

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 15th of March 2024

Important Upcoming Events 2024

19 March	- 5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom
21 March - NEW ITEM	- 9.30am Hearing and Vision Testing - children to be screened during this visit are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Entrants who have not had/ completed their B4 School Check • Children who have no previous record. If any parent/guardian does not wish their child to be checked please inform the school ASAP
22 March	- 9am Whole school assembly - TKP sharing some of their learning
26 March	- 5.30pm Goal setting evening - surnames A - L - 5.30pm Waka whānau Goal setting evening
27 March	- 5.30pm Goal setting evening - surnames M - Z
29 March - 2 April	- Easter break, SCHOOL CLOSED (this includes Tuesday)
5 and 6 April	- School centenary celebrations
10 April	- Year 1 - 3 duathlon (Postponed from the 21st of March)
11 April	- Y5/6 Interschool swimming sports
12 April	- 3pm Last day of school for 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 ABSENT OR LATE

Email - office@hokowhitu.school.nz

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

App - See how to download the App below

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.



UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

RAMADAN

I would like to take a moment to extend our warmest wishes to all of our school community who observe this special occasion.

For our Muslim students and families, Ramadan is a time of reflection, gratitude, self-discipline and community building.

🌙 During this month, Muslims around the world abstain from food and drink from dawn until dusk, and engage in acts of generosity and charity, as Muslims are encouraged to give to those in need.

🌍 As a very multicultural school, this is also a wonderful opportunity to appreciate the diversity that exists within our Hokowhitu School community, to learn from one another, to share our traditions, and to deepen our understanding of the world around us. 🇹🇿

Ramadan Mubarak!

FLAGPOLE

You may also have noticed that we now have 2 flags flying each day on our flag pole. This is another way for us to recognise and celebrate our cultural diversity here at Hokowhitu School. On rotation, we will fly a second flag daily - one that represents the identity of one (or more) of our ākonga.

YEAR 5 AND 6 CAMPS

Thanks so much to everyone who supported the Year 5 and 6 camps this week. We simply could not have done it without all the parent helpers - ka pai! Special thanks to my teaching teams too - there is an enormous amount of 'behind the scenes' mahi that goes with the preparation and implementation of EOTC activities, not to mention leaving your own families one adult down so you can take away dozens of other children! I value your passion, time and energy immensely.

GOAL SETTING EVENINGS

At the upcoming goal setting evenings you have the opportunity to speak with each of the teachers in the kete, share some learning together and hear about your tamariki's current learning goals.

There is no need to make an appointment, just come in between 5.30 and 6.30pm on your day and stay for as long as you'd like.

As a general concept we ask that those who have surnames beginning with A - L come on the 26 March and those with surnames M - Z come on the 27 March. This just helps us balance the numbers over the two evenings. However, if it's not possible for you to come on your night, choose the other.

At the goal setting evening you can request an appointment if you wish to speak in more detail with your child's whānau teacher. Please be aware that their whānau teacher may not be their literacy or numeracy teacher.

As many of the children in Waka will soon be due their 6-week check (which is followed up with a short interview), Mrs Hodge and Miss Caldwell will only be present on ONE of these nights - TUES 26th of March.

DUATHLON - date change

Akonga in Years 1 -3 have this event to look forward to on the 10th of April. For health and safety reasons we have made the decision to postpone the duathlon until after the senior playground work is finished.

Have a lovely weekend everyone

Ngā mihi nui
Lin Dixon



THE FOLLOWING TERM 2 SPORTS ARE NOW OPEN ON THE KINDO WEBSITE/APP

For registration of **ALL** sports, we use Kindo. You will need to set up an account with Kindo.
Please find the link here - <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml?shop=Hokowhitu%20School>.

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

Basketball 2024

- Registrations are now open for **year 3-6** players who wish to play basketball.
- Fees for the season will be \$80
- Games will be played at CET Arena on Thursdays beginning the 2nd of May, final game is the 4th of July.
- Children will be required to wear a mouthguard when playing.
- Coaches will be needed for all teams.

Registrations will close at 3pm on Friday the 29th of March! NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!
If you need a uniform, please make sure you put the Uniform Hire option in your cart.

Years 1 & 2 - Winter Hockey 2024

- Games will be played on Sundays - at The Twin Turfs - Beginning Sunday the 5th of May. The season will finish on the 11th of August.
- Cost is \$40 per player
- All players will require their own hockey stick and mouth guards and shin pads are compulsory.
- Coaches will be required for all teams - practices are not required unless parents are available to do so.
- The season will run for 12 weeks over terms 2 & 3.

Registrations will close at 3pm on Friday the 29th of March. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!
If you need a uniform, please make sure you put the Uniform Hire option in your cart.

Years 3 & 4 - Winter Hockey 2024

- Games will be played on Sundays - at The Twin Turfs - Beginning Sunday the 5th of May. The season will finish on the 11th of August.
- Cost is \$41 per player
- All players will require their own hockey stick and mouth guards and shin pads are compulsory.
- Coaches will be required for all teams - practices are not required unless parents are available to do so.
- The season will run for 12 weeks over terms 2 & 3.

Registrations will close at 3pm on the 29th of March. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!
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Years 5 & 6 - Winter Hockey 2024

- Games will be played on Sundays - at The Twin Turfs - Beginning Sunday the 5th of May. The season will finish on the 11th of August.
- Cost is \$42 per player
- All players will require their own hockey stick and mouth guards and shin pads are compulsory.
- Coaches will be required for all teams - practices are not required unless parents are available to do so.
- The season will run for 12 weeks over terms 2 & 3.

Registrations will close at 3pm on the 29th of March. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!
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If you have any questions regarding sports, you can contact Carlee Hodge - c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz or Jen Bates - office@hokowhitu.school.nz

Coaches/Managers - If you would like details in the newsletter, please email them to office@hokowhitu.school.nz no later than Thursday please.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

The Weetbix tryathlon is on Tuesday 19th of March. If your child is participating and won't be at school on Tuesday **please make sure you notify the office by email or through the school app**. The school tent will be down there if you need shelter. If you are available to help put the tent up on Monday afternoon Mr Hawkins will be at Ongley Park at 4.15pm with the tent.



YUMMY STICKER COLLECTION

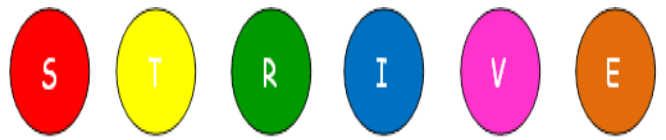
Collect the Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual Yummy apple stickers for our school's share of the \$200,000 free Sport sports gear prize pool. Yummy apples are available from New World, PAK'nSAVE and participating Four Square stores. We get bonus stickers 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 Waka and Hokowhitu welcome to **Mason** and **Hayze**.

Ivory - For saying and writing the first 8 sounds.

Hui -Tanguru - For saying and writing the first 8 sounds.

Calum - For saying and writing the first 16 sounds.

Indy - For sound sorting pictures to the first sound.

Mischka - For being a helpful and kind friend, Kā pai!

Tanish - For using expression and fluency when you are reading. Kā pai.

Harrison W - For working hard on your letter formation. Tino pai.

Everly - For being a kind and caring friend.

Te Kete Pounamu

Ungatea - You are an amazing kaitiaki for our classroom - you always make sure it is clean and tidy - Kia Ora Unga!

Nina - You are working so hard on your maths skills in workshops and at follow up - Ka pai!

Conor - For trying hard with your story writing - Ka Rawe.

Asher - For excellent effort with his maths workshops.

Madi - For an excellent attitude towards the PAT tesing.

Oliver - For reading with improved confidence and fluency.

George - For your amazing attitude towards reading and literacy workshops.

Joshua - For being a role model in our kete and constantly showing our STRIVE values.

Oakley - For giving 100% effort when doing your handwriting.

Te Kete Manawa

Isla - For stepping up and presenting your pepeha even though you were really nervous.

Eugene - For showing atawhai to all of his classmates on his birthday!

Landon - For trying really hard to produce beautiful handwriting.

Luca - For good work when identifying antonyms and synonyms.

Evie - For a super effort with correctly setting up your literacy books.

Max - For amazing whānau morning greetings and his willingness to share his knowledge.

Doha - For sharing some great interesting facts about South Korea for homework.

Joy - For a super effort with homework and the interesting facts you wrote about for Colombia.

Grisha - Welcome to Hokowhitu School and Te Kete Manawa. We are excited to have you join us.

Te Kete Aronui

Congratulations to these children for working well in a team and contributing your ideas during our rich maths activities. **Joslyn, Deondrej, Dwayne, Aria, Leon, Mason O, and Aaryan.**

Te Kete Tangaroa

Congratulations to the all the children that were able to attend camp. You all demonstrated many of the Hokowhitu STRIVE values throughout camp. In particular, you demonstrated the T - Try New Things. Each and everyone one of you tried and experienced something new. Many children set themselves goals and achieved them or overcame fears and demonstrated success. We are very proud of you all.



Community Notices



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www.theeggproject.co.nz

A MESSAGE FROM PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

BUSES ARE CHANGING IN PALMERSTON NORTH

From 4 March 2024, bus routes and frequencies are changing in Palmerston North as we bring more direct and easy-to-understand bus routes to the city. On top of that, we are also introducing New Zealand's first, fully electric bus network.

- Significant infrastructure improvements at bus stops, with more, new bus shelters and more accessible bus stops around the city, including better lighting at stops.
- 43 Brand new EV buses will be on the road, creating a comfortable and quiet ride to work, study, and leisure
- Increased frequency of buses, running every 15 minutes from 7:00am-9:00, and again from 3:00pm-6:00pm, Monday to Friday. Every 30 minutes outside of those hours and on weekends.
- Direct town to Palmerston North Airport bus line, 7 days a week.
- Increased frequency to Ashhurst, including services on Saturdays & Sundays
- Earlier and later bus services, with the first bus starting at 6:30am, and the last departure at 9:00pm, 7 days a week.
- Real time departure boards soon to be installed at stops, providing live departure time updates for buses at that stop.
- Download the Transit App on your phone and get live departures and helpful information for your trip.

Our new bus timetables are available on the Horizons website ([found here](#)) and print copies are available at the Horizons Office, the Palmerston North I-site, and will be on bus from 4 March 2024.

For more information, questions, or queries, please contact transport@horizons.govt.nz



Marist Football

ARE RUNNING A MILO FANTAILS
FOOTBALL PROGRAMME
IN MANAWATU

Who: Girls aged 7-12 years.

Dates: 05/03, 12/03, 19/03, 26/03,
02/04 09/04 (Term 1, 2024)

Time: Tuesdays 4:00-5:00pm

Venue: Green Room at Massey Sports
& Recreation Centre

Cost: \$30.00 (\$5 per session)

Registration Form:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/282758>

The CR Law season of

ROALD DAHL'S

Matilda

THE MUSICAL

BOOK DENNIS KELLY MUSIC & LYRICS TIM MINCHIN

APRIL 12th - 27th 2024

PALMERSTON NORTH

GET TICKETS NOW FROM TICKETEK

ACT THREE PRODUCTIONS
He Whānau Tuatititini

CR Law
Cooper Rapley Lawyers

SCOTBALL PALMY

MOVIE NIGHT

6pm - 8pm Tuesday 12th March
D1 Colquhoun Park

Free popcorn and sausage sizzle!
Bring with you: whānau, beanbags, blankets and kai!

Shrek

CHILLED EVENTS PRESENTS

PALMERSTON NORTH SQUARE

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4TH - 28TH
APRIL

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10am - 10pm
EVERYDAY

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Hoops

- 🏀 2-Day Camp
- 🏀 Advanced Camp
- 🏀 Littles Camp

**APRIL
BASKETBALL
CAMPS**

April 15th - 17th



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Primary and Intermediate Schools Pacific Performances

2nd July 2024

Pacific
Celebrating Pacific Culture Through Dance
Fusion
Legacy

Performances start at 9am
Regent on Broadway, Palmerston North
GOLD COIN ENTRY