



HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 22 August 2025

Important Upcoming Events 2025

23 August	Jump jam competition for selected teams
22 August	9am School assembly, TKW sharing some of their learning. Everyone welcome 1.30pm Y 4-6 Poetry and Speech finals
27 August	Kapa Haka Mini Fest at PNINS for Y 3 - 6 kapa haka roopu
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
10 September	Final day for voting in Board elections
11 September	Market day- the ākonga will be selling items/goods/activities that they have made within their kete. More details to come
19 September	Scholastic book orders due
15 - 21 September	Māori language week
19 September	9am School assembly, TKA sharing some of their learning Last day of Term 3
6 October	8.50am School opens for Term 4

TIN CANS PLEASE

TKW tamariki are making some pencil tins to sell at market day. We are asking if you could please send any washed tin cans, with safe edges to school next week. There will be a bright green container on the deck to put them in.



UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mālō e lelei

Each class had a cricket skills session from representatives of Manawatu Cricket earlier this week. The tamariki really enjoyed the programme run by their enthusiastic staff.

Selected Year 5 and 6 ākonga participated in the Ricoh sports tournament on Wednesday too - competing against other schools in basketball, hockey, football, rugby and netball. While the weather could have been kinder (I guess we have to remember it is a winter sports tournament), the tamariki played with enthusiasm and great sportsmanship! Each team had at least one win against challenging opponents.

Thanks to everyone who has supported these teams in preparation and on the day.

A special 'shout out' to Kevin and Agnes from 'aPlus' who continue to support us by providing transport to events such as these. Tu meke!

Sports activities such as this are examples of us honouring our 4th strategic goal - *enhancing ākonga wellbeing by encouraging participation in physical activity or performance arts.*

RICOH Interschool Sports Competition

On Wednesday the 20th August, the Ricoh tournament was held at the arena, except for hockey which was at the turf by the esplanade. We took 50 students on a bus to the arena at 9 am. Those 50 students represented Hokowhitu school for basketball, netball, football, rugby and hockey. All the Ricoh kids had good sportsmanship and represented the school by showing STRIVE. Thank you to all the parents who took a day off work to help us with Ricoh. Ngā mihi.





Ricoh Hockey



On Wednesday, the 20th of August, 9 hockey players went out to the twin turfs and played hockey. And competed in the Ricoh hockey tournament. At 9 am, all the players were ready to go, and they were excited. They had to play 6 games and won 1 game, drew 3 games, and lost 2 games. Overall, we came 4th out of 8 schools. They had an excellent game.

Written by Ronav and Tyler

BALLOT FOR OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR TERMS 1 AND 2 2026

Do you (or someone you know) have a child turning 5 in the first half of next year? If they would like to enrol at our kura, now is the time to register interest. This is especially important if you have siblings at our school, but do not live in our zone. Our board has made a commitment to accept the enrolment of siblings, however we **MUST** have the enrolment form before the ballot, so we can hold them a space. Please don't assume we know they will be coming!

Even if you live in our school zone, it is really helpful to have the enrolment form now so we know who to expect. Enrolment forms are available at the school office or can be emailed to you on request to - office@hokowhitu.school.nz.

A ballot (if required), will be held on the 9th September, so please have the yellow forms in by the 5th September to allow us to prepare the paperwork, and organise police supervision.

THANK YOU

Last Friday's fundraiser to support our chess team's travel and accommodation to the upcoming National championships in Christchurch was very successful. It was loads of fun seeing everyone dressed as their favourite book character or in bright mufti clothing. An additional \$531.40 was collected to support them. Ka pai!

JUMP JAM COMPETITION

Wishing the two jump jam teams all the very best as they compete in their respective Strictly competitions this weekend. Thanks to Ms Tayler for the preparation and support of the ākonga too.

SPECIAL MENTION

Joslyn Zellman through Manawatu Gymsports has been selected to represent the Wanganui/Manawatu region at the Gymsports Nationals! Joslyn is the only one in her age category that has been selected from the region - what a great achievement. Kā pai Joslyn and good luck.

ATAWHAI AWARD

At this morning's assembly the following people were recognised for showing atawhai (kindness).

TKW: **Ozias** - Ozias, you arrive at school each day with a sunny and bright smile that warms up our classroom. You demonstrate thought and care to all of the other children in Waka Iti by being friendly and welcoming. You include others in your learning and play, making other children feel valued and comfortable. Ozias, you are a great role model to other children and we greatly value having you in Waka Iti. Thank you for showing atawhai!

TKP: **Juliette W** - Juliette is a rock star supporting and helping her peers in our kete. She willingly shows atawahi to those in need, ensuring that they are in the right place at the right time doing the right thing. Juliette takes on this role using a calm and caring voice. We have also noticed how confident you are in the mornings Juliette!! Coming into school with a smile on your face ensures a fantastic start to your day! We appreciate you showing atawhai to your friends in TKP. Thank you for being kind.

TKM: **Connor J** - Connor, you are amazing. You quietly get on with things, never making a fuss but always giving your best. You show atawhai in everything you do—kind, thoughtful, and always looking out for others. Whether it's helping a classmate who's struggling or tidying up without being asked, you're always there, supporting both your classmates and the teachers in the background. Your quiet strength and caring nature make a big difference every single day.

TKA: **Yuleena B** - shows kindness every day by willingly giving her time to help keep our kete neat and tidy. She notices what needs to be done and takes action without being asked—whether it's putting away other students' devices, returning equipment, or making sure everything is in its right place when we pack up. Her thoughtful and caring attitude makes our learning space better for everyone.

TKT: **Benjamin B** - Ben is an easy pick for the atawhai award. Incredibly considerate and thoughtful, he extends care to everyone around him, including his teachers. Ben is a fantastic role model, he leads from the front with a big heart. It was no surprise that his kindness was recognised with the fair play award for his team at the Ricoh tournament. He whetū koe!

STAFF: **Mrs Thompson** - Mrs Thompson is a ball of energy and a load of fun! She shows kindness by making everyone around her smile. Her flexibility and willingness to help out with extra things is another example of the way she shows atawhai. Tu meke Naomi!

DAFFODIL DAY

This is next Friday - 29 August. Did you know that 1 in 3 people receive a cancer diagnosis at some stage in their life? The Cancer Society works hard to help cancer patients and their whānau to get the care and practical support they need.

If you can, come along dressed in either yellow or green (daffodil colours) and bring a gold coin donation to support the Cancer Society in helping protect current and future generations.



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

SPORT

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 - 6
Badminton - Years 5 & 6		Volleyball - Years 4,5& 6 Registration close next week	Summer Hockey - Years 0 - 6
			Touch Rugby - Years 0 - 6
		Summer Soccer - Summer soccer is opening soon so look at next week's newsletter for information.	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>

Netball

Year 1 & 2 Netball.

This is a 4 aside format played on MONDAY nights at Vautier Park. Times 4pm or 5pm. The competition begins Monday 13th Oct and finishes 8 Dec with a festival, they will play for 8 weeks. The team will need a coach .

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 15th September

You will not need a sports uniform as fees include a netball dress.

Year 3 & 4 play 5 a side netball Tuesday OR Wednesday and at Vautier Park. This competition begins 14/15th October and they end 9/10th Dec with a festival small competition. The team will need a coach.

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 15th September

Netball dress is included in the fees.

Year 5 and 6 mixed netball - Thursdays at Vautier Park (Outside)

Dates: Thursday 16th Oct - 3.45pm onwards

Year 5 and 6 Competition

- Year 5 and 6 competition will be for both year 5 and 6
- Competition structure will be the 6 v 6
- Timings for game only NO skills and drills will be available

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me

Carlee Hodge

c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY 17th September- 12pm (Unless teams fill up prior to this date)



Kia ora koutou,

It's that time of year again — Term 4 Netball is just around the corner, and we're excited to get back out on the courts with our littlies! 🏐 This term, we're running both our **Year 1–4 futureFERNs Netball Programme** and another round of the **Year 5 & 6 Summer Competition**, which will focus purely on **game play**. I have attached the posters/tiles for the 3 competitions plus a Word Document detailing each competition. Registrations for all these competitions are now open. They close on 17th September. We will have a Pre-Season Meeting for all 3 competitions on Wednesday 17th September. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to email me

Nga Mihi,

Donna Simpson, Competition Officer - Netball Manawatu

Email: donna@netballmanawatu.org.nz Phone: [0272594536](tel:0272594536)



FUTURE FERNS YR 1 & 2

DAY OF THE WEEK
Monday

BEGINS
13th October

TIME
3:45pm onwards

For more information email Donna:
donna@netballmanawatu.org.nz



netballmanawatu.org.nz



FUTURE FERNS YR 3 & 4

DAY OF THE WEEK
Tuesdays &
Wednesdays

BEGINS
14th & 15th October

TIME
3:45pm onwards

For more information email Donna:
donna@netballmanawatu.org.nz



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FUTURE FERNS YR 5&6

DAY OF THE WEEK
Thursdays

BEGINS
16th October

TIME
3:45pm onwards

For more information email Donna:
donna@netballmanawatu.org.nz



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Cricket

For younger tamariki (school Years 1-4)

Smash Play or Smash IT! programmes

Information can be found on our website -

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/mca/smash-cricket/smash-cricket?em=1>

Players will register directly with MCA.

For older tamariki (school years 5-8)

Smash Yard! & Yeah! Girl's Smash Cricket

Register via school system.

Manawatū Cricket Association

Yeah! Girls Smash

Yeah! Girls is a girls only programme developed by New Zealand Cricket which promotes girls playing cricket - but not as you know it! Yeah! Girls Smash is a modified programme that mixes the confidence and the skills building activities that Yeah! Girls is widely known for, with games of Smash Yard! Cricket. The best part of the programme is the girls get to choose what they do! Our experienced activators will facilitate a session based on what the girls want.

Yeah! Girls Smash is being offered in Term 4 2025 is open to all girls in Year 5&6 or 7&8 at school. You can register via your school!!



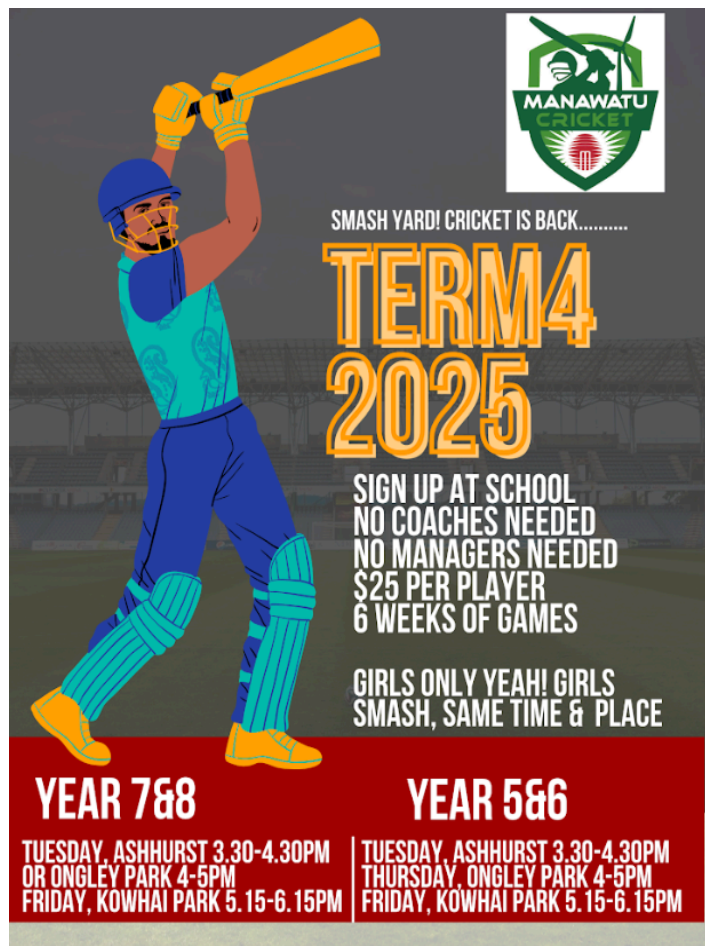
Palmerston North HUB

Year 7&8s, Tuesdays at Onley Park, Park Road from 4-5pm, Tuesday 14th October - Tuesday 18th November

Year 5&6s, Thursdays at Ongley Park, Park Road from 4-5pm, Thursday 16th October - Thursday 20th November

Feilding HUB

Year 5&6 & Year 7&8's Fridays at Kowhai Park from 5.15pm - 6.15pm, Friday 17th October - Friday 21st November



SMASH YARD! CRICKET IS BACK.....

TERM 4 2025

SIGN UP AT SCHOOL
NO COACHES NEEDED
NO MANAGERS NEEDED
\$25 PER PLAYER
6 WEEKS OF GAMES

GIRLS ONLY YEAH! GIRLS
SMASH, SAME TIME & PLACE

YEAR 7&8

TUESDAY, ASHHURST 3.30-4.30PM
OR ONGLEY PARK 4-5PM
FRIDAY, KOWHAI PARK 5.15-6.15PM

YEAR 5&6

TUESDAY, ASHHURST 3.30-4.30PM
THURSDAY, ONGLEY PARK 4-5PM
FRIDAY, KOWHAI PARK 5.15-6.15PM



WANT TO PLAY CRICKET?

\$25 per term

SMASH CRICKET

MON - PALMY NORTH
TUE - ASHHURST WED
- FEILDING & P N
THU - DVIRKE & PAHIATUA
FRI - FEILDING

ARE YOU AGED 5-10?

For more info scan QR code



T Ball

T Ball- Term 4 2025 AND Term 1 2026 - Under 7's

Games are played on Saturdays at Colquhoun Park, Fairs Road, Palmerston North.

The competition will commence on **Saturday, 18th Oct - 13th Dec** (6 weeks), **THEN 14th Feb - 21st March** (You will need to be available for both term 4 2025 and term 1 2026 and under 7 before end of 2025)

Open to 5 & 6 year old's (years 0, 1 & eligible year 2s - Child MUST not be 7 before 14.12.2025) The cost is \$30 per player (Pricing for both terms plus \$5 for uniform hire if you have not hired a uniform in 2025 yet).

Games will be from **9.00-9.40**.

Coaches and managers will be required for games. Practices are not essential. Registrations close at 12pm on Thursday the 11th of September (unless teams are full prior to this date) - Unfortunately no late registrations can be accepted.

T Ball- Term 4 2025 AND Term 1 2026 - Under 9's

Games are played on Saturdays at Colquhoun Park, Fairs Road, Palmerston North.

Saturday, 18th Oct - 13th Dec (6 weeks), **THEN 14th Feb - 21st March** (You will need to be available for both term 4 2025 and term 1 2026 and under 9 before end of 2025)

The cost is \$30 per player (Pricing for both terms plus \$5 for uniform hire if you have not hired a uniform in 2025 yet).

Games will be from **10.15-10.45**. Coaches and managers will be required for games. Practices are not essential. Registrations close at 12pm on Thursday the 11th of September (unless teams are full prior to this date) - Unfortunately no late registrations can be accepted.

If you have any sports related questions please feel free to contact our sports coordinator Carlee Hodge
- c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz OR Stacey Tayler - s.tayler@hokowhitu.school.nz

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Te Kete Wakahuia

Our last student has joined Waka Iti for the term. It has been great to have you at school this week **Diyon**. Welcome to our classroom.

Charlie - Thank you Charlie for always being helpful around our classroom at tidy up times. Ka pai!

Galaxie - You are showing great effort at learning our new letters and their sounds. Keep it up.

Ezra - for aiming and throwing a ball at a wicket

Japsimran - for aiming and throwing a ball at a wicket

Nalina - for throwing and catching a ball and using her cricket hands

Arfad - for throwing and catching a ball and using his cricket hands

Xavier - for working hard on your reading.

Madeline - for your fantastic writing. Kā rawe.

Lana - Welcome to Hokowhitu School.

Ellie - for being a role model to others. Tīno pai.

Eva - for showing us some great skills at cricket.



Te Kete Pounamu

Kirill - for amazing work in your maths knowledge test!

Aisha - for participating in math workshops with enthusiasm!

Jack - for identifying patterns in maths quickly and correctly!

Sam - for being a super reader by using expression and fluency. Kā pai!

Shay - for working hard to use expression and fluency while reading. Tīno pai!

Sebastian - for proving to be a super duper mathematician. Tīno pai!

Neave - for contributing to whole class maths by thinking like a mathematician. Ka rawe!

Lucy B - for answering questions at workshops using maths language. Mahi tika ana!

Mischka - for creating a fantastic pepeha with your maunga and awa from South Africa.

Te Kete Manawa

Darcy - For working hard during literacy and for thoughtfully sharing your ideas and opinions about informational texts we are covering in class. Ka pai!

Sid - For working hard during literacy and for thoughtfully sharing your ideas and opinions about informational texts we are covering in class. Ka pai!

Claudia - For always being on task and willing to help others within the kete.

Unga - For showing perseverance during literacy. You have been working so hard sharing your knowledge on what you have been reading.

Frankie - For coming back into school life and settling in well to the kete programme seamlessly.

Luke - For demonstrating resilience and a can do attitude even while in a cast.

Zoe - For working hard during literacy time and showing perseverance to finish set tasks in the timeframe given.

Hunter - For always being the first to show flexibility and helpfulness in literacy and maths.

Nora - For taking pride in your literacy work and always ensuring it is correctly set up and clear to read.

Baoyu - Farewell Baoyu. We will wish you all the best and look forward to seeing you in the future.

Te Kete Aronui

Felix - Great ball handling skills during our cricket session!

Maryam, Aliza, Qasim and Joy - Congratulations for being our speech and poetry semi-finalists!

Abhi - For stepping up and making good choices in the playground.

Rita - For outstanding perseverance with computer skills.

Evie - For stepping up as a Jump Jam leader.

Anna S - For producing a terrific recount at Literacy.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Anne - For an enthusiastic and convincing election campaign

Samuel - For his enthusiasm when campaigning for bird of the year

Shahzain - For working hard for his team at the Ricoh tournament - Ka rawe!

Ava K - For her fabulous effort campaigning for her bird in bird of the year elections

Shanaaya - For fantastic team work and enthusiasm during bird of the year elections

Imogen D - Improved number knowledge

Dwayne D - Super defensive effort in football



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.

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 \$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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



**NORTHERN CLUSTER
ARTS FESTIVAL**

4 September 2025
Regent on Broadway
1.00pm

Northern Cluster School

GOLD COIN DONATION

The poster features a vibrant pink background with a collage of musical instruments like a keyboard, a speaker, and a lamp. On the right, a hand is shown dropping a gold coin into a brown box labeled 'GOLD COIN DONATION'.

Northern Cluster Arts Festival:

The "Northern Cluster Arts Festival" in Palmerston North is an event where schools (Including Hokowhitu School) from the Northern Cluster participate in various arts activities. It's a chance for students to showcase their talents in dance and music.



FREE
**Father's Day
Family Event**

Bunnings Palmerston North

**BUNNINGS
warehouse**

Thursday 4th of September
5:00pm – 7:00pm

Activities and fun for the whole family

Celebrate Father's Day with us in-store!
Enjoy free family-friendly activities including a
Bluey Scavenger Hunt, toolbox building, games,
and tasty treats like pizza, popcorn, and a
sausage sizzle. Meet local community groups and
take part in the fun. Book Online!

Don't miss out,
register now!

Scan Me

**BUNNINGS
warehouse**

The poster features a blue background with a white cloud. It includes an illustration of a Bunnings Warehouse store with people shopping. A red hammer icon is visible in the bottom right corner.



**IMAGINATION
STATION**

CHOOSE
YOUR OWN
ADVENTURE!

**SEPTEMBER
22-26, 11AM**

AN IMPROVISED SHOW FOR YOUNG AND OLD!

**centrepoin
THEATRE** | 06 354 5740 | centrepoin.co.nz

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The poster has a comic book style with a yellow and red color scheme. It features three people (two women and one man) in the center, looking excited and pointing towards the viewer. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner.



The poster features a green background with a white scalloped border. At the top, there are three illustrations of hands holding pens, framing a central logo. The logo consists of a green stylized leaf above the text 'MANAWATU LITERACY ASSOCIATION'. Below the logo, the word 'POETRY' is written in bold black letters on a pink banner, and 'COMPETITION' is written in bold black letters on a blue banner. The text 'Calling all writing champions!' is followed by 'To celebrate International Literacy Day on September 8th we want you to write a poem and enter it in our competition.' The theme 'Wonder' is written in a colorful, playful font. A yellow circle contains the text 'PRIZES FOR EACH CATEGORY!'. To the right, 'ENTRIES CLOSE SEPTEMBER 19TH' is written in bold green letters, with 'WINNERS ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 10TH, TERM 4' below it. A green box contains the 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, the 'How to Enter' instructions are provided, including the email address 'manawatuliteracy@nzla.org.nz'. A small disclaimer at the very bottom states 'PLEASE NOTE THAT THE USE OF GENERATIVE AI TOOLS IS NOT ALLOWED. WORK MUST BE ORIGINAL HUMAN CREATIVITY.'

MANAWATU LITERACY ASSOCIATION

POETRY COMPETITION

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

PRIZES FOR EACH CATEGORY!

ENTRIES CLOSE SEPTEMBER 19TH
WINNERS ANNOUNCED ON
FRIDAY OCTOBER 10TH, TERM 4

CATEGORIES: YEAR 1-3, YEAR 4-6, YEAR 7-8, YEAR 9-10
Poems in English or i te Reo Māori welcome

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.

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