

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 13th of June 2025

Important Upcoming Events 2025

13 June (and each Friday)	8.30 - 8.50am Whānau Friday. Everyone welcome to come into the kete and enjoy looking at the week's learning
17 June	5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom - everyone is welcome Come along if you are interested in finding out more about the role of a Board member
19 June	8am Kapa Haka performance, followed by whānau hui HOUSE T SHIRT DAY 1.45 Puanga/Matariki celebration afternoon - in house groups Pizza Lunch for those who have ordered
20 June	Public holiday for Matariki - SCHOOL IS CLOSED.
27 June NEW ITEM	9am Whole school assembly TKA presenting some of their learning 3pm School closes for the end of term 2
14 July	8.50am School opens for term 3
25 July NEW ITEM	TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL IS CLOSED. Staff undertaking PLD in implementation of the new Mathematics curriculum





UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

Thank you very much for your generosity with the fundraiser today to subsidise costs for our chess team to attend the national championships in Christchurch. We raised an impressive \$545.00. Next term the student councillors plan another fundraiser to support the team with costs.

YEAR 5/6 INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the 20 Year 5 and 6 ākonga who represented our kura at this event on Wednesday. Interschool events are always challenging as each school sends their top performers. Finishing in the top 20 placings is something to celebrate - and both **Luca** and **Donnacha** achieved this.

Special congratulations to the **Year 6 boys team** who placed third overall. The individual placings for **Luca, Donnacha, William, Matty** and **Lachie** - led to this team success.



WHĀNAU HUI FOR OUR MĀORI WHĀNAU

Next Thursday morning at 8am our Kapa Haka roopu will perform for anyone who would like to come and listen to them.

Following this, our Māori whānau are invited to join us in the staffroom for coffee, kai and some korero around the findings from the recent online survey around Te Ao Māori in our kura.

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 early term 3 with assessment dates.

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

- Parent code - **WIE149**

Registration Closes 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.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe weekend

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.
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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

BADMINTON (Years 4,5 & 6) - This is **OPEN** on Kindo **NOW**.

Key Details

Dates: Tue 22 Jul to Tue 16 Sep 2025 (8 weeks – No Play on 26 Aug)

Venue: CET Arena 4, 61 Pascal Street, Palmerston North

Who: Years 4, 5 & 6 players

Cost: \$40 per player

Time: from 3:30pm-5.30pm

Teams: 3 players per team (boys, girls or mixed)

To register follow the link here - <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml?shop=Hokowhitu%20School>.

Registrations close at 3pm on Friday 27th June - No late registrations can be accepted. If you need a uniform, please make sure you put the uniform hire option in your cart.

Coaches/Managers - If you have results or photos for the newsletter, please send through to office@hokowhitu.school.nz

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	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			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



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Te Kete Wakahuia

Reyansh - For having great science knowledge.

Ezra - For having great science knowledge.

Hania - For having great science knowledge.

Pippa - For having great science knowledge.

Bentley - For fantastic measurement in maths. Tino pai.

Madeline - For your excellent basketball skills. Ka rawe!

Te Kete Pounamu

Marley - For displaying confidence in all literacy activities.

Mischka - For using spelling rules in your independent writing!

Amelia - You are putting in 100% in all learning areas Amelia! Ka rawe!

Lucia - For taking your curiosity for inquiry home to hear and see manu taonga. Tino pai!

Willow - For spotting spelling rules in the texts that you are reading. Mahi tika ana!

Remy - For making personal connections with our literacy text about trains. Ka rawe!

Harrison W - For sharing your manu taonga knowledge at home. Engari tonu!

Te Kete Manawa

Hanoch - Welcome to Hokowhitu School and Te Kete Manawa.

Alex - For sharing good ideas and understanding in Science.

Ava - For giving things a try even when they are hard. Keep it up!

Jaxxon - For slowing down in math to make sure your work is correct.

Connor - For applying what you have learnt to your writing by correctly punctuating and including adjectives.

Vanshika - For consistently being on task and quietly helping others.

Benny - For demonstrating an improvement to quickly recall the review words in word study.

Henry - For producing a fantastic sentence including adjectives and topic specific words.

Vinnie - For taking on feedback and including more adjectives in your writing.

Tejo - For demonstrating outstanding artistic skills and abilities.





ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Te Kete Aronui

Leo Y - For checking he understands what he is being asked to do in tasks.

Avyaan - For being willing to share ideas in all class discussions.

Evie - Great work with grid reading and pathways in maths.

Huatahi - For being focused, organised and studious in everything she does!

Noah - For great ideas when asked to share during inquiry.

Hamed - For working hard to construct a story.

James - For showing excellent understanding of rotations and flips in maths.

Joy - For being a stunning role model in all that you do.

Felix - For being a reliable buddy for our new students.

Tawhai - Welcome to Te Kete Aronui.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Dwayne D - For his engagement and contributions in literacy workshops.

Elijah - For his passion for TKT radio - we love your enthusiasm!

Amos - For amazing writing and always doing your best - well done!

Hakaraia - For sharing his wonderful ideas with the class!

Jamie - For confidently participating in whole class discussions.

Aiden - For participating in class discussions about Puanga.

Rory - For leading with kindness in all he does.

Zareesh - For being an amazing role model to all at our kura.

Shanaaya - For working hard to improve her writing.



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

aPlus School Holiday Programme, Winter 2025

Hokowhitu School - 227 Albert St, PNth-31st June to 11th July 2025



SMALL FRY - AGES 5 & 6 \$28.50 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

Mon 30th June	Tue 1st July	Wed 2nd July	Thu 3rd July	Fri 4th July
MONKEY MOVES \$28.50 Build a telescope, we are off to find monkeys and other animals in the jungle, every monkey you find wins a prize	OUT OF THIS WORLD \$28.50 Mission Briefing - Aliens from distant galaxies are landing on Earth. Your mission is to build one only using blocks. What powers do they have?	SUNRISE SUNSET \$28.50 We are going to experiment today - making drink that looks like sunrise and a pudding painting that looks like sunset!! Yum!	MYSTERY BUSTERS \$28.50 Little Detectives Day - Complete a series of spy challenges to 'infiltrate' a location, avoid traps, and find hidden clues!!!	SPLATTER AND SPLASH \$28.50 It's been freezing cold and animals have become trapped in ice. It is your job to rescue them.
Mon 7th July	Tue 8th July	Wed 9th July	Thu 10th July	Fri 11th July
WINTER WELLIES \$28.50 It's raining, it's pouring, it's time to wear Wellies (gumboots)! Design your own wellies, add bright colours and plenty of sparkle!!	HOBBY HORSE \$28.50 Who loves horses? Here is one you can make to take home and keep it in the house! It's called a Hobby Horse. Choose your favourite colours and give it a name!	ARTHROPODS \$28.50 What is an arthropod? Come and find out. Some have the 'yuck' factor and some are just beautiful!!	DO YOU WANT TO BUILD A SNOWMAN \$28.50 Build your own snowman today and take it home - there might not be snow, but that won't stop us!!!	GOLDEN CUPS \$28.50 Make these cute cups to hold small treasures or give as a gift. Let's go for walk and collect interesting pieces of winter to bring back and make a collection!

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WEAVING MATS \$33.00 Today we are weaving mats. You can use all the colours of wool you want to include in your mat and take it home.	LIZARD ON A LOG \$33.00 Lizards, skinks and gecko's are fascinating! Let's watch LEO and then design and make your own lizard to take home - watch out for that moving tongue!	STARS AT NIGHT \$33.00 What stars are in the sky during the cold nights of Winter? How many stars are in the sky? Let's explore that and then create our own starry skites!	STANDING ON THE MOON \$33.00 Now if we lived on the moon, what would Earth look like? If we make moon sand, then stand on it with our eyes closed - imagine?	BEADED BEARDS \$33.00 Decorate your beard with beads and sparkles. Don't have a beard??? Well, we have plenty of beards to go around.
Mon 7th July	Tue 8th July	Wed 9th July	Thu 10th July	Fri 11th July
FIZZ POP BANG \$33.00 Fizzy painting with baking soda and vinegar science for a fun chemical reaction!!	HOW MANY DOES IT TAKE? \$33.00 How many children does it take to sit on a full grown stingray? How many children tall is a full grown giraffe? We are going to have so much fun working this out	BUILD A CASTLE \$33.00 Today we are building a castle, with turrets, towers and flagpoles. Don't wear your best clothes, there is paint, glue, tape and probably even sandpaper and a bit of concrete!!	MAKE YOUR OWN \$33.00 We have a recipe or two to experiment with today - come and see what we can make. Could be custard pudding or your own bouncing ball.	FILTER ART \$33.00 Enjoy the colourful world of science meets art with filter animals, flowers and rainbows

BOOK ONLINE AT aPlus.kiwi.nz

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EXPLORERS 7 YEARS & UP From \$38.00 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

Mon 30th June	Tue 1st July	Wed 2nd July	Thu 3rd July	Fri 4th July
DRIP ART HEARTS \$38.00 Let's start the holidays with a creative project. Let your mind roam free and creative juices flow. Then in the afternoon it's badminton with the Leaders!	WILDBASE \$40.00 We are going to visit the rehabilitation facility in the Esplanade which is specially designed to allow native animals to safely build fitness and regain strength after being injured.	SUPER DUPER DAY \$38.00 Grab a cardboard box and create a super duper dog sculpture which you can use to put books or treasures on. Then it's tunnel games, goal shooting, or if it's raining - then it's inside for popcorn and a movie!	MOVIES \$48.00 Bag up the popcorn and grab your friends, because we are off to the movies!!	RAIN ART \$38.00 Create some colourful patterns and then put them out in the rain to see what happens - but not for too long or they will turn into slush!
Mon 7th July	Tue 8th July	Wed 9th July	Thu 10th July	Fri 11th July
BEATING HEART \$38.00 Ever wondered what your heartbeat sounds like? Use real stethoscopes to listen in, then dive into a fun experiment to discover how your heart works!	PHOTO SHOOT \$40.00 Using the camera we are going to think about composition, colour or black and white, people or nature, a puddle with reflections and more. Choose your best photos and create a folder!	SILHOUETTES \$38.00 Create your own silhouettes, make a frame and display your masterpiece. Join in on the cornhole competition, with prizes for a hole in one, all hacky sacks in the hole during one turn!!	SCIENCE KITS \$40.00 We have a selection of science kits that you can put together and then take home. They all work and they are all fun! Want to make them all, go for it	MINI PIZZA AND PASTA \$40.00 Get your apron on and get in the kitchen. Our judges (leaders) will choose the pizza and pasta with the best taste, appeal on the eyes and then announce the Ultimate Winners!

AWATEA 9 YEARS & UP From \$40.00 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

Mon 30th June	Tue 1st July	Wed 2nd July	Thu 3rd July	Fri 4th July
PORCELAIN PAINTER \$40.00 Take a paintbrush and experiment in texture & colour different surfaces	TEN PIN BOWLING \$45.00 Get your bowling shoes on & off we go! Challenge yourself & your friends, then we pick up pizza & back to the centre for	POTTERS WHEEL \$40.00 Get creative with clay! Try your hand at the potter's wheel or sculpt your own masterpiece using just your hands.	MOVIES \$45.00 Bag up the popcorn and grab your friends, because we are off to the movies!!	CAKES OR MUFFINS \$40.00 Cupcakes or muffins, or both! Make one of each to take home & each to have at lunch or PM tea!

Mon 7th July	Tue 8th July	Wed 9th July	Thu 10th July	Fri 11th July
CREATIVE HANDICRAFTS \$40.00 Learn how to macrame, make a felt toy or try your hand at lino cutting & printing! A great way to spend a winter day with your friends.	FUNKY FRIPE \$45.00 Today we go out and check out the Op shop situation. Everyone gets to buy their choice of an item that they think they can upcycle! Then it's back to aPlus to get to work!	BRAIN DRAIN \$40.00 Anything to do with brains is on the table today. Do you know how much a human brain weighs? Lets look closely & then make our own brains!	THE LOLLY SHOP \$45.00 We are going downtown to the Lolly Shop. Let's grab some goodies to munch on while we watch a movie.	TROLL BOXES \$42.00 Make your own Troll Treasure box. Paint it or decorate it. Decorate your troll - choose hair from our colourful wool.

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Term 3 Registrations Open Now!

Starting, Sunday 20th July 2025

* No sessions on public holiday weekends

Sunday Sessions

Yrs1/2 **mini** 9am - 9:45am

Yrs3/4 **junior** 10am - 11am

Yrs5/6 **pro** 11.15am - 12:45pm

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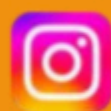
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HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES JULY 2025

DAY 1

Wednesday 2nd July 2025

8.30am- 3.00pm (4.00pm for late collections for an extra \$10.00)

DAY 2

Thursday 3rd July 2025

8.30am- 3.00pm (4.00pm for late collections for an extra \$10.00)

DAY 3

Thursday 4th July 2025

8.30am- 3.00pm (4.00pm for late collections for an extra \$10.00)



REGISTER

netballmanawatu.org.nz

Holiday Hockey Camp Week Two Primary/Intermediate

Learn from our Manawatu coaches and guest coach, prolific goal scorer and ex international Michaela Curtis (On Tuesday and Thursday).

Year 3/4-

Monday 7th of July, 9-3pm

Different types of dribbling
Progression of Gameplay
Positional play
Strength on ball

Year 5/6, Tuesday/

Wednesday 8-9th of July, 9-3pm

Understanding Space
Hitting/Goal Scoring
3D Skills/Player Elimination

Year 7/8, Thursday/Friday

10-11th of July, 9-3pm

Pressing drills
Goal Scoring Session
Outletting Play
Player Elimination

Registrations close 20th of June

