

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th November 2022

Important Upcoming Events

10 November	Pizza lunch orders close today
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
17 November	PTA pizza lunch
18 November	Teacher Only day - SCHOOL CLOSED
22 November	Athletics fundamental display for Year 1, 2 and 3 tamariki
25 November	8.30am Whānau Friday - come on into classrooms and see the learning 9am Showcase Assembly - performances from across the school
29 November	5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom. Everyone welcome
1 December	Interschool athletic sports
8 December	5.00 Christmas carnival here at school. Food stalls for a yummy dinner. 6.00 Whole school end of year prize giving and awards - All children expected to attend 7.00 Year 6 graduation
9 December	End of year reports home (except for those who have had 6 week or 6 month interviews as this is their first year at school)
15 December	12.45pm School Closes for 2022

Update from the Principal

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

Earlier this week we sent you all a message updating the current staffing situation with the new wave of COVID cases. In case you missed this, I am repeating the message in this newsletter.

At Tuesday night's Board meeting we discussed the impact on our school of the latest wave of Covid that is now appearing nationwide. We want the school community to be aware that this is already putting pressure on our ability to staff all our classes, and we want to share how we will manage it if the situation deteriorates further.

Staffing is at a premium and (along with all schools) we are finding it VERY difficult to source relievers to cover for staff illness. Our kete structure and the adaptability of our staff means we are coping at the moment, but this situation could change at short notice.

If we reach levels of staff illness in a kete that pose a risk to student safety, we will need to invite those whānau to keep their tamariki home while that situation continues. We will provide some learning materials for that time, either digitally or in hard copy.

We do not envisage needing to close the entire school, and we will endeavour to accommodate any tamariki who are unable to stay home. Their school experience will be a bit different than usual, but they will be safe and taken care of by available staff.

Unfortunately, we cannot predict exactly when or for how long this may occur. Hopefully it won't occur at all! But this information is to give you a sense of what 'may be', should we need to take further action.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and ongoing support.

Ngā mihi nui

Philip Steer
Presiding Member Hokowhitu School Board

Lin Dixon
Principal/Tumuaki

FAREWELLS AND WELCOME

Michelle Burch has reluctantly resigned her position at our kura. She has been on parental leave this year, and does not wish to return to full time employment at this time. We thank Michelle sincerely for her contribution to our kura and wish her and her whānau all the very best for the future.

The Board has granted Mrs Lisa Swale one year's leave for 2023. Lisa and her whānau are traveling overseas as part of a work assignment. We wish them well too.

We will welcome one new staff member next year. Whāea Bree White joins our current teaching team. Bree has been completing her final practicum placement in TKP over the last 7 weeks and we have been impressed with her passion and skills. Bree will commence full time in 2023.

PREPARATION FOR 2023

As indicated in recent newsletters, we are currently preparing classes for next year. This is a complex process to get the balance in each kete correct. We would very much appreciate advanced notice if you know that your tamariki are NOT returning to Hokowhitu School next year, or if you have other information that you think we need to be aware of before making placements.

TERM DATES FOR 2023

At this week's Board meeting the term dates for next year were set.

TERM 1: Tues 31st January - Thursday 6th April

TERM 2: Monday 24th April - Friday 30th June

TERM 3: Monday 17th July - Friday 22nd September

TERM 4: Monday 9th October - Friday 15th December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS/ TEACHER ONLY DAYS DURING TERM TIME in 2023

Tues 25th April - ANZAC day

Fri 2nd June - Monarch's birthday celebrated

Mon 23rd October - Labour Day

KOTAHITANGA - PRODUCTION RECORDING

Last week you received a notice inviting you to purchase a code to allow you to download and view the school production. The code costs \$5.00.

TEACHER PAID UNION MEETINGS

NZEI, the Primary Teachers' union has called its members to meetings in the coming weeks. Our staff have elected to send one teacher at a time from their kete, and have the remaining staff manage the tamariki. This means we do not have to ask caregivers to make arrangements for a shorter school day. We hope this gesture is helpful to whānau.

Have an enjoyable weekend whānau.

Ngā mihi nui

Lin Dixon

Principal

Update from the School Board

Tēnā koutou,

The School Board met on Tuesday night, and we want to share a few key items.

Each Board member holds one or more portfolios, and it's very exciting that Villi Tosi has taken on a new portfolio focused on our Tiriti o Waitangi commitment and engagement with our Māori whānau. As a sign of our intent, we now begin and end our meetings with karakia that are used in the school.

We had a thorough discussion about the use of the school pool over the summer. We know this is a resource that is greatly valued by many families and members of the community. At the same time, there are some real challenges around the daily monitoring of water quality, and the fact that the sharing of pool keys means we often have young people at the pool without supervision. This was a very difficult decision, but the Board ultimately voted not to open the pool over the summer.

Ewan Westergaard holds the Board's finance and audit portfolio, and he presented a draft of the school's budget for 2023 for discussion. Because the school continues to be in a strong financial position, we are able to continue funding half a teacher's salary in addition to those allocated to us on the basis of our school size. We are also able to continue to fund additional classroom release time for all our teachers, in addition to the time specified in their collective employment agreement. These investments help us reduce the size of our classes and ensure our teachers can manage their workloads while also undertaking professional development.

The full minutes of the meeting, ably compiled by Jen Bates, will be made available on the school website. If you would like to discuss anything related to the governance of the school, please feel free to talk to a Board member or to email us at board@hokowhitu.school.nz.

Nāku iti noa, nā,

Philip Steer

Sport

Term 4 Sports

It is awesome to have our summer sports season under way and we love hearing the children's excitement about their games the day after they have played.

Can I please ask that you ensure you are messaging your child's coach, well before a game to let them know if they are unable to be there. This allows the coach the chance to possibly bring in other players. It is really tricky for coaches and not fair for the other players when they turn up to play and there are only a couple of players present from their team. We understand that children get sick or there are unavoidable absences, but please let your child's coach know asap! We thank you in advance for your assistance with this.

Volleyball

Hokowhitu Hitters - We had a fairly evenly matched game yesterday and were just beaten at the end of the game. A smaller team yesterday, those there had some great volley's, working together and showing great development in their skills. Player of the day went to **Ava** for great improvement in her serves!

Touch

Hokowhitu Hammers - Enjoyed their second round last week. Played against a very good Mana Tamariki side Going down 6-2. We came back with an 8-0 win this week, great to see some fast quick plays by all of the team. The MVP's were **Riley** for great running and **Joshua** for setting up some great tries.

Hockey

Hokowhitu Gold - It was a great second game of the season against Tiritea Chasers, coming out on top 9-0. Great to see the Gold passing to players in space and having fun along the way. The team's MVP was **Hayley** and coach's choice was **Bradley**.

Hokowhitu Green - Hokowhitu Green are improving each week and doing so well! They are having fun and playing so well together. Well done to you all!

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



Achievement Awards



Te Kete Wakahuia

Louis - You are great at looking after our classroom and are always quick to tidy up. Thank you Louis.

Meilah - Wonderful work in literacy workshops Meilah. Ka pai!

Annie - Fabulous work with writing your own independent and creative stories.

Junoo - Fantastic effort with all your learning Junoo!

Emma - Amazing improvement in learning your letter sounds - Ka rawe!

Unga - You show amazing kaitiaki in our classroom. Thank you for taking so great care of our class.

Lennox - Amazing effort with numeracy workshops.

Max - For being a great role model in Huia. You are a super listener! Ka pai!

Isla D - For being an excellent listener and following instructions at all times. Ka rawe!

Anna W - For working super hard to learn your heart words. Tino pai!

Darcy - For working very hard in your literacy workshops. Tino pai!

Ava S - For working really hard in maths and showing great improvement in working with numbers. Ka pai!

Joy - For working hard in your literacy workshops and learning your heart words. Ka pai!

Te Kete Pounamu

Tilly - For an improved number knowledge score.

Harley - For excellent number knowledge at stage 5.

Hakaraia - For excellent improvement in your reading fluency.

Louvan - For excellent number knowledge at Stage 4.

Charlotte - For excellent decoding of harder texts.

Joel - For having great general knowledge in our Life Cycle Inquiry.

Aaryan - For writing a great Halloween description including details.

Bailey - For writing a great Halloween description including details.

Amelia - For excellent knowledge of Sea Mammals in our Inquiry topic.

Te Kete Manawa

Congratulations to the most recent Top 30 winners: **Makayla, Olivia G** and **Molly**. Congratulations to the following students for excellent work in maths: **Eli, Jaxon, Maddie, Scarlett, Olivia S, Theo, Hawaiiiki, Joey, Leo, Dominic, Jade** and **Hohua**. Literacy standouts this week: **Miya, Danie, Koby, Eli, Makayla** and **Twila**.

Te Kete Aronui

Rylan - For your super word check results - you should be very proud of yourself!

Lily A - For sharing your ideas clearly and confidently during maths discussions.

Declan - For great progress with your word testing.

Ella S - For showing positivity during literacy and for helping others to understand new tasks.

Kelsey - For the beautiful manners you show every day in our kete!

Alexey - For showing great focus during literacy and striving to complete tasks.

Molly D - For producing an excellent story with great structure and an interesting and creative plot.

Frankie - For super maths results from all your hard work.

Maisey - For your super word check results - you should be very proud of yourself!

Te Kete Tangaroa

Ollie N - For enthusiastically contributing to reading in whole class and group work. Rawe.

Max - For enthusiastically contributing your thinking in Literacy and maths! Ka rawe.

Brooke - For always contributing your thinking and pushing yourself in maths. Your mahi shows!

Yara - For constantly determined and thoughtful work in your novel studies. Keep up the good work.

Skye - For contributing to reading workshops showing higher order thinking skills.

Connor - For asking part and performing well in Athletics.

Riley - For always being willing to contribute and to listen to others ideas in maths.

Braxton W - For making good progress in number knowledge.

Kian - For making pleasing progress in word study.

Maddy - For achieving at an excellent level in word study.



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HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

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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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GUMBOOTS BRASS AND WIND ENSEMBLE 2023

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SUMMER

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Thursday 12 January to Saturday 14 January 2023

Where will it be? Help us choose the best spot for your band

Taihape OR Palmerston North OR ???

Cost per player \$100 for tuition and lunch over three days.

Seats are limited, so register your interest early

Register your interest **by 15 November 2022** to be in the draw for a free lesson with Harmen Vanhoorne*

*details of lesson to be by mutual arrangement

REGISTER NOW Text your name, your choice of location and GUMBOOTS to 021 689 005 or email us at gumbootsbrassandwind@gmail.com

About our lead tutor **Harmen Vanhoorne**

Renowned across the globe as one of the world's finest brass players and educators, Harmen conducts Auckland's premiere A Grade brass band, North Shore Brass and was the musical director of the 2020/2021 National Secondary Schools Brass Band. In September 2021, Harmen has partnered with a team of passionate individuals across the Lower North Island to create opportunities for young players in their region through a network of workshops, concerts and camps.

COVID-19 government guidelines will apply to this event.

For further information about the Gumboots Brass and Wind Ensemble project e: gumbootsbrassandwind@gmail.com or Kathy 021 689 005





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