

# HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 24th of May 2024

## Important Upcoming Events 2024

<b>27 - 31 May</b>	- Samoan language week
<b>31 May</b>	- Teacher only day - <b>SCHOOL IS CLOSED</b> (staff professional development)
<b>3 June</b>	- King's Birthday celebrated today - <b>SCHOOL IS CLOSED</b>
<b>5 June</b>	- Year 5/6 interschool cross country
<b>7 June</b>	- 9am Whole school assembly - TKA sharing some of their learning
<b>17 June</b>	- Pae Tamariki - for our Kapa Haka performance group
<b>18 June</b>	- 5.30pm Board meeting - in the staffroom
<b>21 June</b>	- 9am Whole school assembly - TKM sharing some of their learning
<b>27 June</b>	- House T-shirt day, wear your house t-shirt with the rest of your uniform
<b>28 June</b>	- Matariki public holiday - <b>SCHOOL IS CLOSED</b>
<b>NEW ITEM</b> <b>3 July</b>	- 5pm Te Ao Māori/Whānau hui evening here at school. Everyone welcome!
<b>5 July</b>	- 9am Whole school assembly - TKP sharing some of their learning - 3pm School closes for the term 2 holidays
<b>22 July</b>	- 8.50am School opens for term 3

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

# Ways to Contact The Office When Your Child Will Be Late Or Sick

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

<https://hokowhituprimary.apps.school.nz/>

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.

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## 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.
- Alerts**  
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.

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an App mobile

Get in touch with us at [support@snapp.co.nz](mailto:support@snapp.co.nz)  
[www.schoolappnz.co.nz](http://www.schoolappnz.co.nz)



## UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou  
Ngā mihi kia koutou

A reminder that we do not allow dogs on school grounds unless they have specifically been approved to visit for a special reason. Even gentle dogs can respond unpredictably to unknown or large groups of people. Thanks for your support.

### CROSS COUNTRY

What a fantastic choice of a day it was to hold our school cross country on Monday. It was lovely to see so many supporters come to watch and cheer the tamariki along.

Events like cross country align with our fourth strategic goal. **To increase ākongā wellbeing by encouraging participation in physical activity and performance arts.**

Congratulations to **EVERYONE** who completed the course. Special congratulations to the following people who had top 10 placings in each of their year group races.

### 2024 CROSS-COUNTRY RESULTS

Year 1 Girls	Year 1 Boys	Year 2 Girls	Year 2 Boys	Year 3 Girls	Year 3 Boys
Juliette W	Jensen M	Darcy C	Jaxxon Z	Ava M	Carter N
Eliza W	Cyrus A	Zoe C	Conor S	Evie B	Ihaia H
Zia C	Mason LS	Ivy R	James L	Joy LB	Adam H
Willow W	Harrison B	Roshni P	Eddie D Oliver U	Hanna S	Vinnie H
Navya P	Arlo I	Thea B		Darcy T	Mason C
Mischka S	Hemi T	Sadie T	Hunter G	Annie E	Paxton Y
Neave D	Remy R	Blythe C	Asher R	Isla H	Junoo H
Spencer R	Sebastian D	Maggie J	Aaden W	Eliza J	Henry S
Lucia A	Harrison W	Nina S	Joshua O	Cici P	Lachie C
Emily Z	Riley L	Lucy S	Toanui A	Isla Du	Ron L

Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
Joslyn Z	Louvan F	Bailey C	Luca O	Hannah P	Austin D
Charlie T	Brodie J	Mila P	Lachie B	Renee F	Lucas MW
Antonella SV	Edward W	Maggie K	Matty B	Willa H Ava S	Fintan M
Isla De	Freddie C	Anne L	Chase J		Luke T
Olivia H	Ali A	Maia S	Minoo H	Cherry T	Chris P
Madison T	Hudson L	Ruby A	Donnacha F	Molly D	Ollie C
Daeun C	Oscar S	Olivia S	Mason H	Jorja H	Danie G
Joud Q	Carter H	Orla O	Ted D	Molly SK	C-Jay WG
Lucy A	Rory E	Imogen B	Harry D	Emma Z	Viktor D
Anita C	Deondrej A	Kate C	Baxter R	Sahar	Samuel W

## **ATAWHAI AWARDS**

At this morning's assembly we presented the following people with awards for the way that they have been displaying atawhai (kindness).

**TKW: Roshni P** - Roshni is a role model for the tamariki in Te Kete Wakahuia. She shows atawhai towards her friends, kaiako and any new tamariki in our kete. Roshni can be relied upon to always do the right thing. She listens well and is respectful at all times. Thank you for always showing atawhai Roshni and for being such a lovely, quiet member of our kete. He whetu koe.

**TKP: Nora L** - Nora is a happy, bubbly and enthusiastic member of Te Kete Pounamu. She has an infectious smile which she passes on to those that need it. Her genuine kindness, cheerful demeanour, and respectful behaviours brighten every room she enters. Thank you for brightening up our days Nora! Tino pai rawa atu!

**TKM: Paxton Y** - Paxton is a gentle and kind member of Te Kete Manawa. He is polite and courteous. Paxton is a supportive and encouraging learning partner. He is focussed and constantly steps up within all areas of learning. He is a great example to those around him. Ngā mihi nui ki a koe

**TKA: Rory E** - You are such a kind soul. You are always inclusive and ensure your peers are not left out. We love how you have a big smile when you greet the teachers each day. You're always there to offer assistance or support those around you that need it. You always show ngā whakaute. Thank you for showing atawhai.

**TKT: Flynn J** - You are such an asset to our kete. When you participate in class you are always calm, quiet and inclusive of everyone. You go out of your way to help others in their learning and always put up your hand to volunteer for jobs in the kete. Just recently you were seen stepping up to help a younger student in need after school. We notice your quiet supportive work Flynn. He whetū koe.

**STAFF: Mrs Blay** - Mrs Blay displays atawhai (kindness) by sharing her skill and love for Te Reo Māori, with both ākonga and kaiako here at school. She is a great support person for both our teaching and support staff as we are all learning more Te Reo Māori ourselves. Mrs Blay also set up and implemented a fundraising Pink Ribbon morning tea to support cancer sufferers. Thank you for showing atawhai in these ways. He whetu koe Anna.

## **ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL**

The Government has set attendance targets for all schools. They consider REGULAR attendance to be present at school 90% of the term, and the target is to have at least 80% of ākonga nationwide meeting this target.

Our term 1 attendance data has come in with 75% of our ākonga meeting the regular attendance target, so we are aiming to improve on this.

We are very aware that there are times that absences are unavoidable, e.g. due to illness or bereavement. Our aim is for children to be at school whenever they are well enough and it is possible for them to be so.

### **KEY MESSAGES WE HAVE RECEIVED REGARDING ATTENDANCE**

1. Regular attendance at school helps build and maintain a child's learning and positive daily habits and routines, as well as promoting their wellbeing by connecting them to their peers and learning new things.
2. We want our ākonga to thrive and be resilient and active members within their whānau and community.
3. Attendance matters and we can all work together to increase school attendance.

Please let us support you if you know that your tamaite (child) is not attending regularly and you are struggling to get them to school.

Your child's mid year report will indicate the % of days present over the first half of this year.

## WINTER ILLNESSES

Winter illnesses are taking hold across the motu, with 'flu season' arriving earlier than normal. Aotearoa is also at a high risk of a measles outbreak with immunisation rates dropping off since COVID-19. Please encourage your school communities to follow Te Whatu Ora advice, particularly that the best protection against an outbreak of measles is the MMR vaccine.

[Measles - Te Whatu Ora](#)

## CENTENARY TEA TOWELS

We still have a few tea towels left from April's very successful centenary celebrations. If you would like to purchase a tea towel as a memory of your child attending our school when it turned 100 years old, they are \$10.00 each. Purchase from the office by cash or eftpos - while stocks last.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Ngā mihi nui

Lin Dixon



Mrs Bates and Mrs Hodge have been going to some of our Hockey and Basketball games over the past couple of weeks and we have to say that we are really proud of all the effort from our school community. To the children striving to do their best and showing outstanding sportsmanship, to the families turning up to support on the side-line. It really is a wonderful atmosphere.



Sport Manawatu has a "Pass on the Positives" slogan, which is exactly that - keep all messages and comments positive and affirming to ensure everyone has an enjoyable experience.

Here are a few reminders from Sport Manawatu:

1. Umpires are volunteers - without umpires, we can't play the game we love!
2. Players just want to have FUN! - Remember we are not the NNL, ANZ or SilverFerns
3. Coaches & Managers are all volunteers - they give up their time each week to support the growth of all players and Umpires!

We want EVERYONE to ENJOY the GAME as they know it to be!

We want EVERYONE to ENJOY the PASSION of the GAME!

We want EVERYONE COMING BACK to play each week!

**Coaches/Managers** - If you would like details in the newsletter, please email them to Jen Bates - [office@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:office@hokowhitu.school.nz).

# Achievement Awards



## Te Kete Wakahuia

A big Hokowhitu welcome to **Reighleigh** and **Casey** who have joined Waka this week.

**Aryan** - For showing enthusiasm and enjoying reading during workshops.

**Mason** - For fantastic running in the cross country.

**Carson** - For working really hard this week on blending your sounds to read words!

**Juliette** - For fantastic training and running for cross country.

**Neave** - For beginning to share your oral language news with confidence. Tino pai Neave.

**Vienna** - For working on your letter and number formation. Kā pai Vienna.

**Zia** - For using your initiative and taking care of others when they need it. Kā pai!

**Willow** - You are amazing at singing your house chant. Kā pai!

## Te Kete Pounamu

**Blake** - You are making great contributions to class discussions - Kōrero mai

**Dontae** - You are a wonderful kaitiaki for our classroom - you are always on the lookout for jobs to do to ensure our kete is neat and tidy!

**Dylan** - You created a vibrant and colourful poster for kind hearts - Ātaahua!

**Harkamal** - For reading with increased expression and fluency. Kā pai!

**Hunter** - For your infectious enthusiasm during our football skills session.

**Nitnem** - For your engagement and improvement in maths workshops. Kia Kaha!

**Clyde** - For taking your time while doing your kindness poster to ensure it was perfect.

**Alex** - For trying your best and engaging in discussions during our whole class literacy.

**Cara** - You really tried your best when doing your kindness poster and it shows! Ka pai!

## Te Kete Manawa

**Henry** - For following instructions in writing and completing tasks correctly.

**Isaiah** - For showing resilience during the school cross country.

**Daeun** - For fantastic maths 'ice cream combinations' board work.

**Yuleena** - For showing great artist skills when creating a taniwha.

**Connor** - For demonstrating tenacity during the school cross country.

**Avyaan** - For showing great artist skills when creating a taniwha.

**Romannah** - Welcome to Te Kete Manawa and Hokowhitu School.

**Rita** - For being a good maths partner and for encouraging your partner to complete the task correctly.

**Abel** - For working hard on handwriting and listening to instructions.

**Ron** - For writing a great recipe procedural piece.

We are so proud of all our students who auditioned for the Talent Quest. You all showed such bravery and commitment to perform in front of an audience. You all shone with your talents! Ka pai!

Congratulations to all those that participated in the school cross country. You all did a great job and we are proud of you!



# Achievement Awards



## Te Kete Aronui

- Bailey** - For working hard to improve basic fact knowledge.
- Carlos** - For working creatively in animation.
- Chase** - For great work in number knowledge.
- Rylan** - For a creatively published information report.
- Charlie** - For working hard in maths and getting great results.
- Maia** - For perseverance in the Cross Country.
- Harry S** - For settling in and learning kete routines so quickly.
- Hudson** - For making great inferences in literacy.
- Freddie** - For being on task and working well independently.

## Te Kete Tangaroa

- Suhanah** - Welcome to Te Kete Tangaroa and Hokowhitu School.
- Albie** - Stepping up and showing Manawanui this week in all areas of your learning.
- Eli** - For great work in sentences.
- Daniel** - For always greeting people with a smile.
- Maisey** - Super calculations in maths using a range of strategies.
- Hasan** - For volunteering to do the dishes with enthusiasm after cooking.
- Miya** - For including a diagram in her explanation.
- Miles** - For a detailed explanation in his writing.
- Aarush** - For clearly communicating his scientific observations and thinking
- Kiara** - Amazing help for our new student.
- Orla** - For showing enthusiasm during our music.



## Community Notices

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### THE EGG PROJECT....

We're gearing up to pack the freshest, happiest eggs this side of the henhouse, and we don't want you to miss out. Our Free Range and Certified Organic Free-Range eggs come from the happiest hens you'll ever meet (unless you've got your own chooks!).

#### Why should you scramble to order before the cut-off?

1. **Unbeatable Freshness:** These eggs are so fresh, they practically come with a cluck of approval.
2. **Fundraising Fun:** For every dozen you buy, we give \$1.00 back to your school. That's a win-win for everyone!
3. **Support Local:** You're backing a small local business that's cracking out its best to make a difference in our community.



Don't egg-nore this opportunity - get your dozen(s) now and enjoy the freshest eggs you can get without building a coop in your backyard.

Click here to place your order: [www.theeggproject.co.nz](http://www.theeggproject.co.nz)

Order by Midnight Tuesday for Thursday collection from the school office. **Our Hokowhitu School code is SCH-003**

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#### Beginners' karate classes starting now

We invite kids (aged 8 and above) and adults to come along and try a training session at the dojo and give Universal Shotokan Karate a try. Universal Shotokan Karate Union is a Shotokan-based style of Karate, and emphasises a balanced development of speed, strength, and range of techniques.

**Class times (Mondays and Thursdays):** 6:00pm to 6:30 for kids (age 8-12) 6:30 to 7:30pm for adults and teenagers

**First week is free.**

Please contact Sensei Julia Tanner [USKUNewZealand@gmail.com](mailto:USKUNewZealand@gmail.com) to book.

See <https://usku-karate.nz/> for more information





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**KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 2024**

**31 May 1 June**

Friday 10AM - 8 PM Saturday 10AM - 6 PM

**100,000+ Books**

Games, DVDs,  
Jigsaws, Music,  
Comics & more...

**2 June 3 June**

Sunday 10AM - 4 PM Monday 10AM - 2 PM

Barber/Bell Hall  
Waldegrave Street  
Palmerston North

# NZCF National Cat Show

16th June 2024  
Awapuni Function Centre  
Palmerston North

Door Charges Apply  
Open 10am - 4pm

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## 2024 Palmerston North Brick Show

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**1st June** 9am - 5pm  
**2nd June** 9am - 4pm

**\$5 Entry**  
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# KNIT LIKE A NINJA

with Woolly Riot\*

Woolly Riot, the stealthy group behind Palmy's most inspiring and colourful yarn-bombings, need your help to create their next exciting community art project!

Want to know more?

## INFORMATION SESSION

TUESDAY 28th MAY  
4pm-6pm  
Mezzanine Floor, Central Library

\*Making Palmerston North more colourful by stealth!






# START CARE




## Children's Asthma Study



### What does it involve?

-  Try turbuhalers to manage your asthma symptoms
-  Attend 6 visits over 1 year for asthma reviews, education, and breathing tests
-  Reimbursement for travel expenses for parents, and gift card koha for children

### To take part you must:

-  Be between 5 and 11 years old
-  Have asthma
-  Take separate reliever and preventer inhalers

### Get in touch to learn more:



(06) 241 8009



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## Ruahine AFC



Winter Football Season has just started and Ruahine AFC still has a couple of spaces available in one of our 7th grade Boys teams, our 7th & 8th Grade Girl's team and 9th grade Boys team.

If you are interested in playing, please enquire at [info@ruahineafc.co.nz](mailto:info@ruahineafc.co.nz).

Information about the season can also be found on our website [www.ruahineafc.co.nz](http://www.ruahineafc.co.nz)

Love to have you join us for the winter season!





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# VOLLEYBALL

## DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

5 weeks of action packed learning and fun!


**Where:** Teaching Gym,  
Massey University

**When:** Thursdays,  
30th May - 27th June

**Learners:** 3.30-4.30pm  
**Development:** 4.30-5.30pm

**Age:** Y5-Y8

Don't delay - sign up today!



Any questions? Get in touch!  
**Tania - 022 187 1133**

Fees: \$50 per player

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