

# HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 16th of May 2025

## Important Upcoming Events 2025

19 May	- 11am School Cross Country races (postponement day is 21/5) - everyone welcome
<b>DATE CHANGE</b> 22 May	- TKP EOTC trip to Wildbase Recovery
23 May (and every Friday)	- 8.30 - 8.50am Whānau Friday. Everyone welcome to come into the kete and enjoy looking at the week's learning
23 May	- 9am School assembly - TKW sharing some of their learning. Everyone welcome
26 - 30 May	- Samoan Language Week
27 May	- TKW to Wildbase Recovery Centre
30 May	- Teacher only day - <b>SCHOOL IS CLOSED.</b> Staff will be undertaking PLD in the new mathematics curriculum with our Kahui Ako colleagues
2 June	- Public holiday for the King's Birthday - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED.</b>
<b>NEW ITEM</b> 3 June	- Te Pae Tamariki for our Y 3 - 6 Kapa haka roopu (Regent Theatre). A separate notice has come home with those who have been practising to attend this event
6 June	- School assembly - TKT sharing some of their learning. Everyone welcome
11 June	- Noon - 2.30pm Year 5/6 Interschool Cross Country for selected ākonga
13 June	- House t-shirt day
16 June	- Puanga/Matariki celebration evening - more detail to come but save this date!
17 June	- 5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom - everyone welcome Come along if you are interested in finding out more about the role of a trustee
20 June	- Public holiday for Matariki - <b>SCHOOL IS CLOSED.</b>
27 June	- 3pm School closes for the end of term 2
14 July	- 8.50am School opens for term 3



## UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Kia ora koutou  
Ngā mihi kia koutou

### CONGRATULATIONS

On Tuesday 13th May, we sent two teams to the Manawatu Primary School Chess Champs to defend the title we won last year.

Our A team was **Jamie, Alex N, Jaxxon** and **Ronav**, the B team **Manik, Zareesh, Quinn** and **Rory**.

Both teams performed incredibly well with every player winning games across the day. Our A team successfully defended our title and have now qualified for the national finals later in the year; a huge achievement! Thanks to Zareesh's Mum and Jaxxon's Mum for supporting the tamariki on the day.

A very special thank you and ka pai to our Chess and Checkers lunchtime club coaches - Mr Evans and Mrs Hintz



### UPCOMING STAFF CHANGES

Whaea Bree will be leaving our kura at the end of this term. While that is very sad news for us, it is a hugely exciting adventure ahead for Bree. She has accepted a two year teaching contract in a bi-lingual school in Hong Kong.

We sincerely thank Whaea Bree for her contributions and passion towards ākonga, colleagues and whānau over the last 2 ½ years. We will miss you and wish you well.

The good news is that we have managed to secure another excellent teacher to teach in TKM from term 3. Mrs Julie Cranshaw is returning to NZ after completing a teaching contract in Dubai. We look forward to Julie sharing her passions and experience with everyone from Term 3.

Whaea Libby is close to going on parental leave for the rest of 2025. We wish Libby well and look forward to hearing updates when the baby is born.

Matua Kobe will be returning to a learning coach role for the rest of this year. Thank you Kobe!

### COMMUNICATION

We try hard to communicate with you in ways that work. While lots of our communication is now made by email and/or schoolapp, or face to face at drop off and pick up times, there are still occasions where we communicate important information by paper. **PLEASE CHECK SCHOOL BAGS/BOOK BAGS DAILY** so you don't miss out on being informed.

**ATTENDANCE**

Every day at school counts. The Ministry of Education monitors our attendance daily and is looking for improved attendance statistics.

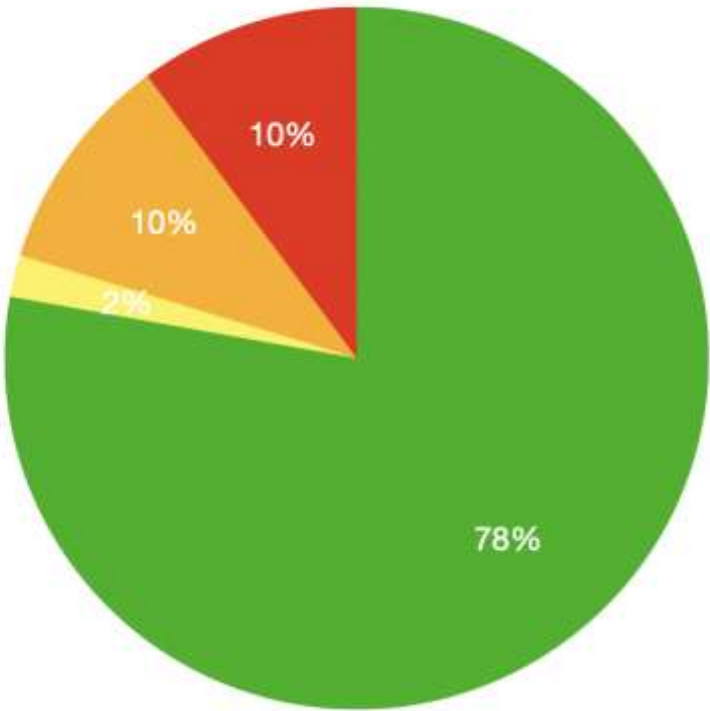
School aged children should be at school every day, except when they are medically unwell (or in the case of exceptional circumstances such as bereavement).

We are setting goals for attendance here at school and our target for Term 2 is to have 78% of our ākonga attending regularly over the whole school. We have set this target by making a small allowance for winter illnesses.

Hokowhitu School Attendance Term2 Week 2 2025

2025-05-05 to 2025-05-09	# of Students attending	% of students attending	
90.1-100	284	77.81	
80.1-90	7	1.92	
70.1-80	37	10.14	
0-70	37	10.14	

90.1-100      80.1-90      70.1-80      0-70



**GOOD**  
Good chance of success

**WORRYING**  
Less chance of success

**CONCERNING**  
Hard to make progress

**SERIOUS CONCERN**  
Very hard to make progress

We just met our school wide target in week 2 with 78% of our ākonga attending school for 90% or more of the time. Ka pai - let's celebrate with an extended break next Monday!

## **CROSS COUNTRY OVERVIEW**

Please see below the **ESTIMATED** timings for cross country on Monday.

Please note that these timings are only an estimation, it could run earlier or later so please allow more time to not miss out. A notification will be sent out on the school app if it is postponed.

We look forward to lots of you coming to support the ākonga in this schoolwide event.

<b>10.30am - 11.00am</b>	<b>Early Morning Tea</b>
11.05am	Year 6 Girls
11.15am	Year 6 Boys
11.25am	Year 5 Girls
11.35am	Year 5 Boys
11.45am	Year 2 Girls
11.50am	Year 2 Boys
11.55am	Year 1 & NE Girls
12.00pm	Year 1 & NE Boys
12.05pm	Year 4 Girls
12.10pm	Year 4 Boys
12.15pm	Year 3 Girls
12.20pm	Year 3 Boys

**Please respect the privacy of all ākonga when taking photos or videos. Please do not publish any photos containing other children from any school event.**

## **ICAS ASSESSMENT**

Hokowhitu School is offering students the opportunity to be involved in the ICAS Assessments for 2025. ICAS is an online academic competition that gives students the opportunity to challenge their higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, and Digital Technologies.

Whānau wanting their child to participate in the ICAS Assessment can register and pay for it by using the online Parent Page accessible by following the link below. All assessments are done online and will be completed at school during term 3. A timetable will come out early term 3 with assessment dates.

**Parent Page link** - <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/parent-payment/WIE149>

**Parent code** - WIE149

**Registration Closes Monday 28th of July 2025.** If you have any questions please email Mr Hawkins ([r.hawkins@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:r.hawkins@hokowhitu.school.nz)) the organiser of ICAS Assessment for Hokowhitu School.

Have a fabulous weekend everyone. Let's hope the weather is kind to us on Monday for our cross country races.

Ngā mihi nui  
Lin Dixon



## Important Information for Parents & Guardians

- Please respect the privacy of all ākonga when taking photos or videos. Please do not publish any photos containing other children from any school event.

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

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### 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.

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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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# SPORTS

## BASKETBALL

A big thank you to the Hokowhitu Magic Basketball parents, who rallied around to support the team this week!

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) OR Stacey Tayler - [s.tayler@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:s.tayler@hokowhitu.school.nz)

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

We will let you know in upcoming newsletters 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>

## **Yummy Sticker Collection**

We are once again collecting yummy stickers here at school, sticker charts are available to download on the yummy fruit website - [www.yummyfruit.co.nz](http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz) OR we have some copies in the school office.

You can hand these to Mrs Orr or the school office.





## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

### *Te Kete Wakahuia*

A big Hokowhitu and Waka welcome this week to **Alexander, Clara, Nalina** and **Kymani**.

**Kiyarā** - For working hard at segmenting and sliding sounds together.

**Suvarn** - For working hard at sliding sounds together.

**Sanumi** - For great work with blending sounds together.

**Kaira** - For learning her sounds.

**Linaya** - For the amazing progress you have made with your word writing. Kā rawe!

**Celine** - For sharing your special photo at oral language time. Tino pai.

**Evie** - For reading like a Champion. Kā rawe!

**Olive** - For showing her understanding of odd numbers and even numbers. Tino Pai!

### *Te Kete Pounamu*

**Vivaan** - For showing atawhai by helping new students.

**Karen** - For impressive imaginative sentences using heart words.

**Everly** - For showing atawhai to those around her, especially Myra.

**Hanna-Moana** - For having a great attitude and showing enthusiasm for learning.

**Hui-Tanguru** - For being a kaitiaki by keeping our kete tidy.

**Freya** - For having great listening skills and respecting others.

**Evie** - For being really confident to share during workshops.

**Asher** - For asking questions and showing curiosity for his surroundings.

**Mila** - For finding different ways to solve a problem during a rich maths task.

### *Te Kete Manawa*

**Blake** - For demonstrating a good understanding between multiplication, repeated addition, groups and arrays.

**Ange** - For completing a great food chain visual.

**Rhyan** - For your great basketball skills!

**Harper** - For great participation in our reading workshop.

**Madi** - For listening to instructions during basketball and showing great skills.

**Beaudi** - For your great contributions to our discussion around Kaitiakitanga.

**Conor** - For demonstrating a good understanding between multiplication, repeated addition, groups and arrays.

**Liana** - For making some good predictions in your reading workshop.

**Toanui** - For your amazing leaf art.





## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

### *Te Kete Aronui*

**Mia** - For training hard during cross country.

**Griffin** - For doing an excellent job of tearing paper ready for recycling and paper making.

**Carter N** - For writing a fantastic short story using sequencing.

**Ryder** - For persevering with your report writing and never giving up.

**Maryam** - For always completing work to a high standard and being a positive role model in TKA.

**Carter H** - For excellent work learning about time in Maths.

**Lohan** - For focus and determination when completing tasks during reading time.

**Doha** - For creative and entertaining writing during word study.

**Harry** - For telling the time using both analogue and digital.

### *Te Kete Tangaroa*

**Ruby** - For persisting to create a fabulous opening statement.

**Ava M** - For her effort and focus in report writing.

**Maia** - For being a peaceful and kind member of our kete.

**Carlos** - For being a fantastic role model and big brother.

**Tupuse** - For showing awesome leadership skills and role modelling to TKT how to STRIVE.

**Minoo** - For his awesome attitude and growth mindset.

**Lucy** - For persisting in maths and asking for help when she needs it. You are amazing, Lucy!

**Taylah** - For her effort in editing and improving her writing.

**Aarush** - For his initiative to support our new learners - thank you, Aarush!







**THE GAME CHANGER Podcast**

In conjunction with: **Head Start COACHING** | **fya** fueling youth athletes

**LIVE VIRTUAL FAN Q&A**

**FRANCIS DE VRIES**

⚽ ALL WHITES, AUCKLAND FC

📅 DATE: SUNDAY, 13 July

🕒 TIME: 7 p.m. NZST

💬 JOIN THE FREE FAN Q&A ON ZOOM

✉ TO SECURE YOUR SPOT:  
Email: [info@thegamechangerhub.com](mailto:info@thegamechangerhub.com)

**Anchor**



“Come join us for a fun run/ walk this Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> May starting at Massey University”.

Manawatu Striders is hosting their annual Marathon, Half Marathon, 10km, 5km and kids 2.5km Marafun this Sunday. All abilities welcome, this is a great chance to get out and enjoy some fresh air in the beautiful Manawatu. To register and sign up to join this event, please head to our website <https://www.manawatustriders.org.nz/full-and-half-marathon>. For kids under 12 the 2.5km Marafun is a free event.

# 2025 BRICK BUILDING CHALLENGE

2025  
Palmerston North  
Brick Show

LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD AND  
BUILD ANYTHING YOU LIKE WITHIN A  
16X16 STUD BASEPLATE

Winners will receive an exclusive prize pack and  
have the opportunity to have your build displayed  
at the 2025 Palmy Brick Show. There will also be a  
prize pack for the school with the most entries.

#### Entry Requirements:

- Primary School aged children (Year 0-8)
- Build on a 16X16 Stud Baseplate
- Max Height of 30cm
- Must include Child's Name, School and Year Group
- Max 3 Photos of build to be submitted.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: 18th May

**Enter Now! Send your entry to:**  
[palmybrickshow@well-lug.nz](mailto:palmybrickshow@well-lug.nz)



**31st May & 1st June**

9am - 4:30pm

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or at the door



## MANAWATU SCHOOLS ORIENTEERING CHAMPS *Long Event*

**SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY**

**Location:**

**Northbrook-  
Puketawa Farm  
(near Colyton)**

**Event fee:**

**\$8 per student (SI hire  
included)**

### Categories :

- ▶ Secondary Senior Boys (Yr 12/13)  
Secondary Senior Girls (Yr 12/13)
- ▶ Secondary Intermediate Boys (Yr 10/11)  
Secondary Intermediate Girls (Yr 10/11)
- ▶ Secondary Junior Boys (Yr 9)  
Secondary Junior Girls (Yr 9)
- ▶ Year 7&8 Boys  
Year 7&8 Girls
- ▶ Primary Boys (Yr 5/6)  
Primary Girls (Yr 5/6)

Any further questions please email:  
[redkiwischoolstraining@gmail.com](mailto:redkiwischoolstraining@gmail.com)

Online entries open on Monday  
the 7th of April and close on  
Thursday the 8th of May.

Register on the Red kiwi  
orienteering website



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



## Private Hockey Coaching

**Train with a former  
Black Stick!**

Take your hockey skills to the next level with Michaela Curtis —  
former New Zealand Women's Black Stick and current Manawatu  
player. Michaela is now offering small private group coaching  
sessions (max 4-5 kids). Aimed at children in Year 6 and above,  
groups based on ability level & age.

Whether you're refining technique, building confidence, or  
preparing for top-level play, train with one of the region's most  
experienced players.

**Limited spots available** - contact via email listed below.

**ALL  
ENQUIRIES:**  
[mcurtiscoaching1@gmail.com](mailto:mcurtiscoaching1@gmail.com)



NEW ZEALAND  
**RED CROSS**  
RIPEKA WHERO AOTEAROA

**ANNUAL  
BOOK  
SALE**  
PALMERSTON NORTH



SCAN TO VIEW BOOK SALE LAYOUT

### KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 2025

**30 May 31 May**

Friday 10AM - 8 PM

Saturday 10AM - 6 PM

**100,000+ Books**

Games, DVDs,  
Jigsaws, Music,  
Comics & more...

**1 June 2 June**

Sunday 10AM - 4 PM

Monday 10AM - 2 PM

Barber/Bell Hall  
Waldegrave Street  
Palmerston North