

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 26th of July 2024

Important Upcoming Events 2024

26 July	- Mid-year reports come home in school bags this afternoon
30 July (surnames A - L) 31 July (surnames M - Z)	- 5.30 - 6.30pm Celebrating Learning Evenings Come along on one of these evenings, chat with all the teachers in the kete, enjoy looking at some of the learning, complete some activities together
2 August	- House t-shirt day Wear normal uniform, however, with your house t-shirt!
6 August	- 5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom
7 August	- Kind Hearts day for selected Year 5 ākongā
8 August	- Mathex competition for selected Year 5 and 6 teams
9 August	- 9am Assembly - TKP sharing their learning - 11.45am The NED show
21 August	- Cookies delivered this afternoon - come and help pack them if you can!
22 August THURSDAY	- House t-shirt day Wear normal uniform, however, with your house t-shirt!
23 August	- Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
29 August	- Ricoh sports tournament for selected senior teams
30 August	- House t-shirt day Wear normal uniform, however, with your house t-shirt!
4 September	- Kapa Haka festival for senior Kapa Haka roopu
5 September	- Ballot for out of zone New Entrants for Terms 1 and 2 2025
6 September	- 9am Assembly TKM sharing their learning
10 September	- 5.30 Board meeting in the staffroom
SAVE THIS DATE NOW! 26 September	- 6pm Whole School Major Production at the Regent Theatre
27 September	- (OPTIONAL) 10am start this morning (after a big night last night) - 3pm School closes for term break

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.
- 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.

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



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UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

Welcome to Term 3 everyone. It was lovely to have a small mihi whakatau on Monday morning to welcome our new ākonga (learners) and kaiako (staff).

To Mrs Naomi Thompson (Learning Support Coordinator) and Whaea Libby Payne (Learning Coach) - it's great to have you both as part of Team Hokowhitu!

A very special 'welcome back' to Mrs Diane Wackrow who has kindly agreed to come back in a short-term capacity to support in the office while Mrs Hughes is on leave. We hope you loved your 3 official days of 'retirement' Diane and sincerely thank you for your flexibility to help out.

MID YEAR REPORTS

Please check bags this afternoon for mid-year reports. Akonga who have recently had a 6 week, or 6-month assessment (and interview) will not receive a mid-year report.

CONGRATULATIONS

We are delighted to be able to let you know that Whaea Hannah Puts' son has arrived safe and well. Our huge congratulations to both you and Luca Hannah - welcome Lenny! We can't wait to meet you.

CELEBRATING LEARNING

In terms 1 and 3 of each year, we hold evening meetings where the kete is open, all the teachers are on hand, there are things for you to enjoy sharing with your child/ren and there are opportunities to celebrate successes and share next learning steps.

While we request (where possible) that those with surnames A- L come on the Tuesday evening, and surnames starting M - Z come on the Wednesday, it is ok to swap nights if the other isn't possible in your diary.

Come anytime between 5.30 and 6.30pm. We will look forward to seeing everyone.

THE NED SHOW

On Tuesday the 9th of August The NED Show is visiting our school! The show is filled with storytelling, humour, illusions, and amazing yo-yo tricks where our kids learn the hidden message in NED's name:

***Never give up
Encourage others
Do your best***



During the show students will learn about the importance of these three life skills.

Our school yo-yo sale

Our school is receiving this show at no-cost because another school paid-it-forward to us. We want to help pay-it-forward too, and you can help by purchasing a NED-messaged yo-yo! Please keep an eye out for the order form in your child's school bag.

Bring on the Olympic Games - some riveting action to look forward to in the coming days/weeks. Go Team New Zealand!

Ngā mihi nui
Lin Dixon

ICAS ASSESSMENTS

Applications for ICAS are now CLOSED! Below are the sitting dates for the ICAS Assessment days. [Practise test](#) - this is a link to a folder of old paper ICAS tests. The students will be doing their test online, but the tests do give you an idea of the types of questions in the ICAS assessment.

Dates of Hokowhitu School ICAS testing

- Digital Technologies - Monday 5th Aug
- Writing - Tuesday 6th Aug
- English - Monday 12th Aug
- Science - Monday 19th Aug
- Spelling Bee - Tuesday 20th Aug
- Mathematics - Monday 26th Aug

If you have any questions please contact the teacher in charge - Reece Hawkins r.hawkins@hokowhitu.school.nz



A reminder when signing up for sports that you and your child are committing to a full season. It is unfair on other team mates to pull out halfway through a season. Please ensure you have talked to your child before signing up that they will have to commit to the full season. Thank you for your understanding in this.

BADMINTON - Good luck to all of our teams starting their grading games on Tuesday! Mrs Bates will be there to ensure a smooth first night.

WINTER HOCKEY - You have 3 games left! Push on through, you are nearly at the end of a long season. Well done for your commitment. Look out for Summer Hockey registrations later in the term.

T-BALL - We are only gathering interest at this stage. This team is for year 0, 1 & 2 students (in 2024) only. The season begins T4 and carries over into T1, 2025. If you are interested please ensure you message Jen Bates (office@hokowhitu.school.nz) to register your interest.

NETBALL - Information for the upcoming year 5 & 6 season (boys & girls mixed teams). This will be open on Kindo very soon, we will send an app as soon as it is open!

Key Details

- Weekday:** Monday **OR** Tuesday
Date: Starting 9th **OR** 10th September - Finals 2nd **OR** 3rd December
Venue: Vautier Park, Palmerston North
Who: Open to Yr5 and Yr6 mixed
Cost: **TO BE CONFIRMED** (waiting on Netball Manawatu for pricing)
Time: 4-5pm or 5-6pm (Except for grading games, which are shorter games within the same time)

Coaches/Managers - If you would like details in the newsletter, please email them to Jen Bates - office@hokowhitu.school.nz.

Term Three/Four

Year 5 & 6	
Day of Week	Monday & Tuesday
Competition Times	4.00pm – 5.00pm 5.00pm – 6.00pm
Grading Times	4.00pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm, 4.45pm, 5.00pm, 5.15pm, 5.30pm, 5.45pm, 6.00pm,
Venue	Vautier Park, Palmerston North
Date	Game
9/10 Sep 24	Grading 1
16/17 Sep 24	Grading 2
23/24 Sep 24	Game 1
14/15 Oct 24	Game 2
21/22 Oct 24	Game 3
4/5 Nov 24	Game 4
11/12 Nov 24	Game 5
18/19 Nov 24	Game 6
25/26 Nov 24	Game 7
2/3 Dec 24	Finals

*Sessions start with Netball smart Dynamic Warm-up, skill activity followed by a game
Equipment & session plan provided*

Sports available at Hokowhitu school for 2024

We will let you know in upcoming newsletters and through the School App when these sports are open on Kindo.

(Please note Rugby and Winter Soccer are CLUB sports, these ARE NOT offered at Hokowhitu School).

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Netball - Years 1-4	Basketball - Years 3-6	Netball - Years 5 & 6 (Begins in term 3, 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
		T-Ball - We are only gathering interest at this stage. The team is for year 0, 1 & 2 students (in 2024) only. The season begins T4 and carries over into T1, 2025.	Touch - Years 1-6
			Volleyball - Years 4-6
Badminton - Years 5 & 6		Badminton - Years 4, 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>These sports are available in terms three and/or four and registration closes in term 2.</i>	<i>These sports are available in term four and they close for registration in term 3.</i>

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!





Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

A big Hokowhitu and Waka welcome to **Eva, Keepa, Ayah, Alyssa** and **Celine**.

Evie - For awesome reading with fluency.

Greta - For reading books at home.

Hannah - For being very independent and remembering our class routines after our school holidays.

Toby - For being a role model on our mat.

Jensen - For being so switched on in your workshops. Tino pai!

Remy - For your great basketball skills.

Harrison B - For having a great start to term 3. You are showing great enthusiasm towards learning. Tino pai!

Arlo - For always showing enthusiasm for learning and for being a super helper. Tino pai!

Te Kete Pounamu

A big welcome to Whaea Libby who has joined us in Te Kete Pounamu as a Learning Coach! We hope you enjoy working in our kura!

Oakley - For your awesome discussions about our science lessons from Term 2. Keep up the great thinking!

Darcy - For always completing your maths workshops and follow up activities to a high standard. He whetu koe!

Thea - For being a leader and role model to others in our kete. You are awesome!

Malone - For awesome number knowledge!

Rhyan - For showing five and focussing in class discussions.

Vinnie - For a super start to Term 3. Keep it up!

Dylan - For excellent effort in maths.

Delena - For an enthusiastic return to TKP.

Zuhain - For trying hard in all areas of learning. Keep it up.

Te Kete Manawa

Ansh - For showing his great learning and sharing about what he knows about fractions.

Abel - For making better choices and listening to teacher instructions. A good start to Term 3.

Louvan - For great output, reading and editing of his recount mahi during literacy.

Carter H - For listening carefully during maths and showing good understanding of fractions.

Louhan - For displaying confidence in front of the kete whilst performing a song and dance routine.

Benny - For taking pride in the kete environment by keeping it clean and tidy.

Noah - For using initiative and not having to be told to help tidy up. We love that you do it without having to be asked.

Mia - For being confident and using a really loud voice when practising reading a poem.

Yuleena - For great work with the fraction wall during maths workshop.

Te Kete Aronui

William - For working hard to complete Lexia tasks over the holidays!

Charlie, Joel - For writing great acrostic poems.

Edward, Mason, Mila L, Maia - For great teamwork creating an Olympic activity for the kete.

Rylan, Sam M - For great work with telling time!

Te Kete Tangaroa

Welcome back to Term 3! A special welcome to **Kavya** and **Amit** who have joined us this term. To our Year 6 students well done representing Hokowhitu School with pride during our first trip of the term to PNINS.

NOTE FOR YEAR 6 WHĀNAU

PNINS Enrolment Information

PNINS Enrolments Open

Monday 5 August

OPEN DAY Tuesday 6th August - 3 sessions (9.30am, 11.30am, 2pm)

PNINS Enrolments Close

Friday 13th September, 4pm

OUT OF ZONE BALLOT (if required)

Wednesday 18 September 2024

ORIENTATION EVENING FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS

Tuesday 24 September Performing Arts Centre (Te Tihi) PNINS, 6pm Term 3



Longburn
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OPEN DAY

In Christ, we educate, encourage and empower

Day Tours 9:30am & 12:00pm
Tour bookings: pa@lac.school

Tour & Evening Program 6:00pm
100 Walkers Road, Longburn (06) 354 1059

Wednesday 31 July 2024

Community Notices

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.
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