



HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 3rd of May 2024

6 - 10 May	- Sign language week
10 May	- 9am Whole school assembly - TKW sharing some of their learning - Orienteering - selected Year 5/6 ākonga
14 May	- 5.30pm Board meeting - in the staffroom
15 May	- Last day for lucky book club orders
20 May	- School Cross Country (postponement date is 22.05)
27 - 31 May	- Samoan language week
30 May	- Talent Quest Final - House T-shirt day, wear your house t-shirt with the rest of your uniform
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
5 July	- 9am Whole school assembly - TKP sharing some of their learning - 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







UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou Ngā mihi kia koutou

Welcome to term 2 everyone! A special welcome to the 6 new ākonga (and whānau) who have started at our kura this week - we are sure you will feel valued and welcomed as part of our school whānau in no time at all. Everyone who has joined our kura since our term 1 mihi whakatau was formally welcomed and recognised at our term 2 mihi whakatau on Monday morning.





TERM 2 EVENTS

As you'll see from the list of upcoming events above, this term is going to be action packed too! As we approach the cooler/wetter seasons of the year, it is sometimes necessary to apply some flexibility around dates/times. We will do our very best to fit as many activities in as we possibly can.

CENTENARY TEA TOWELS

We have a limited number of 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.

ANZAC SERVICE

Mr Hawkins and our student ambassadors represented our kura at the Civic service on ANZAC day. They marched and laid a wreath in honour of those who have served our country over the years.

Additionally, we held our own service here at school on Tuesday morning, led by our student council. We were very fortunate to have Mr David Millar from the Levin Brass band willing to come and support our service by playing 'The Last Post' and 'The Rouse' for us on his cornet. Tino pai Mr Millar.









MANAWATU SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Notices have come home with the Y 5/6 tamariki who have been selected to participate in this event next Friday. Please ensure the permission slip is returned to school by early next week.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our full teaching team has commenced a weekly programme to upskill ourselves with speaking in Te Reo Māori. We will then be better equipped to support the reo of our ākonga. We are all lifelong learners!

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend

Ngā mihi nui Lin Dixon

TERM 2 TALENT QUEST

A talent quest is going to be held by the Student Council in Term 2. Anyone at Hokowhitu School can audition for the show. The final will be in front of an audience on Thursday the 30^{th of} May. In the first four weeks of Term 2 (April 29th - May 24th), the Student Council will hold auditions on Fridays at lunchtime. Items can include but are not limited to singing, gymnastics, magic shows, mime, poetry, playing an instrument, drama, and martial arts.





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 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!



Well done to the **Hokowhitu Raiders** and the **Hokowhitu Shooters** on their first basketball game last night. Unfortunately, the **Hokowhitu Jets** had a BYE for their first game but will start next Thursday. We look forward to our 6 Hokowhitu Hockey teams starting this Sunday.

Remember you are playing for and representing Hokowhitu School at **ALL** times while at the Courts/Turf. Think of those **STRIVE** values at all times.

Play Hard, Play Fair, Listen to your Coaches/Managers and most of all... HAVE FUN!!

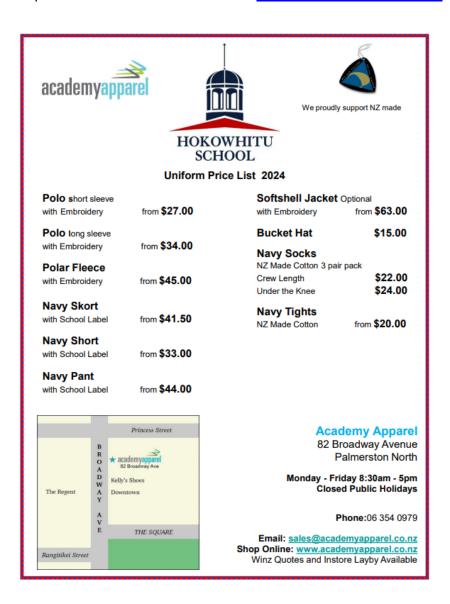
If you have any questions regarding sport, please email Jen Bates office@hokowhitu.school.nz or Carlee Hodge c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz

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

UNIFORM

If you are looking at getting the new uniform, it is **NOW** available from Academy Apparel. Reminder that it is **ONLY** the skort, shorts and long pants that are being updated (not the tops, or jerseys). This is also **NOT COMPULSORY** to update yet. The current uniform can be worn up until 2026.

If you have any questions please contact our school office - office@hokowhitu.school.nz



Achievement Awards











Te Kete Wakahuia

A big Hokowhitu welcome to these new children in Waka. Hanna-Moana, Toby, Te Paia and Saanvika.

Lucia - For stepping up with her learning this week.

Hayze - Working hard to learn his first 8 letter sounds.

Emily - For great recall of her groups of 5 in maths.

Evie - For helping new children in our class feel welcome.

Aisha - For your great progress in maths. Tino pai.

Roshni - For working hard to write the sounds you can hear in words. Kā rawe Roshni.

Riley - For being a responsible role model in Huia. Kā pai!

Hemi - For working super hard in all of your learning. Kā pai!

Te Kete Pounamu

Delenaa - You have made a fantastic start to term 2 Delenaa - Ka rawe!

Pray - For beginning to add detail to your written work.

Nora - You are a literacy superstar! Keep up the fabulous mahi!

Ivy - For your outstanding ANZAC day artwork. Ka pai to mahi!

Eli - For your fluent reading skills and your interest in what you are reading!

Cara - For being able to carry on number patterns. Ka mau te wehi.

Eddie - You are a fantastic writer. Keep adding those juicy details!

Lucy - For amazing handwriting in your phonics book.

Harper - For retention of your maths basic facts.

Te Kete Manawa

Louhan - For working hard to master new skills on Lexia.

Cian - For being very thoughtful and organising a card for Rose as a farewell.

Ava M - For showing atawhai and sharing her knowledge in maths with peers.

Vanshika - For working so quickly on Lexia.

Te Whakaira - For persevering with new skills on Lexia.

Griffin - For contributing your understanding and ideas on the book 'In Flanders Fields'.

Lorrenzo - For your great contributions to our discussion on the book 'In Flanders Fields'.

Huatahi - For helping others in maths and showing atawhai.

Joud - For your enthusiasm during Maths and demonstrating a good understanding of family of facts.

Te Kete Aronui

Harry S - Welcome to Te Kete Aronui and Hokowhitu School.

Sam P, **William** - For an outstanding start to the term.

Aiden, Taylah, Jessica - Clever work with fractions.

Matty, **Ben** - Great questions and research in literacy.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Byungwoo - Welcome to TKT and Hokowhitu School.

Amos - Amazing comprehension during our ANZAC study.

Mason - Brilliant at being in character as a soldier in ANZAC re-enactment.

Tupuse - Excellent use of new strategies in maths.

Isabella - For speaking beautifully at the school ANZAC ceremony.

Leo - For justifying his thinking at maths time.

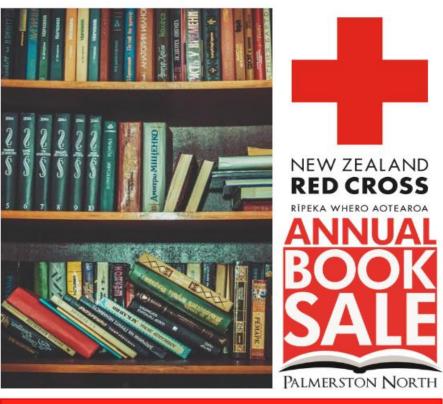
Will M - Excellent improvement in spelling and relaxing his pen grip.

Ollie C - For drawing and colouring an outstanding poppy in art.

Austin - Outstanding work during our ANZAC studies.

Penelope - Using her initiative and being an excellent leader.





Sunday 10AM - 4 PM KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 2024 100,000+ Books Games, DVDs, Jigsaws, Music, Comics & more... Barber/Bell Hall Waldegrave Street Palmerston North

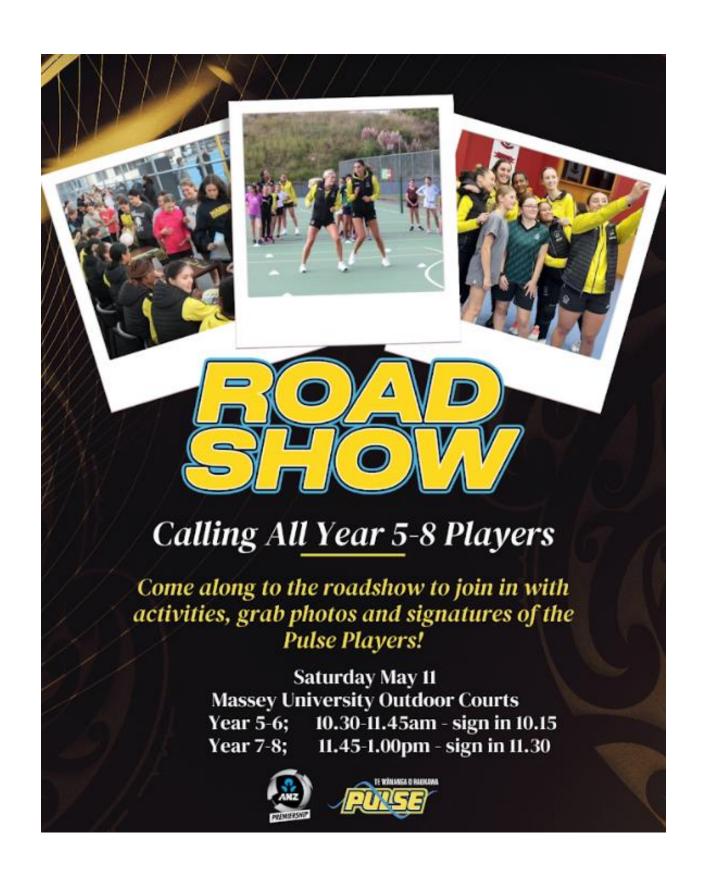
Beginners' karate classes starting now

We invite kids (aged 8 and above) and adults to come along and try a training session at the dojo and give Universal Shotokan Karate a try. Universal Shotokan Karate Union is a Shotokan-based style of Karate, and emphasises a balanced development of speed, strength, and range of techniques.

Class times (Mondays and Thursdays): 6:00pm to 6:30 for kids (age 8-12) 6:30 to 7:30pm for adults and teenagers

First week is free.

Please contact Sensei Julia Tanner <u>USKUNewZealand@gmail.com</u> to book. See https://usku-karate.nz/ for more information





Sipjin Taekwondo Palmerston North









Start anytime during the year and gain self confidence and fitness.

For ages 7 and above.

6-7pm Mondays and Thursdays

Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School Gym -South Street Entrance-

Please Call 027 337 8450 for Enquiries!

