

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 23rd of May 2025

Important Upcoming Events 2025

26 - 30 May	- Samoan Language Week
27 May	- TKW to Wildbase Recovery Centre
30 May	- Teacher only day - SCHOOL IS CLOSED. Staff will be undertaking PLD in the new mathematics curriculum with our Kahui Ako colleagues
2 June	- Public holiday for the King's Birthday - SCHOOL CLOSED.
3 June 2.20 - 2.40pm performance	- 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	- 8.30 - 8.50am Whānau Friday. Everyone welcome to come into the kete and enjoy looking at the week's learning
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
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
19 June Date change and event organisation change	- 8am Kapa Haka performance, followed by whānau hui - 1.45 Puanga/Matariki celebration afternoon - in house groups
20 June	- Public holiday for Matariki - SCHOOL IS CLOSED.
27 June	- 3pm School closes for the end of term 2
14 July	- 8.50am School opens for term 3



UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

What a stunning day we managed for our cross country races (although we did need to use the postponement date to get it).

Congratulations to EVERY single person who came to school and participated in their race - everyone who tried their best should feel very proud of themselves, regardless of their placing.

Please see below for the top 10 place getters in each year group.

CROSS COUNTRY 2025 RESULTS

Place	Year 1	Year 1	Year 2	Year 2	Year 3	Year 3
	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
1st	Te Paia	Reighleigh	Zia	Harrison B	Darcy	Jaxxon
2nd	Celine	Uriah	Juliette	Sebastian	Ivy	Abdu
3rd	Freya	Toby	Eliza	Cyrus	Zoe	Luke
4th	Lilly	Manaaki	Everly	Kirill	Roshni	Oliver
5th	Isabella	Adrit	Sia	Remy	Thea	Muhammad
6th	Ella	Jack	Worood	Hemi	Blake	Theo
7th	Maddy	Casey	Karen	Gian	Ava	Conor
8th	Imogen	Anewa	Paige	Shay	Freya	Max
9th	Heela	Wyatt	Mischka	Eesa	Nina	Eli
10th	Ruby	Manaki-Vai	Neave	Ahmad	Maggie	James

Place	Year 4	Year 4	Year 5	Year 5	Year 6	Year 6
	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
1st	Evie	Adam	Isla D	Edward	Bailey	Lachie
2nd	Eliza	Henry	Logain	Freddie	Mila P	Matty
3rd	Joy	Lachie	Daeun	Joel	Maggie	Luca
4th	Darcy	Paxton Ihaia	Yuleena	Ali	Maia	Donnacha
5th	Rita		Antonella	Rory	Orla	William
6th	Sienna	Mason	Charlie	K-J	Johanna Anne	Minoo
7th	Harper	Isaiah	Madison	Jamie		Baxter
8th	Huatahi	Pray	Anita	Oscar	Riuling	Chase
9th	Hanna	Junoo	Skye	Brodie	Olivia S	Elijah
10th	Isla H	Avyaan	Lucy	Harry	Ruby	Ted





WELL DONE

ATTENDANCE

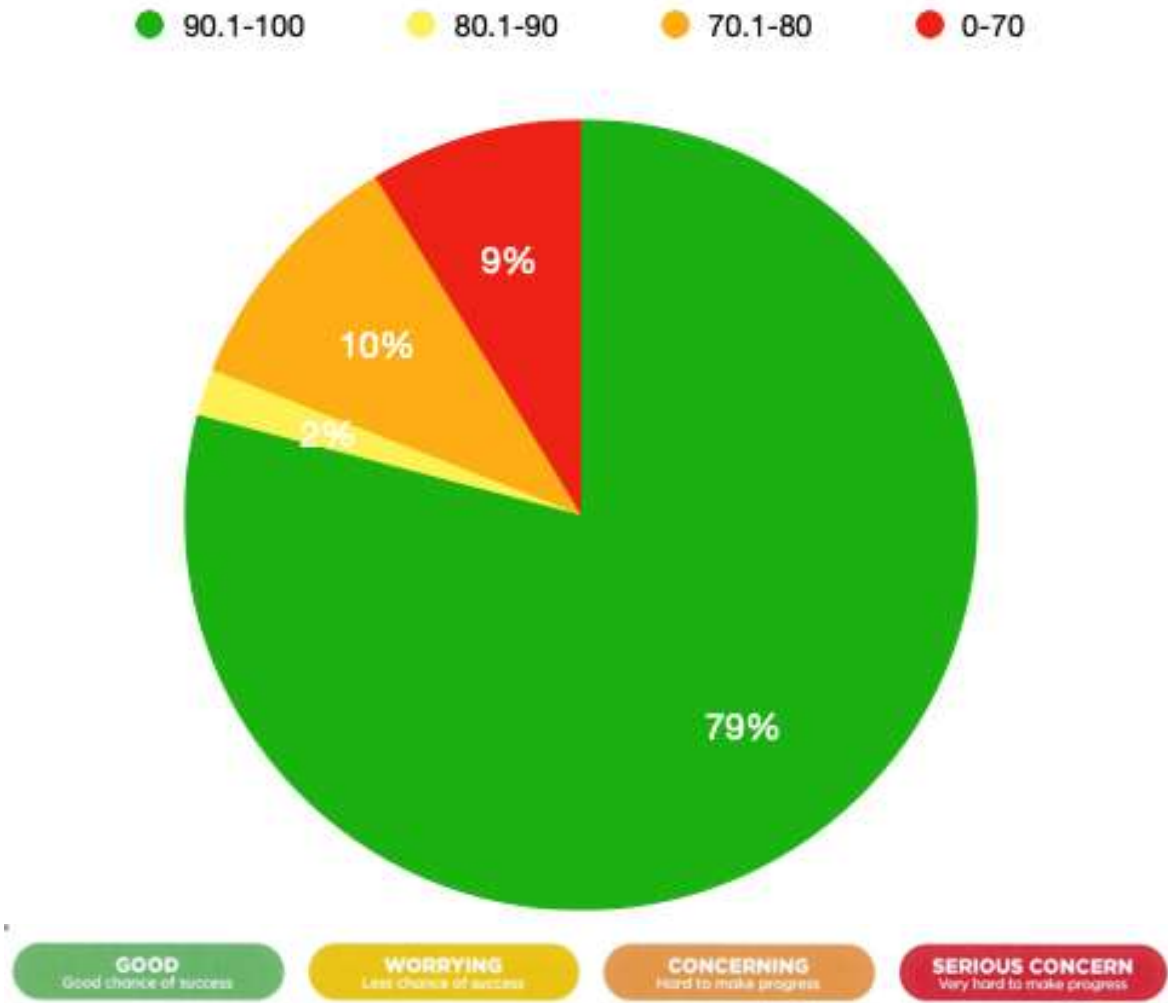
Every day at school counts. The Ministry of Education monitors our attendance daily and is looking for improved attendance statistics.

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 Week 3 Term 2

2025-05-12 to 2025-05-16	# of Students attending	% of students attending	
90.1-100	291	79.08	
80.1-90	7	1.9	
70.1-80	38	10.33	
0-70	32	8.7	



We met our school wide target in week 2 with 79% of our ākonga attending school for 90% or more of the time. Ka pai - let's celebrate with an extended break next Monday!

ATAWHAI AWARDS

At this morning's assembly we recognised the following people for displaying atawhai (kindness) at our kura.

TKW: Ava A - For stepping up this week and supporting our new children with the huge transition to school. You are shining by showing atawhai by tidying up the kete when not asked and being generally helpful.

TKP: Eliza W - We appreciate the way that you notice when someone needs help and offer your assistance before being asked. You are a kaitiaki of Te Kete Pounamu in the way that you take pride in keeping our surroundings tidy. You show patience by quietly waiting for others during busy transition times. It is pleasure having you in TKP Eliza, he whetu koe, you are a star!

TKM: Ivy R - Ivy you are truly amazing! Always kind, friendly, and radiating positivity. You bring such great energy to the kete and consistently show thoughtfulness and encouragement to those around you. Thank you for consistently demonstrating atawhai in all aspects of school life. He whetu koe!

TKA: Paxton Y - Paxton consistently demonstrates kindness and respect in all interactions. He is polite and thoughtful when speaking with both peers and adults, and he is always willing to support others when needed. In the playground, he makes sensible choices and helps to create a positive and inclusive environment for everyone.

TKT: Ava M - Ava, you are such an asset to our kete. You always participate in all areas of learning. You are inclusive of everyone and have a wonderful sense of humour and fun. You use your initiative to help others or where you see a need. We notice the way you move yourself away from distractions and the effort you put in to get your mahi done to a high standard. Thank you for taking care of your kaiako! He whetū koe.

STAFF: Mrs Hodge - Mrs Hodge shows atawhai with her calm and peaceful manner. She never makes a scene or a fuss, but quietly goes about offering to help anyone in need. Thank you for showing atawhai in these ways Carlee - we value you!

Ngā mihi nui

Lin Dixon

Update from the School Board

Tēnā koutou,

Last week the Board held its third meeting of the year, and one key item of business was setting the date for the next Board elections: Wednesday 10 September. It's still a way away, but you might like to know that nominations will be called for no later than 18 July, and nominations will close at midday on 6 August.

Some of our business also involved looking further into the future. We approved the starting and end dates for next year's school year, and this information is now available on the school website.

We also agreed to begin consulting on a possible change to how New Entrants begin school, called "cohort entry." This would mean that New Entrants begin in groups, or cohorts, with beginning days at the start and middle of each term. We believe this would allow a more consistent and focused approach in helping our youngest students enter school. We are required to consult widely before making a decision to go ahead with this change, so as part of this we will be sending out a brief survey to you later this term. If it was approved, cohort entry would begin in term 1 next year.

Finally, we're pleased to see that the school had its best term 1 attendance since 2021!

Ngā mihi nui,

Philip Steer

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.

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.

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 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
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	Badminton - Years 4, 5 & 6	Netball - Years 0 - 4
Badminton - Years 5 & 6			Summer Hockey - Years 0 - 6
			Touch Rugby - Years 0 - 6
			Volleyball - Years 4, 5 & 6
			T-Ball - Under 7s and under 9s
<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 our sports coordinators

Carlee Hodge - c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz **OR**

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

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 **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 to **Achindra** and **Maple**.

Freddie - For using a perky pace when reading.

Arfad - For using a perky pace when reading.

Nevaeh-Leigh - For joining in with whole class learning.

Ella - For having perky pace at literacy time.

Bai - For displaying excellent basketball skills! Kā rawe!

Casey - For clearly explaining how he understood a book we read. Ka Pai!

Anewa - For your amazing dribbling at basketball. Tino pai!

Hannah - For showing us your fantastic ball skills at our basketball sessions. Kā rawe.

Heela - for using spaces between your words in writing. Kā rawe!

Te Kete Pounamu

Juliette - Wow Juliette! You have stepped up in literacy this term, with your enthusiastic reading and fantastic spelling.

Harrison B - You are trying hard in literacy to use spelling rules independently - Keep it up!

Namish - You are a polite and respectful member of our kete, thank you for being a great role model!

Kirill - You are being a 'switched on' learner in literacy, Kā pai!

Isaac - You are showing great focus and enthusiasm in literacy. Kā Rawe!

Zia - You have put great effort into your cross country training. Tino pai!

Shay - For making great contributions to our whole class maths discussions. Kā Rawe!

Paige - For noticing our word rules while reading and also practising at home. Tino pai!

Aryan - For being more independent and carrying his own bag into school.

Te Kete Manawa

Suyog - For putting in an amazing effort and detail into your kiwi.

James - For sharing your awesome time skills and putting a super effort into displaying your calendar.

Nora - For using her Te Ao Māori knowledge to relate to the Māori myth we are learning.

Thea - For taking your time and putting in amazing detail to your stingray.

Eddie - For transferring your knowledge of kowhaiwhai patterns to your stingray art.

Muhammad - For independently completing a food web task.

Uatala - For working out the perimeter of many different sized shapes.

Darcy - For your consistent willingness to help around the kete in whatever way you can.

Aaden - For listening well in literacy and being able to recall lots of review ideas.

Congratulations to all those students that took part in the Hokowhitu School Cross Country. You all did an amazing job and we are super proud that you gave it a go. Ka pai!





ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Te Kete Aronui

Jessica, Isla D, Ava - For presentation skills and summarising learning accurately in inquiry tasks.

Ihaia, Paxton - For converting minutes to seconds at lightning speed and for great prior knowledge!

Romaan - For amazing handwriting and effort during literacy.

Grisha, Logain, Isla H - For amazing effort and perseverance in the Cross Country.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Deondrej - For showing enthusiasm in basketball.

Lorenzo - For asking lots of questions to further his learning in writing and sharing this learning with the class.

Harrison - Identifying and crafting successful complex sentences.

Samuel - Improvement in spelling.

Olivia S - For her effort and consistency training for Cross Country - Tino pai, Olivia!

Hohua - For his wonderful attitude towards learning and showing respect for those around him.

Aaryan - For putting lots of effort into his mahi and creating fantastic topic sentences.

Edward - For his amazing effort training for cross country - you have a fabulous growth mindset!

Leon - For his confidence to share his learning in maths and writing.

Baxter - For his kindness when supporting and teaching our ESOL learners.

Jade - For her effort in creating and publishing report writing - Ka rawe, Jade!



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Have a Story to tell?

Franklin Writers Group want to hear it!

Are you ready to share your creativity? We're looking for the best short story (500 words or less) on the theme of:

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Whether it's a life-changing decision, a moment of change, or a literal intersection, the choice is yours!

Who Can Enter?

This competition is open to all residents of New Zealand. So, if you're a passionate storyteller, now's your chance!

Closing Date

13th July 2025

Prizes Up for Grabs

- 1st Place: \$500
- 2nd Place: \$200
- 3rd Place: \$100

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