

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 28th of February 2025

Important Upcoming Events 2025

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| 4 March | - 11.30am Year 3/4 swimming sports |
| NEW ITEM 5 March | - Interschool triathlon for selected Year 5/6 ākongā |
| 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 |
| NEW ITEM 20 March | - Hearing and Vision testing for those without B4 school checks (and eligible new pupils) |
| 21 March | - 9am Whole school assembly - TKA sharing some of their learning |
| 25 March | - 5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom, everyone welcome |
| NEW ITEM 1 April | - Ballot (if required) for Terms 3 and 4 out of zone enrolments |
| 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

EOTC WEEK

What a fabulous week of learning ‘outside the classroom’ we have had. Thanks so much to everyone who has supported events such as the triathlon, or helped out with groups. We couldn’t even consider huge undertakings such as the Big Day Out without the support of whānau. I hope you enjoy chatting with your tamariki over the weekend about today’s experiences in Foxton.

This is an example of us working within our 4th strategic goal

Enhancing ākonga wellbeing by encouraging participation in physical activity

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL TRIATHLON RESULTS 2025

| | YEAR 4 | | YEAR 5 | | YEAR 6 | |
|------|-------------|----------|------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys |
| 1st | Ava M | Carter N | Isia D | Edward W | Bailey C | William C |
| 2nd | Joy L | Mason C | Joslyn Z | Felix A | Maggie K | Lachie B |
| 3rd | Evie B | Vinnie H | Madison T | Joel T | Mila P | Matty B |
| 4th | Darcy T | Lachie C | Daewun C | K-J D | Orla O | Ted D |
| 5th | Eliza J | Isaiah K | Anita C | Rory E | Anne L | Luca O |
| 6th | Emma R | Abel O | Olivia H | Oscar S | = Johanna D & Olivia S | |
| 7th | Hanna S | Ihaia H | Isabella S | Ali A | | Harry D |
| 8th | Isla H | Henry D | Afokoula M | Oliver D | Imogen B | Jaxson M |
| 9th | Huatahi O-H | Pray A | Joud O | Freddie C | Ruby A | Baxter R |
| 10th | Madi O | Paxton Y | Charlie T | Harry S | Mila L | Mason M |



Written by Ronav and Chase “On Tuesday, the 25th of February, the Hokowhitu seniors (years 4-6) completed the triathlon, a run, bike, and swim event. The event took place at the Hokowhitu park and started at 9.30 am and finished at 11.00 am. TKT, TKA and half of TKM participated in the triathlon and tried their best to reach the end. **House Results:** 1st Kahurangi / 2nd Kakariki / 3rd Kowhai / 4th Whero. That was one of the biggest physical events of Hokowhitu School and great job to everybody who participated in the event! Ka pai!”

BALLOT FOR OUT OF ZONE TERM 3 AND 4 ENROLMENTS

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 resides 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.

BADMINTON REPRESENTATIVE

A big congratulations to **Mario W** for being selected to represent Manawatu in the under 13 representative team for Badminton. Well done Mario!

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. Please see recent newsletters for the diagram outlining the 'traffic light' Stepped Attendance Response that we have been given.

The diagram 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 ākongā 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 3 showed us getting close to our target - with 79% of the ākongā attending regularly (more than 90% of the time).

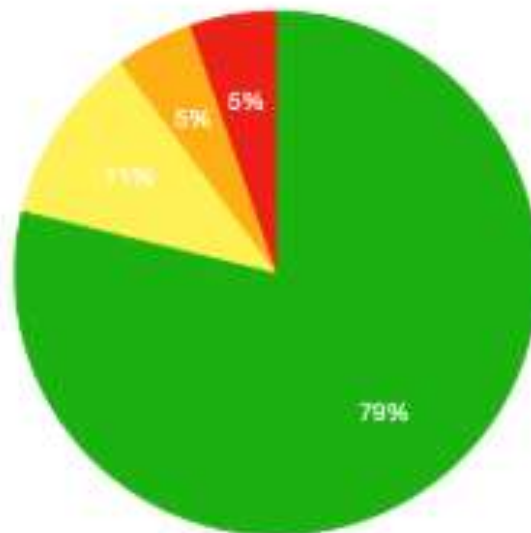
We nearly got there, let's make a concerted effort to be at school every day that we are well enough to be so.



Hokowhitu School Weekly Attendance Report - Trm 1 Wk 3

| 2025-02-03 to 2025-02-21 | # of Students attending | % of students attending |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 90.1-100 | 279 | 78.81 |
| 80.1-90 | 39 | 11.02 |
| 70.1-80 | 17 | 4.8 |
| 0-70 | 19 | 5.37 |

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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.

Wishing everyone a fantastic weekend.

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

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Our School Communication All In One Spot

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- Cancellations
- Direct Absentees
- Contacts Directory
- School Events
- Daily Notices

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

SPORTS

SPORTS UNIFORMS

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.

BASKETBALL 2025 (Years 3-6) - This is **OPEN** on Kindo **NOW**.

Registrations are now open for **year 3-6** players who wish to play basketball.

Fees for the season will be \$90 per player.

Games will be played at CET Arena on Thursdays beginning the 1st of May, final game is the 26th of June.

Children will be required to wear a mouthguard when playing. **NO MOUTHGAURD NO PLAY**

Coaches will be needed for all teams.

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

Registrations close at 12pm on Friday the 28th of March

Unfortunately, no late registrations can be accepted.

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.

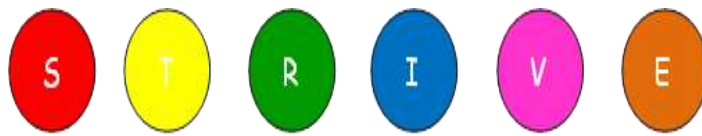
(Please note Rugby and Winter Soccer are CLUB sports, these ARE NOT offered at Hokowhitu School).

| Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 | Term 4 |
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| Netball - Years 5 & 6 | Basketball - OPEN NOW ON KINDO 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 OR

- Stacey Tayler - s.tayler@hokowhitu.school.nz



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Te Kete Wakahuia

A big Hokowhitu welcome to **Kiaan** and **Reyansh**.

Pippa - For riding her bike during wheels day.

Emily - For great kicking with the flutter board in the pool.

Suvarn - For great riding during wheels day on his bike.

Maddie - For working so hard to blend sounds as you read. Tino pai!

Wyatt - For working on your letter formation. Kā pai.

Henry - For blending sounds to read words. Tino pai.

Bai - For excellent letter formation. Tino pai.

Te Kete Pounamu

Harrison W - You took your kete job very seriously Harrison. Thank you for being a reliable kete member!

Zoe - For having amazing mat manners at whānau time.

Amelia - For being focussed and showing 'E' for enthusiasm with your learning.

Jacob - For stepping up and focusing on your learning. Kā rawe!

Harrison B - For being resilient.

Sasha - For showing the Hokowhitu School STRIVE values. Tino pai!

Isaac - For being really organised in the mornings and showing resilience.

Dinaya - For doing excellent mahi in your whole class literacy book.

Eli - For asking questions when not sure about something, great STRIVE values!

Te Kete Manawa

Finley - For showing leadership during our Amazing Race.

Henry - For a great effort solving the tangram in our Amazing Race.

Sid - For being a great listener and showing others how to show respect in TKM.

Meilah - For being confident and offering to lead our Te Reo Māori morning conversation.

Frankie - For always showing wonderful listening manners and being a great role model for others.

Clyde V - Welcome to Te Kete Manawa and Hokowhitu School. We are excited to have you.

Thea - For finding some great items during our nature scavenger hunt. Great job using your imagination.

Asher - For working well in a group and teaching others how to take turns.

Ange - For working hard and staying on task when completing your school work.

Nora - For finding some great items during our nature scavenger hunt. Great job using your imagination.

Blake - For finding some great items during our nature scavenger hunt. Great job using your imagination.





ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Te Kete Aronui

Ranvir - For speaking clearly and confidently when sharing your family taonga in front of peers.

Fred, Noah, Georgia - You approach all tasks/challenges enthusiastically, well done!

Harley - For working hard to improve book layout.

Max, Henry - Great listening skills in class!

Mia - For persevering in the triathlon, well done!

Rita - For working well with others during team challenges.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Charlotte - For stepping up as a school leader, showing great responsibility.

Maggie - For an amazing effort in triathlon.

Ava M - For stepping up and being an awesome P.A.

Maia - For fantastic artwork this term.

Ben - For showing atawhai by keeping our whānau area tidy.

Olivia S - For showing kindness and appreciation of her kaiako.

Carlos - For stepping up and giving 100% in the triathlon.

Tupuse - For being an excellent team player.

Marley - For stepping up and public speaking.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

A promotional poster for an ice rink event. The background is a dark purple and blue scene of an indoor 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

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

Goju Ryu KARATE

沖繩剛柔流



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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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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

PALMY

We are excited to invite you and your tamariki to **Explore Esplanade 2025**. Taking place on this Sunday, 2 March at Victoria Esplanade from 10am-3pm, this free family event is packed with magical experiences, including secret gardens, storytelling, over 50 market and food stalls, mini golf, face painting, train rides, live performances, and much more! Entertainment highlights include

- Andrew Wilson Magician
- Fairy Cat and Friends – Wellington-based children’s entertainment group
- Duelling sessions from Palmerston North Knights
- Bubble shows
- Dance performances
- Movies and more

Welcome to The Secret Garden

The Playground Stage Line-up

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| 10.10am | DanceWorks Studios |
| | Fairy Cat and Friends |
| | Hockey Manawatū Skills Course (the whole day) |
| 10.30am | Hockey Manawatū Mini Hockey Game at the Hockey Turf |
| 11.00am | Hits for Kids |
| | Palmerston North Knights - Duelling Session |
| | Bubble Show |
| 12.00pm | Rose Academy Dancers |
| | Storytime with Lynne Kirkland Amy the Alpine Strawberry and Nurse Lavender |
| | Magician Andrew Wilson |
| | Juliette McIver - The Grizzled Grist show |
| 2.00pm | Underbellies |
| 2.30pm | Hockey Manawatū Mini Hockey game at Hockey Turf |
| 3.00pm | That's all folks. Time to head home - thanks for coming! |

Times and acts may change on the day

Rose Garden Stage Line-up

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| 10.00am | Preeti |
| | The Art of Lightsaber Workshop Form 1 |
| | The Rose Academy Dancers |
| 11.00am | Juliette McIver - The Grizzled Grist show |
| | The Art of Lightsaber Workshop Form 1 |
| | Magician Andrew Wilson |
| | Storytime with Lynne Kirkland Amy the Alpine Strawberry and Nurse Lavender |
| 12.00pm | The Art of Lightsaber Workshop Form 1 |
| | Six to Sixty Choir |
| 1.00pm | Palmerston North Knights - Duelling Session |
| | Bubble Show |
| | Fairy Cat and Friends |
| | DanceWorks Studios |
| 2.00pm | The Art of Lightsaber Workshop Form 1 |
| | Emma-Katte |
| 3.00pm | That's all folks. Time to head home - thanks for coming! |

