

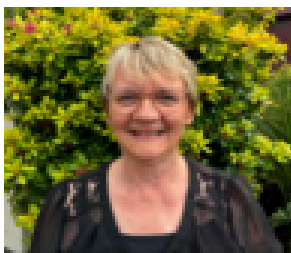


# HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 8 August 2025

## Important Upcoming Events 2025

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| <b>11 - 15 August</b>    | Book week, selected activities each day to celebrate a love for reading                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>13 August</b>         | Ross Intermediate open evening                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>15 August</b>         | 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. |
| <b>20 August</b>         | RICOH sports tournament for selected players                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>22 August</b>         | 9am School assembly, TKW sharing some of their learning. Everyone welcome<br>1.30pm Y 4-6 Poetry and Speech finals                                                                                                   |
| <b>27 August</b>         | Kapa Haka Mini Fest at PNINS for Y 3 - 6 kapa haka roopu                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>29 August</b>         | Daffodil day, gold coin donation, wear yellow or green!                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>2 September</b>       | 5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom, everyone welcome                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>4 September</b>       | Northern Cluster - Performing Arts Festival for selected ākonga                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>5 September</b>       | House t-shirt day                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>9 September</b>       | Ballot (if required) for out of zone enrolments for Terms 1 and 2 2026                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>11 September</b>      | Market day- the ākonga will be selling items/goods/activities that they have made within their kete. More details to come                                                                                            |
| <b>15 - 21 September</b> | Māori language week                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>19 September</b>      | 9am School assembly, TKA sharing some of their learning<br>Last day of Term 3                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>6 October</b>         | 8.50am School opens for Term 4                                                                                                                                                                                       |



## UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou  
Ngā mihi kia koutou

The roof project is almost complete and soon we will be 'back to normal' with access to all corridors and toilet areas - hooray! Thanks to everyone who has shown flexibility and patience over the duration of the project.

### **A message for Te Kete Wakahuia students and their whānau.**

We're happy to share that the roofing project is almost finished. We will continue using the deck area for both drop-off and pick-up moving forward. Children need to take their shoes off before entering the room. **Anyone** arriving at school prior to 8.30am needs to wait by the noticeboard until the bell rings. This signals it is time to come around to the classrooms and be greeted by kaiako (teachers).

Thank you so much for your understanding and support.

From the TKW Kaiako

### **ATTENDANCE**

We didn't do so well with attendance last week. We had 76% of our tamariki attend school for 90% of the week. Let's get this back on track as quickly as we can.

### **KIND HEARTS DAY**

Ms Tayler (and some very kind parents) accompanied a group of Year 5 ākonga to 'Kind Hearts 2025' on Wednesday. Please see below for a report prepared by two of the attendees.



On Wednesday, a few year 5s got selected to go to the Kind Hearts School Event with a lot of other schools from all over the Manawatu.

While there, a range of people shared their stories with us. The first person who presented was the host of What Now, none other than Chris Kirk. We were also visited by Sam Smith, comedian, former dentist and author of Miles and Jones. He shared his story and that he has MS and sadly suffers from blindness but still followed his dream to be on TV. Ray Cooper presented magic tricks and a puppet show about the rule of kindness. We were briefly visited by a member of the Manawatu Sport, who talked to us about how to be a good sport and she taught us a game called SH BANG, SH BANG, HOI which Hokowhitu should all learn. Mr Mac is an author, illustrator of the Super Weirdos and also a teacher and would write and publish books with his class.

By: [Isobello](#) & [Anita](#)

### **COHORT ENTRY**

You will recall that the School Board has been in consultation regarding commencing cohort entry at our kura. In line with the feedback received, at last week's Board meeting the board moved to adopt cohort entry for New Entrants from the commencement of Term 1 2026. The motion was unanimously approved.

This means Term 1 2026 New Entrants will start on either the 4th February or the 9th March - depending on when they turn 5 years of age.

### **BOARD ELECTIONS**

Nominations have closed for both the parent representatives and the staff representative.

There was one nomination for the staff rep - congratulations to Hilary Salter who has been appointed to the staff representative role.

There are more nominations than places for the parent representatives, so our Returning Officer is currently preparing voting materials. These will be posted out to eligible voters early next week, (to the address that we have on file here at school).

### **ATAWHAI AWARDS**

The following people were recognised at this morning's assembly for showing atawhai (kindness) . Thanks to each of you for making our kura a happy place to be!

**TKW: Zeen** is a kind and caring member of Waka. He uses a quiet and polite voice when talking to others. He lets others join in with him when playing in the morning. He is a great role model on the mat. Thank you for showing atawhai to others in our class.

**TKP: Manha** - you are always showing 'E for enthusiasm' towards learning. You strive to reach the top of the maunga and always have a smile that lights up the room. Te Kete Pounamu are lucky to have you as a role model for others. Your gentle manner and kindness towards our ākonga and the environment doesn't go unnoticed. Thank-you for showing atawhai Manha. He whetū koe!

**TKM: Emma** is a conscientious student who consistently puts forth her best effort in everything she does. She listens attentively, follows instructions carefully, and holds herself to high standards. Known for her calm demeanor and thoughtful nature, Emma shows atawhai to everyone around her, always ready to offer a helping hand or an encouraging word. Her positive attitude and genuine respect for others makes her a truly awesome member of Te Kete Manawa.

**TKA: Grisha** is grateful when you give him a helping hand. He accepts feedback and tries his best to take on new learning. This past week he has impressed us with his enthusiasm with speeches and his sense of humour, which he is trying to include in his work. He uses kind words to show his appreciation. Thank you for showing appreciation when you get help with your school work!

**TKT: Edward**, you are the true definition of a gentleman. You consistently show kindness through your thoughtful actions, respectful manners, and quiet support of others. Whether it's offering kind words, including those who are left out, or gently helping someone who is feeling down, your compassion shines through. Your conscientious nature and great sense of humour make you a joy to be around, and you lead by example every day. You are a role model of manaakitanga and aroha—thank you for bringing such genuine kindness to our classroom.

**STAFF: Mrs Cranshaw** showed atawhai to one of her colleagues 'in need' this week by acting quickly and applying first aid skills. Thank you Julie - I very much appreciated your help! He whetū koe!

Nāku noa, nā

## Public Health Notice

The National Public Health Service has advised there has been an increase in scabies in our region. Please click the link [Scabies Information Sheet](#) for more information.

## 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](mailto: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

## 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                                                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Netball</b> -<br>Years 5 & 6                                                                    | <b>Basketball</b> -<br>Years 3 - 6                                                                           | <b>Futsal</b> - Years 3 - 6<br>Registration coming up soon                                      | <b>Summer Soccer</b> - Years 0 - 6                                                        |
| <b>Summer Hockey</b> -<br>Years 1 - 6                                                              | <b>Winter Hockey</b> -<br>Years 1 - 6                                                                        | <b>Badminton</b> - Years - 4, 5 & 6                                                             | <b>Netball</b> - Years 0 - 4                                                              |
| <b>Badminton</b> -<br>Years 5 & 6                                                                  |                                                                                                              | <b>Volleyball</b> - Years 4,5& 6<br>Registration is open now!                                   | <b>Summer Hockey</b> - Years 0 - 6                                                        |
|                                                                                                    |                                                                                                              |                                                                                                 | <b>Touch Rugby</b> - Years 0 - 6                                                          |
|                                                                                                    |                                                                                                              |                                                                                                 | <b>Volleyball</b><br>Years 4, 5 & 6<br><br><b>T-Ball</b> - 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 coordinator Carlee Hodge - [c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz) OR Stacey Tayler - [s.tayler@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto: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](mailto:c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz) or [s.tayler@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:s.tayler@hokowhitu.school.nz)**



## Hockey end of season

The Hokowhitu Meerkats finished their season on a high note with a strong 4–1 win over Riverdale last Sunday. It's been a fantastic winter season of growth and teamwork. Every player has made great strides—not just in their stick skills, but also in how they work together and read the game. This was clear in their on-field performance, especially as they closed out the season with five consecutive wins.

A huge congratulations to the whole team—it's been an absolute pleasure to coach you!

A big thank-you to all the parents for your support throughout the season—whether it was getting players to games, cheering from the sidelines, or helping out on the sidelines. Your encouragement made a real difference!

- Micheal Allpress, coach.

Thank you Micheal for being a great coach this season!



Hokowhitu Meerkats

# ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

## Te Kete Wakahuia

Welcome to **Taiamoni** and **Ira**. Waka Iti is very happy to have you!

**Olivia** - Thank you for always coming into school with such a bright and positive attitude.

**Aquila** - Well done for looking and listening so attentively at mat times.

**Freya** - for enthusiastic singing. Ka Pai!

**Manaaki** - for decoding long words. Tino Pai!

**Bentley** - for working so hard on your reading. Kā rawe!

**Tiesha** - for super maths learning. Tino pai.

## Te Kete Pounamu

**Lucy E** - for showing resilience and determination in your writing. Tīno pai!

**Zia** - for being super helpful in TKP. Ka pai!

**Manha** - for always demonstrating enthusiasm for learning. Ka rawe!

**Karen** - for reading your writing using lots of expression.

**Spencer** - for taking your time to think carefully about your writing before beginning.

**Asher** - for including humour and descriptive language in your writing - Ka rawe!

**Gian** - For being a fast finisher at maths follow up. Tīno pai.

**Roshni** - For an amazing koru design ready to make our collages. He whetū koe!

**Oakley** - For showing the 'e' for enthusiasm in STRIVE by sharing his amazing science knowledge. Ka rawe!

## Te Kete Manawa

**James & Max** - For helping to support others to make an electrical circuit during our rotations.

**Baoyu** - For working hard in math when regrouping with addition problems.

**Nina** - For an awesome job applying our current word study focus when spelling words and during dictation.

**Connor J** - For working hard during maths and sharing your thinking skills with peers.

**Benny** - For writing some great full answers to reading questions.

**Madi** - For working hard to apply the learned spelling rules to your writing.

**Ansh** - For super contributions to our maths class and sharing your knowledge.

**Aaden** - For contributing well to class discussions during literacy and writing some descriptive poetry.

**Nikau** - For writing a great colour poem using your senses and having the courage to share it aloud with a buddy.

## Te Kete Aronui

**Nehan & Rohan** - For stepping up and working hard to produce well written speeches.

**Maryam** - For speaking clearly and confidently in front of an audience.

**Joslyn & Raiden** - WOW! Great maths work, multiplying 2 digit x 2 digit numbers.

## Te Kete Tangaroa

**Lucy** - for staying focused, putting in the effort, and showing grit with your speech writing!

**Harrison** - For bringing your character to life and putting on a fantastic performance!

**Charlie** - For pushing through challenges and working hard to make your speech the best it can be!

**Marley** - For showing incredible perseverance and dedication while crafting your speech – keep it up!

**Tupuse** - For your focused effort and fantastic ideas in your speech writing – great work!

**Max B** - For performing your play with confidence, energy, and amazing teamwork – bravo!

**Maggie** - For showing fantastic teamwork and stepping up to make your play a success!

**Maleigha-Rose** - Great effort in Speech writing

**Dwayne G** - For shining on stage with a fun and confident play performance – well done!

## THE EGG PROJECT



### How to order:

- Jump onto the website [www.theeggproject.co.nz](http://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](mailto: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](http://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

### St Albans Church market 9th August

Indoor market!

**Where:** St Albans Church, 339 Albert St.

**When:** From 9am till 1pm, 9th August.

**What:** *Wide variety of stalls* - crafts, plants, cakes, jams and chutney, sheep pellets, jewellery, bags, clothes, sausage sizzle, drinks.



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BADMINTON MANAWATU  
PRESENT

## PALMERSTON NORTH JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB

OPEN PLAY  
FOR ANY LEVEL,  
AGED 5-18

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

 [cassandra@manawatubadminton.org.nz](mailto:cassandra@manawatubadminton.org.nz)

PALMERSTON NORTH

# MANAWATU CRAFT & FOOD FAIR

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# Goju Ryu KARATE



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[www.karate.org.nz](http://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: claytونسensei@gmail.com

## 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 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
WINNERS ANNOUNCED ON  
FRIDAY OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 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](mailto: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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