

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th of December 2022

Important Upcoming Events

9 December	End of year reports home today (except for those who have had 6 week or 6-month interviews as this is their first year at school). Stationery lists and 2023 kete/whānau teacher will be included in this envelope
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
31 January 2023	2023 school year starts for the tamariki (children)

Update from the Principal

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

Please ensure you check school bags this afternoon for school reports, 2023 classes and stationery lists. Next Tuesday afternoon the tamariki will all get to have some time in the 2023 kete and meet with their teachers.

2023 TEACHING TEAMS

Te Kete Tangaroa: Mr Sloan, Mrs Longley and Mr Masoe

Te Kete Aronui: Ms Salter, Mrs Guerin and Ms Tayler

Te Kete Manawa: Mrs Gifford-Moore, Mr Shirley and Miss Puts

Te Kete Pounamu: Mrs Hodge, Mr Evans and Whaea Bree

Te Kete Wakahuia: Waka - Mrs Orr and Miss Caldwell, **Huia** - Mrs Blay and Mrs Hintz

SWIMMING POOL IS OPEN

The tamariki are encouraged to pack their togs, towel, goggles etc in a waterproof bag each day. Teachers will not take the children swimming on unsuitable days and they are always allowed to get out of the water if they are feeling cold.

We strongly encourage the use of rash tops and sunscreen to prevent sunburn while in the water.



CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL AND PRIZE GIVING

What a huge success this event was last night - I cannot thank Amy Westergaard enough for coordinating all the food stalls. This is a massive undertaking. Amy was really well supported with many 'elves' - ka pai to every single one of you!

A HUGE THANK YOU GOES TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORTED THIS EVENT BY MAKING VERY GENEROUS DONATIONS

ASB (donated everything for the sausage sizzle and manned the stall for us)

Gilmores (donated the meat for the butter chicken and nachos)

Hokowhitu 4 Square (donated the buns for the hamburgers)

Griffins (donated biscuits for the lolly cake)

Mr. Choi Sushi (provided the sushi and chicken at a reduced cost to support the school)

Many, many families generously donated food items too - this significantly reduced our purchase costs.

Thank you so much!! We are truly appreciative.

We are delighted to let you know that approximately \$2400 was raised.

HELPERS THANK - YOU

Thank you to 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.

END OF TERM CELEBRATIONS

While TKW has already celebrated their special day, TKP, TKM, TKA and TKT have all selected next Monday the 12th of December. You will have received notices advising of anything particular that the tamariki need for their celebration day.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

We hold a (limited) range of second-hand uniform here at school which can be purchased at reduced prices. We welcome donations of any uniform items that no longer fit your child, however, could still be useful to someone else. Feel free to drop items into the school office. Thank you!

2023 CALENDAR ADDITION

Recently I was able to give you our term dates for 2023. These were published in newsletters in November.

Last week we were advised by the Ministry of Education that we take additional teacher only days (2 each year) to allow professional development around the implementation of the NZ Curriculum Refresh.

The first of these days will be taken on the 24th April. The 25th April is a public holiday commemorating ANZAC day so effectively this means Term 2 will commence for the tamariki on Wednesday 26th April.

At this time the Ministry of Education has not advised the date for the second day - however it is likely this will be in Term 3. I will inform you as soon as possible.

Have a great weekend

Ngā mihi nui

Lin Dixon

Principal.

Update from the School Board

Tēnā koutou,

It was wonderful to see the school community gather last night to celebrate our students' achievements and enjoy their talents as performers. We are very grateful for the hard work of the school leadership and staff and the members of the Parent Teacher Association that made it such a success.

The School Board met for the last time this year on Tuesday night. One of our core responsibilities is ensuring that every student can attain their highest possible standard of achievement. We meet this need by regularly reviewing reports on student assessment. This time, we looked at data on mathematics, reading, and writing for students in Years 3-6 (the data is anonymous). It's a credit to both staff and students to see that over the course of the year the vast majority of students have been able to achieve at or above their age level for the New Zealand curriculum. We had an in-depth discussion about some areas where there can possibly be further improvements, which will form annual targets for the school for next year, and we ensured that there are sufficient resources available.

In some of our other business, we were able to approve the installation of some shade sails in the central courtyard, in keeping with the school's Sun Protection Policy, and we completed our three-yearly review of the Communication Policy. Tim Foss also delivered his first report as the holder of a new Board portfolio, Risk and Compliance, which is especially focused on our obligations regarding privacy and health and safety.

As always, if you would like to discuss any aspect of the school's governance, please feel free to talk to a Board member or to email us at board@hokowhitu.school.nz.

We wish all our school community, students, and staff a relaxing, joyful, and safe summer break.

Ngā mihi o te Kirihimete me te Tau Hou,

Philip Steer

Sport

If your child's selected sport has finished for the year can you please return all sports uniforms. If these are not returned by the last day of 2023 (at the latest) you will be invoiced \$70 for it to be replaced, thank you.

Interschool Results

Here are the athletic results from last weeks Interschool competition. We will hand out certificates at next Wednesday's final assembly at 10.30am.

Oliver S - 2nd Yr6 Boys High Jump

Vernon - 3rd Yr6 Boys Shot Put

Jedd - 3rd Yr6 Boys Discus

Janae - 2nd Yr5 Girls Long Jump

Yuna C - 3rd Yr5 Girls 800m



Achievement Awards



Te Kete Wakahuia

Welcome to Hokowhitu School **Jaxxon**. We are lucky to have your friendly smile join Waka Iti.

Siddarth - Wow Sid. We have been impressed with how you have settled into school. You are listening and trying so hard at everything that you do. Ka pai!

Rhyan - You are working so hard on your writing Rhyan - Ka pai!

Mehar - You are looking after our class by helping to tidy up, great job Mehar!

Huatahi - Fantastic progress in her learning this year - well done Huatahi!

Pray - Always showing atawhai for his friends and teachers. Tino pai!

Jonah - for working so hard on your maths knowledge. Tino pai.

Carter - for working hard in maths. Kā rawe.

Rita - for working super hard in your maths workshops. Ka pai!

Leo W - for taking pride in your artwork and trying hard to add detail.

Te Kete Pounamu

Sailor - For a great improvement with his Literacy.

Roman - For completing a scissor jump during fundamentals.

Rohan - For commitment to the Jump Jam team.

Sam P - For being engaged in your maths workshop.

Zareesh - For perseverance in Jump Jam.

Yuleena - For learning long /a/ ai, ay words.

Skye - For learning the number bonds to 10 and 20.

Te Kete Manawa

Top 30 winners are: **Hawaiki, Harrison and Charlotte**. We would like to thank all the students in TKM for a fantastic year. We have seen amazing growth, socially, academically, and physically. Our sincere thanks to all families for your support this year. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday!

Te Kete Aronui

Thank you **Te Kete Aronui** for a fantastic year. You have all done a great job and we are so proud of all the resilience that you have shown throughout the year. We can't wait to celebrate with you on Monday 12 December at our End of Year Celebration.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Mila - For stepping up and making an effort in inquiry.

Cooper - For awesome mahi and competitive spirit in basketball.

Lena - For all her extra work on our TKT yearbook, thanks for stepping up!

Inas - Excellent work standards in all areas.

Daniel - Consistently managing his time well and setting high standards in all areas.

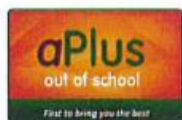
Grace S - For consistently displaying excellent standards in all areas this year.

Haylee - For a fabulous attitude towards all curriculum areas and doing your homework!

Paige - An awesome attitude to learning about rotational symmetry.

Elyott - For painting a beautiful butterfly.





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<p>Small Fry (ages 5-6), going through the holidays from 16th Dec 2022 to 30th Jan 2023 Hokowhitu School – 227 Albert Street, Palmerston North</p>				<p>\$27.50 THE LANTERN FESTIVAL Making beautiful lanterns to hang up until Christmas and then you can take them home!</p>
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<p>\$27.50 DEAR SANTA Booby prize or good prize write to Santa and let him decide!</p>	<p>\$27.50 D. I. Y. Make some cool craft supplies to take home. Great for playing or painting with!!!</p>	<p>\$27.50 CHRISTMAS PREP We are getting for Christmas with cookies, and decorations, but still making time for a swim and some basketball!</p>	<p>\$27.50 SANTAS ELVES Elves, Santa, take photos and add a lolly to that card</p>	<p>\$27.50 CHRISTMAS PARTY We are making some delicious food, getting the Christmas music going and having a PARTY!!!</p>
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<p>\$27.50 ALL THE COLOURS OF THE RAINBOW Sun and Rain make rainbows and we are going to make Rainbow Fruit kebabs - swim, make Oreo Rainbows for afternoon tea and then It's Kiwi Toss.</p>	<p>\$27.50 DOORWAYS Doors today - small ones, bigger ones, doors to take home! Bling them up - they are going to look great.</p>	<p>\$27.50 BEACH UMBRELLA We love the beach, but we love the umbrella better. Sunscreen today</p>	<p>\$27.50 WALKING ON AIR It feels just like walking on air. We are going to test an air bed that we will be making today. Will it survive the jumping test?</p>	<p>\$27.50 SPLASH DAY Pool noodles, floaties, beach balls, squirt guns, drinks and fruit at the pool</p>
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<p>\$27.50 PIRATE PRANKS Pirates, parrots, pirate costumes and aargh me hearties!</p>	<p>\$27.50 WATER WISE Learn how to be water wise with your friends. It is a great way to know how to be very careful around water.</p>	<p>\$27.50 FIESTA! Mexican Fiesta day - great food, games, big sombreros and music!</p>	<p>\$27.50 BAM UP SHE GOES How much pressure can a water bottle take before it explodes? Let's try it and see.</p>	<p>\$27.50 KEEP MOVING KIWIS It's the great Kiwi Toss competition today. Keep moving but aim carefully, every point counts.</p>
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<p>WELLINGTON ANNIVERSARY.</p>	<p>\$27.50 PUT YOUR HAT ON! That is the message for summer. Let's turn it into a fun activity that you can take home!</p>	<p>\$27.50 MONARCHS IN THE GARDEN . They come to NZ from far away and we are going to take a closer look at them. Will they hatch while we watch!</p>	<p>\$27.50 TEFFY BEAR PICNIC Forest, Picnic Basket, Teddy Bears, a great day so bring a furry friend.</p>	<p>\$27.50 HAWAIIAN LUAU Leis, hula skirts, limbo, great food and plenty of Hawaiian games!</p>
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<p>Mon 16th Jan 2023</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$32.50 MY MONSTER Have some brilliant monster fun today - the Large Green Monster & Mummy Wrapping</p>	<p>Tues 17th Jan 2023</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$32.50 RATONE A rat with plenty of advice about health, what to wear, how to make friends, is he joking?</p>	<p>Wed 18th Jan 2023</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$32.50 RAINY DAZE Standing in the rain, rainsticks and sprinkler games</p>	<p>Thurs 19th Jan 2023</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$32.50 WALKING SPIDERS Glass spider walking races, Spider float and the Spider Web game</p>	<p>Fri 20th Jan 2023</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$32.50 DREAM MUMMIES They cast a gentle light with their cheeky smiles - take it home and put it beside your bed.</p>	
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The Explorers Programme at aPlus

The Explorers programme is a mixture of centre based activities (Stay and Play), and excursions (Out and About), for children **7 years and up**.

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<p>\$35.00</p> <p>YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE How long will it take you to stack 28 cups into a pyramid and then unstack them? Less than 60 seconds? Challenge on!!</p>	<p>\$35.00</p> <p>SHRINKIE DINKS Create large and cook them till they are small. Keyrings, earrings, tags, we can do it all.</p>	<p>\$35.00</p> <p>BIG BAD UGLY We are going to make a big, bad, ugly cake - the uglier the better. Then it's onto ugly biscuits - yuk but yummy.</p>	<p>\$35.00</p> <p>FIGHT CLUB The very cool people from Fight Club are coming down to take us through some moves. Something for everyone.</p>	<p>\$35.00</p> <p>DOWN UNDER Get your fly swats out and cook some damper, today we are checking out some of our Aussie neighbours fun activities.</p>
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<p>WELLINGTON ANNIVERSARY.</p>	<p>\$35.00</p> <p>WATERWORKS Today expect to get wet. Bring 2 towels and sunscreen</p>	<p>\$35.00</p> <p>NEON BUBBLES AND BURPS In a dark room, the bubbles glow and swirl, we drank all the drink - now it's all burps.</p>	<p>\$35.00</p> <p>THE AMAZING RACE Race about town and be the first to reach the finish line with all the answers to the questions</p>	<p>\$35.00</p> <p>TREAD SOFTLY You are going to be designing a shoe all about you! Take your time and in between, make a human caterpillar chain, join a trough race, It's all good fun</p>



And a Happy New Year
from all of us here are
aPlus!!

Rolling towards Americas Cup

Come support our skaters travelling to compete at the Americas cup
 Roller discos at Bell Hall
 Waldegrave Street
 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




DECEMBER 2022
 JANUARY 2023

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

AT COLLEGE STREET NORMAL SCHOOL



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TŪ MAI KITE TĀKARO! GAME ON!

Ngā Paki o Rēhua 2022-2023
 Summer Reading Programme 2022-23



**PĀNUI, TĀKARO, PIRO!
 READ, PLAY, SCORE!**

*THIS SUMMER
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 reading programmes*

Summer Reading for ages 4-10
 &
 iRead for ages 11-13

Monday 5 December 2022 to
 Thursday 26 January 2023

Registrations open
 9am Monday 21 November 2022
 visit citylibrary.pncc.govt.nz

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**SATURDAY
28 JAN
11AM - 3PM**

**\$2 SAUSAGE SIZZLE
GAMES, ACTIVITIES
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Manawatu GymSports has a super holiday programme running, this is a great way to try out our club if you are keen to enrol next year, or just book in to have some fun! Head to www.manawatugymsports.co.nz