

# HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August 2024

## Important Upcoming Events 2024

6 August	- 5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom
7 August	- Kind Hearts day for selected Year 5 ākonga - Lucky Book Club orders <b>CLOSE TODAY</b>
8 August	- Mathex competition for selected Year 5 and 6 teams
9 August	- 9am Assembly - TKP sharing their learning - 11.45am The NED show - information came home in bags yesterday. <b><i>It is NOT compulsory for you to purchase a yo-yo, just an invitation.</i></b>
21 August	- Cookies delivered this afternoon - come and help pack them if you can!
22 August THURSDAY	- 9am Assembly - TKW sharing their learning
23 August	- Teacher Only Day - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
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
<b>SAVE THIS DATE NOW!</b> 26 September	- 6pm Whole School Major Production at the Regent Theatre
27 September	- <b>(OPTIONAL)</b> 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](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

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.

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Get in touch with us at [support@snapp.co.nz](mailto:support@snapp.co.nz)  
[www.schoolappsnz.co.nz](http://www.schoolappsnz.co.nz)



## UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou  
Ngā mihi kia koutou

This week we have welcomed Jessica Burr to our kura. Whaea Jess is supporting ākonga as a Learning Coach. We are sure you will enjoy being part of Team Hokowhitu Jess.

We would also like to congratulate Karen Douglas (Learning Coach) on her upcoming wedding. Have a wonderful celebration Karen - we'll enjoy hearing all about it when you return from your honeymoon.

### **CELEBRATING LEARNING**

Thanks to everyone who made the time to come to one of these evenings earlier in the week. It was a great opportunity for you to follow up on anything arising from the mid-year report, along with the opportunity for working whānau to spend some relaxed time in your child's learning environment.

If you attended one of these sessions and feel that you need a follow up conversation with your child's whānau teacher regarding their learning, please email or speak to the teacher directly to make a suitable time.

### **BALLOT FOR OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR TERMS 1 AND 2 OF 2025**

Have you got a child turning 5 in the first half of next year or do you know someone who would like to enrol at our school over that period? Now is the time for you to complete enrolment information - packs are available at the school office. A ballot, if required, will be held under police supervision on the 5th of September. We anticipate that there will be up to 12 places for out of zone/non priority New Entrants, up to 3 places for each of Years 2, 3 and 5 ākonga and up to 5 places for Years 4 and 6.

### **COOKIE SALES**

Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser by purchasing cookie dough. We had a fabulous response and 6 families each sold more than \$400.00 of cookies.

At next week's assembly we will recognise our top sellers.

Sincere thanks to Amy Westergaard for her super organisation of this fundraiser! We will be seeking support to package up the orders in the afternoon of the 21st of August - please come and help if you can spare an hour.

### **TURBO'S VISIT**

Yesterday we were lucky enough to have 4 of the Manawatu Turbo's players (and their coach) come to visit our kura. They taught some drills and skills to a group of ākonga from TKA and then completed some tackling practice with our Ricoh tournament rugby team.



Ngā mihi nui  
Lin Dixon

# ICAS ASSESSMENTS

## ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

Below is the schedule for the upcoming ICAS Examinations. The school will organise the sitting of these examinations on the date stated below. If your child is away on the day of the examination we will arrange another day within the same week for them to sit the examination. If your child is away for the whole week they will be unable to sit the examination. The examination dates are set by ICAS and must be completed within the week.

[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](mailto:r.hawkins@hokowhitu.school.nz)

## 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!



# SPORTS

***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** - What a great start you all had on Tuesday. Well done! A reminder to make sure you sign in when you get there, so they know you are there.

**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](mailto:office@hokowhitu.school.nz)) to register your interest.

**TOUCH RUGBY** - Keep an eye out on Touch Rugby opening up on Kindo very soon! We are waiting on further details. This is for years 0-6, the season will begin week 1 of term 4 (Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October) and run for 8 weeks, with the last game taking place on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December.

**VOLLEYBALL (For Term 4)** - Information for the upcoming volleyball season for years 4 5 & 6 (boys & girls mixed teams). This is **OPEN** on Kindo **NOW**.

To register follow the link here - <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml?shop=Hokowhitu%20School>.

Registrations close at 12pm on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of August (unless teams are full prior to this date) - Unfortunately no late registrations can be accepted.

## Key Details

**Weekday:** Tuesday  
**Date:** Starting 15<sup>th</sup> October - until the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December (7 weeks)  
**Venue:** Central Energy Trust, Arena 3, Pascal Street  
**Who:** Open to Yr4, Yr5 and Yr6 mixed  
**Cost:** \$35 per player (plus \$5 for uniform hire if you have not hired a uniform in 2024 yet)  
**Time:** 3.45-6pm

**NETBALL (For Term 3 & 4)** - Information for the upcoming netball season for years 5 & 6 (boys & girls mixed teams). This is **OPEN** on Kindo **NOW**.

To register follow the link here - <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml?shop=Hokowhitu%20School>.

Registrations close at 12pm on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of August (unless teams are full prior to this date) - Unfortunately no late registrations can be accepted.

## Key Details

**Weekday:** Monday  
**Date:** Starting 9<sup>th</sup> September - Finals 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
**Venue:** Vautier Park, Palmerston North  
**Who:** Open to Yr5 and Yr6 mixed  
**Cost:** \$40 per player (plus \$5 for uniform hire if you have not hired a uniform in 2024 yet)  
**Time:** 4-5pm or 5-6pm (Except for grading games, which are shorter games within the same time)

There will be a pre-season Coaches meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August.

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

## **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 <b>OPEN NOW ON KINDO</b>	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 0-6 <b>Will Open very soon</b>
			Volleyball - Years 4, 5 & 6 <b>OPEN NOW ON KINDO</b>
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>





## Achievement Awards

### Te Kete Wakahuia

A big Hokowhitu and Waka welcome to **Anewa**, **Yoona** and **Wyatt**. What an awesome start you are having!

**Aaravdeep** - For learning his first eight sounds.

**Paige** - For reading with fluency all her unknown books.

**Juliette** - For reading with expression.

**Hanna-Moana** - For learning her sounds. Keep it up!

**Hemi** - For being helpful in the classroom. Kā pai!

**Manha** - For showing enthusiasm towards all of your learning. Kā pai!

**Neave** - For working hard on your confidence in reading. Tino pai.

**Gian** - For fantastic writing.

### Te Kete Pounamu

**Cara** - For a great start to learning your 2s, 5s, and 10s division facts. He whetu koe!

**Clyde** - For a great start to learning your 2s, 5s, and 10s division facts. Ka mau te wehi!

**Eloise** - For reading with great expression and fluency. Ka pai!

**Ungatea** - For reading with great expression and fluency. Tino pai!

**Kiel** - For reading with great expression and fluency. Tino pai!

**Asher** - For great enthusiasm in maths workshops. Keep it up!

**Baoyu** - For working hard on your handwriting. Tino pai!

**Eddie** - For using descriptive language in your writing. Ka rawe - awesome!

**Max** - For great personal voice in writing. Thank you for making us laugh!

### Te Kete Manawa

**Nate** - Welcome to Hokowhitu School and Te Kete Manawa. We are so glad you have joined us.

**Maddy** - Welcome to Hokowhitu School and Te Kete Manawa. We are really happy to have you join us.

**Ava S** - For displaying enthusiasm during soccer.

**Pippa** - For demonstrating enthusiasm during soccer.

**Ron** - We wish you all the best on your return to China. You will be missed!

**Felix** - For displaying some good dribbling, pushing and hitting skills in hockey.

**Jonah** - For a great effort with dribbling, pushing and hitting in hockey.

**Max** - For reading punctuation well in reading groups and making it interesting for the listener.

**Carter N** - For demonstrating some good skills in basketball.

**Lorenzo** - For super participating in reading groups and listening to others.





## Achievement Awards

### Te Kete Aronui

**Jaxson** - For asking great questions in preparation for the Turbo's visit.

**Rory** - For being a great 'Olympic Games' team leader.

**Carlos** - For volunteering to help out when we needed an extra pair of hands.

**Freddie** - An excellent example of 'How to use expression' when speaking in front of an audience.

**Ali** - Fast answers during our Olympic maths questions.

**Jamie** - You have an excellent general knowledge and know what's happening in the world around you, thank you for sharing your ideas.

**Imogen B, Isabella** - Excellent debating skills, great evidence to back up your opinions!

**Mila P** - You've impressed us with the effort you have put into maths work.

### Te Kete Tangaroa

**Chris** - For an excellent attitude in maths.

**Madisyn** - For accurately answering questions using full sentences.

**Omar** - For an excellent attitude in maths; learning how to read and measure angles.

**Orla** - For making a compelling and clear argument during whānau writing.

**Mason** - For adding his own flair to our perspective art.

**Kate** - For sharing piece of writing with the class with confidence.

**Richard** - Excellent comprehension work at silent reading time.

**Anahera** - Excellent work in Geometry using the 3 ways of transformation.

**Penelope** - For mastering "Xtra" Maths and all of her basic facts.





# INTERMEDIATE INFORMATION 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



Whakarongo School

# Open Night

Come join us for an INTERACTIVE evening showcasing the INTERMEDIATE YEARS at WHAKARONGO SCHOOL.

**When:** Tuesday 13th August 2024  
**Time (2 slots):** 4.00pm - 5.00pm,  
5.00pm - 6.00pm  
**Where:** Navigator Centre (Whakarongo School)

A great chance to ask our current students and teaching team all of your *burning* questions and see lots of learning in action!

Take a tour around our wonderful learning environment, including our technology spaces.

**Kia Ora!**

**Nau Mail**

## Community Notices

You can make a difference in one child's life

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED in welcoming a child into your family, either on a short or long term basis, give us a call to find out more about Shared Care or Foster Care with CCS Disability Action.

Contact us today

0800 227 900



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**ARMAGEDDON EXPO**  
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**PALMERSTON NORTH**  
AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> FLY PALMY ARENA  
GAMING COLLECTABLES  
CONTESTS & EVENTS ANIMATION STARS  
LIVE WRESTLING COSPLAY & MORE  
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Sunday September 1st

Victoria Esplanade  
Palmerston North

Enter Online Only  
[www.ibike4kids.co.nz](http://www.ibike4kids.co.nz)

A fun event for kids who love being out on their bikes

# 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.



*all things good*



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.

Click here to place your order: [www.theeggproject.co.nz](http://www.theeggproject.co.nz)

Order by Midnight Tuesday for Thursday collection from the school office. **Our Hokowhitu School code is SCH-003**

**KELLY SPORTS**

## SPORTS ACADEMY!

TRAIN HARD, PLAY HARDER!

Join our dynamic sports academy! Where our passionate coaches will help develop skills, build confidence, increase fitness levels ready for the summer sports coming up ahead!

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## Small Changes, Big Differences

he iti te koha, he nui te whakahoki



### Group Teen Triple P

Takes the guesswork out of parenting teenagers!

Parenting a pre-teen/teen?

Has their behaviour become too much for you to handle? Are they rude and defiant, or maybe you're concerned about their social media use, drinking or mates? Does your family shout, or maybe no one bothers talking anymore. But you're worried. Where will it all end?

Or maybe it isn't bad, you just realise that things can change very quickly, and you're keen to know as much as possible about positive parenting so you're prepared if hassles arise.

Group Teen Triple P can prepare you by supporting and teaching you to:

- reduce conflict
- keep your teenager safe
- take care of yourself
- build a better relationship with your teenager
- be realistic about parenting
- meet other parents in your situation – you're not alone!

Come and find out why Triple P is one of the world's most effective parenting programmes! Learn practical tips & strategies, adapt them to suit your family's needs!

**Date:** Starts Monday 12 August 2024 (6 week programme)

**Time:** 9:30am – 11:45am

**Venue:** Hancock Community House, 77-85 King Street, Palmerston North

**Fee:** \$5.00 per session suggested donation

For more info/to register, call us on:  
08004FAMILY or (06)3551655  
www.parentlinemanawatu.org.nz



## Small Changes, Big Differences

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### Triple P General

Takes the guesswork out of parenting!

Are you a parent/caregiver of a 3 to 9-year-old?

Does every day seem like a battle with your child, with lots of shouting in the home, and it seems as if other parents don't have it as tough as you?

Or maybe you want to create the happiest home life you can, and want better routines and expectations set up to prevent and be prepared for future hassles.

Group Triple P can support and teach you to:

- manage your child's behaviour effectively
- become a prepared, positive and confident parent
- meet other parents in similar situations – you're not alone!
- be realistic about parenting
- take care of yourself

Come and find out why Triple P is one of the world's most effective parenting programmes! Learn practical tips & strategies, adapt them to suit your family's needs!

**Date:** Starts Wednesday 14 August 2024 (5 x Wednesday mornings)

**Time:** 9:30am to 11:45am

**Venue:** Hancock Community House, 77 King St, PN

**Fee:** \$5.00 per session suggested donation but do not let cost prevent you from attending

For more info/to register, call us on:  
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www.parentlinemanawatu.org.nz



## Ngā Tau Mīharo Parenting Programme



Incredible Years is a **14 week** programme for parents who have a child between **3 to under 8 years old** and find some of their child's behaviour a real challenge. Parents gain confidence and start to enjoy parenting, grow a positive relationship with their child while in an understanding and relaxed group!

Learn effective strategies to support your child in:

- Strengthening social skills, self-control & problem solving skills
- Gaining emotional awareness, self-esteem & confidence
- School successes e.g. reading & social readiness
- Decreasing challenging behaviours

**Start Dates/Times:**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in Feilding

### Contact

Parentline Manawatu or  
MOE for more information  
and/or for a referral form  
0800 432 6459



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**Start Dates/Times:**

Tuesday 13 August 2024 @ 6.00pm – 8.30pm in  
Palmerston North

### Contact

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and/or for a referral form  
0800 432 6459

