

# HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 21st of February 2025

## Important Upcoming Events 2025

<b>24 - 28 February</b>	- EOTC week - education from outside the classroom
<b>25 February</b>	- Year 4 - 6 triathlon - Races commence at 9.30am <b>PLEASE NOTE - previous newsletters have had an incorrect start time</b>
<b>28 February</b>	- Whole school 'Big Day Out' to Foxton
<b>4 March</b>	- 11.30am Year 3/4 swimming sports
<b>6 March</b>	- 1.30 - 2.30pm Year 1/2 swimming demonstration
<b>7 March</b>	- 9.00 Whole school assembly TKW sharing some of their learning - 11.30 Year 5/6 swimming sports
<b>14 March</b>	- House meeting day - wear your house t-shirt today if you have one
<b>18/19 March</b>	- Education Review Office (ERO) visit
<b>21 March</b>	- 9am Whole school assembly - TKA sharing some of their learning
<b>25 March</b>	- 5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom, everyone welcome
<b>3 April</b>	- Cluster swimming sports
<b>4 April</b>	- 9am Whole school assembly - TKM sharing some of their learning - 11.40am Year 1 - 3 duathlon
<b>11 April</b>	- 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

Thank you so much for the great support you are showing with having the tamariki here with their swimming gear each day. Learning swimming skills and water safety is vital in a country like New Zealand/Aotearoa as we are surrounded by water. The pool covers and solar heating are working a treat, and the water temperature is often at 26 degrees before the school day starts.

## EOTC WEEK

Hooray, 'education outside the classroom' week is almost here. There will be outdoor activities at school each day, building up to our BIG DAY OUT on Friday.

The buses will be departing from school as close to 9am as possible on Friday, so don't be late! Tamariki need to be well sun screened, in full school uniform - (school sunhat included), and have plenty of kai (food) and water to last a busy day. Only TKM, TKA and TKT ākonga need their togs - each kete will be on a slightly different range of activities. No classes will be swimming at the beach. TKM, TKA and TKT will be swimming at the Foxton Town pool.

A warm jacket is recommended if the weather looks overcast. Let's all keep our fingers crossed that the weather is kind.

Below is the outline for Friday. The day is split between Foxton town and Foxton beach. Each Kete will spend part of their day between each venue.

PROGRAMME FOR BIG DAY OUT FRIDAY 28th FEB					
MORNING PROGRAMME - LEAVE SCHOOL AT 9AM					
	TKW	TKP	TKM	TKA	TKT
10:00	Foxton Town	Foxton Town	Foxton Beach	Foxton Beach	Foxton Town
	<b>Activities</b> - Park - Windmill - Te Awahou Museum - Bird Exhibit	<b>Activities</b> - Bird Exhibit - Windmill - Te Awahou Museum - Park	<b>Activities</b> - Walk to Dunes - Bird watching - Park	<b>Activities</b> - Park - Walk to Dunes - Bird watching	<b>Activities</b> - Carving - Flax Museum - Te Awahou Museum - Park
12:00	ALL MEET AT FOXTON BEACH PARK LUNCH 12PM				
AFTERNOON PROGRAMME					
12:30	Foxton Beach	Foxton Beach	Foxton Town	Foxton Town	Foxton Beach
	<b>Activities</b> - Walk to Dunes - Bird watching - Park	<b>Activities</b> - Walk to Dunes - Bird watching - Park	<b>Activities</b> - Foxton Pool - Museum	<b>Activities</b> - Museum - Foxton Pool	<b>Activities</b> - Park - Walk to Dunes - Bird watching-
14:00	BUSES LEAVING AT 2PM FROM FOXTON AND FOXTON BEACH ARRIVING BACK AT SCHOOL 2:45PM				

## MEDICATIONS

A reminder to please ensure **ALL** medications for children come through the office. This includes non-prescription medications. We require a medication form to be filled out, if you cannot get into the office, we can email this form to you.

We **DO NOT** allow children to keep medications in their bags, for the following safety reasons..

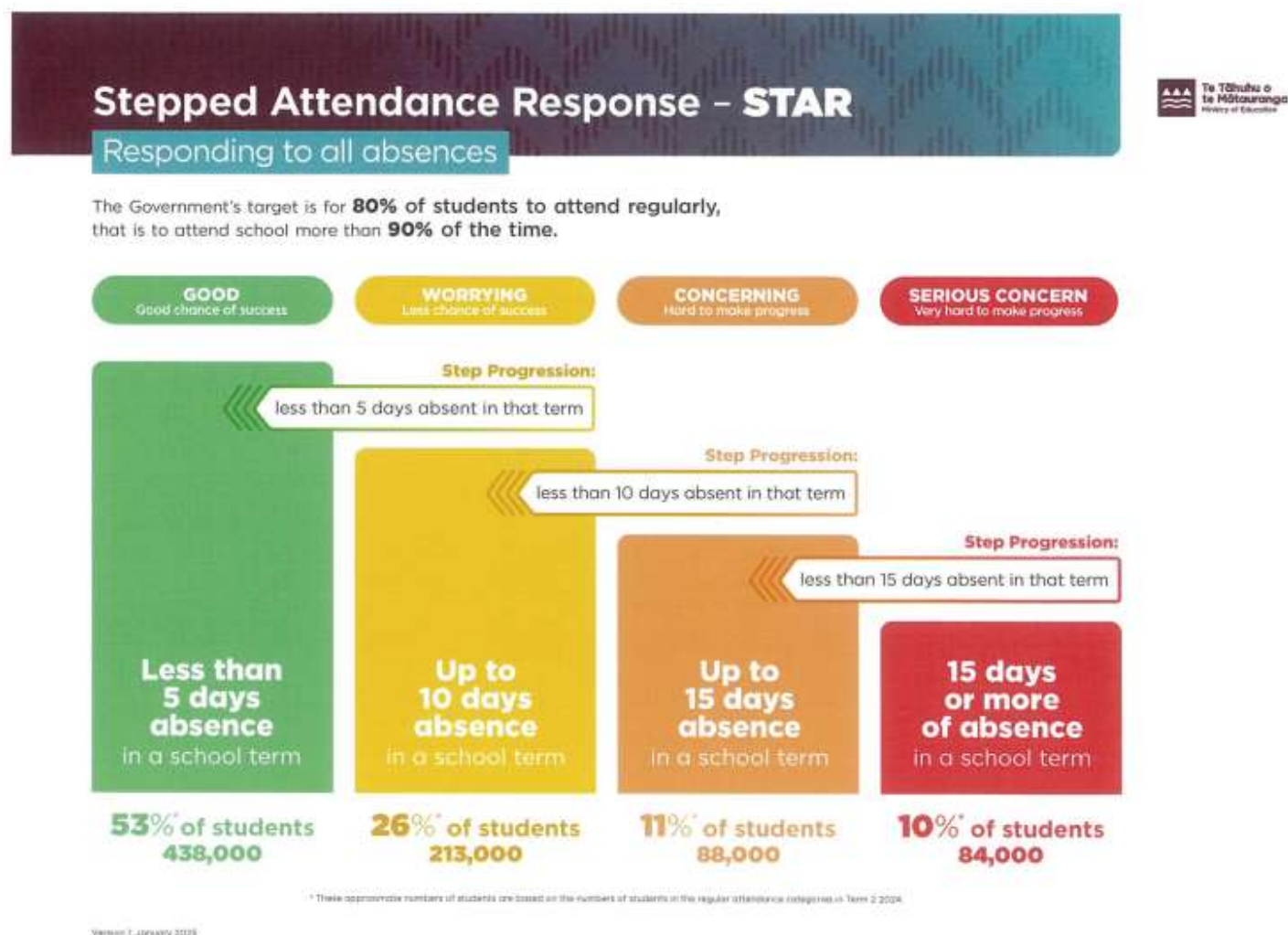
- If your child is on the field or in the pool and medication is required quickly, we know exactly where it will be.
- If there is a relief teacher, they will not know where every student's bags are.
- We can monitor how often a child is requiring medication and inform parents if it increases (Inhalers).
- The safety of other children, that they do not come across medication that is not intended for them.
- We ensure all medications are taken correctly with the correct amounts.

Thank you for your understanding.



## 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.



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.

**Attendance data from Week 2 showed we didn't quite reach our target with 76% of the ākonga attending regularly (more than 90% of the time). Let's step it up for the coming week!**

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.

## **BALLOT FOR OUT OF ZONE TERM 3 AND 4 ENROLMENTS 2025**

A ballot (if required) will be held on 1 April for new entrants who reside out of our school zone, but wish to enrol at our kura, starting in Terms 3 or 4 of this year.

Do you have a child turning 5 over this period? Do you know someone else who wishes to enrol with us, but we do not yet have their enrolment details?

Everyone (including siblings) who reside outside our enrolment zone **MUST** have enrolment information into the office by the 28 March so that we can accurately gauge how many spaces we have.

## **ATAWHAI AWARDS**

At this morning's assembly we had the opportunity to honour the following people who (along with many others) have been noticed for their kindness and atawhai towards others. Thank you to each of you for always treating others' the way you would like to be treated.

**TKW: Celine S** - Celine shows atawhai in all she does in Te Kete Wakahuia. She is kind, caring and helpful. If someone is not sure of what to do at school, Celine will help them. Celine also shows atawhai towards her kaiako by always doing the right thing. Thank you for showing atawhai Celine. He whetu koe.

**TKP: Sebastian D** - Sebastian what a super start you have had in Te Kete Pounamu Sebastian! You arrive in the morning with a smile on your face, greet kaiako and your friends with a cheery 'good morning' and are always in the right place at the right time doing the right thing! You are a role model to others and we value you in TKP. Thank you for being such an amazing star in our kete. Ka rawe!

**TKM: Darcy C** - Darcy, you are a bubbly and amazing member of Te Kete Manawa. You care for your peers, value others and show empathy. You listen well and participate enthusiastically in all learning tasks. You always show respect to your teachers and try many opportunities that are offered. We appreciate you in TKM. Thank you for showing atawhai.

**TKA: Joslyn Z** - Joslyn, what a fantastic start you have made in TKA this year! All the kete teachers have seen you showing atawhai to our new students as well as being an awesome role model to our Year 4 students. Your genuine kindness makes others feel welcome and valued and makes everyone shine! Your lunchtime gymnastic routines also entertain other students and impress the duty teachers. Ka rawe!

**TKT: Mason M** - Mason you are such an asset to our kete. You always participate in all areas of learning, you are calm, quiet and inclusive of everyone. You use your initiative to help others or where you see a need. We notice your quiet humility and the fact that you are a genuine good bloke. He whetū koe.

**STAFF: Mr Hawkins** - all of my staff work really hard all the time. Mr Hawkins has been putting in many 'extra hours' to plan our Big Day Out for next Friday. Thanks for showing atawhai in this way Reece - we are all very much looking forward to an exciting day.



Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Ngā mihi nui  
Lin Dixon

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

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



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- Direct Absentees
- Contacts Directory
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- Daily Notices

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**School Apps** snApp mobile <sup>NZ</sup> **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.

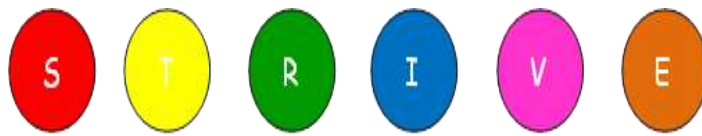
## **Sports available at Hokowhitu school for 2025**

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
<b>Netball</b> - Years 5 & 6	<b>Basketball</b> - Years 3 - 6	<b>Futsal</b> - Years 3 - 6	<b>Summer Soccer</b> - Years 0 - 6
<b>Summer Hockey</b> - Years 1 - 6	<b>Winter Hockey</b> - Years 1 - 6	<b>T-Ball</b> - Years 0 - 2	<b>Netball</b> - Years 0 - 4
<b>Badminton</b> - Years 5 & 6		<b>Badminton</b> - Years 4, 5 & 6	<b>Summer Hockey</b> - Years 0 - 6
			<b>Touch Rugby</b> - Years 0 - 6
			<b>Volleyball</b> - 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](mailto:c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz)



## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

### Te Kete Wakahuia

A big Hokowhitu and Waka welcome to **Mila**.

**Lilly** - For kicking with a flutterboard.

**Ella** - For kicking with a flutterboard.

**Freddie** - For kicking with a flutterboard.

**Imogen** - For working so hard in literacy.

**Reighleigh** - For your fantastic mat manners.

### Te Kete Pounamu

**Namish** - For fabulous listening and participating in swimming lessons.

**Asher** - For amazing maths knowledge - Tino pai!

**Shay** - For trying hard in literacy activities - What a star!!

**Ivory** - For helping others and collaborating in literacy follow up.

**Worood** - For leading the karakia at the front of our whānau class - Whetu nui!

**Lucy E** - For using maths language in our whole class maths - you are a mathematician!

**William** - For trying very hard to keep his writing neat. Kā Pai!

**Manha** - For showing the Hokowhitu School STRIVE values every day. Kā pai!

**Mila** - For trying your best in all of your learning. Kā pai!

### Te Kete Manawa

**Adi** - For great focus and learning during literacy. Keep it up. Ka pai!

**Claudia** - For sharing your good thinking about how to use an atlas and finding places in NZ.

**Lucy** - For working hard in literacy and presenting your work to a high standard.

**Toanui** - For settling really well in math and literacy and learning and following the routines well.

**Sadie** - For your willingness to make contributions in maths and share your understanding.

**Unga** - For listening in literacy and working hard to complete work.

**Clyde** - For settling well into literacy class quickly and presenting your work to a high standard.

**Rhyan** - For taking responsibility for your learning and asking for help with new learning in maths.

**Cara** - For working hard in math to get things completed quickly.

**Maggie** - For working hard in literacy and presenting your work to a high standard.





## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

### Te Kete Aronui

**Annie** - For two amazing pieces of art. Ka Pai!

**Griffin** - For always having positive and interesting ideas in our rich-maths discussions. Keep it up!

**Hanna** - For going above expectation with your homework. Aim for the stars Hanna!

**Doha** - For consistently trying your best in handwriting and spelling.

**Harry** - For an outstanding effort in maths workshops.

**Ava, Joud** and **Quinn** for completing all the tasks that they were asked to complete.

**James** - For outstanding skills in swimming.

### Te Kete Tangaroa

**Deondrej** - Excellent dive and glide technique.

**Mason O** - Great attitude towards learning.

**Ronav** - Stepping up to share his strategies in maths.

**Zareesh** - For outstanding quality work.

**Jaxson** - For stepping up in his learning.

**Mila P** - Showing creativity and resilience in Art.

**Leon** - Excellent understanding and reasoning when reading line graphs.

**Matty** - For stepping up into the House leader role and leading the house meeting.

**Elijah** - For displaying kindness and focus in the classroom.





## COMMUNITY NOTICES

A promotional poster for an ice rink event. The background is a dark purple and blue scene of an ice rink with people skating. The text is white and yellow. At the top, it says 'CHILLED EVENTS RETURNS WITH THE'. Below that, 'PALMERSTON NORTH SQUARE' in a smaller font, and 'ICE RINK' in large, bold, yellow-outlined letters. There are five white snowflake icons in a row. Below the snowflakes, it says '27TH - 27TH MARCH-APRIL' on the left and 'OPEN 10AM - 10PM EVERYDAY' on the right. At the bottom, it says 'REAL ICE. REAL FUN. REAL MEMORIES' and 'TICKETS FROM CHILLEDEVENTS.FLICKET.CO.NZ'. There are four logos at the bottom: 'PALMY BID', 'PALMY', 'MORE FM', and 'Quality HOTEL'.

### **Girls' Brigade ~ [www.girlsbrigade.nz](http://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](mailto:4thpngb@gmail.com) or txt 027 2337025

Highbury/Takaro (Tuesday) - Suzanne [suzbest2@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:milsonchurch@gmail.com)

# Goju Ryu KARATE

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[www.karate.org.nz](http://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](http://www.karate.org.nz)

FACEBOOK: Goju Ryu Karate Palmerston North

## 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](http://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 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:johnsalisbury@xtra.co.nz)

**M** MARIST  
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PALMERSTON NORTH

## 2025 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

# IgnitED

Active sessions for those with disabilities

## BOXFIT

BOX FIT SESSIONS  
ON MONDAY  
3.30PM - 4PM  
WITH A QUALIFIED  
COACH AT ZENITH  
GYM.

STARTS 10TH  
FEBRUARY.

*\$5 PER PERSON, PER  
SESSION.  
WE ARE VERY  
GRATEFUL TO HAVE  
THIS HEAVILY  
SUBSIDISED BY  
SNAPBACK GYM*



## AQUA AEROBICS

AQUA AEROBICS  
SESSIONS AT THE  
LIDO WILL BE ON  
WEDNESDAYS  
3.30PM - 4PM  
WITH A QUALIFIED  
INSTRUCTOR.

STARTS 12TH  
FEBRUARY.

*\$5 PER PERSON, PER  
SESSION. SUBSIDISED  
BY IGNITED.*



## CIRCUITS

HUMAN  
MOVEMENTS GYM  
CURRENTLY OFFERS  
CIRCUIT SESSIONS  
ON TUESDAYS AND  
THURSDAYS FROM  
1PM TO 1.45PM.

*\$5 PER PERSON, PER  
SESSION.  
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GRATEFUL TO HAVE  
THIS SUBSIDISED BY  
HUMAN MOVEMENTS  
GYM*



Email Jackie at [ignitededucationnz@gmail.com](mailto: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

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

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[www.saturdaymusic.org.nz](http://www.saturdaymusic.org.nz)  
[contact@saturdaymusic.org.nz](mailto: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



**Where?**

Hancock Community house  
 77-85 King St, Palmerston North

Supper provided

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

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

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

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

**Registrations open now!**

[www.redkiwi.org.nz](http://www.redkiwi.org.nz)

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