

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday the 29th of May 2025

Important Upcoming Events 2025

30 May TOMORROW	- Teacher only day - SCHOOL IS CLOSED. Teaching staff will be undertaking PLD in the new mathematics curriculum, and support staff will be undertaking PLD in structured literacy - with our Kahui Ako colleagues
1 - 7 June	- Samoan Language Week
2 June MONDAY	- 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
4 June	- Lucky Book Club orders are due in today
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 Board member
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 - Pizza Lunch - Notices will come home in bags early next week.
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 DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

I hope everyone has had a good week in spite of the wet weather. We are now over halfway through term 2 and with a couple of short weeks coming up we are going to be halfway through the year before we know it. Remember tomorrow is a teacher only day (no school for students). Teachers will be off site attending professional development around the new Math Curriculum and our Learning Coaches will be at a workshop around structured literacy. Also Monday is King's Birthday, so school will be closed.

Kia kaha to our Kapa Haka Roopu who will be performing at Pae Tamariki on Tuesday (Regent Broadway 2:20pm - 2:40pm). We know you will make us proud. Huge thank you to **Ms Blay, Mr Masoe** and **Whaea Kaitlyn** for supporting and leading our Kapa Haka roopu.

Please take note of the changes in the calendar around the Puanga/Matariki celebration. We are no longer having a Matariki evening due to all the building work happening in the school. We will be having a Puanga afternoon on Thursday 19th June where our students will be involved in a number of activities. On the morning of Thursday 19th, our Kapa Haka will be performing in the hall. This will begin at 8:00 am followed by our Whānau Hui. Our Whānau Hui is for our Māori Whānau to share feedback from our recent survey, celebrate achievement and foster connections. This hui will be held in the staffroom.

We are sad to announce that Jennifer Bates, our Office Manager, will be leaving our Kura at the end of Week 8. Jennifer has accepted a new role as Office Manager at a school in Feilding. While this is very sad news for us, it's an exciting opportunity for her and a better fit for her whānau. A huge thank you for all your hard work and commitment to helping our Kura run smoothly. You are going to be very much missed by all the staff, children and community. All the best for the future.

Ngā mihi nui
Reece Hawkins
Deputy Principal

ICAS ASSESSMENT

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) the organiser of ICAS Assessment for Hokowhitu School.



ATTENDANCE

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

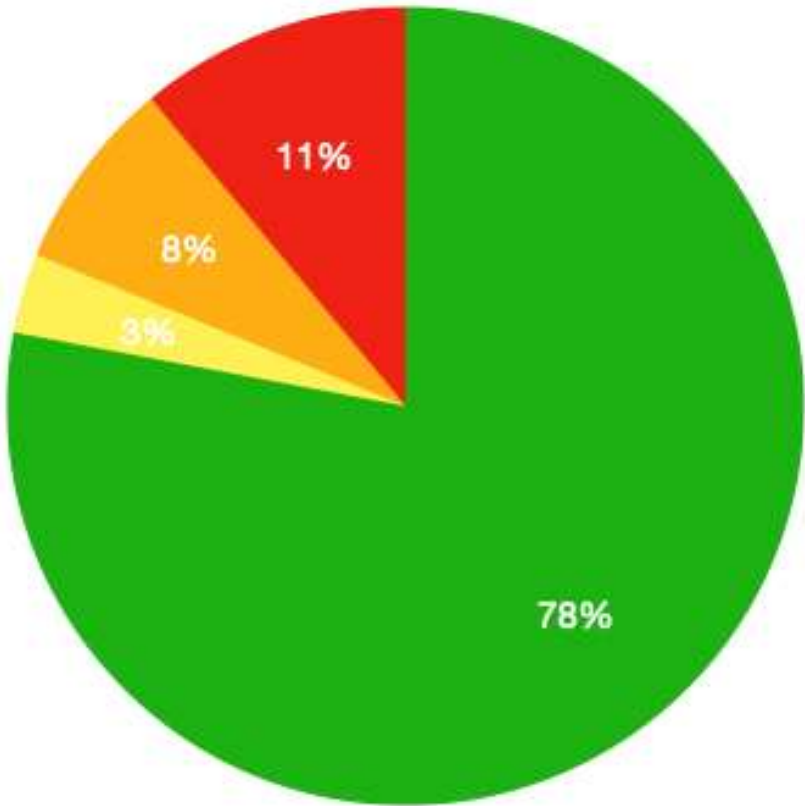
School aged children should be at school every day, except when they are medically unwell (or in the case of exceptional circumstances such as bereavement).

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 Attendance Week 4 Trm 2

2025-05-19 to 2025-05-23	# of Students attending	% of students attending
90.1-100	290	77.96
80.1-90	12	3.23
70.1-80	29	7.8
0-70	41	11.02

● 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 have just met our school wide target for week 4 with 78% of our ākonga attending school for 90% or more of the time. Ka pai - let's celebrate with an extended break next Tuesday!

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

Coaches/Managers - If you have results or photos for the newsletter, please send through to office@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
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 **Oliver**.

Emily - For being a superstar at basketball.

Honatana - For having the correct shooting hand at basketball.

Ellie - For being a great buddy to new children.

Gemma - For trying really hard to shoot the basketball correctly.

Keepa - For the amazing knowledge you shared with us on our Wildbase trip. Ka rawe!

Wyatt - For displaying our Hokowhitu STRIVE values on our trip to Wildbase. Tino pai.

Journey - Welcome to Hokowhitu School.

Te Kete Pounamu

Reeyana - Welcome to Hokowhitu School.

Emily - For focussing on improving your handwriting in literacy.

Riley - For asking excellent questions about our inquiry unit.

Zuhain - For a conscientious and improved effort in literacy - Ka rawe!

William - For showing to have amazing basketball skills. Ka pai!

Arlo - For showing great enthusiasm and listening skills during basketball. Tino pai!

Hudson - For your super knowledge of birds at the Wildbase Recovery Centre. Ka pai!

Myra - For training hard for the cross country and playing well with others at break times. He whetū koe!

Roshni - For asking great questions at Wildbase Recovery Centre. Tino pai!

Neave - For showing curiosity in the world around us and sharing her caterpillar discovery with the class. Ka rawe!

Te Kete Manawa

Delenaa - For greeting teachers in a positive way and using their names like we have been learning.

Baoyu - For taking responsibility for your learning in Maths by seeking support when learning new concepts.

James - For using your understanding of area to create swimming pools with difference dimensions.

Eddie - For working hard on using a consistent neat handwriting style in all his work.

Sadie - For listening well in literacy and being able to share previously learned ideas.

Unga - For working harder to concentrate on her work and get it completed.

Ansh - For sharing his knowledge of science related topics.

Nikau - For working on handwriting and forming letters with correct size and shape.

Oliver - For demonstrating great learning by practicing his times tables at home.





ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Te Kete Aronui

Nehan - Great focus in literacy lessons and for great computer skills!

Ranvir - For focussing well in lessons and explaining new learning clearly and confidently.

Eugene - Great ideas in inquiry for how we can look after our school!

Brodie, Harley - Working hard to improve bookwork and layout.

Darcy, Junoo - A huge improvement with blending and colouring in art.

Laylahnne - Welcome to Te Kete Aronui and Hokowhitu School!

Te Kete Tangaroa

Maggie - For creating an interesting piece of writing with engaging vocabulary!

Mason M - For sharing his learning about sentence types with the class - thank you for supporting TKT!

Dwanye G - For supporting our new learners in TKT with their maths mahi - Ngā mihi, Dwayne!

Max - For his kindness in TKT.

Ava K - For her fabulous sense of humour and tenacity!

Isabella - For her infectious love of learning.

Ruiling - For her growing confidence and belief in herself!

Tyler - For applying his learning of sentence types in his writing.

Anne - For always being kind and helping others to succeed.

Ted - For trying hard to use different sentence types in his writing.



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:

Crossroads



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

Special Prize:

Best story by a writer under 30 years of age

Entry Fee: \$15

Don't miss out on your chance to win!

Entry form:

<https://franklinwritersgroup.weebly.com/>

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ANNUAL
BOOK
SALE

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SCAN TO VIEW BOOK SALE LAYOUT

KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 2025

30 May 31 May

Friday 10AM - 8 PM Saturday 10AM - 6 PM

1 June 2 June

Sunday 10AM - 4 PM Monday 10AM - 2 PM

100,000+ Books

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Comics & more...

Barber/Bell Hall
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SATURDAY 31ST MAY
11 AM - 2 PM

BRING YOUR
WHANAU DOWN
FOR SOME
KAI,
GAMES,
LOLLIES,
AROHA,
AND FUN.



COME DOWN AND MEET THE TEAM THIS KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND AS WE LAUNCH AROHA 4 THE STREETS.