



HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 24 July 2025

Important Upcoming Events 2025

TOMORROW 25 July	TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL IS CLOSED . Staff undertaking PLD in implementation of the new Mathematics curriculum
29 July	PNINS open day for prospective 2026 enrolments 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

What magnificent winter weather we have had this week. Frosty starts but loads of lovely sunshine for the tamariki to enjoy being outside in the fresh air. Thanks to everyone who has remembered our school uniform expectations - for girls, tights being worn under the skort need to be plain navy blue, stocking style - not leggings. Footwear is black or brown and socks navy blue.

Please ensure all uniform items are well named - it's very frustrating to have items found that we just can't help return as we don't know who they belong to.

Nireaha Tree Planting

On Thursday, the 17th of July, the ambassadors (Tupuse, Charlotte, Harrison, and Ruby) went to Ashhurst Domain to plant native trees. The tree planting is a way to remember Nireaha and the way he fought for claims to retain indigenous land and people. The school ambassadors started doing this last year, and we hope to continue this in his memory.

- Ruby & Charlotte (School Ambassadors)



Ki O Rahi

On Wednesday Hokowhitu School had two teams competing in the Manawatū Primary School Ki O Rahi Tournament. It was a very cold start to the day, but both teams had an awesome time and were able to produce a couple of great wins. Well done to all the students who participated and a huge thank you to the parents who gave up their time to help manage and support our teams.



ATTENDANCE

What a fantastic achievement with attendance in the first week of term. We had 84% of our tamariki attend school for 90% of the week. This exceeded our target!

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

ATAWHAI AWARDS

Congratulations and thank you to the following people who have been 'caught' showing atawhai (kindness) within their kete.

TKW: **Reighleigh** is a kind and caring member of TKW. He shows atawhai towards both tamariki and adults. Reighleigh role models how to line up and will often stand back and let others go in front of him. When playing games he will share and take turns and always uses his manners. Thank you for being such a role model for others in TKW. He whetu koe.

TKP: **Everly** is a person who shows genuine kindness, without seeking rewards or benefits for exhibiting atawhai. Everly demonstrates this every day! She is always willing to help and guide peers that require extra support. This may be in the playground, getting ready at the end of the day or helping with tasks in the classroom. You are a very special friend to many, Everly. We appreciate you in TKP and we know how lucky we are to see your kindness shine through every day! He whetu koe!

TKM: **Tejo** is a gentle student with a calming nature, always kind and thoughtful to those around him. He quietly becomes a peacemaker with his warm smile and understanding words when needed to help others solve problems. He often shares his skills in art and drawing, creating beautiful pictures that bring joy to others. Tejo shows manaaki in all he does, making our kete a great place for everyone. Ngā mihi nui ki a koe.

TKA: **Noah** consistently demonstrates kindness by including others. He is always happy to welcome an extra classmate into a group task or to invite someone to join him and his friends in the playground. Thoughtful and supportive, he readily offers help to peers who are finding a task challenging. He approaches school life with enthusiasm, tackling all activities with a positive attitude and a cheerful smile.

TKT: **Leon**, you show atawhai in such a gentle, humble way. You always greet others with a warm smile, take a genuine interest in those around you, and quietly step up to help whenever it's needed. Your thoughtful acts of kindness, given with no fuss, brighten people's days and make our kura a place where everyone feels cared for. Ngā mihi nui for showing atawhai in this special way!

STAFF: **Mrs Mullinger** supervises the majority of the morning road patrols. She does this without ever mentioning how chilly or windy or wet it may be. Her kindness allows many people to cross the 'ever busy' Albert Street safely in the morning. Thank you for showing atawhai in this way Jo.

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 soon with assessment dates.

- Parent Page link <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/parent-payment/WIE149>

- Parent code - **WIE149**

Registration closes next 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.

Nāku noa, nā

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Update from the School Board

Tēnā koutou,

The search for our next principal is now underway! At this early stage, we're working to get a clear sense of what the school community is looking for in the person we appoint. Thank you to everyone who has talked to us in the playground about this over the last week or filled out the online survey! We'd love to get as much input as possible through our survey, which you can still access at this link <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSenxs5VOranKBmE7A27fjndIXoEgJG-rLG8vAmEX9FEPC3UZA/viewform> Looking ahead, you might like to know that our aim is to advertise the role nationally in week

3 of this term, and applications will close at the end of week 6. We aim to announce an appointment by the end of term. There's a lot going on—this is also the term when you get to elect your next School Board!

Everyone on the school's electoral roll will be sent a nomination form, and nominations must be received by noon on Wednesday, 6 August. If you would like to attend our next meeting to see how it runs, it will be held in the staffroom on Tuesday 29 July, beginning at 5.30pm and likely concluding around 7pm.

As always, if you have any questions about the Board or its responsibilities for the school, you're welcome to contact me at board@hokowhitu.school.nz

Ngā mihi nui,

Philip Steer

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		Volleyball - Years 4,5& 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

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



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Te Kete Wakahuia

Welcome to the new children in Waka Iti.

You have had an awesome start to school **Charlie, Olivia, Ozias, Galaxie** and **Amy**.

Manaki-Vai - for enthusiasm with literacy learning.

Mila - for helping new children when they arrive at school.

Kiyara - for super writing of dictated sentences.

Miller - for super reading of text.

Evie - Super neat handwriting which includes slope. Ka pai!

Adrit - For fluent reading. Tino rawe!

Wyatt - for making us laugh with your funny joke.

Anewa - for writing your letters on the line. Tino pai

Te Kete Pounamu

Reeyana - For fantastic descriptive writing

Hanna-Moana - You always try your best to write neatly and form letters correctly - Tino Pai!

Lusion - for beginning to clearly contribute to class and group discussions. Keep it up!

Saanvika - for super sentence writing at literacy follow up. Kā pai!

Hemi - for awesome doubling during our rich maths task. He whetu koe!

Emily - for excellent input during our maths workshops. Tino pai!

Marley - for working so well collaboratively at maths follow up. Kā rawe!

Sasha - we love your smile and the enthusiasm that you bring to school. Kā pai!

Isaac - for working hard on slope during whole class writing. Kā rawe!

Te Kete Manawa

Asher - For working hard to set up your maths book correctly and write one number in each square.

Kiel - For being a kind and thoughtful friend to others. We love having you at Hokowhitu School.

Rhyan - For making a great start to the term and working super hard during literacy time. Tino Pai!

Pray - For listening carefully in maths and being able to put fractions on a number line.

Meilah - For listening carefully during group instruction and being able to work out a fraction of a group of objects

Romanaah - For being more confident and asking questions when you are not sure. Well done.

Louis & Finley - For demonstrating some great leadership during our 'Tower Building Challenge'

Adam - For listening to feedback and forming the letter 's' correctly including size.

Oliver - For taking responsibility with your learning when finding the fraction of a set.

Te Kete Aronui

Te Whakaira - For working on Lexia literacy tasks and achieving great results!

Ava, Isla D, Junoo - For working hard to write a persuasive speech and make convincing points.

Anna W - For being a kind, helpful friend to other students.

Avyaan - For your enthusiasm in literacy activities.

Huatahi, Mia - For working hard to master polygons in maths.

Laylahnne - For showing great understanding with 3D shapes.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Kate - For being a focused learner

Hakaraia - Great work with decimal fractions

Lincoln - Enthusiasm during improv theatre games

Joel - Great focus in maths

Edward - Showing manawanui in maths and literacy

Johanna - For excellent work with decimal fractions

Baxter - For excellent work in RnR



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

Kia Ora Badminton Enthusiasts,



Badminton Manawatu are excited to announce that we're starting a junior club! 🥳

The Palmerston North Junior Badminton Club will run every Wednesday evening during school term from 6pm-7:30pm for anyone aged 5-18. We start tomorrow (23 July) at PNINS and the **first session is FREE!** 🔥

So, grab a friend or two, jump on court, have a smash, and enjoy! 💪


For more information see the poster attached or contact me via email! 😊

Kind regards,

Cassandra Feasey

Events Officer

020 4085 8803 | cassandra@manawatubadminton.org.nz



BADMINTON MANAWATU
PRESENT

OPEN PLAY
FOR ANY LEVEL,
AGED 5-18

PALMERSTON NORTH JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB

\$60 per term (first night FREE)
Wednesday 6-7:30 pm
PNINS Gym, South St Entrance

✉ cassandra@manawatubadminton.org.nz

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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
EMAIL: claytonsensei@gmail.com

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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.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE USE OF GENERATIVE AI TOOLS IS NOT ALLOWED. WORK MUST BE ORIGINAL 'HUMAN' CREATIVITY.

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