

# HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 25th of October 2024

## Important Upcoming Events 2024

<b>28 October</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> - PUBLIC HOLIDAY, Labour Day
<b>29 October</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> - Teacher Only Day
<b>30 October 5.30pm</b>	Board meeting in the staffroom, all welcome
<b>31 October/ 1 November</b>	Year 4 sleepover and EOTC trip to Ngā Manu
<b>1 November - 9am</b>	Whole school assembly - TKT presenting Gumboot Friday - wear your gummies and bring a gold coin donation
<b>7 November</b>	Year 4 - 6 athletic sports (postponement day 11/11)
<b>11 November</b>	Hearing and Vision Checks - These are for <b>New Entrants who have not had/completed their B4 School Check OR children who have no previous test record.</b> * Any parent/guardian who does not want their child to be checked, should please inform the school before the visit.
<b>13 - 22 November</b>	Life Education Trust programme on site at school
<b>15 November - 9am</b>	Whole school assembly - TKA presenting
<b>22 November</b>	House t-shirt day
<b>29 November - 9am</b>	Whole school assembly - TKP presenting
<b>3 December</b>	Year 1 - 3 fundamental skills display. Supporters welcome
<b>3 December - 5.30pm</b>	Final Board meeting for 2024 - held in the staffroom
<b>10 December - 8.30am</b>	Coffee and muffin thank you to whānau who have generously supported us this year
<b>12 December 5pm</b>	Christmas carnival and prize giving, followed by the Year 6 graduation
<b>13 December</b>	Reports come home in school bags today
<b>16 December 1.45pm</b>	Transition into 2025 classes
<b>18 December 12.45pm</b>	Classes finish for 2024
<b>30 + 31 January</b>	Staff call back days
<b>31 January 1.30 - 2.30pm</b>	Informal 'meet and greet' in classrooms. Bring your stationery and come and say 'hi' to the teaching team
<b>Monday 3 February 8.50am</b>	School opens for 2025 - day 1 of Term 1

**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.***

## **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



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## UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Kia ora koutou

The tamariki have had an absolute 'blast' with the ice skating rink this week - the smiles have said it all!. It was exciting to see how quickly many of the ākonga improved their balance and control over their two sessions. Sincere thanks to Mrs Orr for her fantastic organisation.

STRATEGIC GOAL 4

*Enhancing ākonga wellbeing by encouraging participation in physical activity*

### **MAJOR PRODUCTION VIDEO**

We are delighted to let you know that the video is now ready for you to enjoy.  
The link will remain live for 30 days.

Here is the uploaded production link:

<https://vimeo.com/1020434481?share=copy>



Password:  
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### **ICAS COMPETITION RESULTS**

	ENGLISH	SPELLING	MATHS
<b>PARTICIPATION</b>	Danie G	Alex G	Zareesh F Minoo H Aarush M Danie G Alex G Juha K Hannah P Titus Y Richard Z
<b>CREDIT</b>	Alex G		Ronav P
<b>DISTINCTION</b>			Joshpreet S

Congratulations to each of you - particular mention must be made of Joshpreet's distinction result. His score placed him in the top 6% of Year 6 participants in NZ and the Pacific Region. Tino pai Joshpreet!

## PREPARATION FOR 2025

Preliminary work is now being done in placing children for next year. It is really helpful for you to let us know now if you are not planning to be at Hokowhitu School next year, or if there are any other considerations that you think we should be aware of. Once placements are made, it is not possible to make changes. Please don't assume all teachers will be in the same spaces as this year either - we often make changes.

Almost every kete in our school is composite -that means there are 2 year groups of children in each kete. A reminder that whether your child is (for example) a Year 5 in TKT or TKA, they will have the same experiences. The same applies to EACH of the other year levels. One of the reasons that we have composite classes is to balance class numbers - no one wants their child in a class of 35 children (with only 22 in the class next door). Another important reason is getting the right social/emotional/academic balance - this way we can better meet individual needs.

**EVERY child at our school spends 2 years in at least one kete area**, they are not being held back or disadvantaged in any way. All the children know this - they just may need reminding from you.

Our class placement process is considerable - we certainly don't just pop names on a list. We gather data from teachers and create draft lists. These lists go back to the teams to see what the combinations look like to them. We then tweak and rework the lists until we have our final placements. We think about children who work well together and those who don't. We consider teacher strengths and personalities to match individuals. While we try hard to ensure everyone has children that they know with them, sometimes they may not be in the same kete as their best friend - this happens. They get an opportunity to work with different people and widen their friendship circles. We encourage you to be positive about class placements with your children, they take their cues from you.

Thanks so much in anticipation of your support.

## SAFETY AT THE GATE

Please do not park in the designated bus stops - they are only for buses! If a bus arrives when cars are parked in their area, they have to stop in the middle of the road. This is unsafe. Please do not park on the yellow lines - our road patrollers cannot see past your vehicle and they are making crucial decisions about when it is safe to put their signs out. Please do not park in designated mobility parks - they are there for people who really need them. The staff car parks are solely for staff and service vehicle access - the entrance/exit point is simply not wide enough for 2 vehicles to pass.

Thanks to everyone who shows courtesy and does their bit to keep everyone safe.

Wishing everyone a lovely long weekend.

Please note that school is CLOSED on Monday and Tuesday of next week. Monday is a public holiday and on Tuesday staff are completing professional learning around the new literacy and mathematics curriculums that are currently in draft form. We need to start implementation in 2025. These teacher-only days have been allocated by the Minister of Education to acknowledge the significant learning/modifications needing to be made over a very short timeframe.

Ngā mihi nui

Lin Dixon





## **SPORTS**

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If you have committed to a team this summer season, please ensure you are showing up for the games or letting the coaches know WELL in advance if you cannot make it (if you can). I have kept teams smaller this season so there are less subs, but your child then has more game time. If this doesn't work, in future I will make bigger teams which will mean more side-line time.

### **SPORTS UNIFORMS**

- If your child is no longer playing a sport for this year, please return their sports uniform as soon as possible, there will be a full replacement charge for any uniforms not returned. Thank you for your understanding in this.

### **VOLLEYBALL**

#### **NETBALL**

**Hokowhitu Shooters -**

### **SUMMER SOCCER**

**Hokowhitu Monarchs** - The Hokowhitu Monarchs had a great game against the Cloverlea Roar.

Both teams scored a lot of good goals, but Cloverlea came away with the win.

Ka pai to **Claudia**, our player of the day - keep up the good mahi!

The whole team played with maximum effort for the whole game and never gave up.

Tu meke Monarchs.



**Hokowhitu Tornados** - This week the Tornados played Riverdale. It was a tough game, and we did a lot of great defending. Although we lost the game, we scored our first goal!! Ka pai to mahi Tornados! The player of the day was **Catherine**, who made some great tackles, passes, and never gave up.

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





## Achievement Awards

### Te Kete Waka Iti

Welcome to Waka Iti Henry, Melinesi and Ellie - It has been wonderful to have you join us at school. Thank you for always bringing a happy smile!

**Madeline W** - It's great to see you join in everything we do with enthusiasm. Keep it up.

**Zac L** - Well done for listening at workshops and trying hard at all of your work. Ka pai!

### Te Kete Wakahuia

**Isaac** - For trying new things and persevering at ice skating.

**Hayze** - For not giving up and trying ice skating.

**Bentley** - For not giving up and trying ice skating.

**Adrit** - For trying new things (ice skating) and not giving up!

**Myra** - For giving ice skating a go. Tino pai.

**Gian** - For working hard on your buddy reading.

**Chase** - For your fantastic recount about ice skating. Kā pai.

**Tanish** - For showing resilience and perseverance during ice skating sessions. Tino pai!

**Aria** - For showing confidence on the ice-skating rink. Tino pai!

### Te Kete Pounamu

**Louis** - For fantastic teamwork and endurance in physical activities.

**Dylan** - Wow Dylan - You were amazing at ice skating - Tino pai!

**Mehar** - I was so proud at you giving ice skating a go - Ka rawe.

**Aadarsh** - For showing persistence in maths when learning to skip count in 2s, 5s and 10s.

**Luke** - Thank you for sharing your amazing maths knowledge and strategies with our class. Ka pai!

**Toanui** - I love your enthusiasm in all of our P.E lessons. You are a great role model!

**Nitnem** - For fantastic balance during ice skating. You are a natural!

**Zara** - For great report writing about NZ native birds.

**Zoe** - For an amazing and vibrant piece of spring art.

### Te Kete Manawa

**Ava M** - For demonstrating a good hurdling technique during athletics rotations.

**Luca** - For leading the class in ice skating with his brilliant balancing skills.

**Kinza** - For being confident to 'give it a go' at ice skating and gaining new skills.

**Uatala** - Welcome to Hokowhitu School. We are excited to have you in Te Kete Manawa!

**Ava S** - For demonstrating an excellent understanding of the text as an 'interrogator' at literacy workshop.

**Griffin** - For your confidence on the ice and demonstrating some great skills.

**Inwoo** - For sharing his 'word rules' literacy starter sentences in English and Korean.

**Hamed** - For demonstrating a passion for football and showing the T value in STRIVE: Try new things.

**Lorenzo** - For stepping up at short notice to lead the new opening and closing karakia for our kete.



## Achievement Awards

### Te Kete Aronui

**Lukson** - Welcome to Hokowhitu School and Te Kete Aronui.

**Mario, Joel, Lincoln** - For great balance and confidence on the ice this week! Ka Pai!

**Lachie, Baxter, Donnacha** - For great perseverance in ice skating this week! You showed determination on the ice.

**Mason H, Ted, Rohan** - For radical improvement during our ice-skating sessions.

### Te Kete Tangaroa

**Amos** - Showing manawanui and nga whakapuke during te reo.

**Marley** - For excellent work with Revist and Retain in maths.

**Olivia S** - For wanting to learn more number knowledge every day.

**Willa** - Excellent presentation in her literacy books.

**Molly SK** - Great technique in long jump.

**Ava S** - For an outstanding inquiry into the golden ratio.

**Akira** - For wanting to learn more number knowledge every day.

**Darcy** - Passing the Year 7/8 Code Spelling Test.

**Amit** - Following instructions and completing quality work.



## Community Notices



### Our proposed Food Security and Resilience Policy aims to make sure people have access to healthy food.

We want to be a city where every resident has access to nutritious and affordable food. We also want to strengthen our community's resilience against food-related challenges, like food poverty and the impacts of climate change.

Have your say on our draft Food Security and Resilience Policy by **8 November 2024**.

For more information, or to make a submission, go to [www.pncc.govt.nz/FoodSecurity](http://www.pncc.govt.nz/FoodSecurity) or come along to our drop-in session between **1pm and 3.30pm on 14 October** in the Mezzanine area at the **Central Library**.

Printed copies of the draft Policy and submission form are also available at our Customer Service Centre at 32 Te Marae o Hine - The Square, or at any of our community libraries. For any queries please contact Julie Macdonald on 06 356 8199 or email [julie.macdonald@pncc.govt.nz](mailto:julie.macdonald@pncc.govt.nz).



“Hi parents, if you are looking for high quality After School Care, Massey Kids Club has spaces available for you. Please get in touch with me by emailing [manager@masseykidsclub.ac.nz](mailto:manager@masseykidsclub.ac.nz) to enquire/enroll. I look forward to hearing from you.”

# AFTER SCHOOL CARE



**AGES 3-14**

## PALMY JUNIOR TOUCH TOURNAMENT

**ONLY \$120 PER TEAM**

**SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2024**

A FUN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR HWC JUNIOR YOUTH TOUCH KIDS TO GIVE TOUCH A GO IN A TOURNAMENT SETTING

**AGE GRADES:**

- Under 6s
- Under 8s
- Under 10s
- Under 12s
- Under 14s

**CONFIRM YOUR TEAM REGISTRATION HERE**

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Palmy Junior Touch Tournament  
Team Registration - November 2024

For more information contact Maggie Latta on 027 345 2899 or [dawsonj@hwc.co.nz](mailto:dawsonj@hwc.co.nz)

## TENNIS

**Fun in the Sun with the award-winning Marist Hotshots Tennis Programme** - Beginner skills development programme for 5-12 year olds run by our amazing Hot Shots coaches. These 50-minute sessions run on Saturday mornings over term 4 and will focus on improving strokes, footwork, and court strategies! This is our most popular tennis programme which will upskill and develop techniques, so you are ready to face challenges on the court this summer season. All levels catered for, and all equipment provided. For more info contact Big John on 0274808808 or email [johnsalisbury@xtra.co.nz](mailto:johnsalisbury@xtra.co.nz)

## 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.



*all things good*



## CREEPIN' IT REAL TREAT TRAIL

by The Linton Skeleton Crew

Our treat trails are created for tamariki to enjoy. Join us at Distinction Hotel, to meet some enchanting characters, while collecting treats & treasures along our whimsical trail. Prepare for the Monster Bash disco with spot prizes & our pop up shop selling hot food, candy floss & more.

Thursday 31st October + Friday 1st November | 6pm til late  
\$5 Entry for Tamariki | Distinction Hotel, Cuba St, Palmerston Nth

SPECIAL SENSORY SESSION ON FRIDAY 4PM TIL 5PM



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## FREE 2-hour Positive Parenting Sessions



*Learn and choose from practical, positive strategies to add to your parenting tool kit.*



ACROSS Te kotahitanga o te wairua offers free 2-hr Triple P Positive Parenting sessions on a variety of different topics such as:

- **Cooperating with Instructions – (Dealing with Disobedience)**  
*(Teaching our children to cooperate and helping us manage difficult behaviours)*
- **Bedtime Routines**  
*(Teaching our children to develop healthy, independent sleep patterns)*
- **Hassel-free Mealtimes** *(Teaching our children mealtime skills and managing mealtime problems)*
- **Expressing feelings without aggression – (Fighting & Aggression)**  
*(Teaching our children to be kind, interact positively and stay calm and helping us manage aggressive behaviours)*
- **Overcoming Fears** *(Helping parents support their children to overcome fears)*
- **Responding to Bullying** *(Developing a plan to help your child respond to bullying)*
- **Screentime** *(Setting up healthy screentime routines and dealing with screentime challenges)*
- **Learning to use the Toilet** *(Helping our children with gaining toileting skills)*

Sessions are available via **live Zoom meetings** at different times of the day and occasional evenings. We also offer **other parenting topics** and some **in-person** options at the ACROSS office 294a Church St, Palmerston North. Email or phone today to find out more and register for a course or scan the QR code and complete the form to let us know what you are interested in.

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Email: [reception@across.org.nz](mailto:reception@across.org.nz)



NEW STAGE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

# YOUNG STARS

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SATURDAY 9AM - 3PM FOLLOWED BY A CONCERT AT 6PM

**YOUNG STARS WELLINGTON**  
THURSDAY 7TH NOV-  
SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2024

**YOUNG STARS AUCKLAND**  
THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER-  
SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2024

**YOUNG STARS HAWERA**  
THURSDAY 21ST-  
SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2024

**YOUNG STARS CHRISTCHURCH**  
THURSDAY 28TH-SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2024

**NSP CHRISTMAS STARS MANAWATU**  
THURSDAY 5TH-  
SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2024





BLUE LIGHT MANAWATU PRESENTS

# FRIGHT NIGHT

## AT THE MUSEUM

### FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

**GHOSTS: 5:30PM-6:30PM**  
JUNIOR AGES: 8, 9 & 10  
**GOBLINS: 7:00PM-8:30PM**  
INTERMEDIATE AGES: 11 & 12

SPOT PRIZES AND KAI PROVIDED BY RRT  
**\$5 A TICKET**  
LIMITED TO 200 TICKETS PER SESSION

FOR MORE INFORMATION CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM PAGE  
QR CODE TO REGISTER GOING SOON!



# Diwali Mela

SATURDAY  
2 NOVEMBER  
5PM - 10.30PM

TE MARAE O HINE  
- THE SQUARE



[PNCC.GOV.T.NZ/EVENTS](https://pncc.govt.nz/events)

Join us for an enchanting evening filled with lights, music, dance, and delicious food in Te Marae o Hine – The Square!

Dance the night away with Garba Dancing, watch as the competition heats up with the Curry of Fire finale, or find your zen with Glow & Flow.

Create your own Rangoli at home and bring it to our event



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