

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 9th of February 2024

Important Upcoming Events 2024

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

We've noticed a pleasing reduction in the number of tamariki arriving at school before 8.30am. Thank you so much for your support with this. aPlus are open from 7am and can provide before (and after) school care onsite if you need it.

SUPPORT STAFF TEAMS

This team provides outstanding support to both the teaching team and the learners - some of our support staff have more than one role in our kura.

OFFICE STAFF	LEARNING COACHES	LIBRARIAN	CARETAKER
Mrs Jennifer Bates (OM) Mrs Leanne Hughes Mrs Diane Wackrow	Mrs Wendy Donnellan Mrs Karen Douglas Mrs Leanne Hughes Mrs Susan Janssen Mrs Tomoko Macdonald Mrs Tabitha Prisk Mrs Emma Vekula	Mrs Susan Janssen	Mr Steven Cooke

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 be sent home regularly if tamariki are not wearing appropriate footwear. Thanks for your support with this.
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 sunsafe) 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

Thanks to everyone who supported the pool party last night - it's a lovely way for whānau to catch up with others, a good opportunity to chat with each of the teachers in your child's kete andgreat to have dinner prepared for you.

My special thanks to Amy Westergaard and her team who ordered, prepared and served the food, ably supported by Board members and staff.



PARENT EDUCATION SESSION - Navigating the Journey.

Thank you to the parents who came to the parent evening yesterday, there were lots of good discussions about the programme we use for Relationship and Sexuality Education. For those who were unable to make it feel free to click on the link below to see the outline of the programme for each level. Kete leaders will keep you informed when teaching certain themes. If you have any questions please contact your child's whānau teacher.

[Navigating the Journey Overviews](#)

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 departing at 2.45pm or 3pm.

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.

Ngā mihi nui

Lin Dixon

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**
View, download and share our Newsletters here.
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View alerts, and remove by swiping an alert left.

Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and Search 'SchoolAppsNZ' to download the app onto your device.

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

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Get in touch with us at support@snapp.co.nz
www.schoolappsnz.co.nz



SPORTS

ALL sports registrations have closed today from 3pm. The sports were summer hockey and year 1-4 netball. We currently have enough players registered for year 1-2 netball and 4 summer hockey teams. Well done to everyone who has registered.

If you have not signed up for a sports uniform and you are playing summer hockey you will need to do use kindo to complete this - see the link below.

We begin hockey Tuesday 13th February for years 1-4 and Wednesday 14th February years 5/6.

We begin netball Monday 19th February and uniform is supplied.

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 (NOW CLOSED)	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>



Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

A big Hokowhitu welcome to **Calum, Juliette, Aryan, Paige, Jack, Amelia, Evie, Isaac, Lucia, Bodhi, Indy, Ivory** and **Emily**. Happy school Days!

Aisha - For your beautiful letter formation.

Remy - For being a kind member of Huia.

Freya - For being a super listener and role model for others.

Arlo - For being a super listener and role model for others.

Te Kete Pounamu

Hikurangi - Welcome to Hokowhitu School Hiku - we love having you in TKP!

Justin - For participating in class and group discussions - We love to hear what you have to say Justin.

Nora - For being a friendly and positive member of pīwakawaka.

Te Kete Manawa

A warm welcome to the 2024 school year. It has been great meeting all the children in Te Kete Manawa and their whānau. We look forward to this being a great year together. A special welcome to the following students who have joined us at Hokowhitu School this year - **Abel, Felix, Carter H, Joud, Jubilee, and Vanshika**.

Te Kete Aronui

Maggie, Matty, Lincoln and Mellany - a huge welcome to Hokowhitu School and we look forward to getting to know you.

Olivia - For a great start to the term by being such a helpful member of TKA.

Ben - For excellent presentation in your books. Keep up the good work!

Brodie - For being a respectful and kind member of TKA.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Albie - For stepping up as a TKT Leader and setting high standards in class.

Jorja - Excellent work in Maths studying Statistics.

Sanuthi - For outstanding presentation skills in her work.

Maisey - Amazing on Road Patrol.

Harveer - Your contributions in class discussion are so valuable - Thank You!

Chris - For an outstanding attitude to learning in all areas.

Aarush - For excellent work in handwriting.

Frankie - For great listening and always prepared for learning .

Goju Ryu
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www.karate.org.nz
GOJU RYU KARATE
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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

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

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Website
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Entries open 9am Tuesday 13th February 2024

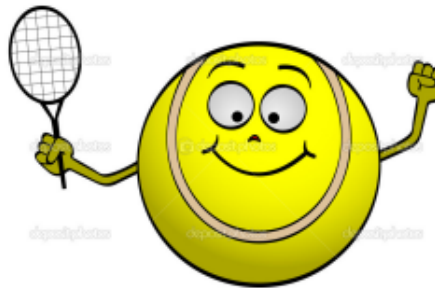


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WELCOME TO THE MARIST "HOT SHOTS" TENNIS PROGRAMME!

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.

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