

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th November 2022

Important Upcoming Events

29 November	Pack the Bus - we welcome donations of non-perishable food or gift items
1 December	Interschool athletic sports
6 December	5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom. Everyone welcome
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)
13 December	8.30am Coffee and muffin' thank you' for all our super helpful parents over 2022. Venue - staffroom Transition afternoon - tamariki to meet with their 2023 teachers/class
15 December	12.45pm School Closes for 2022

Update from the Principal

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

Class lists for 2023 have now been finalised and the tamariki will receive their report, stationery list and name of their 2023 kete/whānau teacher on Friday 9th December. These will come home in school bags, so do look out for them.

A reminder that we have 5 kete in the school and 6-year levels, so EVERY child in our kura will spend TWO years in one kete at some stage over the time they are here. If your child is remaining in the same kete next year it DOES NOT mean they are being held back or disadvantaged in any way. For example, Year 3's (whether in TKP or TKM) are Year 3's and they will all participate in all Year 3 events. The same applies at every year level as we have composite year groups in each kete.

The tamariki are aware of this, however we do appreciate parental support in reminding them should there be any confusion/concern.

PLEASE let us know now if your child is NOT returning to Hokowhitu School next year. It is really important that we balance numbers carefully and we rely on your co-operation to be able to do this.

COVID PRECAUTIONS

Anyone who tests positive for this virus must remain home for 8 days from the onset of symptoms. If someone in the household tests positive, others can safely attend school AS LONG AS THEY TEST NEGATIVE EVERY MORNING. Thank you.

PACK THE BUS - Next Tuesday the 29th of November

As we have done in previous years, we are supporting the efforts of Media Works, Barnardo's, Methodist Social Services and Transit Buses, and inviting our school whānau to help make someone else's Christmas just a little bit better. Non-perishable food items and/or new toys or gifts will be collected from us here at school and distributed to families in need in time for Xmas. Please send items to school on the morning of the 29th.

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL AND PRIZE GIVING

Please make sure this is clearly marked on everyone's calendars as an event 'not to be missed'. We will enjoy a relaxed dinner atmosphere -bring your picnic blanket and enough cash to buy some yummy dinner and settle in for our annual prize giving that will start at 6pm. ALL the children are expected to attend - special awards will be presented to learners across the school and we will have live performances to enjoy.

HELPERS THANK – YOU

Notes will be coming home soon to acknowledge the many parents/caregivers/grandparents etc who have regularly helped us out at school over the year. Without the support of the Board, the PTA, sports coaches, camp parents, transporters, classroom helpers etc, our tamariki simply would not have the great range of experiences/activities and treats we are able to offer. Thank you to each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts. Ka pai.

While we know it isn't possible for everyone to take the time to come into school in the morning, we warmly extend an invitation to you to drop in on Tuesday 13th Dec and enjoy a coffee and muffin to start your day the right way.

HELPERS NEEDED

We are needing people to assist with serving on Thursday the 8th of December for our Christmas carnival. Please email Amy at amywestergaard@gmail.com if you are able to help with this.

ICAS MATHS AWARDS

Certificates were presented today to the following people who participated in the mathematics assessment last term...

Congratulations to the following people

Participation: **Alex G, Wonil H, Samuel M, Tamira S, Richard Z, Sahith L/A**

Merit: **Makayla J, Catherine C, Renee F, Riley A**

Credit: **Joshpreet S, Yuna C**

Distinction: **Bradley P**

Bradley's distinction award placed him in the top 5% of all Year 6 participants in NZ and the Pacific region. Ka Rawe Bradley!

ATAWHAI AWARDS

At assembly this morning we honoured the following people for the way that they show atawhai (kindness) at our kura.

TKW: Lilianna - We are so lucky to have you join us in Huia this term. You have wonderful manners, are a super hard worker and have already made some wonderful friendships. You show atawhai by being kind to your peers and are helpful to those children in need. You are already a role model for others in your class and you show great enthusiasm towards learning. Tino pai Lilianna!

TKP: Sam M - We love how you are such an independent learner. You look after your belongings, manage your resources, and always want to try to complete tasks yourself before you ask for help. In the playground you are always happily engaged in a game with your friends and always include others in your games. Your positive outlook rubs off on others and nothing seems to get you down. Kia kaha Sam, keep up the great attitude!!

TKM: Madisyn P - Maddy you have really been stepping up lately in the kete. You are volunteering to support others and if you see someone in need you offer to help them out. You have been finding ways to negotiate with your friends when you all want to play a different game. You have a kind heart. Keep showing atawhai!

TKA: Tristan C - Thank you for welcoming our new student and making him feel part of our kete. You quietly show kindness to others and ensure that people are feeling happy and if not, you try to help them solve their problems. You are a great team member who always ensures that others are included. We love that you are part of our kete Tristan. Your kindness is a wonderful virtue - don't ever lose it!!! Tino pai tō mahi!

TKT: Nesha N - You are a conscientious and thoughtful person who is always one of the first to offer to help your peers and teachers alike. You're kind to those that need your help offering support and understanding in a gentle manner. You step up and do your best in everything you do. You set an excellent example within our kete Nesha, we appreciate you. Thank you for being kind.

STAFF: Mrs Hodge - Mrs Hodge shows atawhai towards her colleagues by sometimes picking up lunch time treats and making sure we are 'in to win' with important events. Thank you for showing kindness to your colleagues Carlee!

Thank you to each of you for showing kindness - you all help to make our school a better place.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend

Ngā mihi nui

Lin Dixon

Principal.

Sport

Volleyball

The Spikers Volleyball team won their first game 55-44. Congratulations to you all!
Player of the day was **Kayno**, well done Kayno!

Touch

Hokowhitu Hammers -

11th Nov - The Hammers managed to play one game even with the rain, going down 1- 0 to Westend Seniors. The teams MVP was **Maehe**.

18th Nov - The Hammers played Turitea winning 7-1 and our second game was against a very good Wairau Wairau team and managed a 3 all draw. The teams MVPs were **Avalon** and **Cooper**.

Hockey

Hokowhitu Gold -

16th Nov - Hokowhitu Gold had a great team game, winning 7-1 against the Cloverlea Stormers. Joshua picked **Cooper W** for the space and passing award for a great goal.

23rd Nov - Hokowhitu Gold played RSS Ruru. After a good start the team had their first loss of the season going down 3-2. Passing and space awards went to **Nixon** and **Lilly**.

Hokowhitu Green –

Our team are playing so well together and learning new skills each week. Fantastic defence skills from all players! Player of the week was **Harley** for fantastic passing and goal saving.



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

Achievement Awards



Te Kete Wakahuia

Joshua - We are so impressed with the progress you have made at school already. You are trying super hard at all your learning. Ka pai!

Zoe C - You are very careful with all of your work Zoe. Well done on your wonderful presentation skills.

Sadie - You are an enthusiastic learner in everything we do Sadie! - Thank you for sharing all your lovely knowledge with us!

Michael - Fantastic improvement with basketball - what a star!

Qasim - Wow Qasim - it was great seeing your enthusiasm and enjoyment at basketball - Keep it up!

Malone - For taking risks and sharing his ideas at mat time. Tino pai, Malone!

Dontae - For sharing all of his learning over the year and a fantastic effort at basketball.

Griffin - For your excellent basketball skills.

Harper - For working so hard in maths. Tino pai!

Harley - For being a great listener in your workshops. Ka pai Harley.

Madi - For being an enthusiastic learner and always striving to do your best in workshops. Ka pai!

Aditya R - For being an enthusiastic basketball player and proving to have super skills.

Ameerah - For working extra hard to add detail in your stories. ka pai!

Te Kete Pounamu

Carlos - For correctly identifying reflections and rotations of shapes.

Brodie - For correctly identifying reflections and rotations of shapes.

Nehan - For using expression when reading aloud.

Sam M - For beginning to image addition and subtraction problems.

Rory - For attempting to use a character voice when reading his part in a play.

Olivia - For an amazing plan that she followed to make a clay insect model.

Oliver - For reading with fluency and expression.

Sailor - For using who, where, when to introduce a narrative.

Te Kete Manawa

Congratulations to this week's Top 30 winners: **Tyler, Anne, Minoo** and **Ronav**. Special mention this week to **Nina** and **Twila** for helping to clean up books and pencils that have been left out. **Mila** and **William** were outstanding in their presentation of their play, well done!

Te Kete Aronui

Billy - For a great effort with your reading. Awesome job!

Keira - For producing an interesting and creative story.

Elahze - For showing greater focus and task completion in maths.

Hannah - For great word choices in your writing. Keep up the great work.

Darshan - For showing great focus during our basketball sessions to learn new skills and follow the instructions given.

Jayden - For the great ideas you share during our shared reading.

Makayla - For showing determination with your problem solving in maths - and doing it still with a smile!

Schalk - Welcome to Hokowhitu School and Te Kete Aronui!

Kiara - For showing kindness to others and ensuring that everyone is feeling happy - we love your 'dad' jokes!

Te Kete Tangaroa

Steph - For excellent work dividing big as numbers.

Lilian - For excellent work dividing big as numbers.

Te Kohi - For working really well independently on literacy tasks.

Olivia - For helping and guiding young members in the Enviro team.

Huntley - For organising related ideas into paragraphs.

Tanu - For excellence in Literacy.

Maehe - For completing an amazing piece of artwork.

Janae - For suggesting ideas for the Enviro team to do together.

Boston - For helping our new student complete some tasks in English.

Kayle - Welcome to Hokowhitu school.

Community Notices



**JEDI SKATEBOARD ACADEMY
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**ARE RUNNING OUR
TERM 4 WEEKLY
SKATEBOARD SESSIONS**

6 X CONSECUTIVE SATURDAYS ON:
05.11.22 / 12.11.22 / 19.11.22
26.11.22 // 03.12.22 / 10.12.22

VENUE: MEMORIAL PARK SKATERINK, MAIN ST, PN
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PROVIDED

ENTRY: \$15 PER PERSON PER SESSION

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Sunday 20th Nov 3.15 to 5.15pm
Sunday 27th Nov 3.15 to 5.15pm
Saturday 17th Dec 6.30 to 8pm
\$10 entry includes skates and
possibility to win spot prizes



The Red Cross Christmas Fair in the Square is back this year, on Saturday December 3 - the same day as the Christmas Concert.

We invite you to have a free stall space to advertise your school, give your students some retail experience or just general fundraising.

The fair runs all day and into the evening, so come for the day, the evening, or both.

For more information phone Vivien on 022 3299 033 or email

pncxmasfair@gmail.com

The Hokowhitu School Tall Poppies are performing on Monday the 28th November at 6.30pm. All are welcome. Tickets are \$12 each and can be purchased from:

https://nz.patronbase.com/_GlobeTheatre/Productions/GOTP/Performances

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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!

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