

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 14th of February 2025

Important Upcoming Events 2025

18 February	- 5.30 pm Board meeting in the staffroom, everyone welcome
21 February	- 9.00am Whole school assembly, TKT sharing some of their learning
24 - 28 February	- EOTC week - education from outside the classroom
25 February	- 11.30am Year 4 - 6 triathlon
28 February	- Whole school 'Big Day Out' to Foxton
4 March	- 11.30am Year 3/4 swimming sports
6 March	- 1.30 - 2.30pm Year 1/2 swimming demonstration
7 March	- 9.00 Whole school assembly TKW sharing some of their learning - 11.30 Year 5/6 swimming sports
14 March	- House meeting day - wear your house t-shirt today if you have one
18/19 March	- Education Review Office (ERO) visit
21 March	- 9am Whole school assembly - TKA sharing some of their learning
25 March	- 5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom, everyone welcome
3 April	- Cluster swimming sports
4 April	- 9am Whole school assembly - TKM sharing some of their learning - 11.40am Year 1 - 3 duathlon
11 April	- House meeting day - wear your house t-shirt today if you have one - 3pm Last day of school for Term 1

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



UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

What a fabulous evening we had for the pool party last night - definitely the perfect summer evening for a swim and a sausage sizzle!

My huge thanks to **Amy Westergaard** and **EVERYONE** who assisted with food preparation, serving, setup and clean up. Events like this take a huge amount of organising and we simply couldn't do it without a 'team' of helpers!

Ka pai to each of you.

INTRODUCING OUR SUPPORT STAFF TEAM

Office manager: Jennifer Bates

Office assistant (and learning coach): Leanne Hughes

Librarian (and learning coach): Susan Janssen

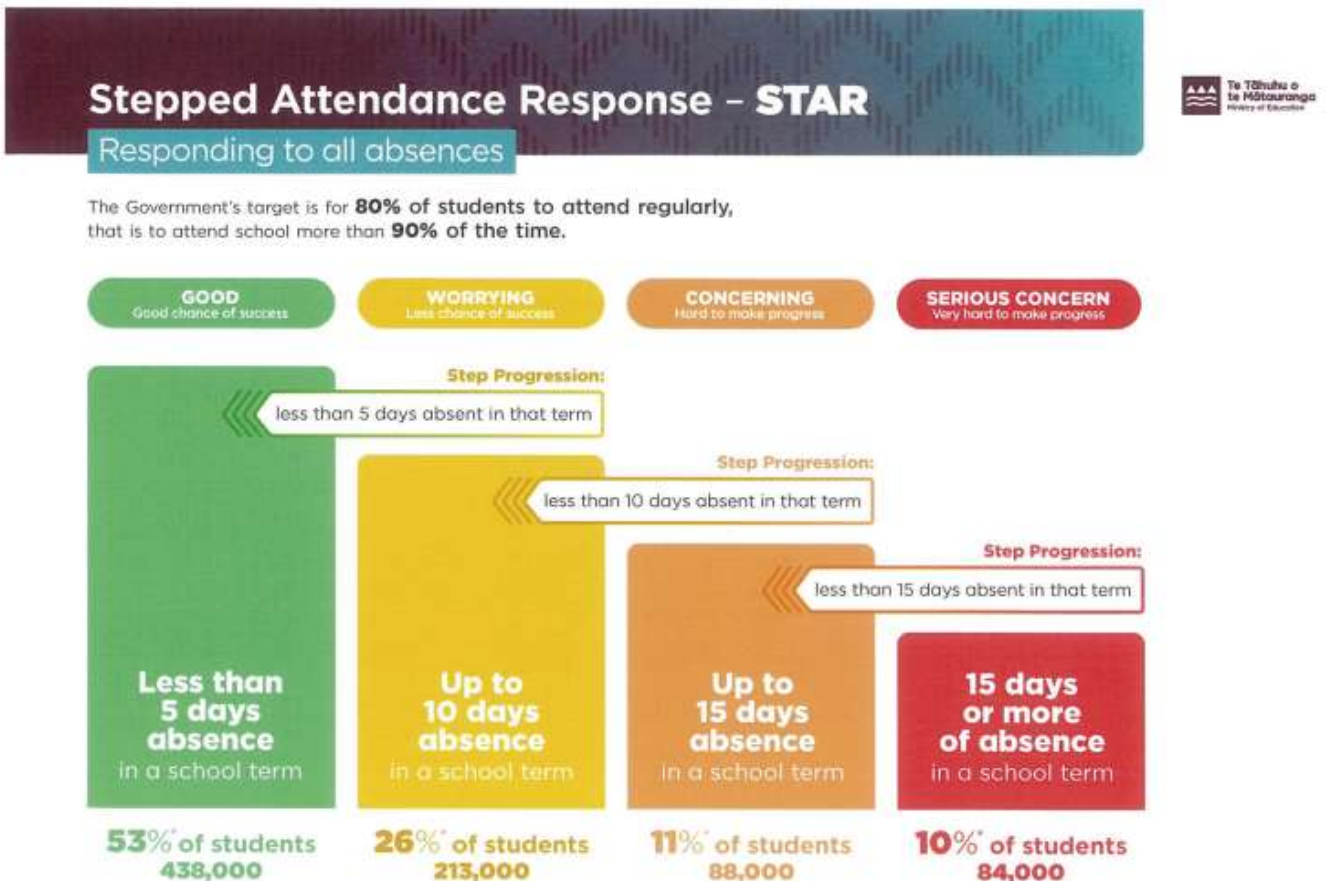
Learning coaches: Wendy Donnellan, Emma Vekula, Karen Douglas, Whaea Jess, Whaea Libby, Whaea Emma and Matua Kobe

Caretaker: Steven Cooke

Thanks to each of you for the valuable contributions you make every day!

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UPDATES

2025 is a year of significant changes in education. Along with the introduction of new curriculum documents for both literacy and numeracy, the government has set a target for 80% of students to be attending school more than 90% of the time. The following diagram outlines the 'traffic light' Stepped Attendance Response that we have been given.



* These approximate numbers of students are based on the numbers of students in the regular attendance categories in Term 2 2024.

This clearly shows the correlation between regular attendance and likely success as a learner. School aged children should be at school every day, except when they are medically unwell (or in the case of exceptional circumstances such as bereavement).

We are setting goals for attendance here at school and our target for Term 1 is to have 80% of our ākonga attending regularly over the whole school. We have set this target by looking at trends of attendance at our kura in Term 1 over time.

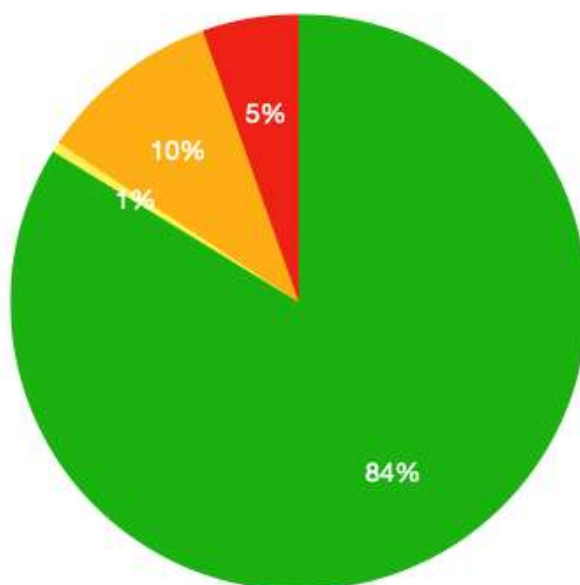
YEAR	% REGULAR ATTENDANCE	
2019	87%	<p>It is clear that the COVID years impacted on attendance rates.</p> <p>We are confident that we can get back into the 80% bands again - with just a little effort (and a small incentive).</p> <p>Every week that we meet this 80+% target will result in an extended morning tea break the following Monday.</p>
2020	87%	
2021	84%	
2022	57%	
2023	76%	
2024	75%	

Attendance data from Week 1 was a pleasing start! This means the ākonga get their reward next week!

Hokowhitu School weekly Attendance Report - Trm 1

2025-02-03 to 2025-02-07	# of Students attending	% of students attending	
90.1-100	294	83.76	
80.1-90	2	0.57	
70.1-80	36	10.26	
0-70	19	5.41	

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2025 - TRM 1 Week 1 - Attendance

As required, we will be proactive in making contact with whānau if we see patterns of non-attendance developing. This means we can work together to develop a plan to improve regular attendance. Please feel free to make contact with us if you would like to discuss any challenges that you have with getting your tamariki to school on a regular basis.

Let's hope this week's attendance data is even better.

Have a lovely weekend everyone - enjoy this fantastic fine spell of weather.

Ngā mihi nui
Lin Dixon

Ways to Contact The Office When Your Child Will Be Late Or Absent

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

Stay up to date with a snap of your fingers

IT'S EASY!

Our School Communication All In One Spot

- School Alert Groups • Cancellations • Direct Absentees
- Contacts Directory • School Events • Daily Notices

Plus Much More!

School Apps snApp mobile **NZ** Simple free download: In Google Play & App Store search 'SchoolAppsNZ' & choose **our school** once installed.

SPORTS

SPORTS UNIFORMS - ALL Sports uniforms have now been issued for upcoming term 1 sports. If you have not yet received one it is because you have not registered for one.

We hire out our sports uniforms for the calendar year. Please ensure when registering for a sport you also hire a sports uniform. You only need to do this once a year. All uniforms get returned at the end of the year. If they do not get returned, you will get invoiced the \$70 for a replacement uniform, thank you.

Good luck to our **Badminton** and **Hockey** teams starting next week. Remember to play hard, play fair and to be respectful to your coaches who are volunteering their time to help your team succeed.



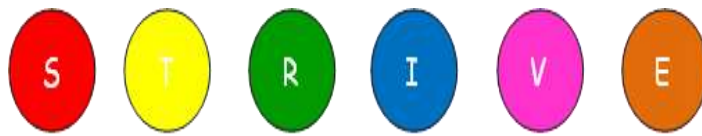
Sports available at Hokowhitu school for 2025

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 5 & 6	Basketball - Years 3 - 6	Futsal - Years 3 - 6	Summer Soccer - Years 0 - 6
Summer Hockey - Years 1 - 6	Winter Hockey - Years 1 - 6	T-Ball - Years 0 - 2	Netball - Years 0 - 4
Badminton - Years 5 & 6		Badminton - Years 4, 5 & 6	Summer Hockey - Years 0 - 6
			Touch Rugby - Years 0 - 6
			Volleyball - Years 4, 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 3.</i>	<i>These sports are available in term four and they close for registration in term 3.</i>

If you have any sports related questions please feel free to contact Carlee Hodge - c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Te Kete Wakahuia

Hania - For being a great role model on the mat.

Arfad - For growing his brain.

Miller - For being great at helping other children.

Kiyarā - For growing her brain.

Te Paia - For being a role model for others in how to show STRIVE. Tino pai.

Celine - For excellent manners at mat time.

Olive - For forming letter sounds and words. You are a writer Olive!

Casey - For being an excellent role model in the pool. Thank you Casey!

Te Kete Pounamu

Mili - Welcome to Te Kete Pounamu and Hokowhitu School.

Marley - You have made a positive start in TKP - Ka rawe Marley!

Juliette - You are a swimming superstar and a great teacher to others - Ka pai Juliette!

Eesa - You have learnt the routines of TKP and Hokowhitu School quickly - What a star you are!

Cyrus - For being a fantastic role model in TKP.

Myra - For making a positive start in TKP - Keep it up!

Oakley - For being a positive leader in TKP - You are stepping up!

Aisha - For making a positive start in TKP!

Emily - For making a positive start in TKP!

Zayn - For making great choices when sitting on the whānau mat!

Te Kete Manawa

Darcy - For outstanding set up and presentation in your Maths work.

Ivy - For doing great mahi in math and working hard to solve difficult problems.

Cici - For an outstanding start to our maths class. You are a great role model! Keep up the good work.

Abel - For being helpful in math and teaching others when they find things difficult.

Hiku - For trying really hard with your handwriting in literacy.

Eli - For completing a great cubism art portrait.

Nora - Thank you for helping others in our kete with routines. Tino pai.

Nina - For an outstanding start to literacy and presenting your work perfectly.

Ashpreet - For a great art portrait. Ka pai.

A special welcome to **Safari** who has joined Te Kete Manawa. It is so great that you have joined us at Hokowhitu School





ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Te Kete Aronui

Carter N - For stepping up and focusing in maths.

Jessica - For working hard in maths.

Joslyn - For working hard and also for supporting others.

Isla D - For demonstrating swimming techniques to others.

Madison T, Te Kekerewai - For having a such a positive attitude and for a great start to the year.

Leo Z - For great contributions during class novel discussions!

Inwoo - Being a helping superstar.

Lohan - For enthusiasm in maths.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Jamie H - Showing manawanui in maths.

Aarush M - Displaying kindness and leadership in TKT.

Lincoln M - Stepping up and being prepared for learning.

Lachie B - For his kindness when offering to do jobs for his teachers.

Ava K - Showing manawanui in her work.

Luca O - Showing leadership in class through his work.

Ruby A - For making the effort to make new friends in TKT.

William C - For stepping up and making good choices in TKT.

Jade T-H - For being organised and well prepared for learning time and swimming!



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Goju Ryu KARATE

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www.karate.org.nz
New Students Welcome
2025 Classes Open Now

LOCATION: Hokowhitu School Hall
Albert St, Palmerston North
TIMES: Tuesday/Friday, Juniors 6:00-7:00pm
Adults 7:00-8:00pm

CONTACT: Clayton. 021-2082-012
EMAIL: claytonsensei@gmail.com
WEBSITE: www.karate.org.nz
FACEBOOK: Goju Ryu Karate Palmerston North

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JUNIOR
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2024 Junior Registration Days

Year 1 to Year 8
Year 1 Registrations Free
Girl Only Teams Available

MARIST
CLUBROOMS
17A PASCAL STREET

Sunday, 23rd February, 3 - 4:30pm

Sunday, 2 March, 3 - 4:30pm

Sunday, 9th March, 3 - 4:30pm

Girls' Brigade ~ www.girlsbrigade.nz

Want to have some fun, learn new things, be creative and make new friends.

Then come along to GB. Summer programmes starting soon

Fun and affordable. We have companies in:

Milson (Thursday, 4.30-6pm) - Joanne 4thpngb@gmail.com or txt 027 2337025

Highbury/Takaro (Tuesday) - Suzanne suzbest2@gmail.com

Twinkle Toes – preschool music & movement

When: Fridays, 9.30-10.30am (school term)

Where: Milson Combined Church hall, cnr Milson Line & Purdie Place

Cost: \$3 per session (per family) or \$20 a term.

First three sessions are free – come along and give it a go.

Contact Joanne ph 3553124 or email: milsonchurch@gmail.com

Blended Families







Creating powerful possibilities within your new family

Saturday 8 March - 9:30am - 4:00pm

Hancock Community House - 77 King Street, PN

Exploring:

-  What makes up a Blended Family
-  What are the Myths & Truths
-  What the research says
-  The challenges and Strengths

Come along to create a shared vision for positive change

Cost: \$30 for the whole day with lunch included

Phone Parentline Manawatu to register

06 355 1655 or Freephone 0800 4 FAMILY (0800 432 6459)

www.parentlinemanawatu.org.nz



Ngā Tau Mīharo Parenting Programme

The Incredible Years®

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:

mornings **9.30- 12 noon**,

starting **Friday 28th February**

@ **Parentline Manawatu, Hancock Community House**

**Contact Parentline
Manawatu or MOE for
more information and/or
for a referral form**

0800 432 6459



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 1 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

IgnitED

Active sessions for those with disabilities

<u>BOXFIT</u>	<u>AQUA AEROBICS</u>	<u>CIRCUITS</u>
<p>BOX FIT SESSIONS ON MONDAY 3.30PM - 4PM WITH A QUALIFIED COACH AT ZENITH GYM.</p> <p>STARTS 10TH FEBRUARY.</p> <p><i>\$5 PER PERSON, PER SESSION. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO HAVE THIS HEAVILY SUBSIDISED BY SNAPBACK GYM</i></p> 	<p>AQUA AEROBICS SESSIONS AT THE LIDO WILL BE ON WEDNESDAYS 3.30PM - 4PM WITH A QUALIFIED INSTRUCTOR.</p> <p>STARTS 12TH FEBRUARY.</p> <p><i>\$5 PER PERSON, PER SESSION. SUBSIDISED BY IGNITED.</i></p> 	<p>HUMAN MOVEMENTS GYM CURRENTLY OFFERS CIRCUIT SESSIONS ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS FROM 1PM TO 1.45PM.</p> <p><i>\$5 PER PERSON, PER SESSION. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO HAVE THIS SUBSIDISED BY HUMAN MOVEMENTS GYM</i></p> 

Email Jackie at ignitededucationnz@gmail.com to register your interest as spaces are limited.



Start your child's musical journey in 2025!

Saturday Music offers affordable, accessible music lessons for children in the Manawatū. Our classes include:

Cello, Choir, Clarinet, Drums, Flute, French Horn, Guitar, Ukulele, Junior Flute (Fife), Keyboard, Music Basics, Recorder, Saxophone, Trombone, Trumpet and Violin

**\$150 per enrolment, for 26 lessons!
Enrol on our website before February 8th.**

www.saturdaymusic.org.nz
contact@saturdaymusic.org.nz



Great Fathering Programme

This 8 session Fathering Course covers topics:

- Why Fathers and fathering are important
- Being the Father you want to be
- Gender difference
- Guidance and discipline
- Working in partnership with Mothers and others
- Building your child's self esteem
- Fathering outside the child's home
- The future of your child



What Fathers have said about it:

'Enjoyed sharing with other fathers'

'Reaffirming was helpful for me as a father'

'I'm more patient and positive'

'I wasn't sure what to expect when I first turned up. I'm glad I attended. I have discovered that my health, wellbeing and mind-set have a huge impact on my parenting'

When?

Starts Tuesday 18 February 2025 for 8 weeks
 6.30pm – 9.00pm



Supper provided

Where?

Hancock Community house
 77-85 King St, Palmerston North

Ring Parentline Manawatu on 355 1655 or 08004FAMILY
 to register your interest!

RED KIWI SUMMER SPRINT SERIES

Courses for beginner
 and experienced
 orienteers

Events :

- **Event 1:** Friday, 7th of Feb, Awatapu college
- **Event 2:** Friday 14th of Feb, I. P. U
- **Event 3:** Friday 21st of Feb, Levin School/Intermediate
- **Event 4:** Friday 28th of Feb, Massey university

Please register through our website.
<https://www.redkiwi.org.nz/events>

**Starts between
 6 to 7 pm.
 Course closure at
 7:30pm.**

**Cost:
 Red kiwi members Free
 Everyone else \$2-\$4**

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