



HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 18 July 2025

Important Upcoming Events 2025

21 - 25 July	CanCan appeal City Mission - bring along a can if you can!
23 July	Y 5/6 Ki o rahi tournament for selected players QEC open night
24 July	9am School assembly, TKM sharing some of their learning. Everyone welcome St Peters open night
25 July	TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL IS CLOSED. Staff undertaking PLD in implementation of the new Mathematics curriculum
29 July	PNINS visit for Year 6's 5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom, everyone welcome. A great opportunity to learn more about the role of a board member Monrad Intermediate open night
1 August	House t-shirt day!
6 August	Kind Hearts Day for selected Year 5 ākonga Board nominations close
8 August	9am School assembly, TKP sharing some of their learning. Everyone welcome Mathex competition for selected Year 5/6 ākonga
11 - 15 August	Book week, selected activities each day to celebrate a love for reading
13 August	Ross Intermediate open day
20 August	RICOH sports tournament for selected players
22 August	9am School assembly, TKW sharing some of their learning. Everyone welcome 1.30pm Y 4-6 Poetry and Speech finals
29 August	Daffodil day, gold coin donation, wear yellow or green!
2 September	5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom, everyone welcome
4 September	Northern Cluster - Performing Arts Festival for selected ākonga

5 September	House t-shirt day
9 September	Ballot (if required) for out of zone enrolments for Terms 1 and 2 2026
11 September	Market day
15 - 21 September	Māori language week
19 September	9am School assembly, TKA sharing some of their learning Last day of Term 3



UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

Wishing everyone a very warm welcome to Term 3. A special welcome to the 15 new ākonga who have started this week, and our two new staff members - Mrs Julie Cranshaw (kaiako in TKM) and Mrs Marie Greig (our Office Manager). We are confident that you will be well supported as you find your way around. Nau mai haere mai - we are so pleased you have chosen to be part of our Hokowhitu School whānau.

Next week, our school will be supporting the Winter Can Can Appeal in partnership with the **City Mission** and **Palmerston North City Council**. This is an *optional* opportunity for our students and whānau to donate canned food items to help families in need this winter.

Each kete will set up a collection box in a visible spot for students to place their donations. Student councillors will collect the donations from each kete on Friday.

CHESS TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday 9 Hokowhitu ākonga competed in the Manawatu Primary Individual Chess Competition. Jamie, Alex, Ronav, Amos and Zareesh from TKT, Quinn from TKA, Jaxxon and Hunter from TKM and Roshni from TKP. All akonga represented the school well, with everyone getting wins on the board. The official results were Zareesh 3rd Female, Jaxxon 2nd overall and Jamie 1st overall. It was a great opportunity for all, and a well timed warm-up for the upcoming national finals. Thanks again to the parents who supported the event, and special thanks to Mr Evans for the stirring mahi to prepare these akonga for the competition.



ATTENDANCE IN THE LAST WEEK OF TERM 2

Unfortunately we didn't meet our winter target for attendance in Week 9, with 72% of the ākonga present for 90% or more of the week. Let's make a really big effort this term to get back to 78% or more - every day at school counts.

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.

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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



SPORTS

Sports available at Hokowhitu School for 2025

Look out for next week's newsletter for the opening of Volleyball!

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

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Te Kete Wakahuia

A big Hokowhitu and Waka Welcome to **Ocean, Thomas** and **Danyal**

Kaira - for sliding her sounds together to read words.

Achindra - for knowing the 9am morning routine

Reyansh - for great number sentences to 10

Ava - for super reading

Imogen - for your beautiful letter formation. Kā rawe.

Journey - for being a kind and caring friend.

Casey - for taking turns politely.

Melinesi - for creating a beautiful rainbow collage.

Te Kete Pounamu

A big welcome to **Lily** and her whānau who have joined TKP and Hokowhitu School this term.

Ahmad - For an amazing clay creation. Ka rawe

Freya - For settling in quickly into a new literacy group - Keep up the fantastic effort!

Hayze - For an amazing start to term 3 - You are a star!

Aryan - for creating an amazing clay waka. Tīno pai!

Zuhain - for being a focused learner in literacy and maths. Tīno pai!

Vivaan - for being a switched on learner in maths and literacy. Kā pai!

Riley - for being an amazing tidier in the creative zone. Ka rawe!

Hui-Tanguru - You are an amazingly helpful enviroteam member. Kā pai!

William - for contributing your knowledge during whole class learning. Tino pai!

Te Kete Manawa

Dontae - For showing great on task behaviour and listening well during class.

Alex - For doing great work with fractions and listening well to instructions.

Cara - For working hard and always trying your best.

Hiku - For making good choices and having a great start to Term 3.

Muhammad - For working hard with fractions and listening to instructions.

Clyde V - For being brave and sharing his exciting news.

Axel - Welcome to Hokowhitu School and Te Kete Manawa. We hope you have had a great first week.

Lucy - For a great effort with your word study rules and patterns.

Sienna - For a fantastic improvement in word study with the rules and patterns.

Te Kete Aronui

Jessica, Kinza - For excellent attention to detail presenting your Technological Taonga .

Joslyn - For your effort during our inquiry work discussions and for great presentation skills!

Tawhai - for sharing ideas and positively contributing in literacy.

Isaiah - for an excellent start to your P.A. responsibilities this term.

Romaan - for an amazing Inquiry poster title page.

Max & Brodie - For excellent presentation of your Technological Toanga art.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Welcome back! It has been lovely seeing all your bright smiling faces ready to start Term 3. Once again, we have a busy term ahead of us and we look forward to the learning journey ahead with you!

A special welcome to **Max, Maximus** and **Emma** who have joined us this term.



Winter Can Can Appeal

Next week, we're supporting the Winter Can Can Appeal with City Mission and Palmy City Council. This is an optional opportunity to help families in need by bringing in canned food. Each kete will have a collection box. Student councillors will collect all donations on Friday. A small can, can make a big difference!

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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Wanna make a noise this year?
In the best possible way!

Give brass playing a go in 2025....
Term 3
\$100 for 10 weeks group tuition
(everything included)
Ages 8+

No music experience needed!
Monday Nights 5.30pm - 6.00pm

Get in touch...
palmybrass@gmail.com

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Term 3 Registrations Open Now!

Starting, Sunday 20th July 2025

* No sessions on public holiday weekends

Sunday Sessions

Yrs1/2 **mini** 9am –9:45am

Yrs3/4 **junior** 10am–11am



Yrs5/6 **pro** 11.15am–12:45pm

Yrs7-10 **all star** 1pm –2:30pm

Teaching Gym

Massey University

Orchard Road
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Palmerston North

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Register online at www.bounceacademy.nz

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New Adult Students

First Term FREE!!

LOCATION: Hokowhitu School Hall
Albert St, Palmerston North

TIMES: Tuesday/Friday, Juniors 6:00-7:00pm
Adults 7:00-8:00pm

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