



HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 1 August 2025

Important Upcoming Events 2025

6 August	Kind Hearts Day for selected Year 5 ākonga School board nominations close at noon today
8 August	9am School assembly, TKP sharing some of their learning. Everyone welcome Mathex competition for selected Year 5/6 ākonga Orienteering champs for selected Year 6 ākonga
11 - 15 August	Book week, selected activities each day to celebrate a love for reading
13 August	Ross Intermediate open day
15 August NEW ITEM	Mufti (non uniform) or 'dress as your favourite book character' day. A fundraising day to support our chess team in their travel and accommodation for the National competition. Please bring along a cash donation.
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
27 August NEW ITEM	Kapa Haka Mini Fest at PNINS for Y 3 - 6 kapa haka roopu
29 August	Daffodil day, gold coin donation, wear yellow or green!
1 September NEW ITEM	Market Day - the ākonga will be selling items/goods/activities that they have made within their kete. More details to come
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

It was great to see so many new faces at this week's board meeting. Thank you for your interest.

Please remember that nominations close next Wednesday 6 August at noon, so ensure you have your nomination (and optionally, a short statement of up to 400 words and/or a photo), in by that time if you decide to stand for election. This form can be delivered to the office, or emailed directly to the returning officer.

Our kura has been extremely well served by both our current board members and others' in past years. Their commitment to sagely govern has been a key part in the success of our kura over a number of years. "Ko koutou ngā whetū katoa" - you are all stars!!!

ATTENDANCE

What another fantastic achievement with attendance last week. We had 82% of our tamariki attend school for 90% of the week. Again, this exceeded our winter target!

We celebrated with an extended morning tea time earlier in the week. Keep it up everyone.

CITY MISSION - CANS PROJECT

Yesterday 2 members of the City Mission came along and collected the cans that had generously been donated in the recent appeal. Please see below for the report written by some of our Student Councillors.

Last week, we joined the City Mission and Palmerston North City Council in the Can Can appeal. We collected a total of 248 cans! Ka pai to mahi, Hokowhitu school!

Here are some photos of the Student Council loading our donations to the City Mission Chairperson, Andrew Carson, and City Missioner, Rev Dr Franco Vaccarino.

- Minoos Hong



KIND HEARTS DAY/ORIENTEERING CHAMPS AND MATHEX COMPETITION

We have selected Year 5 and 6 ākonga representing our kura at each of these events next week. Sincere thanks to the kaiako and parents who have supported these teams by training them, or helping out with supervision or transport for the event.

Nāku noa, nā

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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

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 Registration coming up soon	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		Volleyball - Years 4,5& 6 Registration is open now!	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

Volleyball Year 4, 5 & 6 2025

\$40.00

Volleyball is being offered in term 4 this year for years 4, 5 & 6 students.

Term 4 Dates: WEDNESDAYS

October: 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

November: 5th, 12th, 19th

This change to Wednesdays is to help with any clashes with other summer sports.

Venue: Central Energy Trust Arena 3

Game Time: Wednesdays, 3:45–5:00pm (7 weeks of play)

Games will now be 30 minutes. 13 minutes game play, 4 minute break, 13 minute gameplay.

Scoring rules: 3 sets to 25. We have made this change to more closely mimic the transition into intermediate level games.

Fee for season is \$40 per player (Doesn't include uniform hire)

Registrations will close on 29th August 12pm (unless teams fill up prior).

NO late entries will be accepted.

If you need a uniform, please make sure you put the Uniform Hire option in your cart.

Any questions please email Carlee Hodge or Stacey Tayler c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz s.tayler@hokowhitu.school.nz



Basketball Finals!

The Hokowhitu Jets had a great season, the boys should be very proud of being the undefeated champions!
A big thank you also to Justin for coaching.

The Hokowhitu Celtics did really well this season and managed to tie in 3rd place. We have some great little shooters in the team. Thank you Merian for coaching



Hokowhitu Jets



Hokowhitu Celtics



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Te Kete Wakahuia

Wishing **Aquila** a very warm welcome to Waka Iti. We have loved having you join our classroom.

To **Ellie, Gemma, Alexander** and **Sanumi** for fantastic predicting during Science.

Waka don't forget oral language starts next week.

Te Paia - for your beautiful letter formation. Ataahua.

Zac - for your confidence in sharing your jokes and nursery rhymes at oral language time. Tino pai.

Calvin - for writing sentences independently. Ka Pai!

Mizgine - for excellent reading and writing. Tino Pai!

Te Kete Pounamu

Evie - Wow Evie! You are producing wonderful work in your writing - Tino pai

Mila - It has been great to hear you contributing to workshop discussions - Ka rawe!

Everly - For taking on feedback and trying hard every day to improve and build on your knowledge!

Remy - For fantastic improvement in your reading - your whānau have noticed. Ka pai!

Arlo - For speedy recall of addition facts at maths follow up. He whetū koe!

Qawi - For sharing your knowledge with the class using the pointer on the TV screen at maths.

Deekyn - You have special word search skills. Way to find our word study rules!

Zayn - for always being a 'switched on' learner. Ka pai!

Lucia - for being an enthusiastic musician and keeping to the beat. Tino pai!

Te Kete Manawa

Ava - For being positive and having a, 'I am a mathematician attitude'.

Ayson - For making great contributions to our reading group session.

Hanoch - For working hard creating combinations to 10 in maths.

Abel - For thinking of some clever ideas when writing an acrostic poem about Hokowhitu School.

Zara - For making an effort to form your letters with the correct size.

Aadarsh - For doing great thinking and sharing about your cultural taonga.

Liana - For thinking of some great sentence starters when writing an acrostic poem.

Nitmen - For thinking of some clever ideas when writing an acrostic poem about Hokowhitu School.

Emma - For working so hard during Maths. I love how you share your ideas and thinking with your peers

Te Kete Aronui

Annie - for writing an amazing haiku poem.

Paxton - for writing an amazing haiku poem.

Griffin - for awesome focus and enthusiasm in your model boat construction.

Aliza - For leading a group task and doing a great job.

Antonella - For quick recall with times tables.

Quinn - For being a responsible and reliable office duty person.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Skye - For her effort and attention in writing - keep it up!

Aarush - For always being a dependable and thoughtful member of TKT - we are so lucky to have you with us!

Afokula - For her kindness to new friends and trying new things like orienteering

Harry - For his persistence when researching and planning for speech writing. We are excited to see what you create!

Rory - For coming back to school with a hiss and a roar and throwing himself into mathex!

Hohua - For a great start to his speech writing!

Emma - For trying new things and giving orienteering a go, tino pai!

Leon - For his amazing enthusiasm and attitude during mathex training

Maia - For her focus and attention whilst planning for speech writing. You are a superstar!

Amos - For his fantastic team work and leadership skills, particularly in mathex. Tino pai, Amos!

A yellow poster for 'The Egg Project' fundraiser. At the top left is a logo with 'THE EGG PROJECT' and 'all things good' below it. The central image shows a woven basket of brown eggs on a wooden surface, with one egg cracked open next to it. Below the image, the text 'JOIN THE EGG PROJECT FUNDRAISER TODAY!' is written in large, bold, black letters. Underneath, two price options are listed: 'FREE RANGE DOZEN - \$9.50' and 'CERTIFIED ORGANIC DOZEN \$11.50'. Further down, smaller text provides details about ordering: 'SET UP A SUBSCRIPTION OR ORDER YOUR EGGS ON THE WEBSITE BEFORE TUESDAY AND THEY WILL BE READY FOR COLLECTION FROM THE OFFICE ON THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL. WE WILL GIVE THE SCHOOL BACK \$1.00 PER DOZEN.' Below this, the unique code 'SCH-003' is displayed. At the bottom, the website 'WWW.THEEGGPROJECT.CO.NZ' is written in large, bold, black letters. The poster is decorated with stylized egg illustrations in the corners.

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 \$2176.00 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.

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

A poster for a 'POETRY COMPETITION'. The title is in large, bold, black letters on a pink and blue background. Above the title, there are illustrations of hands writing. The Manawatu Literacy Association logo is in the top left. Below the title, it says 'Calling all writing champions! To celebrate International Literacy Day on September 8th we want you to write a poem and enter it in our competition. Theme: WONDER'. There is a yellow circle with 'PRIZES FOR EACH CATEGORY!'. To the right, it says 'ENTRIES CLOSE SEPTEMBER 19TH' and 'WINNERS ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 10TH, TERM 4'. Below that, it lists 'CATEGORIES: YEAR 1-3, YEAR 4-6, YEAR 7-8, YEAR 9-10' and 'Poems in English or i te Reo Māori welcome'. At the bottom, it says 'How to Enter: email to manawatuliteracy@nzla.org.nz. All entries must be saved as PDFs and named with student name, year level, and school.' A small note at the very bottom says 'PLEASE NOTE THAT THE USE OF GENERATIVE AI TOOLS IS NOT ALLOWED. WORK MUST BE ORIGINAL HUMAN CREATIVITY.'

A colorful poster for the 'MANAWATU CRAFT & FOOD FAIR'. The title is in large, bold, black letters with a pink outline. Above it, it says 'PALMERSTON NORTH'. Below the title, there is an illustration of a fair stall with various items like pottery, candles, and food. To the right, a date box says 'SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST 10AM TO 3PM'. Below the stall, it lists 'JEWELLERY • ART • HOME BAKING • POTTERY • FOOD • CLOTHING • WOOD CRAFTS • WALL ART • CANDLES • LOLLIES • SOAPS ETC'. There is a red box with 'plus RAFFLE'. At the bottom, there is a logo for 'Manawatu Craft and Food Fair' and a small illustration of a food truck. The website 'WWW.MANAWATUCRAFTANDFOODFAIR.CO.NZ' is at the very bottom.

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www.karate.org.nz
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

CONTACT: Clayton. 021-2082-012
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