

# HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2024

## Important Upcoming Events 2024

<b>5 March</b>	- TKM trip to Te Manawa
<b>6 March</b>	- TKP trip to Te Manawa
<b>8 March</b>	- 9am Whole school assembly - TKM sharing some of their learning
<b>11 - 13 March</b>	- TKT to camp
<b>13 - 15 March</b>	- TKA Year 5's to camp
<b>19 March</b>	- 5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom
<b>21 March</b>	- 11.45am Year 1 - 3 duathlon
<b>22 March</b>	- 9am Whole school assembly - TKP sharing some of their learning
<b>26 and 27 March</b>	- 5.30pm Goal setting evenings
<b>29 March - 2 April</b>	- Easter break, <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>5 and 6 April</b>	- School centenary celebrations
<b>11 April</b>	- Y5/6 Interschool swimming sports
<b>12 April</b>	- 3pm Last day of school for Term 1

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

## CHOIR

On Saturday (the 6th of April) we will be asking our school choir to perform for our centenary registrants, so do pop this into your calendar. A separate notice will also come home soon.

## 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](http://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** 5<sup>th</sup> of March, so this is a final call.



## WAYS TO CONTACT THE OFFICE WHEN YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT OR LATE

**Email** - [office@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto: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.



## Update from the Principal

Kia ora koutou  
Ngā mihi kia koutou

It's been lovely to see many of you supporting trips and or sports events over the week. Thank you so much, we appreciate your support and help. Next week is another busy one with TKM and TKP each having a day at Te Manawa.

### YEAR 5 AND 6 UPCOMING CAMPS

There is now just one full week before we get to camp week!

Thanks to everyone who is making payments - while we are awaiting the outcome of a grant application, the board/PTA will support us to set the **total fee at \$150.00**. Hopefully this will help!

It is absolutely fine for you to make camp payments in instalments if this makes balancing the budget easier - we are well aware that money is much harder to earn than it is to spend! A few dollars each week works just as well. Feel free to make payment arrangements by contacting Jen our Office Manager before your child heads to camp ([office@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:office@hokowhitu.school.nz)). **BANK DETAILS - HOKOWHITU SCHOOL**

**12-3143-0322799-00**

### YEAR 3 and 4 SWIMMING SPORTS

Well done to participants in this event. Special congratulations to the following people who participated in the championship events.

#### **YEAR 3/4 SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS**

##### **1 WIDTH FREESTYLE - CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT**

	Year 3 Girls	Year 3 Boys	Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys
1st	Isla D	Paxton	Charlie	Joel
2nd	Isla F	Junoo	Olivia H	Luca
3rd	Anna S	Qasim	Antonella	Oliver

##### **1 LENGTH FREESTYLE - CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT**

	Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys
1st	Isabella	Tyson
2nd	Isla D	Felix
3rd	Anita C Madison	Hudson

### **HOUSE RELAY**

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Kahurangi	Kakariki	Kowhai	Whero

### **HOUSE POINTS**

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Kowhai	Kakariki	Whero	Kahurangi

## **SWIMMING**

We've had a great swimming season, but like all good things, it must come to an end. Next Friday will be the last day of swimming here at school (until next summer of course). The ākongā who have regularly brought their togs to school and swum daily, will have made good progress with their confidence and water safety skills. Staff will then turn their PE focus to other physical skills.

## **ICE-CREAM CONTAINERS**

We are on the lookout for any ice-cream containers please. They do not need to have lids. If you have any you can donate to us, please send them to the school office. Thank you.

## ***Update from the School Board on "Phones Away for the Day"***

Tēnā koutou,

Welcome from the Board to the new school year! You may well be aware of the new government regulation requiring all schools to have a "phones away for the day" policy in place by the start of term 2. We already have a rule to this effect, so this will not require any significant changes to our school culture. Nevertheless, at our meeting earlier this week, we agreed this is a good opportunity to update our Communication Policy to include other portable digital devices, and to clarify how we will respond if these devices are brought to school.

We would therefore like to invite your feedback on the following draft rules:

- a.** Students are requested not to bring phones or other internet-enabled portable digital devices (i.e. laptops, smart watches) to school, but those who do must not keep them in their possession or access them during the school day.
- b.** Phones or digital devices must be handed to a Kete teacher immediately upon arrival, who will ensure they are stored at the office until the end of the school day.
- c.** Phones or digital devices that are used in breach of this policy will be confiscated and stored at the office for the remainder of the day and must be collected by a parent or caregiver.
- d.** The school will take all reasonable care for phones and devices that it is asked to store, but otherwise accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage caused to them while on school property.
- e.** Students must not take phones or other internet-enabled portable digital devices on any EOTC activity, and if these are found they will be confiscated for the duration of the activity.
- f.** Any breach of this policy may result in further action in accordance with the Behaviour Management Policy.
- g.** The Principal may grant an exemption to this guideline for any student who requires a phone or other digital device to increase or improve their ability to participate in learning activities, or for legitimate health and safety reasons.

If you have any questions, concerns, or other feedback that you would like the Board to consider, you are warmly invited to communicate it to us by email at [board@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:board@hokowhitu.school.nz) by the end of Sunday, 10 March. We will consider all feedback, make any amendments that seem necessary, and finalise the new policy at our next meeting, on Tuesday 19 March (you're welcome to attend!).

Ngā mihi nui  
Philip Steer

Have a great weekend everyone

Ngā mihi nui  
Lin Dixon

## **TE MANAWA - TKT**

“On 28th February 2024 Te Kete Tangaroa went to Te Manawa Museum to look at old things such as toys and games that they used to play with back in the olden days. We had to go to an old school and write with an ink pen. The children got ink all over them. We also got to dress up in old clothes. Everyone got to help make butter and then we used the butter milk to make pikelets. The pikelets with fresh butter on them tasted delicious”.

By Chris. P



## **YUMMY STICKER COLLECTION**

Collect the Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual Yummy apple stickers for our school's share of the \$200,000 free Sport sports gear prize pool. Yummy apples are available from New World, PAK'nSAVE and participating Four Square stores. We get bonus stickers for Ambrosia, Sweet Tango and Lemonade apples. The more you collect, the more sports gear we get so get going and start collecting your Yummy cut-out labels and stickers now!

Sticker sheets are available from our school office or from your child's kete.

We will be collecting stickers until the 22nd of October  
Thank you for your support!

## 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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[www.schoolappsnz.co.nz](http://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](#)

### NETBALL

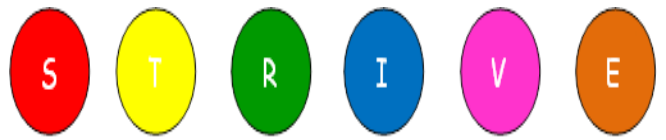
**Hokowhitu Defenders** - This is a team that has never played before, and they did amazingly well! You should be very proud of yourselves. The parent chosen player of the day was **Charlie**.

If you have any sports related questions, please contact Carlee Hodge - [c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz).

**Coaches/Managers** - If you would like details in the newsletter, please email them to [office@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:office@hokowhitu.school.nz) no later than Thursday please.



# Achievement Awards



## Te Kete Wakahuia

- Aryan** - For working hard in literacy to learn the sounds.  
**Paige** - For working hard in literacy to learn the sounds and blend them.  
**Lucia** - For working hard in maths and recognising numbers.  
**Juliette** - For showing STRIVE and helping people during workshops.  
**Jensen** - For a fantastic effort in writing. Tino pai.  
**Lucy B** - For working so hard on your learning at home and school. Kā pai.  
**Mila** - For being a super listener and very brave on our Te Manawa Trip.  
**Namish** - For being a responsible role model in Huia.

## Te Kete Pounamu

- Ashpreet** - For an amazing pounamu clay creation.  
**Ayson** - For your amazing handwriting.  
**Eli** - For your amazing handwriting.  
**Pray** - For a fantastic effort with your maths number knowledge.  
**Ivy** - For counting on when solving addition problems.  
**Zara** - For your amazing handwriting.  
**Luke** - For stepping up in maths and literacy workshops.

## Te Kete Manawa

- Welcome **Ansh** to Hokowhitu School and Te Kete Manawa.  
**Isla D** - For going above and beyond in the House Relay competition at Swimming Sports.  
**Griffin** - For taking pride in his art and creating a beautiful visual pepeha.  
**Ava M** - For fantastic independent maths board mahi.  
**Romaan** - For persisting at maths workshops and taking on feedback. Tino pai!  
**Eliza** - For showing STRIVE and enthusiasm throughout the kete.  
**Qasim** - For showing respect to our kete and environment by helping tidy up after others.  
**Yuleena** - For your great effort with literacy starter sessions.  
**Junoo** - For stepping up in our maths workshops. Ka pai!

## Te Kete Aronui

- Max** - For Valuing others. You show care and compassion for your peers and teachers. Keep it up!  
**Jamie** - For Respect. You always speak and listen respectfully, you have wonderful manners!  
**Georgia** - For Enthusiasm for learning. You are always ready and eager at learning time. Well done!  
**Lachie** - For your continued engagement in learning. Kai pai!  
**Rory** - For your kindness and respect in the classroom.  
**Madison** - For your perseverance in learning and can-do attitude.  
**Quinn** - For stepping up and adapting to new classroom routines.  
**Ruby** - For great teamwork and being flexible to changes.  
**Jaxson** - For having a good attitude and persevering in maths.

## Te Kete Tangaroa

- Samuel** - For achieving his 2-year goal of moving up stage in maths. Very proud of you!  
**Hohua** - Quietly works hard and gets it done.  
**Amiria** - For having a can-do attitude in learning.  
**Louis** - For always volunteering to read instructions loudly to the class.  
**Miya** - For an excellent writing about the trip to the museum.  
**Sahar** - For writing an excellent introduction in her museum recount.  
**Ava S** - Outstanding reading during workshops.  
**Flynn** - For outstanding achievement in reading comprehension.  
**Ruixin** - For managing herself with confidence in literacy.  
**Richard** - For outstanding achievement in maths.

## Community Notices



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## A MESSAGE FROM PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

### BUSES ARE CHANGING IN PALMERSTON NORTH

From 4 March 2024, bus routes and frequencies are changing in Palmerston North as we bring more direct and easy-to-understand bus routes to the city. On top of that, we are also introducing New Zealand's first, fully electric bus network.

- Significant infrastructure improvements at bus stops, with more, new bus shelters and more accessible bus stops around the city, including better lighting at stops.
- 43 Brand new EV buses will be on the road, creating a comfortable and quiet ride to work, study, and leisure
- Increased frequency of buses, running every 15 minutes from 7:00am-9:00, and again from 3:00pm-6:00pm, Monday to Friday. Every 30 minutes outside of those hours and on weekends.
- Direct town to Palmerston North Airport bus line, 7 days a week.
- Increased frequency to Ashhurst, including services on Saturdays & Sundays
- Earlier and later bus services, with the first bus starting at 6:30am, and the last departure at 9:00pm, 7 days a week.
- Real time departure boards soon to be installed at stops, providing live departure time updates for buses at that stop.
- Download the Transit App on your phone and get live departures and helpful information for your trip.

Our new bus timetables are available on the Horizons website ([found here](#)) and print copies are available at the Horizons Office, the Palmerston North I-site, and will be on bus from 4 March 2024.

For more information, questions, or queries, please contact [transport@horizons.govt.nz](mailto:transport@horizons.govt.nz)





## 2024 Junior Registration Days

Year 1 to Year 8  
Year 1 Registrations Free  
Girl Only Teams Available

**MARIST**  
CLUBROOMS  
17A PASCAL STREET

Sunday, 25th February, 3 - 4:30pm

Wednesday, 6 March, 4 - 6:00pm

Sunday, 10th March, 3 - 4:30pm

**CLUB HOODIES**  
\$60 ADULTS, \$55 KIDS

**CLUB TEES**  
\$30 ALL SIZES

Or Register Online:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/209861>

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**APRIL 12<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> 2024**

PALMERSTON NORTH



GET TICKETS NOW FROM TICKETEK



### Children's Drawing classes with Mike Ryan places available

Does your child love to draw? Mike Ryan is an experienced art teacher and portrait artist, with spaces still available this term for children to develop their drawing skills across a range of subjects e.g, people, animals, birds.

Classes are held at the Village Valley Centre, Ashhurst, Mondays 3.30 – 5.00;  
Manawatu Chinese Association Hall, PN, Tuesdays 3.30 – 5.00.

For more information or to enroll please contact Rachel Summers,  
email: [info@artforartsake.co.nz](mailto:info@artforartsake.co.nz) or 021 624 892. <http://artforartsake.co.nz>



## **Fancy learning an instrument? We're still taking enrolments for 2024!**

### **Take your pick:**

Cello, Clarinet, Drums, Flute, French Horn, Guitar, Ukulele, Junior Flute (Fife),  
Keyboard, Recorder, Saxophone, Trombone, Trumpet, and Violin

**\$150 per child for 26 music lessons!**

**More information and enrolment form can be found at  
[www.saturdaymusic.org.nz](http://www.saturdaymusic.org.nz)**

[contact@saturdaymusic.org.nz](mailto:contact@saturdaymusic.org.nz)



## **Marist Football**

**ARE RUNNING A MILO FANTAILS  
FOOTBALL PROGRAMME  
IN MANAWATU**

**Who:** Girls aged 7-12 years.

**Dates:** 05/03, 12/03, 19/03, 26/03,  
02/04 09/04 (Term 1, 2024)

**Time:** Tuesdays 4:00-5:00pm

**Venue:** Green Room at Massey Sports  
& Recreation Centre

**Cost:** \$30.00 (\$5 per session)

Registration Form:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/282758>

## 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.

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

\$60 per child. Please get in touch with Hannah if you have any questions, [pdo@hockeymanawatu.org.nz](mailto: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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[www.ruahinekindergartens.org.nz](http://www.ruahinekindergartens.org.nz)



**PALMERSTON NORTH  
HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS  
JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB**

**2024 PLAYER REGISTRATIONS OPEN!**

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

<b>Registration Days:</b> 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](http://www.sporty.co.nz/pnhsob)



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