

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 8th of November 2024

Important Upcoming Events 2024

11 November	Hearing and Vision Checks - These are for New Entrants who have not had/completed their B4 School Check OR children who have no previous test record. * Any parent/guardian who does not want their child to be checked, should please inform the school before the visit.
13 - 22 November	Life Education Trust programme on site at school
15 November - 9am	Whole school assembly - TKA presenting
18 November	Year 5/6 Interschool Athletic Sports
22 November	House t-shirt day
29 November - 9am	Whole school assembly - TKP presenting
3 December	Year 1 - 3 fundamental skills display. Supporters welcome
3 December - 5.30pm	Final Board meeting for 2024 - held in the staffroom
10 December - 8.30am	Coffee and muffin thank you to whānau who have generously supported us this year
12 December 5pm	Christmas carnival and prize giving, followed by the Year 6 graduation
13 December	Reports come home in school bags today
16 December 1.45pm	Transition into 2025 classes
18 December 12.45pm	Classes finish for 2024
30 + 31 January	Staff call back days
31 January 1.30 - 2.30pm	Informal 'meet and greet' in classrooms. Bring your stationery and come and say 'hi' to the teaching team
Monday 3 February 8.50am	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

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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- Cancellations
- Direct Absentees
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- School Events
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UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora e te Whānau

Staff are currently conducting assessments to measure ākonga progress in key areas since our last formal mid year assessments. These assessments will assist the overall teacher judgments in the end of year report that the tamariki will bring home on the 13th of December.

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:

docandmarty24

CONGRATULATIONS

Tonight, the staff will honour Whaea Bree as she is recognised for becoming a fully registered teacher. Teachers hold provisional registration for the first two years after their graduation and only become fully registered when they meet all criteria. Whaea Bree certainly meets all the requirements. Congratulations Bree, we are very proud of you - ngā mihi.

MEDICATION REMINDER

We cannot give **ANY** child medications (Prescribed or not) without a parent consent form filled out. If you need one sent home with your child, just let us know. We also cannot have medications left in children's bags. This is for the safety of **YOUR** child as well other children that could accidentally come across it. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

CALL FOR SECOND-HAND UNIFORM

If you have any older uniforms that no longer fit your child, we would love to take them off your hands. Unfortunately, we cannot 'trade in' for bigger uniforms as we then get left with only small sizing. We keep the pricing low to keep this as an affordable option for families. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

HI FROM TIM AND HAROLD @LIFE ED MANAWATU!

We are so excited about coming back to Hokowhitu School and seeing all our amazing friends again! We feel very privileged to sharing in the students learning around subjects including our amazing bodies, how we get energy from food, problem solving, and digital citizenship.

We will also have the following items available from Wednesday:

Harold flag pens @\$1

Harold lanyards @\$3

Soft toy Harold keyrings @\$7

Harold drink bottles @\$10

Harold notebooks @\$15

Large Harold soft toys @\$24

These can be purchased from me at any time - take care everyone and have a stunning rest of the day!

Love from Tim and Harold!



YEAR 4 - 6 ATHLETIC SPORTS

What a fabulous morning we had yesterday seeing the athletic skills of the ākonga. Thanks to everyone who came along to watch and support the tamariki.

A team of Year 5/6 athletes will be selected to represent our kura at the Inter School Athletic Sports being held on the 18 November at the Massey track.



ATHLETICS



SPORTS

Good Luck to our 3 T-Ball teams starting tomorrow (rained out last week).
Remember to play fair and have fun!

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.

FUTSAL

Hokowhitu Gladiators - The Hokowhitu Gladiators played an exciting game against the Hokowhitu Mavericks. It was a close game and both teams displayed some excellent skills. The end result was a 4 all draw. Our player of the day was **Flynn**.

SUMMER SOCCER

Hokowhitu Monarchs - The Monarchs had a fantastic game against the Turitea Twilights! They all gave it their best for the whole game even though the grounds were slippery and there wasn't a half time break. They came away with a win this week. Ka pai to **Frankie** who was our player of the day. Ka rawe Monarchs!

Hokowhitu Tornados - This week the Tornadoes played against Ashhurst. It was a really close game and we worked really hard on passing, playing as a team, and spreading out on the field. **Byungwoo** was player of the day this week, for attacking and working hard, ka pai.

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





Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

Calvin - Thank you for showing your initiative and noticing little jobs that need doing in the classroom. Ka rawe!

Evie O - Congratulations for putting effort into all of your learning. Awesome Evie!

Methila - Well done for listening at workshops and trying hard to form letters correctly. Ka pai!

Aaravdeep - For having the confidence to read new books and to use his blending skills.

Freya - For sharing her 'something she made' with confidence during our oral language time.

Juliette - For having super maths knowledge.

Wyatt - For enthusiasm when sharing his oral language.

Bai - For great literacy learning.

Sam - For having a great week at school. Tino pai Sam!

Freya - For working hard on your reading and writing. Kā pai.

Jensen - For being a switched-on learner. Kā rawe.

Sasha - For being a kind friend to others. Tino pai.

Te Kete Pounamu

Aaden - You are an awesome role model in TKP. Well done for always stepping up!

Meilah - For fantastic maths! You should be so proud of your effort. Ka pai!

Madi - For reading with accuracy and fluency. Keep up the great work!

Clyde - For reading with accuracy and fluency. Keep up the great work!

Suyog - I loved reading your Ice Skating recount. You used great detail. Tino pai!

Thea - For your patience when painting your butterfly art! Awesome mahi!

Zuhain - For improved focus and accuracy in maths - Keep it up!

Pray - For using your spelling rules when writing. Keep it up!

Emma - For great improvement when reading. Mahi pai!

Te Kete Manawa

Tyson - For demonstrating a good technique when throwing the discus.

Ameerah - For an outstanding book that you created by writing and illustrating about the Ngā Manu trip.

Daeun - For gaining the confidence at high jump to just 'give it a go'.

Rita - For being an amazing librarian for the kete and also putting the books away at lunchtime.

Te Whakaira - For being a curious member of the group on our walk around Ngā Manu.

Eugene - For being a vocal member of the group that walked around Ngā Manu.

Joy - For bringing a consistently positive attitude towards learning in TKM.

Mia - An outstanding effort with your learning of spelling patterns and rules.

Ihaia - For using some great strategies when solving mathematical word problems.





Achievement Awards

Te Kete Aronui

Aaryan, Zayd, Jamie - For fantastic progress in Number Knowledge this year. Ka pai!

Madison, Bailey, Mila P - For the fantastic improvement in your maths strategies this term.

Lincoln, Johanna, Dwayne - For excellent maths problem solving skills.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Austin - For outstanding progress in maths knowledge.

Viktor - Great progress in word study.

Sanuthi - For outstanding progress in maths.

Jonathan - For reading accurately with expression.

Sahar - For an excellent effort in practising multiplication.

Miya - For excellent improvement in number knowledge.

Leo - Great progress in maths knowledge.

Samuel - Going out of his way to be supportive of his peers.

Luke - Excellent long jump technique.

Hohua - Moving up a stage in number knowledge.



Community Notices

AUDITIONS
OPEN NOW!


THE NEXT GENERATION

**SCHOOL
of
ROCK**

THE MUSICAL

18 April -
3 May
2025

ACT THREE
PRODUCTIONS

A poster for the School of Rock musical auditions. The background is lined paper. At the top, it says 'AUDITIONS OPEN NOW!' in a hand-drawn font. Below that is a banner that says 'THE NEXT GENERATION'. The main title 'SCHOOL of ROCK' is in large, stylized red and white letters with musical notes around it. Underneath is 'THE MUSICAL'. At the bottom left, the dates '18 April - 3 May 2025' are written. At the bottom right is the 'ACT THREE PRODUCTIONS' logo.

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**

SCAN ME

Palmy Junior Touch Tournament
Team Registration - November
2024

A poster for the Palmy Junior Touch Tournament. It features a background image of a group of children. At the top right, it says 'AGES 3-14'. The main title is 'PALMY JUNIOR TOUCH TOURNAMENT' in large, colorful letters. Below that, it says 'ONLY \$120 PER TEAM' in a green circle. The date 'SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2024' is in a blue box. A paragraph describes it as a fun opportunity for HWC Junior Youth Touch kids. There are two green boxes: one for 'AGE GRADES' with a list (Under 6s, 8s, 10s, 12s, 14s) and another for 'CONFIRM YOUR TEAM REGISTRATION HERE' with a QR code. The QR code is labeled 'SCAN ME' and has text above it: 'Palmy Junior Touch Tournament Team Registration - November 2024'. At the bottom, it says 'For more information contact Maggie Leata on 027-345-2899 or dawgsouljahzclub@gmail.com'.

Marist Football

ARE RUNNING A MILO FANTAILS
FOOTBALL PROGRAMME
IN MANAWATU

Who: Girls aged 7-12 years.
Dates: 07/11, 14/11, 21/11, 28/11,
05/12 & 12/12 (Term 4, 2024)
Time: Thursdays 4:30-5:30pm
Venue: CET Arena,
Behind Marist Clubrooms
Cost: \$30.00 (\$5 per session)

Registration Form:
www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/282758

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

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.



PALMERSTON NORTH CHRISTMAS PARADE

Hey kids! Want to take part in the Christmas Parade?

We have a category for decorated bikes. So get you and your bike all looking like Christmas and you could win a prize. All entrants get to take part in the parade.

Entry conditions—you need to be between 4 and 12 years old, and have a bike that you can ride around the parade route (approx. 900m). You can bring a big person to walk with you if you need one. You will need to wear a helmet, so plan your design around that.

Only 50 bikes can go in the parade, so be quick to save your place! Go to www.pnchristmasparade.org.nz to enter online.

**1st December 2024
2pm Parade Start**





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.

Scan the QR or
use link to join



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