

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 16th of February 2024

Important Upcoming Events 2024

20 February	- 9.30am 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

Alternatively, contact the office and we can help you register.

You can also follow our Hokowhitu School Centenary Facebook page for updates Registrations **CLOSE** 5th of March 2024! Don't leave too late to come.





Update from the Principal

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

Welcome to Friday - and what a great week we have had for swimming. Let's hope we have a few more yet too. The mornings have been getting a little cooler, however the lovely sunny days have meant that the solar heating has been delivering nice warm water into the pool. Pool temperatures have usually been higher than the air temperatures.

COUNSELLOR AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL

As part of an initiative from within our Kahui Ako, AND with additional financial support from our Board, we have a set number of counselling spaces available here at school on Monday afternoons.

The counselling is available for any Hokowhitu School tamariki. If you would like to access this service for your child, please email/contact our Learning Support Coordinator Helen Griffin, who will provide you with the referral form.

h.griffin@hokowhitu.school.nz

CAMP 2024

A reminder that payment for camp can be made at the office via eftpos or cash, alternatively you can pay online into the school's bank account (child's name & camp as reference). **Hokowhitu School Board - 12-3143-0322799-00**

A reminder that at this point in time, while we are awaiting the prospect of more grants coming in, we are only accepting payments of up to \$150. (To avoid overpayments and refunds). We are happy to accept payment in instalments too. If you have any questions around this please contact the office.

YEAR 4 - 6 TRIATHLON

We welcome supporters/spectators for the triathlon on Tuesday, so do come along if you can. Where possible, bring bikes and helmets to school on Monday for the rehearsal (and we will store them indoors overnight).

Racing starts at 9.30 am with the tamariki completing 2 events, followed by the Year 6 tamariki, then the Year 5, and finishing with Year 4's.

We respectfully ask that supporters stay off race areas, finish lines etc, so that everyone gets a fair go.

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.

CYCLE TRACK

Due to safety reasons a decision has been made that children can only ride their bikes/scooters on the track on the allocated day for their kete.

Monday - TKP

Tuesday - TKW

Wednesday - TKT

Thursday - TKM

Friday - TKA

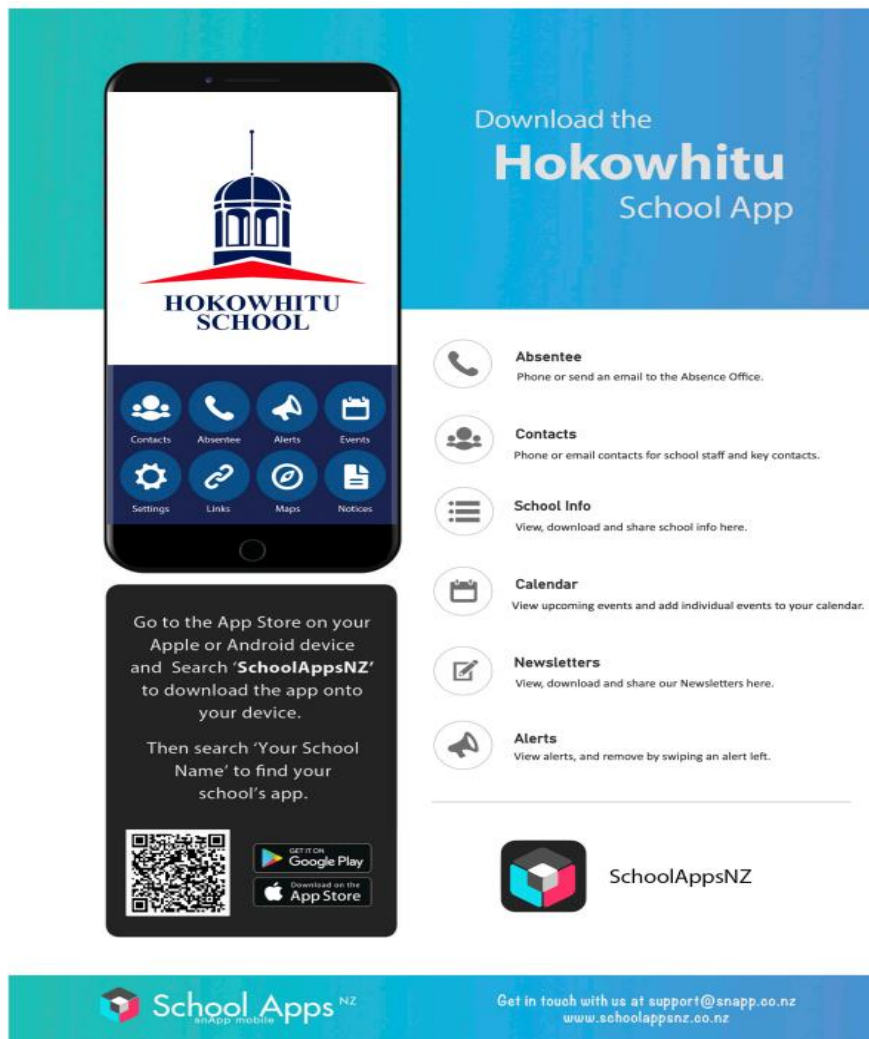
Please remember sensible shoes and a helmet.

Have a great weekend everyone

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.

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View upcoming events and add individual events to your calendar.

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View, download and share our Newsletters here.

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

SPORTS

Tough Guy/Gal competition - 27th and 28th May

If you would like your child to participate in this event - please use this online registration form to do so. We will not be entering a school team, so individual registration forms need to be completed by a caregiver. This competition is for children in year 3 and up. [Tough Guy/Gal](#)

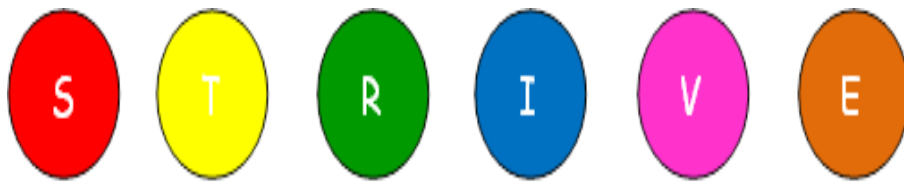
If you have signed up for a sport (excluding netball) and have **NOT** received a sports uniform. You will need to hire this through KINDO - see the link below.

<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml?shop=Hokowhitu%20School>.

We begin Year 1-2 netball this Monday the 19th of February and Year 3-4 netball next Wednesday the 28th

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

Coaches/Managers - If you would like details in the newsletter, please email them to office@hokowhitu.school.nz no later than Thursday please.



Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

A big Hokowhitu and Waka welcome to **Hui-Tanguru, Carson and Greta.**

Isaac - For showing independence when coming into school and getting himself ready for learning.

Emily - For showing independence when coming into school and getting herself ready for learning.

Jack - For showing independence when coming into school and getting himself ready for learning.

Indy - For showing respect for our equipment and our environment and tidying up.

Asher F - For showing enthusiasm for learning.

Willow - For being a caring member of Huia.

Kirill - For being a super role model for Huia.

Roshni - Always striving to do her best in all areas of learning.

Te Kete Pounamu

A big Hokowhitu welcome to **Georgina and Cara** who have joined us in TKP this year.

Aaden - Fantastic maths skills.

Max - For awesome swimming skills.

Darcy - For showing atawhai and being a friend to others in our kete.

Blythe - For being a great helper to her class and teachers.

Cooper - For showing STRIVE.

Harper - For stepping up as a leader in TKP.

Liana - For stepping up as a leader in TKP.

James - You have made a fantastic start to the year James - Keep it up!

Claudia - For being a responsible and reliable class member.

Jaxxon - For showing enthusiasm in everything you do!

Eddie - For being an enthusiastic learner in TKP!

Emma - Fantastic handwriting skills.

Rhyan - Showing enthusiasm in maths.

Te Kete Manawa

Te Whakaira - For stepping up and being a great leader in TKM.

Paikea - For being a great listener and always demonstrating STRIVE.

Hanna - For always listening well to instructions and being on task.

Lachie - For being a role model in the kete by being in the right place at the right time.

Isaiah - For demonstrating an eagerness to learn.

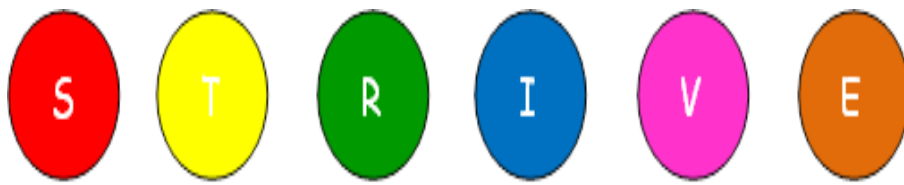
Jonah - For making great choices in where he sits during silent reading.

Hamed - For showing improvement with your swimming skills and showing kete responsibility.

Carter N - For stepping up in literacy and being a focused learner.

Rose - For demonstrating good listening skills in literacy and maths.





Achievement Awards

Te Kete Aronui

Imogen B - For well-presented book work and a great start to 2024.

Maggie - For well-presented books and being an engaged learner.

Senura - For having a high standard for your book presentation.

Bailey - For great time management during literacy time.

Donnacha - Setting a high standard in your book work.

Maia - For being a great role model to your peers.

Taylah - For stepping up to be helpful and respectful.

Zareesh - For being a respectful and organised learner.

Hudson - For being an active listener and respectful member of the kete.

Te Kete Tangaroa

C-Jay - For stepping up in TKT and managing the new routines with style.

Tupuse - For slipping back into the school routines in a competent and confident manner.

Tyler - For excellent use of reading strategies.

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

Senuli - For being original in her art.

Willa - Excellent execution of Artistic Skills.

Penelope - For being an outstanding Well-being Warrior.

Hannah - Incredible can-do attitude across the curriculum.

Jaxon - For perseverance in maths.





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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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Enter through your school

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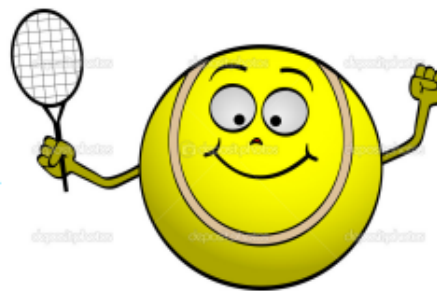


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sponsors!**

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>



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JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB**

2024 PLAYER REGISTRATIONS OPEN!

Come down to the YMCA end of Ongley Park
and register to play with us this year!

Registration Days:	11th Feb	1pm-2pm
	18th Feb	1pm-2pm
	25th Feb	1pm-2pm
	6th March	5.30pm-6.30pm
	17th March	1pm-2pm
and Linton Community Centre - 11th Feb 1pm-2pm		

You can also register at: www.sporty.co.nz/pnhsob

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