

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

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)
4 November	Gumboot Friday - See details below
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
22nd November	Athletics fundamental display for Year 1, 2 and 3 tamariki
25th November	8.30am Whānau Friday - come on into classrooms and see the learning 9am Showcase Assembly - performances from across the school
8 December	Christmas Carnival, Prize giving and Year 6 Graduation
15 December	12.45pm School Closes for 2022

Friday 28th October 2022

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

Today is 'world teacher's day'. While this has had a very low profile in the media..... I want to give our teachers the BIGGEST ever shout out.

I am so privileged to be the tumuaki of our kura - our teachers are 'second to none'. At this morning's assembly I encouraged our tamariki to acknowledge their teachers today - a very simple 'thank you, I appreciate you' means so much to us.

KOTAHITANGA - PRODUCTION RECORDING

Please look out for the notice inviting you to purchase a code to allow you to download and view the school production. The code costs \$5.00. This is a cash only transaction - No change given.

PTA MEETING

Thank you to those of you able to attend yesterday's meeting, and thanks to those who were unable to attend but sent messages offering support of the Xmas carnival.

We are very fortunate to have Amy Westergaard and her team who are passionate about both 'fun' and 'fundraising' opportunities for our tamariki. Their goal is to 'make things even better for Hokowhitu School kids'. Thank you!!

We welcome any support - you do not have to be an official PTA member to put your hand up to help.

GUMBOOT FRIDAY

This is to support the "I am Hope Foundation" which raises funds for getting free counselling to youth. Can students please come with a gold coin and in their gumboots (if they have them) to support this worthy cause. Students need to also bring their regular shoes as well, for running around the playground and school photos.

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.

YEAR 4 SLEEPOVER

Congratulations and thank you to the Year 4 teaching staff for their fabulous planning and implementation of the sleepover and day trip to Nga Manu last week. Our special thanks to the parents who volunteered to support the event - such special memories for each of you I am sure. Not everyone gets to sleep in a classroom overnight!!

STAFF CARPARKS

Another reminder that neither of the staff car parks are to be used by anyone other than staff, mobility holders or service vehicles.

This applies both before and after school too - aPlus parents need to park on the road for drop offs and pickups.

We thank you for ensuring anyone that is using before and/or after school is aware of this safety rule.

ATAWHAI AWARDS

At this morning's assembly the following people were recognised for showing atawhai (kindness).

TKW: Emma R - Emma is a kind, polite and respectful member of Waka. She is always at the right place at the right time, doing the right thing. We love Emma's positive attitude to learning. She is helpful and kind to her friends and gives positive feedback to others and brightens up our day with her smile. Thanks for being such a positive and friendly member of Waka Emma! He tino pai hoki koe!

TKP: Rory E - Thank you for showing atawhai by persevering and having determination when it comes to playing with your peers. You are a considerate member of TKP and you always try hard with your learning. Rory, you are always in the right place, doing the right thing at the right time! Tino pai.

TKM: Levai - You show kindness with your broad smile and enthusiasm to find things that need doing before we ask! You make Miss Young's day rewarding with your smiles, conversations and kindness.

TKA: Wonil H - Wonil is a friendly, honest and respectful young man who is always willing to go the extra mile to help others. He quietly ensures that his friends are ok and this was demonstrated during our sleepover when a fellow classmate was feeling unwell. Your smile brightens our day, Wonil! Keep being the amazing person you are!!

당신은 굉장하다 (You are awesome)

TKT: Felix H - Felix - you have really stepped up in TKT 2022. You show kindness by volunteering to help with so many duties. Thank you for covering bike duty, composting, recycling, music set-up, office duty, lost property and volunteering to help with the Yearbook and volunteering for the 'I am Hope' biking. Felix, you are willing and enthusiastic when you take on these roles. We can trust you to do a fine job. Thank you for always respecting people's personal space.

STAFF: Ms Tayler - Ms Tayler is an active member of our staff and the school PTA. She has shown kindness by doing lots of 'behind the scenes' work with our current calendar art fundraiser. Thank you Stacey, we appreciate you showing kindness in this way.

Have a fabulous weekend whānau.

Ngā mihi nui

Lin Dixon

Principal

Kapa Haka & Choir Trip

On Thursday our school choir and kapa haka groups went to Winchester School. We spent time performing to each other and then each learnt a new waiata (song). We finished our sharing time off with an ice block. This was a great opportunity for us to build our relationship with another school and to showcase some of our talents. Thank you to our parent helpers who joined us for the trip. Ngā mihi nui.



Sport

Volleyball

Hokowhitu Hitters - A great first game by the Hitters who came away with the win. Congratulations to **Riley** who got the Player of the Day award for throwing himself round the court.

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

Coaches & Managers - If you would like awards/photos in the newsletter please email office@hokowhitu.school.nz by Thursday 12pm.

Achievement Awards



Te Kete Wakahuia

Wishing **Claudia** and **Zoe** a very warm welcome to Waka Iti. You have had a wonderful first week at school.

Eddie - Wow Eddie, you step up and try your best at everything that you do. Ka pai!

Ivy - It's great to see you try so many new things at school, all with an enthusiastic smile. Well done.

Avyaan - For looking after our classroom environment - thank you for the love you show our class!

Aria - For fabulous focus during literacy workshops. Tino pai!

Lucy - You are participating so well in class discussion; we love hearing what you have to say!

Hunter - For amazing focus with your presentation skills in your books

Ihaia - For working so hard in workshops. Tino pai.

Isla D - For super work on your doubles in maths.

Adam - For trying really hard to read and write numbers in maths.

Lilianna - Welcome to Hokowhitu School. You have had such a fantastic start and we are so lucky to have you in Huia.

Myat - For being an enthusiastic mathematician. Tino pai!

Te Kekerewai - For working super hard in literacy workshops. Ka pai!

Te Kete Pounamu

Georgia - For identifying fractions, halves, quarters and thirds.

Baxter - For completing his punctuation task by using question marks, full stops and capital letters.

Luca - For reading with excellent fluency.

Ranvir - For fast recall of the basic facts.

Rylan - For spelling long /a/ vowel team ai, ay words.

Kennedy-James - For recognising how to fair share.

Lorenzo - For reading with improved fluency.

Jainil - For great work with his algorithms.

Madison - For great symmetry art.

Joslyn - For being passionate about jump jam.

Te Kete Manawa

Congratulations to **Makayla** who was the most recent winner of our kete Top 30 draw. A shout out to our keen drawing students whose creations we enjoy- what a great way to spend your morning tea and lunchtimes! **Danie, Hasan, Mason, Dwayne** and **Jaxon T.** A big welcome to **Amelia**, we hope you have a great time with us here in TKM.

Te Kete Aronui

Kate - For great defensive skills in basketball sessions.

Bilal - For your perseverance when trying the scissor technique for high jump.

Cooper - For great technique during our athletics skills practice sessions.

Korbyn - For showing great technique in high jump sessions.

Renee - For demonstrating good dribbling technique in basketball sessions.

Cherry - For developing a character with an incredible backstory during writing.

Jacob - For your awesome perseverance with the high jump.

Titus - For showing great technique with the shot put during athletics.

Ava S - For great technique with the discus during athletics.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Jake - For talking and listening to Tang lots and making him feel welcome at Hokowhitu School.

Tang - Welcome to our school - you have made a great start.

Yuna - For striving in maths and showing your thinking in your work book. No wonder you have improved so much.

Oscar - For working hard in Maths and developing his use of reversibility as a strategy.

Felix C - For writing an excellent narrative about a spy disguised as a bird watcher.

Jack - For applying himself in Maths and developing the reversibility strategy.

Milly - For completing literacy work before school even starts.

Amiyah - For a great effort in her reading and slides.

StarR - For always coming to maths with enthusiasm and sharing her thinking when solving tricky number problems.

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



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GIVE IT A GO!**

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Sunday November 6th

Victoria Esplanade
Palmerston North

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



Community languages

RAISING BILINGUAL CHILDREN

Are you a parent/caregiver that is raising or would like to raise your child bilingual?

Do you have some doubts or questions about doing so?

Hi!

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Hola!

COME AND JOIN THIS WORKSHOP

"Bilingual is worth twice as much"

Peter Petrucci

"Challenges and Strategies for families"

Arianna Berardi-Wiltshire

"Spanish in the front door"

Andrea Ceron

Round Table

Questions & Answers

Light refreshments provided
Kids welcome - activity table to keep them busy

Palmerston North Central Library
(Mezzanine)



Thursday
3rd November
6 to 7pm





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



WWW.THEEGGPROJECT.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



PALMERSTON NORTH CHRISTMAS PARADE

Hey kids! Want to take part in the Christmas Parade?

We have a category for decorated bikes. So get you and your bike all looking like Christmas and you could win a prize. All entrants get to take part in the parade.

Entry conditions—you need to be between 4 and 12 years old, and have a bike that you can ride around the parade route (approx. 900m). You can bring a big person to walk with you if you need one. You will need to wear a helmet, so plan your design around that.

Only 50 bikes can go in the parade, so be quick to save your place! Go to www.pnchristmasparade.org.nz

to enter online.

4th December 2022

2pm Parade Start



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Whai mana, whai 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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