



HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th September 2025

Important Upcoming Events 2025

19 September	Last day of Term 3. School closes at 3pm for the term break
6 October	8.50am School opens for Term 4 School SUN HATS must be worn when outdoors from today. Sorry - no hat, no play! Calendar art order forms come home today
10 October	Reports come home in school bags today
13 /14/15 October	Class/ kete/individual/sibling photos being taken over these days If you'd like a photo taken with siblings here at school, please complete the form that came home in school bags last week. This MUST be returned before the photographer arrives on the 13/10.
15/16 October	5.30 - 6.30pm Celebrating Learning Evenings 15 October -Surnames A- L , 16 October - Surnames M - Z
17 October	Final day for calendar/diary/notebook/fridge magnet art orders to be returned
21 October	5.30pm Board meeting - in the staffroom. Everyone welcome
23 October	NZEI (the Teacher's union) have called all primary teachers to strike on this day. More detail to be released regarding this early next term
23/24 October	Year 4 sleepover and Ngā Manu visit
27 October	Labour Day public holiday, <u>School is closed</u>
30 October	TKW trip to the Michelle Robinson performance of The Magic Lamp

IMPORTANT
DATES



UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou,

Sincere thanks to Fulton Hogan for their generous donation of new road cones to support our traffic management/road patrollers at the school gate. Our patrollers do a fantastic job in all weather conditions - and they really need to have good visibility to ensure they are making safe decisions about when to put their signs out. They cannot make safe decisions if cars are parked over yellow lines or in driveways.



ASSESSMENT, SCHOOL REPORTS AND CELEBRATING LEARNING

The teaching team has completed another round of assessment and are currently completing your child's second written report. We have adjusted our assessment and reporting schedule this year to enable us to have Term 4 to revisit any gaps or consolidate concepts before the end of the year.

This report will come home at the end of the first week of next term.

The Ministry of Education has issued statements to let everyone know that the new curriculum expectations in literacy and numeracy have changed - MORE is being expected of the ākonga.

This means that some teacher judgments about below/at/above expectations may differ from previous years, simply because teachers are working hard to bring the learners up to the new expectations. This is along with introducing concepts that they have not been taught previously.

THIS DOES NOT MEAN YOUR CHILD HAS 'GONE BACKWARDS' OR 'STOPPED LEARNING'. The goal posts have been shifted and so it is more challenging to be 'at' or 'above' expectation at the appropriate year level.

As usual we will follow up with open evenings to 'celebrate learning' the week after reports have been issued. We hope that you can come along on one of these nights and take the opportunity to view learning and chat with staff.

SUN HATS

Our school policy requires that all tamariki wear our regulation navy blue bucket sunhat in Terms 4 and 1 of each year. The NZ sun is fierce and sunburn can be most uncomfortable and sometimes dangerous.

Now is the time to check the drawers and make sure you have the hat ready for the beginning of next term.

Sunhats are available for purchase from the school office for \$15.00 (or alternatively from Academy Apparel) if you need one. We have hats in stock right now.



BOARD ELECTIONS

Congratulations to the elected members of the school board who took office on Wednesday.

Ewan Westergaard, Philip Steer and Villi Tosi are returning parent representatives. They welcome fellow parent representatives Scott Sherer and Natasha Thornton, along with Hilary Salter who is the new staff representative. Our kura has been blessed with an excellent governance team over the years, and I am sure this team will continue the trend.

CALENDAR ORDERS

A reminder that Calendar Art, notebooks, cards, and fridge magnets (all great Christmas presents) will be available for viewing and ordering in the first two weeks of Term 4. Every child has done a special piece that has their name and age on it - a great keepsake and gift. These will be printed and distributed to families in Week 8, term 4.

CHEERLEADING COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following tamariki who competed in a cheerleading competition in Auckland last weekend: Neave D, Willow W, Zia C, Isla H, Darcy T, Darcy C and Bailey C. They represented Zero Gravity Cheerleading and all came home proudly wearing medals! Ka mau te wehi, e mihi nui ki a koutou.

GOOD LUCK TO THE CHESS TEAM

Our chess team are 'on their way' to the National Championships being held in Christchurch this weekend. Ka mau te wehi Alex, Jamie, Ronav and Quinn. Safe travels and have fun. We are proud of you all.

END OF TERM WHOLE SCHOOL REWARD

Thanks to everyone who earned STRIVE vouchers this term. This meant we were able to celebrate with a pyjama day today. What a fun way to finish term 3!



Wishing everyone a safe and happy term break. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, 6th October.

Ngā mihi kia koutou,
Lin Dixon

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Te Kete Wakahuia

To all of Waka Iti - you have had a fabulous first term at school, making new friends, showing kindness, trying new things and all showing STRIVE. Ka pai!

Nevaeh-Leigh - for being a great helper tidying up the classroom.

Oliver - for working hard in literacy to blend sounds together to read words.

Ocean - for beginning to learn his sounds

Celine - for working so hard on your writing. Tino pai.

Aaravdeep - for reading with fluency and expression. Kā pai.

Yoona - for independent writing. Tino pai.



Te Kete Pounamu

Tū meke TKP!

We have had such a fun term with lots of new learning and growing. Thank you all for showing STRIVE in everything you do. Your kaiako are very proud of each and every one of you. Have a fantastic holiday with your whānau. Be kind to each other and we will see you back ready for term 4!

Te Kete Manawa

Ngā mihi nui ki a ākonga - TKM what a fantastic term it has been. You all have continued to step up throughout the term through your participation and engagement in the classroom, assessment, poetry competitions, House meetings, cricket sessions, and Market Day to name a few. You definitely deserve a break with whānau and friends. Make the most of it and we will see you Term 4 for another jam packed term.

Te Kete Aronui

Te Kekerewai - For your excellent work and attitude in Maths workshops.

Paikea - For reading with fluency and sharing your ideas around what you have read.

Romaan - For excellent work on your 3D isometric shapes and volume in maths workshops.

Inwoo, Freddie, Ali - For creating 3D shapes to show centimetres cubed!

Ranvir - For being diligent and focused in literacy time.

Ameerah - For excellent effort with your calendar art.

Te Kete Tangaroa

TKT Thanks everyone for a great Term 3. You have all done an amazing job with Inquiry, Book Week, Ki o Rahi, Ricoh and Market Day. We appreciate all of your positive and enthusiastic contributions that you made over the term. Have a great break and we will see you in two weeks.

Special Market Day mention to:

Nerf Guys - for the highest percentage profit of 1640%

Rylan, Joel, A-jay, Luca, and Max R

Fairy Floss Factory - for the highest profit of \$221

Bailey, Edward, Rory & Mila P



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 **School cell phone** (txt or phone) - 027 357 9021

App - See how to download the App here: <https://hokowhituprimary.apps.school.nz/>

SPORT

Sports available at Hokowhitu School for 2025

All term 4 sports are now closed.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Netball - Years 5 & 6	Basketball - Years 3 - 6	Futsal - Years 3 - 6 Registration closed	Summer Soccer - Years 0 - 6 Registration closed
Summer Hockey - Years 1 - 6	Winter Hockey - Years 1 - 6	Badminton - Years - 4, 5 & 6 Registration closed	Netball - Years 0 - 6 Registration closed
Badminton - Years 5 & 6		Volleyball - Years 4,5& 6 Registration closed.	Summer Hockey - Years 0 - 6 Registration closed
			Touch Rugby - Years 0 - 6 Registration closed
		Summer Soccer - Registration closed	Volleyball Years 4, 5 & 6 T-Ball - Under 7s and under 9s Registration closed
<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>



THE EGG PROJECT



How to order:

- Jump onto the website www.theeggproject.co.nz
- Click up the top on the blue bit where it asks if you have a unique code.
- Use the code SCH-003 at to sign up, select what eggs you want as a one off or set up a subscription, confirm and pay.
- If you need help with anything—ordering, subscriptions, or just want to talk eggs—flick me an email. I'm just sitting here chatting with the eggs anyway (they're great listeners, but not so hot on tech support). Pip@theeggproject.co.nz

Hokowhitu School has fundraised more than \$2254.00 so far by having whānau purchase these eggs. Along with being so fresh, the eggs are also much cheaper than the equivalent at the supermarket.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



🌟 SCHOOL HOLIDAY BAKING CHALLENGE 🍰

HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT BAKES?

- ✓ Learn to bake 3 delicious recipes these school holidays.
- ✓ FREE fun from the comfort of your own home.
- ✓ \$200 worth of prizes to give away!
- ✓ Suitable for all ages and skill levels.



Tue 30th Sep to
Thur 2nd October



REGISTER NOW:

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aPlus School Holiday Programme, Spring 2025

Hokowhitu School - 227 Albert St, PNth-22nd September- 3rd October 2025



EXPLORERS 7 YEARS & UP From \$38.00 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

Mon 22nd Sep	Tue 23rd Sep	Wed 24th Sep	Thu 25th Sep	Fri 26th Sep
IS IT PISA OR PIZZA \$38.00 Italy is famous for it's Leaning Tower of Pisa and its delicious Pizza. We are making our own tower AND our own Pizza!!	MOVIES \$40.00 Make popcorn, divide up the goodies, take a piece of fruit and a drink then we are off to the movies!! What will the movie be - suggestions welcome!!	FEEL THE BEAT \$38.00 Lots of junk here today, BECAUSE we are going to make sound, rock out the beat and become the Hokowhitu JUNKBAND!	TEN PIN BOWLING \$43.00 Get your bowling shoes on & off we go! Hot up those lanes and challenge yourself & your friends.	COOL SCIENCE \$38.00 Serious experiments that drip, grow, flow and fascinate!! Try your hand at everything for a great day.
Mon 29th Sep	Tue 30th Sep	Wed 1st Oct	Thu 2nd Oct	Fri 3rd Oct
GRANNY PANTS \$38.00 OK, stop laughing, this is a very serious day. Just kidding, we are going to catch as many beach balls, ping pong balls and balloons, as we can - in our GRANNY PANTS	FINDING OUR WAY \$43.00 Here is a map, a compass and a Leader - here is your starting point and off you go!! There are points along the way for you to find and hand in for prizes at the end.	DON'T DROP THE TOP \$38.00 There are so many things you can make with bottle tops, lids, and covers. Design something at home and then we will see if we can make it here today!	FRAMED \$38.00 Make your own frames to take home today. We will take photos of you and your friends, print them off so you can put them in your new frames.	THE ROBOTIC FARM \$48.00 The incredible Robotic Farm where the cows decide when they get milked - then we are off to the Coach House to see the live Crustacean display. OLD SHOES TODAY <<COW POOP>>

AWATEA 9 YEARS & UP From \$40.00 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

Mon 22nd Sep	Tue 23rd Sep	Wed 24th Sep	Thu 25th Sep	Fri 26th Sep
POSNEG INSECT WORLD \$40.00 A design activity which looks at the positive & negative of the insects in our gardens.	MOVIES \$44.00 Make popcorn, divide up the goodies, take a piece of fruit and a drink then we are off to the movies!! What will the movie be - suggestions welcome!!	DOWN TO THE BONE \$40.00 Under all our skin, there are bones that hold us up. Let's take a closer look at our bones & learn a new dance with the "Five Skeletons Went out one night"	THE CAVE \$65.00 The place for cutting-edge virtual reality experiences, intense VR escape rooms, action-packed activities all over the place!	RASE HASEN \$40.00 Flying rabbits, you might think NOT! But come along and try our flying rabbits, you will totally enjoy making and flying them!!!
Mon 29th Sep	Tue 30th Sep	Wed 1st Oct	Thu 2nd Oct	Fri 3rd Oct
BLACKOUT \$40.00 What is a blackout activity - it is all about redacting portions of text, artwork and re-making it with a different meaning! Try it blindfolded!!	THE YUMMY TOUR \$45.00 This is the day we get in the van & visit the best lolly places in town. We might even duck over to Fielding where we've heard there is one over there too!	THE CHILD WHO BIT PICASSO \$38.00 Picasso was a famous artist - but his way of seeing things or people was unique - give it a go but don't bite anyone.	NEWTONS CRADLE \$40.00 If you would like to see what a Newtons Cradle looks like, come along and we will make one!	THE ROBOTIC FARM \$48.00 The incredible Robotic Farm where the cows decide when they get milked - then we are off to the Coach House to see the live Crustacean display. OLD SHOES TODAY <<COW POOP>>

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SMALL FRY - AGES 5 & 6 \$28.50 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

Mon 22nd Sep	Tue 23rd Sep	Wed 24th Sep	Thu 25th Sep	Fri 26th Sep
BOO HOO \$28.50 Line up for Rainbow Bubble Snakes, the Mashed Potato game and then get rid of that Hot Potato!!	BURST INTO SPRING \$28.50 Spring is here and if there is sunshine, we will be outside enjoying it - craft, art, games and loads of fun for all.	TIE DYE FLAGS \$28.50 We are going to capture all the colours of the rainbow in our flags today - take them home to decorate your room!!	CHALK THE WALK \$28.50 Make your own chalk-board to take home, then armed with chalk we are off to mark out our game field. Let the games begin!	BAGS IT \$28.50 We are making bean bags, taking home slime & playdough in bags, playing cornhole in bags, playing cornhole with bags - it's a totally Bags IT day!
Mon 29th Sep	Tue 30th Sep	Wed 1st Oct	Thu 2nd Oct	Fri 3rd Oct
WHO'S GOT THE GRUMPS \$28.50 Grumpy Monkey is always grumpy, but we will be having too much fun to be grumpy	ALL THE COLOURS \$28.50 Rainbow painting with rolling pins, experimenting with Skittles, and a Rainbow Recipe Book	SCRATCH IT \$28.50 No we are not scratching each other - we're having a go at creating our own Scratch art. Just in case we also have Crowns and Cat Masks to scratch our own unique patterns on!	WINDY WANDERERS \$28.50 Wild Wind Wheels, Sock Games, Fireworks in a Jar - then did someone say Red Rover??	TRIPLE PLAY \$28.50 What do hedgehogs and hats have in common? While you are working that out, enjoy our quirky relay races, remember it is all about fun!!

HOLIDAY FUN 7 YEARS & UP \$33.00 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

Mon 22nd Sep	Tue 23rd Sep	Wed 24th Sep	Thu 25th Sep	Fri 26th Sep
BRICK BUILDERS BASH \$33.00 Let's see what we can build out of a box of connecting bricks - an otter, a fish, a house? It's fun and a competition with prizes!	EXPERIMENTS IN THE LAB \$33.00 If the day is fine, let's take our Lab outside. Then we can play with the Elephants toothpaste and other experiments!!	ANYONE FOR SPACE \$33.00 If anyone is interested, we are thinking of space and how we can get there. How do rockets get into the air?	LLAMA DRAMA \$33.00 Llama's are dramatic creatures, but they also like to have fun. So get your gear on and off we go!!!	DON'T EAT CASPER \$33.00 If you choose the right place on the game correctly, you can enjoy some tasty delights but pick the wrong one and you are OUT?
Mon 29th Sep	Tue 30th Sep	Wed 1st Oct	Thu 2nd Oct	Fri 3rd Oct
CHOCO FLIES \$33.00 These are the best kinds of flies - choco flies!! Delicious for a sunny Spring day. We are making other treats today as well.	SHAVING IT CLOSE \$33.00 Shaving looks easy, but you have to use the razor gently. Too much and there is a bang, someone gets a fright and you have to start again!	DON'T NEED BUG SPRAY \$33.00 We are making our own environmentally friendly bug spray, I wonder if it will work?	SEE WHAT WE CAN SEA \$33.00 We see the waves, but we cannot see what is under the sea - until now!	TOSSING THE CABER \$33.00 Our own version of the Highland Games - tossing the caber, tug of war, drag the trolley, dance to the highland music!

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aPlus Out of School Care - Afternoon Tea Champion

aPlus Out of School Care is looking for a friendly and reliable person to join our team as an **Afternoon Tea Champion**.

Hours: 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm (weekdays, during term time and school holidays depending on availability).

Location: At our After School Care programmes

Role includes:

- Preparing afternoon tea for children
- Helping serve food and snacks
- Tidying and washing up the kitchen area

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out of school

This role is perfect for someone who would like to spend an hour a day working in a child-friendly environment, is organised in the kitchen, and wants to be part of a supportive team. **If this sounds like you, we'd love to hear from you!**

Contact us at admin@aplus.kiwi.nz



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Daylight savings begins that night, and so does the countdown to get your vote in for the local elections. If you're not enrolled yet, you can do a special vote on the day. Just bring your photo ID.

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Saturday 27 September from 2 – 5pm | Te Marae o Hine – The Square

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