

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 2nd of February 2024

Important Upcoming Events 2024

5 February	- Hokowhitu School opened on this day 100 years ago. Happy birthday to us!!!
6 February	- Waitangi Day, SCHOOL CLOSED
8 February	- 4.30pm Parent session outlining our 2024 Health Programme - 'Navigating the Journey' - 5 - 6.30pm Pool Party
9 February	- House meeting day - wear your house t-shirt today if you have one
20 February	- 11.30am Year 4 - 6 triathlon - 5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom, everyone welcome
21 February	- Lucky book club orders are due back by today
23 February	- 9.00am Whole school assembly, TKA sharing some of their learning
27 February	- TKW trip to Te Manawa - 11.30am Years 3 and 4 swimming sports
28 February	- TKT trip to Te Manawa
29 February	- TKA trip to Te Manawa - 1.45pm Years 1/2 swimming display - 5.30pm Camp parent meeting
1 March	- 11.30am Year 5/6 swimming sports - House t-shirt day - wear your house t-shirt if you have one
5 March	- TKM trip to Te Manawa
6 March	- TKP trip to Te Manawa
8 March	- 9am Whole school assembly - TKM sharing some of their learning
11 - 13 March	- TKT to camp
13 - 15 March	- TKA Year 5's to camp

19 March	- 5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom
21 March	- 11.45am Year 1 - 3 duathlon
22 March	- 9am Whole school assembly - TKP sharing some of their learning
26 and 27 March	- 5.30pm Goal setting evenings
29 March - 2 April	- Easter break, SCHOOL CLOSED
5 and 6 April	- School centenary celebrations
11 April	- Y5/6 Interschool swimming sports
12 April	- 3pm Last day of school for Term 1

Please also look out for kete newsletters - these include specific dates/events for that kete.

Ways you can contact the office when your child/children will be absent or late

Email - office@hokowhitu.school.nz

Phone (You can also leave a voicemail) - 06 357 9667

App - See how to download the App below

School cell phone (you can ring or text this number) - 027 357 9021

Please contact us as soon as you know your child will be late or is not coming to school as it can take a long time to contact everybody that doesn't contact us. We do this to ensure your child is safe and not a missing child. Please do not contact the teacher directly, they don't always see emails when they are teaching. Thank you.

SCHOOL CENTENARY - 5TH & 6TH APRIL 2024

Hokowhitu School celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. Spread the word to any ex-pupils/colleagues who you think may be interested in attending.

Registrations are now 'live'. Please find the link for registration on the school website: www.hokowhitu.school.nz

You can also follow our Hokowhitu School Centenary Facebook page for updates
Registrations **CLOSE** 5th of March 2024!

Update from the Principal



Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

Welcome to the new school year. It was lovely to see the excitement from the tamariki as they entered their classrooms and met up with friends again. (I might add there were some rather excited parents too).

A very special welcome to all our new ākonga and our new kāiako Mrs Jenny Lovegrove. We look forward to you all settling into our kura and trust that you will soon feel very much 'part' of our whānau.

To my hard-working staff, thanks so much for all the 'non-contact time' preparation you have put into having the classrooms and programmes 'ready to go'. I value each of you.

TEACHING TEAMS

TKW	Mrs Carlee Hodge, Miss Andrea Caldwell, Mrs Anna Blay, Mrs Kirstine Hlntz
TKP	Mrs Tracey Orr, Mr Clayton Evans, Whaea Bree (White)
TKM	Ms Hilary Salter, Mr Andrew Shirley, Whaea Hannah (Puts)
TKA	Mrs Priscilla Gifford Moore, Ms Stacey Tayler, Mrs Jenny Lovegrove
TKT	Mr Sam Sloan, Whaea Liz (Longley), Mr Elisha Masoe
PART TIME TEACHING STAFF	Mrs Gwenna Finikin, Mrs Jo Mullinger, Mrs Kathryn O'Connor, Mrs Merryn Hawkins, Mrs Michelle Mikkelsen, Mrs Liz Easton, Whaea Hannah (McKeag)

Next week I will introduce our all important support staff team to you.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR 2024

1. The Board has requested that we place more emphasis on correct uniform footwear. Socks should be navy blue, shoes should be black or brown and 'school sensible'. If girls are wearing tights, they are to be plain navy blue tights with feet (NOT leggings). **Please ensure the tamariki are wearing these items daily.** We want to take a positive approach to getting this right, so reminder notes will start coming home next week if tamariki are not wearing appropriate footwear.
2. Regulation sunhats are compulsory in Term 1. Hats are available from the school office for \$12.00. No hat, no play. This will be enforced from next Monday, so get your hat sorted before next week.
3. The school office hours are 8.30am - 4.00pm.
4. Togs (preferably sun safe) and a towel should be sent to school daily - swimming is a part of the NZ curriculum, not something the children 'choose' to opt in or out of.

POOL PARTY - next Thursday 8th February, 5 pm start

We hope you have our first 'social event' for this year clearly marked on your calendar. The pool party is an informal way to mix and mingle with staff, meet other families, have the opportunity to meet Board/PTA members and generally have some fun.

Every Hokowhitu School pupil will receive a ticket for a free sausage (cooked by our Board members), the PTA will be selling additional sausages (\$2.00), nacho's (\$5.00), something sweet (\$2.00), and bottled water (\$1.00). Bring the family, come along with some cash and enjoy an easy dinner.

The pool will be open for the children to have a swim, we will put out some sports equipment and staff will be available to chat. We hope to see you there.

MEDICATIONS

A friendly reminder that ALL medications need to come through the office. We cannot have medicine kept in bags for safety reasons. Please ensure if your child requires medications at school, that you come to the office to fill out a medication form. Alternatively, we can send one through to you on request.

PARENT EDUCATION SESSION - Navigating the Journey 4.30pm next Thursday

This is the programme we use across the levels at our kura. So that everyone is accurately informed about the modules, we are offering a short parent session for 30 minutes BEFORE the pool party next Thursday. Anyone interested is welcome to come along to learn more. We will meet in TKA.

END OF THE DAY TIMES

To minimise congestion with parking etc, we have a split 'end of the day' time. Generally, tamariki in TKW and TKP finish at 2.45pm and those in TKM, TKA and TKT finish at 3pm. We recognise this is not ideal for parents who have children in both areas of the school - we ask that you choose the most suitable time and let the teaching team know whether your children will be 2.45ers or 3pmers!

NB: Children leaving school at 2.45pm MUST be met by an adult as there are no road patrollers out until 3pm.

Please try not to chop and change the times, regular routines work best for us all as they are easier to remember.

Have a lovely weekend everyone. Next week is an unusual one with a public holiday on Tuesday, but this certainly gives the tamariki some shorter weeks to get back into school routines.

Ngā mihi nui

Lin Dixon

LUCKY BOOK CLUB

Book Club has arrived! Look out for your copy of Book Club coming home **Monday!** It's packed with hundreds of books from just \$3.50 to help you on your child's reading journey. Due back no later than the 21st of February.



For registration of ALL sports, we use Kindo. You will need to set up an account with Kindo. Please find the link here - <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml?shop=Hokowhitu%20School>.

If you have any questions, please contact Carlee Hodge - c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz.

Sports available at Hokowhitu school for 2024

Term 1 (Available NOW)	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Netball - Years 1-4	Basketball - Years 3-6	Netball - Years 5 & 6 (Begins this term in week 7 and continues in term 4)	Summer soccer - Years 1-6
Summer Hockey - Years 1-6	Winter hockey - Years 1-6		Summer hockey - Years 1-6
			Touch - Years 1-6
			Volleyball - Years 4-6
Badminton - Years 5 & 6		Badminton - Years 5 & 6	Badminton - Years 5 & 6
<i>These sports are available in term one and they close for registration in week 2 of term 1.</i>	<i>These sports are available in term two and three and they close for registration in week 9 of term 1.</i>	<i>This sport is available in term 3 and 4 and registration closes in week 3 of term 3.</i>	<i>These sports are available in term four and they close for registration in week 8 of term 3.</i>

Important Information for Parents & Guardians

Please download our school App if you haven't already, all **IMPORTANT/URGENT** notifications will come through this channel. Follow the directions as stated below



Download the
Hokowhitu
School App



Absentee

Phone or send an email to the Absence Office.



Contacts

Phone or email contacts for school staff and key contacts.



School Info

View, download and share school info here.



Calendar

View upcoming events and add individual events to your calendar.



Newsletters

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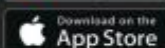
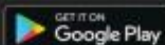


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View alerts, and remove by swiping an alert left.

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Then search 'Your School Name' to find your school's app.



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www.schoolappsnz.oo.nz

Community Notices

Goju Ryu KARATE starting this Tuesday the 6th (Waitangi Day) with our very own Mr Evans in the Hokowhitu school hall. See the attached flyer below.

The flyer features a central graphic with a black silhouette of a karate practitioner in a ready stance, set against a red circular background with a white square in the center. A diagonal banner across the graphic reads "Grand Opening 2024!!". The text "Goju Ryu KARATE" is at the top, and "沖繩剛柔流" (Goju Ryu Karate) is written vertically in Japanese on both the right and left sides.

**Goju Ryu
KARATE**

Grand Opening 2024!!

沖繩剛柔流

www.karate.org.nz
GOJU RYU KARATE
PALMERSTON NORTH

LOCATION: Hokowhitu School Hall
Albert St, Palmerston North
TIMES: Tuesdays, Juniors 6:00-7:00pm
Adults 7:00-8:00pm

CONTACT: Clayton. 021-2082-012
EMAIL claytonsensei@gmail.com
WEBSITE: www.karate.org.nz

沖繩剛柔流

Studio on the Square

Based at Square Edge Community Arts, we run after school art classes on Mondays – YOUNG CREATORS CLUB, Tuesdays SKETCHING & PAINTING, Wednesdays and Thursdays FUNDAMENTALS OF DRAWING & PAINTING (for younger students), Fridays SCULPTURING ANIMALS & BIRDS. \$150/term

Book online at artsmanawatu.org.nz or email us studioonthesquare@outlook.co.nz

Volunteers needed
for Refugee Support

Recruiting now!

Join our team of volunteers in **2024** and make a difference!

We urgently need people like **YOU** to help support and settle new families and individuals arriving and joining our Palmerston North community.

Choice of volunteer training on either:

Weekday **Thursday 8 and Friday 9 February** OR
Weekend **Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 February**

For more information

Email: manawatu@redcross.org.nz Text: 027 326 2709
Phone: 0800 733 27677 Website: www.redcross.org.nz

TUHOHO TOUCH

TERM 1 - 6 SESSIONS - GENDERS - MIXED

WHAT? TOUCH DEVELOPMENT

WHO? BOYS & GIRLS
YR 5 & 6, YR 7 & 8, YR 9 & 10

WHEN? FEB 15, 22, 29
MARCH 7, 14, 16 **4PM ONWARDS**

WHERE? QEC

COST \$50PP
TEE & ADMIN

INDIVIDUALS REGISTER > SPLIT INTO TEAMS > SKILLS/DRILLS > GAMES

Website
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MANAWATU TOUGH KID® CHALLENGE FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2024

Hosted by Mt Biggs School in partnership with Sport Manawatu.

A fun, challenging obstacle course for primary (year 3-6) and intermediate (year 7 & 8) school kids. Join us for a fun participation friendly event.

The course is all off road and includes running with obstacles such as hay bales, cargo nets, tyres and water slide plus other fun obstacles!!

Enter through your school

\$10 per entry

Pre order Lunch Packs \$6

Pre order Kids and Adult size T shirts \$24

Order when you register.

Entries open 9am Tuesday 13th February 2024

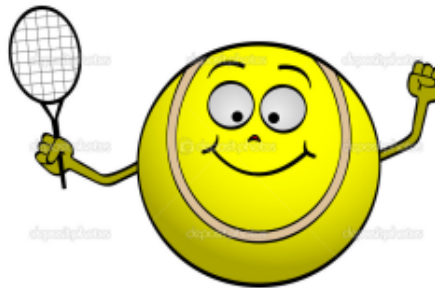


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Thank you to all our incredible sponsors!

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 the Marist Tennis Club (Vautier Park). 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 1 2024. It is a 6 week programme at Vautier Park commencing on **Saturday 17 February 2024**. Please assemble where the red nets are set up.

- **Stage 1** - Red Squads (5-8 years) – **9am - 9.50am**
- **Stage 2** – Orange Squads (9- 12 years) – **10am – 10.50am**

To confirm your child's place in the programme for Term 1 a \$ **110** fee is required. Payment via internet banking: ANZ 01-0745-0198533-00 Reference: Child's name. Could you also please email Big John confirming your child's participation and colour squad and that payment has been made. Please enrol A.S.A.P (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 around \$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.

The Marist "Hot Shot" Team -Manawatu's #1 Hot Shot Club!
Big John (John Salisbury)
Hot Shots Head Coach
0274 808 808
johnsalisbury@xtra.co.nz

Kick Start hockey programme 2024

Aged Year 3 – 8

This Programme is designed for any Tamariki wanting to kick start their love for the game of hockey Or just want to dust off their skills from the summer break before the winter season starts. This programme is great for both new players and experienced players.

25th February – 10th March 9am-10am with a game day on Sunday 17th March.

\$60 per child. Please get in touch with Hannah if you have any questions, pdo@hockeymanawatu.org.nz or click the link below or head to our website to register.

<https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/50b3bd>