

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday the 30th of May 2024

Important Upcoming Events 2024

27 - 31 May	- Samoan language week
31 May	- Teacher only day - SCHOOL IS CLOSED (staff professional development)
3 June	- King's Birthday celebrated today - SCHOOL IS CLOSED
5 June	- Year 5/6 interschool cross country
7 June	- 9am Whole school assembly - TKA sharing some of their learning
17 June	- Pae Tamariki - for our Kapa Haka performance group
18 June	- 5.30pm Board meeting - in the staffroom
21 June	- 9am Whole school assembly - TKM sharing some of their learning
27 June	- House T-shirt day, wear your house t-shirt with the rest of your uniform
28 June	- Matariki public holiday - SCHOOL IS CLOSED
3 July	- 5pm Te Ao Māori/Whānau hui evening here at school. Everyone welcome!
CHANGE OF FOCUS 5 July	- 10am Whole school assembly - Farewell assembly for Mrs Griffin - 3pm School closes for the term 2 holidays
22 July	- 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

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

App - See how to download the App below

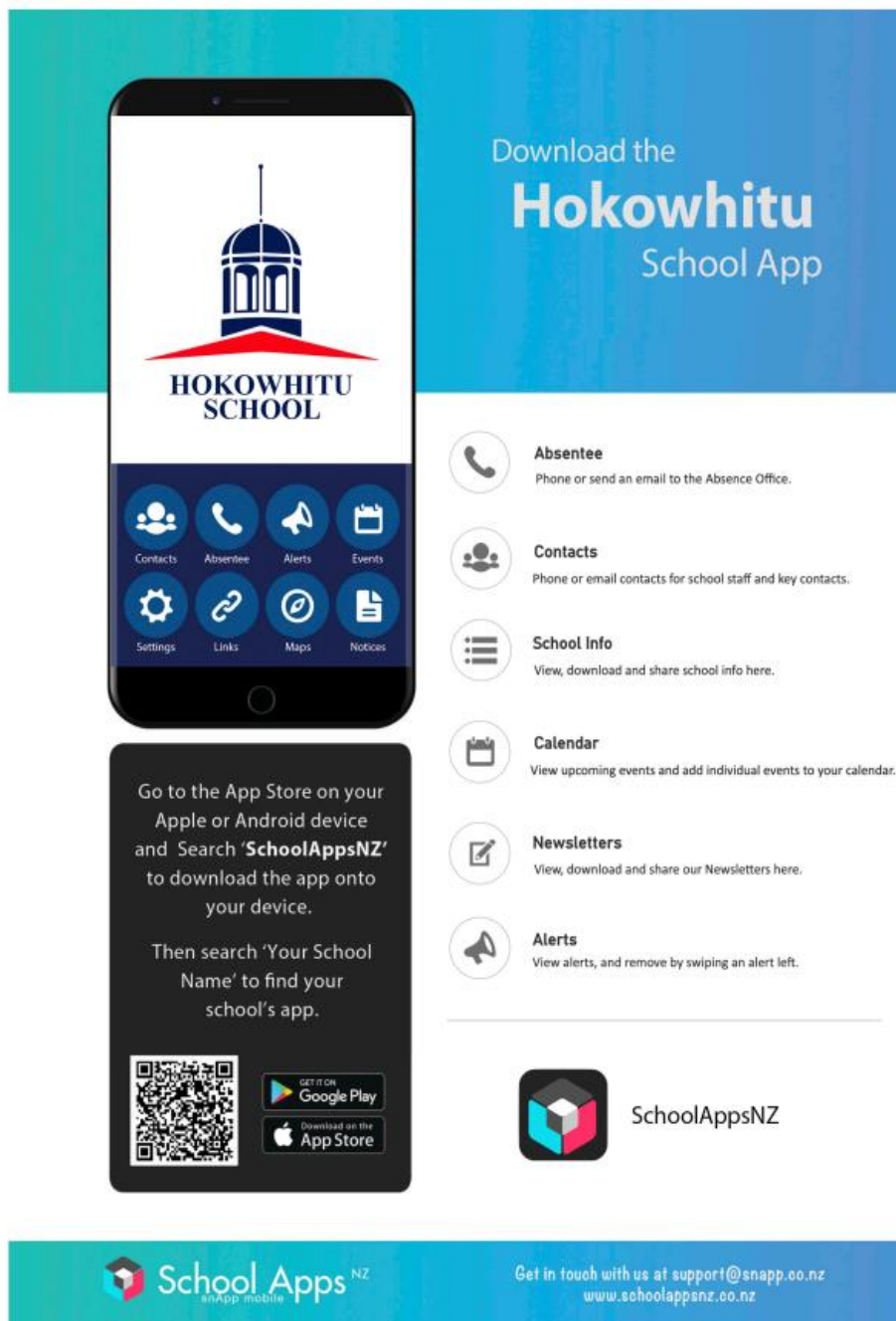
<https://hokowhituprimary.apps.school.nz/>

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.

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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UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

Talofa lava

This year's Vaiaso o le Gangana Samoa (Samoan Language Week) has a theme based around the concept of service: Tautua i le alofa, manuia le lumana'i - Serve in love for a blessed future. The Ministry for Pacific Peoples says this year's theme was chosen by the community and acknowledges that the maintenance of gagana (language) is achieved with consistent tautua (service) and particularly through the values of alofa (love), fa'aaloalo (respect) and vā fealoa'i (respectful relationships).

Samoan is the third most spoken language in Niu Sila (New Zealand) following te reo Māori and English.

Understanding more about the culture/language of our ākonga helps us meet our third strategic goal:
Recognising, supporting, and celebrating the diversity of our ākonga.

CONGRATULATIONS AND FAREWELL

At the recent Board meeting the following appointments were ratified - effective from Term 3 of this year. Mrs Carlee Hodge was the successful appointee to the Assistant Principal role, and Mrs Naomi Thompson was appointed as our Learning Support Co-ordinator. Congratulations Carlee and Naomi! We are very much looking forward to having each of you in these new roles.

Mrs Hodge will remain in Te Kete Wakahuia 3 days per week, and we have managed to attract Helen Griffin (who will have only been in retirement for a fortnight) back to teach in Waka on the other two days of each week.

The Board also received a letter of resignation from Mrs Diane Wackrow, who has also decided to go into retirement at the end of the term. While Diane is currently part time in the office, she has fulfilled a number of roles at our kura - over the last 36 years! Wow! We wish Diane a fun-filled and relaxing retirement, and sincerely thank her for her contributions to our kura.

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

I'm sure you'll join me in wishing our selected Year 5 and 6 cross country teams well as they compete against other schools' best runners next Wednesday. Sincere thanks to the adults who have supported them with preparation and support on the day.

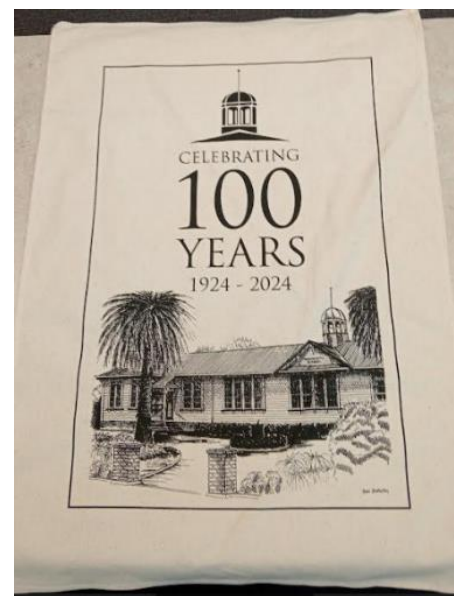
CENTENARY TEA TOWELS

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. See photo on the right.

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](#)



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. We DO NOT want you to send your tamariki to school when they are unwell - that creates more illness for others.

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.

Please remember school is closed tomorrow as staff undertake professional learning (te reo Māori development and Kahui Ako community engagement). Have a lovely long weekend everyone. We look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and smiling at 8.30am next Tuesday morning.

Ngā mihi nui
Lin Dixon



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.



Achievement Awards



Te Kete Wakahuia

Saanvika - For learning her first 8 sounds.

Jack - For being able to decode words fluently.

Toby - For working hard to blend sounds together when reading a word.

Indy - For working hard to blend sounds together when reading a word card.

Ivan - For the progress you are making in writing. Tino pai rawa Ivan.

Karen - For sharing your amazing talent with the school. Kā rawe Karen.

Lucy E - For showing enthusiasm when sharing your oral language. Kā pai!

Sia - For working super hard in literacy workshops . Tino pai!

Te Kete Pounamu

Sadie - For being a focussed and enthusiastic learner in TKP - He whētū koe!

Ungatea - You are trying hard to focus and participate in class discussions - Kā rawe!

Ayson - For excellent thinking in maths - Tino pai rawa!

Ava - For a wonderful effort in handwriting - Ka pai tō mahi!

Cici - For your colourful autumn leaves artwork.

Asher - For stepping up and being the best you can be.

Aadarsh - For forming all of your letters correctly and keeping your mahi neat. Ka pai.

Brodie - For your interest contribution to our classroom discussions! Ka mau te wehi!

Eloise - For your constant enthusiasm and kindness to others!

Te Kete Manawa

Luca - For consistently producing excellent home learning and sharing about himself.

Ajay - For contributing to a literacy workshop and sharing about your pets.

Leo Y - For becoming more confident to use the English language with ākonga and kaiako.

Darcy - For confidently using your multiplication square to complete division number sentences.

Antonella - For completing quality work when choosing the right person to sit next to in te reo matatini.

Hamed - For excellent Prototec mahi on the ipads during pāngarau (mathematics).

Annie - For demonstrating your knowledge in pāngarau that division is the inverse operation of multiplication.

Pippa - For thinking 'outside the box' in pāngarau to find different ways to solve number problems.

Eugene - For demonstrating your knowledge of word rules when contributing words for dictation.



Achievement Awards



Te Kete Aronui

Nehan, Lincoln - For using clever strategies to solve maths problems.

K-J - For working hard to summarise information for a scorpion report.

Isabella - For your great attitude in maths using fractions and measurement.

Liam - You did a fantastic job summarising your information in writing your information report.

Oliver - For great problem solving in maths. Ka pai!

Elijah - For your great attitude in maths using fractions and measurement.

Zayd - For always working hard towards completing your literacy task card.

Jade - You did a fantastic job summarising your information in writing your information report.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Makayla - Outstanding achievement in Maths.

Anahera - Stepping up in Maths and being ready and focused for learning.

Hannah - Outstanding effort in Literacy and showing enthusiasm for reading.

Chris - For responding to feedback and making his writing have more detail.

Senuli - For doing so well in her e-asttle maths test.

Joshpreet - For independently completing multi-step word problems in maths.

Ava M - For great attitude in maths and showing expertise during cooking.

Fin - For showing manawanui in maths.

Renee - For leading by example.



Community Notices

THE EGG PROJECT....

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Click here to place your order: www.theeggproject.co.nz

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

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.

Information about the season can also be found on our website www.ruahineafc.co.nz

Love to have you join us for the winter season!





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