



HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 12th of April 2024

Important Upcoming Events 2024

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12 April	- 3pm Last day of school for Term 1		
From 15 April	- New uniform 'bottoms' available from Academy Apparel from today (old uniform can still be worn until the end of 2025)		
25 April	- Public holiday for Anzac Day		
29 April	- 8.50am School opens for Term 2		
6 - 10 May	- Sign language week		
14 May	- 5.30pm Board meeting - in the staffroom		
20 May	- School Cross Country (postponement date is 22/5)		
31 May	- Teacher only day - SCHOOL IS CLOSED (staff professional development)		
3 June	- King's Birthday celebrated today - SCHOOL IS CLOSED		

Please also look out for kete newsletters - these include specific dates/events for that kete.

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 Friday 30th. In the first four weeks of Term 2 (May 29th - June 24th), the Student Council will hold auditions on Fridays at lunchtime. The upcoming school holidays might be a great time for participants to plan and practice. Items can include but are not limited to singing, gymnastics, magic shows, mime, poetry, playing an instrument, drama, and martial arts.





A powerful Description of being Autistic by this beautiful little Girl

Congratulations to 12-year-old secondary school student Ava who has won a national poetry competition with her entry about living with autism

You can read her winning 'Power of Poetry' entry below:

"Take a seat and sit with me I want to talk about ASD If you don't mind I'd like to explain A little thing called autism and how it affects my brain It can make me anxious, angry and afraid But this stays in my head, on my face it's not displayed I may seem heartless and question your meanings But it takes me a little longer to process the feelings Take a seat and sit with me I want to show you ASD A girl sitting quietly is all you see But inside my mind I am far from free My thoughts collide, my senses take over I become overwhelmed by the smallest sound Clicking pens, ticking clocks That boy's chair and the way it rocks All different smells attacking me The perfumes, the coffee, the teacher's tea Take a seat and sit with me But not too close, I have ASD I try to be social, I try to fit in I come across rude, I can never win I am very literal and straight to the point If you want the truth I won't disappoint When my brain is overloaded I sometimes lash out My control fades, I scream and shout I get confused and it all spills out Intense emotions all trapped inside Finally have nowhere to hide Take a seat and sit with me I want to tell you about ASD Please understand I am not to blame I've just got an atypical brain But it's not all doom and gloom I'm often the sportiest girl in the room I'm quirky, unique, kind and caring I'm loyal, protective and always sharing I'm obsessed with frogs and all things green I'm the youngest trendsetter you've ever seen Take a seat and sit with me Iam Ava, Iam me I'm not just my label of ASD."





UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou Ngā mihi kia koutou

FAREWELL AND ARIGATO GOZAIMASU

Today is Mrs Macdonald's last day at our kura. After more than 7 years at Hokowhitu School as a Learning Coach Tomoko leaves to take up a position at PNGHS next term.

Tomoko has supported MANY of our ākongo over the years she has been here, and we are very grateful for all of her contributions, her passion for learning and her patience.

We wish you well on the next chapter in your book of life Tomoko. We will miss you.

SAFETY BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

A further reminder that Hokowhitu Park is NOT part of our school grounds, and we cannot monitor/restrict anyone accessing the park. Please do not drop your children off at the park or arrange an after school pick up from there - it simply isn't safe.

aPlus are open for care if you are unable to be with your tamariki until 8.30am and/or unavailable again by 3pm.

Please work with us to ensure our tamariki stay safe.

DUATHLON

Congratulations to all the participants in the Years 1 - 3 duathlon that was held here at school earlier in the week. The weather was very kind to us and the tamariki had a great time 'racing'. Special thanks go to the many people who were placed in their event.

2024 Duathlon results

Top ten placings with house colour

Placings	Year 1 - Girls	Year 1 - Boys	Year 2 - Girls	Year 2- Boys	Year 3 - Girls	Year 3 - Boys
1	Juliette	Remy	Zoe	Javoran	Joy	Carter N
2	Eliza	Sebastian	Darcy/lvy =	Conor	five	Jungo
3	Evie	Ario	Sodie	Asher R	Ava M	Proio
4	Emily	Calum	Cloudia	Sid	Darcy	Henry D
5	Mischka	Kirili	Blythe	Edde	IslaH	Lachie
6	Poige H	Bodhi	Thes	Luke	Annie E	Abel
7	Lucy 8	Harrison W	Nina	Toonu	Isla D	Griffin
8	Neave	Moson	Roshni	Clyde	Hanna	Ron
9		William	Delenaa	James	Harper	Isolah
10		Jack	Georgina	Ayson	Eliza/Emma R =	Harley/Mason







NORTHERN CLUSTER INTER SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

A huge thanks to **Ms Salter** for her perseverance and determination to see this event reinstated after being in recess for a number of years. Thanks to **Mr Hawkins** for his support, along with **Kat Malifa** acting as our team manager.

Year 6 Boys - 25m Freestyle - 3rd Place - Danie G

Year 5 Girls 25m Breaststroke - 3rd Place - **Ruby A**Year 5 Boys 25m Breaststroke - 2nd Place - **William C**Year 6 Girls 25m Breaststroke - 1st Place - **Hannah P**Year 6 Boys 25m Breaststroke - 2nd Place - **Viktor D**

Year 6 Boys 25m Backstroke - 1st Place - Titus Y

Year 5 Girls 25m Butterfly - 2nd Place - **Bailey C** Year 5 Boys 25m Butterfly - 1st Place - **William C** Year 6 Boys 25m Butterfly - 2nd Place - **Titus Y**

Year 5 Girls 50m Freestyle - 1st Place - **Bailey C** Year 5 Boys 50m Freestyle - 3rd Place - **Mason M** Year 6 Girls 50m Freestyle - 2nd Place - **Hannah P** Year 6 Boys 50m Freestyle - 2nd Place - **Viktor D**

Year 5/6 Boys Medley Relay (3 x 25m) - **1st Place** Year 5/6 Girls 4 x 25m Freestyle Relay - **3rd Place**



SCHOOL PLACING OVERALL - 3rd Place of all the Year 5/6 schools entered. This is a fantastic result.

As written by Hannah P

"On the 10th of April 2024 a group of year five and six students travelled to Freyberg aquatic centre to compete in the Northern Cluster swimming sports. It was made up of year five, six, seven and eight children. Everybody swam hard and Hokowhitu school managed to place third in the primary school category".





CRICKET

On Wednesday, four teams of Hokowhitu students headed to Ongley park for the Smash Yard Cricket Festival. In beautiful weather, each team played 3 games of cricket in the Dual Pitch format. There was impressive batting, great bowling, enthusiastic fielding, and energetic wicket keeping! Our students were great ambassadors for our school; enthusiastic, supportive, and positive. Big thanks go to our fantastic parent helpers: **Amy Westergaard**, **Dan Batley** and **Chip Latter**.



CENTENARY TEA TOWELS

We have a limited number of tea towels left from last week'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 next term - just while stocks last.

In closing I'd like to wish everyone a refreshing, safe and happy term break. We look forward to seeing everyone 'bouncing in' at 8.30am on Monday 29th April.

Ngā mihi nui Lin Dixon



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!



We look forward to Term 2 sports starting the first week back of school!

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 **DO NOT** have a sports uniform yet, please register for one on the Kindo App.

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

NETBALL

This week was the Hokowhitu Defenders last netball game. They played so well, there were so many goals scored that we lost count.

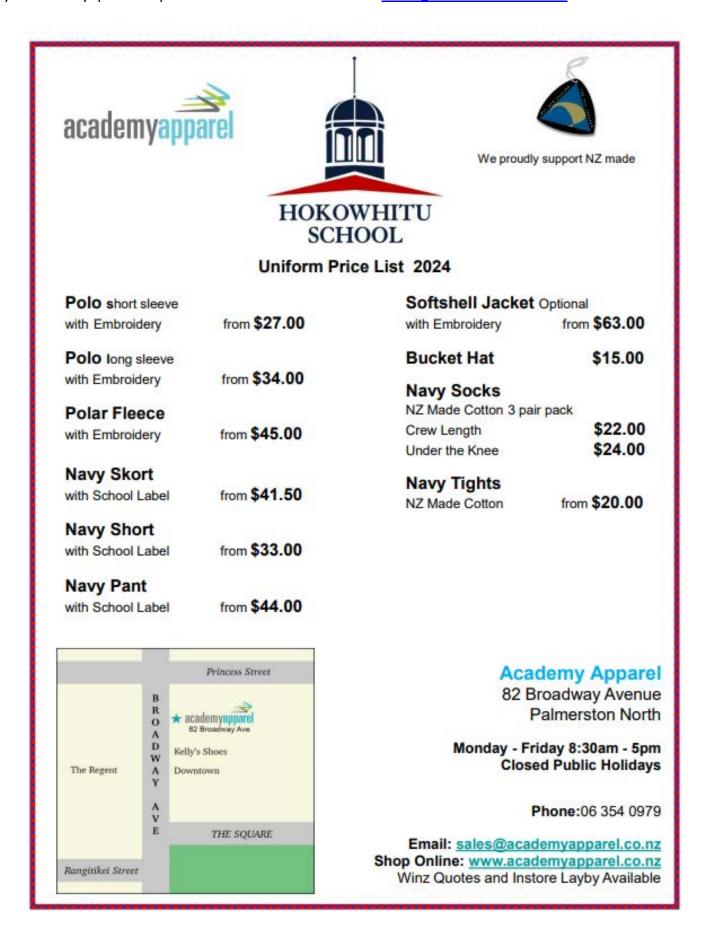
Last week's players of the day were **Anna** and **Joslyn**.

I couldn't be prouder of your progress from our first game until now. All of your skills have improved immensely. I hope I see you all next netball season! Ms Tayler!



UNIFORM

If you are looking at getting the new uniform, it will be available from Academy Apparel from the first week of the school holidays. 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

Mason - For being confident on his bike.

Ivory - For attempting the duathlon with some confidence.

Aaryan - For attempting the duathlon with some confidence.

Tilly - For being brave and cutting the centenary cake.

Indy - For independently writing her name.

Sia - For being a kind friend and using her initiative. Kā pai!

Sam - For working well in his maths workshops. Kā pai!

Jacob - For trying hard in writing.

Neave - For working hard in literacy workshops.

Sebastian - For fantastic writing. Tino pai.

Te Kete Pounamu

Vivaan - Welcome back to Hokowhitu School and into TKP!

Hikurangi - For a great term in TKP - Ka rawe

Cara - For having a positive attitude to all learning.

Georgina - Thank you for being an enthusiastic participant in TKP - all the very best at your new school!

Te Kete Manawa

Thank you **Te Kete Manawa** for a great Term 1. It has been wonderful getting to know you all and your whānau. It has been a crazy busy term and you have all stepped up! Have a great break and see you all in two weeks.

Te Kete Aronui

Amelia, Henry, Imogen B, Jade, Mila L, Senura - Fantastic work in literacy and a real effort to complete task cards.

Rohan, Sam M, Skye - For clever maths thinking in team activities.

We wish all of **Te Kete Aronui** a fabulous holiday, thank you for working hard this term!

Te Kete Tangaroa

Penelope - Using her initiative and being an excellent leader.

Hawaiki - For great sentence work.

Molly SK - For making sure kete have the correct compost bins.

Will - For helping younger students at Hokowhitu School at the duathlon.

Jacob - For writing great sentences with homophones.

Juha - For justifying his thinking in maths.

Fin - Showing sportsmanship during multisport.

Joey - For adding fractions with different denominators.

Orla - Excellent use problem solving in Maths.



Community Notices

aPlus School Holiday Programme, 15th April - 26th April 2024 Hokowhitu School 227 Albert St, PNth - Book Now at aplus.kiwi.nz

SMALL FRY - AGES 5 & 6 \$28.00 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

Mon 15th Apr	Tue 16th Apr	Wed 17th Apr	Thu 18th Apr	Fri 19th Apr
CRUNCHY AUTUMN Crunchy autumn leaves, smiley scarecrows, and then there is the Wet Sponge Game - bring some spare clothes!!	BUBBLE BLISS Bubble mixelogy for children. Experimenting with bubbles in burps, sheep and more - it's a bubble Bazinga!!	BREAD AND BUTTER We are going to be so busy - there is bread and butter to make, games to play, and a couple of challenges to complete!!	HEDGEHOG HARRY We are going to make some hedgehog hotels and pick the best places to locate them for our hedgehog friends.	I MADE IT MYSELF Today we are making, playing, and experimenting. Check out the socks!
Mon 22nd Apr	Tue 23rd Apr	Wed 24th Apr	Thu 25th Apr	Fri 26th Apr
MOONSAND	EXPERIMENT A LITTLE	LETS GET ARTSY	ANZAC DAY	M STANDS FOR
Silky smooth moon sand! Spider races and Volcano Boom! Too much fun but let's do it anyway!	An introduction to colourful and cool experiments for Small Fry. The results will have the children mesmerised!	We are celebrating Autumn and all the colours from the leaves on the trees. You will love the take home project today.	NO PROGRAMME	If it starts with M - then we will probably be looking at it today you will love all the different activities that we have planned

HOLIDAY FUN 7 YEARS &UP \$30.00 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

Mon 15th Apr	Tue 16th Apr	Wed 17th Apr	Thu 18th Apr	Fri 19th Apr	
THINGS WITH WINGS If it can fly, we want to have the opportunity to make it and then fly it.	SPLAT BOMB SPARKLE We are going to create spectacular art using the splat, bomb & sparkle meth- od. BE WARNED - DONT WEAR YOUR BEST CLOTHES - GETTING MESSY IS GUARANTEED!!	BEACH IN A BAG Now if we can't go to the beach, let's put one in a bag so we can take it out at any time and dream about sum- mer!	ITS IN THE NEWS We are talking about newspaper and how we can change it into animals and sea creatures - come and check out a new and exciting	GIGANTIC Everything we make or do today is about being GIGANTIC such as GIANT cookies - come on down and have a taste.	
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SIMPLE TOYS Choose your toys to make and then swap with your friends until you have tried them all out!!	TREASURE FROM TRASH Recycle, Reuse, Reduce. We have been saving some really good trash for you - now it's time to turn it into treasure!!	SCOTTIE DOG DAY Who doesn't love a little Scottle dog? A tartan bow tie and you have a little Scottle to take home.	ANZAC DAY NO PROGRAMME	GAME MAKER We have plenty of dice, counters, decorations, patterns, you just need to think up some cool games!	

EXPLORERS - 7 YEARS & UPFrom \$32.50 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

Mon 15th Apr	Tue 16th Apr	Wed 17th Apr	Thu 18th Apr	Fri 19th Apr
ULTRA REVEAL Some of you might guess before- hand and others will wait until the big REVEAL	CUP CAKES WITH A SPRINKLE OF NATURE The children will enjoy decorating cup- cakes, using and learning about na- tures edible decorations	DRAGONFLY DIRECT If a dragonfly landed on your head- what would you do? These dragon- files look so real you will think that they can just take off and fly away.	MINI GOLF 18 holes of Mini Golf!! A hole-in- one earns a prize! Friendly competi- tion with your friends!!!	MAGNETIC ME We are going to the car park to test them, to the park to test them and, then use a couple of experiments to understand them.
Mon 22nd Apr	Tue 23rd Apr	Wed 24th Apr	Thu 25th Apr	Fri 26th Apr
OWL SEE YOU SOON We are making and eating healthy owl snacks, playing Owls and Crows (watch out for those Crows) and having an all round smashing day!!	GREEN THUMBS HERBAL HAVEN TRIP Whoa - don't think you have a green thumb, think again. After this work- shop you will think differently about that thumb. Become an artist, a gardener and a creator all in one day!!	DREAMING ART You will need to get out our screw- drivers, battery packs and then into our dream crafts - how does it all go together - come and see.	ANZAC DAY	MYSTERY TRIP Where are we going? It is a mystery BUT there might be some cheerleading involved

AWATEA 9 YEARS & UP From \$42.00 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

Mon 15th Apr	Tue 16th Apr	Wed 17th Apr	Thu 18th Apr	Fri 19th Apr
MIDNIGHT CANVAS It's midnight, what can you see in the dark - we are going to find out!	GREEN THUMBS HERBAL HAVEN TRIP Whoa - don't shink you have a green thumb, think again. After this work- shop you will think differently about that thumb. Become an artist, a gardener and a creator all in one day!!	CANNED CREATIONS Kick the can is not for us today - it's about the can it's true but whether the can will look like a can when you are finished is another question.	MOVIES MOVIES MOVIES Bag up the popcorn and grab your friends, because we are off to the movies!!	BACK IN TIME Feather pens, a Time Capsule to take home and some old fashioned clothes in our cam- era booth. Let's go back in
Mon 22nd Apr	Tue 23rd Apr	Wed 24th Apr	Thu 25th Apr	Fri 26th Apr
HOP RIGHT IN Are we engineers, let's find out. We are going to be trying our hand at building - want to have a go?	CUP CAKES WITH A SPRINKLE OF NATURE The children will enjoy decorating cup cakes, using and learning about na- tures edible decorations	PURRFECT The best cat programme in town-laugh at the cats in hats, create 3D cat art and make a furball of your own.	NO PROGRAMME	MYSTERY TRIP Where are we going? It is a mystery BUT there might be some cheerleading involved









JUNIOR SQUASH

4.45pm to 5pm - WARM UP & SKILLS 5.00pm to 6pm - MATCHPLAY/GAME (THEN HOT CHIPS)

NEW AND CURRENT JUNIORS WELCOME!!



\$5 PER NIGHT FOR NON-MEMBERS FREE TO SQUASHGYM JUNIOR MEMBERS

JUNIOR CLUB NIGHT WILL RUN FRIDAY NIGHTS DURING SCHOOL TERM 2 & 3

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Holiday Programmes April 2024

Belated Easter Day

Monday 22nd April

8.30am- 3.00pm (4pm for late collections for an extra \$10.00)

Netball Manawatu Mystery Day

Tuesday 23rd April

8.30am- 3.00pm (4pm for late collections for an extra \$10.00)

ANZAC Day Tournament

Wednesday 24th April 2024

8.30am- 3.00pm (4pm for late collections for an extra \$10.00)

Throughout the day these programmes will consist of:

NetballSmart activities Development of Skills

Games

Lots of fun!



& abilities an enjoyable & accessible badminton experience. Get you kids involved in the world's fastest growing racquet sport!

This programme is for children 7 - 18 years The Merit/Bronze class is perfect for beginners, while Sil progress in level & are perfect for aspiring Rep players or any wanting to develop their skills

For more information about Shuttle Time visit www.bwfshuttletime.com

For enquiries about the programme and to register your child. contact Josh Curry

Shuttle Time Merit & Bronze/Silver/Gold Classes

Time: Thursdays, Merit/Bronze 3.45-4.30pm Silver/Gold 4.30-5.15pm

Venue: Ross Intermediate School Gym, 25 Freyberg

Date: May 16th - June 27th (7 sessions)

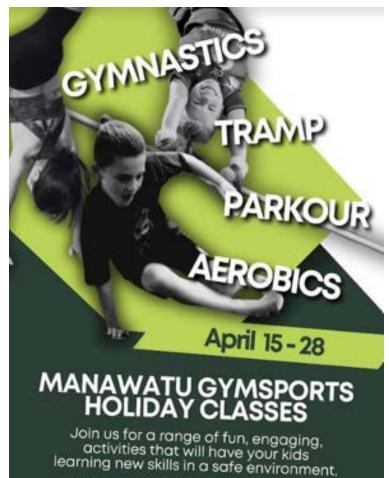














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