their learning
1 November	5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom, everyone welcome
2 November	Lucky book club orders are due back by today!
3 & 4 November	Class and kete photos (please ensure the sibling photo request form is returned to the office prior to the 3rd Nov)
11 November	8.30am Whānau Friday - come on into classrooms and see the learning 9am Assembly - TKA sharing their learning. Everyone welcome
15 November	Athletic sports for Year 4, 5 and 6 tamariki
18 November	Teacher Only day - SCHOOL CLOSED
8 December	Christmas Carnival & Prize giving
15 December	12.45pm School Closes for 2022

Friday 21st October 2022

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

A warm welcome to Term 4 - I hope everyone had a fantastic term break.

On a personal level, It's great to be back at school. I certainly enjoyed my sabbatical term - having both the time to reflect and research aspects of my practice, AND the time to rest and rejuvenate was a joy. I sincerely thank the Board for their support of this and a huge thanks to Reece Hawkins, Helen Griffin and the rest of the staff who all stepped up in my absence.

It's been lovely to return to the smiling faces of our tamariki, staff and whānau! I did miss you all.

SUNHATS

A regulation navy blue bucket hat is a compulsory item to be worn in Terms 4 and 1 of each year. Our Board's policy is 'no hat, no play', so please ensure all children have their hat at school EVERY day. Hats are available at the office for \$12.00.

THANK YOU

A huge thanks and paki paki to Terry Mason who has very generously given his time and resources to make our bike shed much more efficient and user friendly. We now have shelves, racks and a workable system. We very much appreciate you Terry!

PTA MEETING

Next Thursday afternoon at 3.10pm the PTA will be discussing/planning our Term 4 fundraisers.

A special highlight of this term will hopefully be the return of our Xmas Carnival and Prize giving on the evening of December 8th (followed by the Year 6 graduation).

In the past (pre-covid), the carnival aspect of the evening was to have the quad area set up with a range of food options to allow families to come along, purchase a yummy dinner and then sit back and enjoy our prize giving. Foods offered in the past have included things like sausage sizzle, sushi, butter chicken, nachos, desserts - however we are also open to new suggestions.

We would LOVE as many of you as possible to come along to this short meeting and give us some ideas of potential food options, OR come to offer to support others, OR just come along to listen. Please come if you can - assisting with events like this make these extra things a reality for our tamariki.

You don't need to organise a babysitter, the children can play in the playground while we meet, and meetings are finished by 4pm.

PREPARATION FOR 2023

Preliminary work is now being done in placing children for next year. It is really helpful for you to let us know if you are not planning to be at Hokowhitu School next year, or if there are any other considerations that you think we should be aware of. Once placements are made, it is not possible to make changes. Please don't assume all teachers will be in the same spaces as this year either - we often make changes.

Every kete in our school is composite -that means there are 2 year groups of children in each kete. A reminder that whether your child is (for example) a Year 5 in TKT or TKA, they will have the same experiences. The same applies to EACH of the other year levels. One of the reasons that we have composite classes is to balance class numbers - no one wants their child in a class of 35+ children (with only 22 in the class next door). Another important reason is getting the right social/emotional/academic balance - this way we can better meet individual needs.

EVERY child at our school spends 2 years in at least one kete area, they are not being held back or disadvantaged in any way. All the children know this, they just may need reminding from you.

Our class placement process is considerable - we certainly don't just pop names on a list. We gather data from teachers and create draft lists. These lists go back to the teams to see what the combinations look like to them. We then tweak and rework the lists until we have our final placements. We think about children who work well together and those who don't. We consider teacher strengths and personalities to match individuals. While we try hard to ensure everyone has children that they know with them, sometimes they may not be in the same kete as their best friend - this happens.

They get an opportunity to work with different people and widen their friendship circles. We encourage you to be positive about class placements with your children, they take their cues from you.

Thanks so much in anticipation of your support.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing long weekend. We look forward to seeing everyone at 8.30am on Tuesday 25th October.

Ngā mihi nui

Lin Dixon

Principal

[Update from the School Board](#)

Tēnā koutou,

Well done for making it to the final term of the year! Thanks to Mr Hawkins and Mrs Griffin for leading the school so well last term. We're delighted to welcome back Mrs Dixon from her sabbatical. Now we have a new School Board, we want to start sharing some regular insights into what we do and encourage you to participate if you'd like.

The Hokowhitu School Board meets twice a term, and our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 1, at 5.30pm in the staffroom. These are public meetings, and you're very welcome to attend!

One thing we discussed at our last meeting was what to do about the "big slide." The slide itself has become dangerous, and its supports have also begun to deteriorate. Unfortunately, putting a new playground structure in the same location has proved too expensive, because the hill location requires engineered foundations, and the height means the safety surface will also be very costly. In the end, we concluded this wouldn't be a wise use of the school's resources, even though we know how much our kids love the big slide. We agreed instead to put those resources toward upgrading the senior playground (next to the netball courts), and we're now starting to plan and consult about this. Separate to this, the previous Board committed to installing safety matting on the junior playground, and we're hoping this will take place over the summer.

One of the Board's responsibilities is to regularly review the policies that shape how the school operates. At our next meeting we're reviewing the policy on how the school communicates with families and whānau. You can read the current policy at this [Link](#), and if you'd like to offer any comments or suggestions for improvement you can email them to board@hokowhitu.school.nz any time before our meeting starts.

Please free to use this email address if there's anything else you'd like to communicate to the Board.

Hei kona mai,

Philip Steer

[Sport](#)

Good luck to all the sports teams for this term!

Play hard and play fair.

Remember you are representing Hokowhitu school at all times while in your sports uniforms.

Golf - Golf NZ and the Palmerston North Golf Club are putting together a free, entry level event for primary school children. There is no cost for this event.

Come along and learn the basics of golf while in a fun team environment.

No golf experience is necessary.

Please see below for the dates of these events.

Tuesday 8th November - 4.00-5.30pm

Tuesday 15th November - 4.00-5.30pm

Tuesday 22nd November - 4.00-5.30pm

If you are interested in joining please contact Carlee Hodge - c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz

Achievement Awards



Te Kete Wakahuia

Eddie, Cooper, Justin, Vivaan, Ivy - Welcome to Hokowhitu School! We hope you have had a fun week in Waka Iti.

Nina - For fantastic independent writing - what a star!

Clyde - Amazing start to term 4, mahi pai!

Nikau - Working hard in his workshops to grow his brain.

Henry - Sharing all his fantastic learning - you have worked so hard to grow your brain!

Aaden - For showing enthusiasm during literacy workshops. It is awesome to see you put effort into your learning.

Zahlaye - Thank you for being so friendly and welcoming to all of the children in our class. Ka pai!

Anna S - Welcome to Hokowhitu School! We are so excited to have you in Huia with us.

Isla H - For helping our new friend and for a great start to term 4.

Mia - For fantastic maths work. Tino pai rawa!

Hanna - For always working your hardest in your workshops. Ka pai!

Connor - For putting great effort into keeping your writing neat and tidy. Tino pai!

Te Kete Pounamu

Mason H - For stepping up to be the best you can be.

Landon - Welcome to Hokowhitu School Landon!

C-Jay - For learning your number bonds to 10.

Afokoula - For learning your number bonds to 10.

Ali - For fair sharing $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a set.

Quinn - For identifying fractions of shapes and sets.

Naomi - For using suffixes in her independent writing.

Donnacha - For a great effort in P.E. lessons.

Maia - For a great start with Lexia this term.

Lucy - For your enthusiasm for reading.

Te Kete Manawa

The Year 4s have had a huge start to the term with a Sleepover and trip to Nga Manu Bird reserve. We apologise in advance for any particularly tired children this evening. A huge thank you to the parents who stayed with us or attended our day trip to Nga Manu. This week we congratulate our Top 30 winners: **Tupuse, Makayla, Chris, Nina**.

Te Kete Aronui

Ayush - For consistently demonstrating respect in the classroom. You are a great role model.

Kayno - For seeking clarification and then coming up with good sentences that include your focus words.

Mila - For showing initiative and taking responsibility for your learning during independent literacy time.

Cherry - For showing great basketball technique during our sessions.

Molly C - For showing perseverance and a positive attitude toward a difficult maths task.

Ben - For great contributions in our literacy sessions and sharing your understanding and knowledge.

Emma - For showing great basketball technique during our sessions.

Daniel - For your awesome enthusiasm and entertaining nature in the classroom. We love it!

Juha - Welcome back to TKA after your break away. You have made a really positive start to the term!

Te Kete Tangaroa

Jack D - For a great attitude towards basketball and sport in general!

Finley - For some great art Finley, mahi pai.

A.J - For a great attitude to the start of our term and giving things a go, Ka rawe.

Madi - For completing literacy work before school even starts.

Hikurangi - For an excellent start to learning in term 4.

Oliver S - For volunteering to do so many duties this term.

Sai - Excellent work with decimals.

Ruby - Great work using reversibility as a strategy.

Wernich - For creative ideas in writing, well done!

Annie JR.

TICKETS \$15

Available from
www.eventbrite.com

26-29 OCT
6:30 PM
29 OCT
2 PM



Te Kura Waenga o Ross
Poipoiā te kākano kia pūawa



**RUN, JUMP OR THROW?
GIVE IT A GO!**

Find your local club at athletics.org.nz

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Sunday November 6th

Victoria Esplanade
Palmerston North

Enter Online Only
www.ibike4kids.co.nz

A fun event for kids who love being out on their bikes

Brain Play teaches online after-school science & technology classes to Kiwi kids aged 5 - 13, from right across the country! Online topics this term include 3D printing, coding, animation, STEM experiments, LEGO & more. Free trials available for new students. Check out our timetable on our website and use the form to get in touch - <https://www.brainplay.co.nz/>.





THE EGG PROJECT



HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

Order your eggs on the website below (and use your code) before midnight Tuesday and they will be delivered super fresh to collect on Thursday from the office after school.

Free Range Dozen - \$6.50
Organic Dozen - \$8.50

We will give back \$1.00 per dozen to help fundraise as well!

SUPPORT LOCAL - EAT SUPER FRESH - SUPPORT COMMUNITY

YOUR CODE is SCH-003



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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 (Vautier Park - Puriri Terrace). It is open to any junior player of any ability, 5 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 program 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 4 2022. It is a 6 week programme commencing on **Saturday 29th October 2022**.

- Stage 1 - Red Squad (5-8 years) – 9am - 9.50am
- Stage 2 - Orange Squad (9+ years) – 10am – 10.50am

To confirm your child’s place in the programme for Term 4 a \$110 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

Children's Drawing classes with Mike Ryan taking enrolments for Term 4

Does your child love to draw? Mike Ryan is an experienced art teacher and portrait artist, with spaces available for term four 2022 for children to develop their drawing skills across a range of subjects e.g, people, animals, birds.

Classes are held at the Chinese Association 98 Napier Road, Tuesdays 3.30 – 5.00, \$150 per term. For more information or to enroll please contact Rachel Summers on 021 624 892 or Mike Ryan 022 460 7311



What mana, what oranga

Homestay Families Needed

We urgently require short-term homestay families to host our 20+ Japanese students who arrive in early March next year. We have 2 groups arriving, one for 7 nights and the other for 9 nights.

Would you be able to help us by hosting a student from both groups or one group?

- **10th March-17th March (7 nights)**
- **19th March-28th March (9 nights)**

We also have longer term students arriving from January 25 onwards for 10 weeks or more if you would be interested.

There is a remuneration of \$280.00 per week or \$40.00 per night. We provide 24-hour support for both the homestay family and the international student. We will assist you to welcome an international student into your home.

For more information, please contact asap:

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