

Friday 31st Oct 2025

Upcoming Events

1 November	Kapa haka performance in the Square (opening Diwali Mela) - 5pm
4 November	Vision and Hearing Visit (New Entrants who have not had/ completed their B4 School Check & Children who have no previous record.)
5 November	Performance by the IPU drum team (thanks to the Fang whānau who won our school this performance)
6 November	9am Years 4 - 6 athletic sports (postponement date is 10 November)
13 November	6pm start - TKW ball. See separate notice that has come home
14 November	9am Whole school assembly TKP sharing some of their learning. Everyone welcome. Last day for Scholastic Orders.
16 November	School Photos. Free delivery is available for all orders placed before Midnight on Sunday.
21 November	House t-shirt day
25 November	Y1 - 3 fundamental skills display (postponement 27 November) 5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom - everyone welcome
28 November	9am Whole school assembly - TKT sharing some of their learning, Everyone welcome
9 December save this date	5.00pm Christmas carnival 6.00pm Prizegiving 7.00pm Year 6 graduation
15 December	1.45pm Transition in 2026 classrooms
16 December	12.45pm Classes finish for 2025

Update from the principal

Kia ora koutou,

Let's hope the recent variable weather is soon behind us - it has certainly been unpredictable and challenging over this month. As the senior ākonga prepare for athletic sports next week, we really could do with some fine days!



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT

Following advertising and shortlisting, the appointments team met with several 'high calibre' candidates early this week. We are pleased to be able to let you know that Ms Kathryn Wills has accepted the deputy principal's position - effective from Term 1 of 2026. Kat is currently a team leader at PNINS, and she comes highly recommended for both her leadership skills and excellent classroom practice. We look forward to formally welcoming Ms Wills in the new year.

TE KETE WAKAHUIA (TKW) EXCURSION TO THE GLOBE THEATRE

Yesterday the whole of TKW got to travel on the bus and attend a performance of 'The Magic Lamp' - a show presented by members of the Michelle Robinson Dance Studio. I've already seen a fantastic piece of writing from an enthusiastic writer in Huia - her favourite part was when the 'blue genie came out'. For some children, the bus ride was a highlight in itself.

Thanks to the staff and whānau who assisted with supervision and support.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend. To anyone heading into the square to celebrate Diwali tomorrow evening - have a fabulous time.

Ngā mihi kia nui,
Lin Dixon
Tumuaki/Principal





Atawhai Awards



At this morning's assembly, the following people were recognised for showing atawhai (kindness) towards others at our kura.

TKW: Toby - You show kindness through your actions — for example, by pointing out where someone should be in their maths book, putting equipment away, reminding others how to finish a task, or taking someone to the sick bay when they need help.

TKP: Shay - We are so lucky that you joined our Hokowhitu School family last year and are now a super role model in TKP. You always display wonderful manners and atawhai towards your peers and teachers. You always help those who are in need of assistance or if they need a kind friend to comfort them. Shay, you strive to be the best you can be in all areas of school and listen very carefully to instructions so you know what is expected of you. Your kind, gentle manner is so appreciated in our kete. He whētu koe!

TKM: Alex - Has wonderful qualities including atawhai, diligence and a positive attitude to everything. He quietly gets on with work and strives to do his best. He is always willing to share if someone needs to borrow something such as stationery or share his ideas in group sessions. Alex is a great friend who is respected by his peers. He is always polite and friendly to adults and classmates alike. Alex, thank you for always showing atawhai!

TKA: Isaiah - Is a calm and positive influence in our kete. He brings a genuine caring for others and nurtures his friendships with aroha. Isaiah is reliable and trustworthy and offers to help out around the kete with jobs and clean ups. Isaiah works well with a wide range of children within the kete and her never complains or spreads negativity. He is a positive vibes only kid!! We love having you in our kete Isaiah.

TKT: Donnacha - Is a deserving recipient of the atawhai award. He shows care and consideration for others, treating everyone with respect and kindness. Donnacha enjoys taking on responsibility and can always be relied upon to make good decisions. He has a neat sense of humour and brings joy and positivity to those around him. Thank you Donnacha, for being a valued and much-appreciated member of TKT.

STAFF: Mrs Orr - Mrs Orr shows atawhai by helping us out with her seemingly endless supply of connections! When we need to contact someone to get something nice for anyone (e.g. social club), she knows who to contact and just gets on and does it. Thanks for showing atawhai in this way Tracey.



Achievement Awards



Te Kete Wakahuia

Ira - Great job Ira. You are listening carefully to sounds in words to spell and write words. Ka rawe!

Taiamoni - Awesome work Taiamoni. You are working hard to blend sounds together to read words.

Charlie - Great to see you being a fantastic buddy on our school trip and an awesome member of the audience. Ka pai Charlie!

Clara - for great rhythm in dance

Gemma - for being a great role model during dance

Reyansh - for showing enthusiasm when learning our dances for the ball

Achindra - for being an awesome audience member during the magic lamp

Xavier - for working so hard on your basic facts! Kā rawe.

Celine - for trying hard to use expression when reading. Kā pai.

Olive - for excellent writing about the Magic Lamp trip. Kā rawe.

Casey - for excellent writing about the Magic Lamp trip. Kā rawe.

Te Kete Pounamu

Karen - for your informative and expressive writing - Kā rawe

Sebastian - for being an excellent active listener and role model to others on the mat!

Jack - for showing 'E' for enthusiasm in everything you do! We love your energy!!

Sia - for the kaitiakitanga that you show for our kura while helping at Enviro Team. Ka mau te pai.

Cyrus - for being confident to talk like a mathematician while using the pointer on our big screen. Tino pai!

Everly - for being a motivated and organised learner. Ka mau te wehi!

Lucy - for being so helpful in the classroom. You use your initiative at tidy up times and always volunteer to do extra jobs. Ka pai!

Hazel - Welcome to Hokowhitu School. We know you will have fun!

Manha - You are a kind and gentle friend for our tamariki in TKP. Ka pai!

Te Kete Manawa

Benny - For a great effort developing your understanding of improper and mixed fractions.

Muhammad - For great listening in math and completing tasks correctly.

Unga - For working hard in math and attempting more challenging tasks.

Blake - For working hard on the presentation of your work, especially during handwriting; ensuring your letters are the correct size and sitting on the line.

Alex - For working really hard on learning spelling rules and patterns then applying them in dictation.

Hunter - For taking responsibility for your learning and opting into workshops.

Louis - For a great effort adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator in maths.

Liana - For making an effort with your spelling and applying the code rules to your writing

Darcy - For a great effort adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator in maths.

Te Kete Aronui

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Pen Licences this week:

Eugene, Anna S, Huatahi, Tyson, Antonella, James, Avyaan, Isla H, Daeun, Aditya, Ava S.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Jamie - For showing determination and curiosity in maths - Tino pai!

Anne - For an outstanding effort practising for athletics

Shahzain - For always having a positive, gentle and kind nature in TKT

Imogen D - Excellent vocabulary work during our novel study.

Harry - Outstanding work in maths work exploring volume and capacity

Chase - For showing sportsmanship during sport and break times, especially while playing football. Keep it up!

Amos - For showing integrity at break times, especially while playing football. Keep it up!

Jordyn - For being a kind and thoughtful member of our class. You are a valuable member of TKT!



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.

Coaches - If you would like to send through any player of the day's, photos or a summary of any of the games for the newsletter, we love to celebrate and share those in the newsletter. Please send through to office@hokowhitu.school.nz

Volleyball

Our game this week vs Cloverlea was a super exciting game, with the second set going to a tie breaker. We are improving every week, and getting some good rallies going. Ka pai team. Well done to **Mason** who was our player of the day!

Catherine ~ (Coach)



Hockey

This week's game was tough as we unfortunately took a loss. We struggled with the way the game played out. However, we soldiered through, kept our spirits high and continued to talk to each other on and off the turf.

So proud of all of you! Your teamwork and determination didn't go unnoticed.

This week's player of the day goes to **Isla**. Her defence was on point and she was always right up there ready to tackle. Well done Isla!

~ Nicole (Coach, Hokowhitu Hitters)



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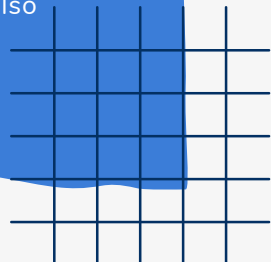
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- If you need help with anything—ordering, subscriptions, or just want to talk eggs—flick me an email. I'm just sitting here chatting with the eggs anyway (they're great listeners, but not so hot on tech support). Pip@theeggproject.co.nz

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

Manawatu ABCD Badminton Champs 2025

- Sat 22 & Sun 23 Nov
- CET Arena 4 (B&M Centre)
- Singles, Doubles & Mixed events in each grade (A, B, C, D)
- Singles & Doubles events on Saturday
- Mixed Doubles on Sunday (plus any remaining matches from Saturday)
- \$30 for your first event, another \$25 for two events, and another \$25 for a third event
- Entry is online only: <https://bnz.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/17B8AB96-1A47-4077-9E2C-F90EF865FF24>
- Entries close Sat 8 Nov, 11:59pm

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2025**
CET ARENA

**SAT 22
SUN 23
NOV**
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ENTRIES ONLINE ONLY VIA
TOURNAMENT SOFTWARE
CONTACT CASSANDRA FOR MORE INFO:
EVENTS@MANAWATUBADMINTON.ORG.NZ

GRADE A	GRADE B
Senior & Masters Reps u17 & u19 Reps TNBL Grade 1 & 2 Top club players	Vet & Super-Vet Reps u15 & u17 Reps TNBL Grade 2 Experienced players
GRADE C	GRADE D
u13 & u15 Reps TNBL Grade 3 & 4 Social club players Advanced school comp players Parents and siblings of reps	Development Squad players TNBL Grade 5 Beginner club players Beginner parents and siblings of reps

BADMINTON ABCD Champs, What Grade Am I? ATU
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Important Health Notice Measles case in Aotearoa

Measles in Manawātū - advice from Health NZ

You may be aware that there have been recent measles exposures in Manawātū.
Please Click the link for more information [Measles Information Sheet](#).



FUTURE TURBOS & FUTURE CYCLONES

WHEN: WEDNESDAYS

5TH, 12TH, 19TH NOVEMBER

TIME: 4:30-5:30PM

WHERE: CET ARENA, FIELD 3

AGE: 7-13 YEARS OLD

COST: FREE



Fill in the form to register interest



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REBECCAA@MANAWATURUGBY.CO.NZ



TINY TURBOS & TINY CYCLONES

WHEN: WEDNESDAYS

5TH, 12TH, 19TH NOVEMBER

TIME: 3:30-4:30PM

WHERE: CET ARENA, FIELD 3

AGE: 3-6 YEARS OLD

COST: FREE



Fill in the form to register interest



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