



HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 19th of June 2025

Important Upcoming Events 2025

20 June TOMORROW	Matariki - School is CLOSED
27 June	Whānau Friday 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
15 July NEW ITEM	Vision/hearing screening for New Entrants who have not had/ completed their B4 School Check Children who have no previous record. * If any parent/guardian does not wish their child to be checked could they please inform the school
25 July	TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL IS CLOSED. Staff undertaking PLD in implementation of the new Mathematics curriculum
26 June NEW ITEM	Book Battle competition for selected Y 5/6 ākonga.
29 July	5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom, everyone welcome





UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

We farewelled Jennifer Bates today - each kete has had an opportunity to give their goodbye, thank you and 'go well' messages to Mrs Bates. Thank you for everything you have given and achieved at our kura Jen - we will definitely miss you!

On the first day of next term we will be welcoming Mrs Marie Greig who will be joining us as our new Office Manager. Marie has extensive administrative experience, alongside a great set of 'front facing' skills. We are confident that she will quickly adapt into the role - please be patient and show atawhai as Marie learns new names and systems.

PUANGA/MATARIKI CELEBRATIONS

Matariki is a time for remembrance, celebrating the present and looking to the future.

Matariki is a time of reflection, celebrations and preparation.

- Matariki Hunga Nui - Remembrance, honouring those we have lost since the last rising Matariki
- Matariki Ahunga Nui - Celebrating the present, gathering together to give thanks for what we have
- Matariki Manako Nui - Looking forward to the promise of a new year.

Matariki mā puanga means Matariki (Pleiades) and Puanga (Rigel) and this phrase acknowledges the relationship between these stars. Both Matariki and Puanga rise in the eastern sky before the sun during the winter period, however some tribes and regions of the country look to Puanga instead of Matariki as the main marker of the New Year.

While the stars that mark the beginning of the Yew year may vary in some regions the themes that underpin the ceremony and celebration are the same. We acknowledge our past, celebrate the present and look forward to a bright and prosperous future. The phrase Matariki mā Puanga is essentially a reminder that regardless of our different backgrounds, origins, and practices we use this celebration to come together and share the many unique elements that shape our identity. The 2025 theme of Matariki mā Puanga is all about inclusion, embracing diversity and celebrating Matariki together. Matariki and Puanga are stars that sit in the night sky together to signal the start of the Māori new year for different iwi. Matariki mā Puanga acknowledges and embraces the different traditions, stars and tikanga around celebrating the Māori New Year, recognising the regional variations. We can all connect to the core values of Matariki and Puanga and embrace the diverse ways for marking the new year. Mātauranga (traditional knowledge) is not held by one person in one place - it is held by many people across the motu. We can all play a part in learning and sharing mātauranga so that regional Matariki or Puanga traditions thrive for generations.

Everyone had 'loads of fun' this afternoon learning more (in their house groups) about Puanga/Matariki, Māori crafts and games.

Whānau Hui for our Māori Whānau

Ka pai to those who were able to attend our whānau hui this morning, and thank you to everyone who completed the survey online - this assists us with future direction too.

SURVEY REGARDING COHORT ENTRY FOR NEW ENTRANTS

Have you given us your opinion regarding Hokowhitu School adopting a cohort entry policy from 2026? If you have an opinion and have NOT yet completed the survey, please complete the ONE question survey before the closing date of 27 June.

[COHORT ENTRY SURVEY - CLICK HERE!](#)

BOOK BATTLE COMPETITION

Congratulations and 'good luck' to the following ākonga who have been selected to participate in this event next week.

Harrison, Amos, Aarush, Georgia, Ava, Carlos, Minoo, Ruby and Anne.

Special thanks to Mrs Gifford Moore who trained the squad, and to Harrison and Carlos' parents who are providing transport to Levin.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Unfortunately we didn't meet our winter target for attendance last week, with only 74% of the ākonga present for 90% or more of the week. Let's make a really big effort next week, to see if we can meet/exceed our target of 78% over the full term.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES

Free clinic

Our Public Health Nurses are running a clinic to assess students who have a sore throat and cannot access a GP service. The nurses will be able to do throat swabs, if required. Prescriptions will be provided for any child who needs antibiotics.

Address

200 Broadway Avenue, Palmerston North.

Clinic times

No appointment required

School holidays - Drop-in clinic Monday 30 th June to Friday 11 th July 8 am - 4 pm

Term time – 8 am - 9 am and 3pm - 4 pm

For other times please call 06 350 9110 between 9 am – 3 pm for an appointment.

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 lovely long weekend - enjoy the puanga/matariki celebrations on offer around the city.

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

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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

Finn - For having a great shooting style.

Jaspimran - For learning to slide her sounds together to say the word.

Oliver - For being great at basketball.

Alexander - For sliding his sounds together to read his words.

Nalina - For showing more confidence when in the classroom.

Maple - For always smiling and being happy to come to school.

Zeen - For being great at basketball.

Ruby - For reading her book to the class. Ka Pai!

Casey - For being brave!

Nia - For working hard on your reading and writing.

Jack - For super basketball skills. Tino pai.

Adrit - For super neat handwriting. Ka Pai!

Te Kete Pounamu

Welcome to **Deekyn** who has joined us in TKP!

Hemi - For demonstrating the 'E' in STRIVE by showing enthusiasm during maths. Mahi tika ana!

Vienna - For being a keen contributor when answering text comprehension questions at literacy workshops. Ka pai.

Spencer - For positioning your body in places to maximise the chance of success. Tino pai!

Te Kete Manawa

Asher - Great to see you willing to make contributions to our maths discussions.

Ashpreet - For correctly applying spelling rules.

Ayson - For taking care to set our work neatly in math and form numbers correctly.

Nina - For improving instant recall of number knowledge.

Aadarsh - For a nice job recalling spelling patterns and rules with your review in word study.

Clyde Y - For a super improvement in your number knowledge.

Cooper - For sharing your knowledge about salt water with the class.

Frankie - For demonstrating a good understanding of 2D shape properties.

Jude - For a great effort sorting angles correctly in maths.

Pray - For a great job correctly punctuating your sentences and including adjectives.

Adi - For trying hard to set out your maths work correctly

Finley - For having great recall in literacy and sharing rules about spelling.

Lucy - For demonstrating a good understanding of a clock face layout.

Nitnem - For identifying the properties of 3D shapes.





ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Te Kete Aronui

Joud - For great focus and spelling in literacy.

Inwoo - For great effort and can do attitude in art.

Qasim - For great focus and listening during learning.

Madison - For excellent sentence writing in literacy.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Jordyn - Welcome to Hokowhitu School!

Mason M - Great achievement in Maths.

Olivia H - For an outstanding information report on possums.

Anita - Excellent report writing with well crafted paragraphs.

Marley - Great work in measurement.

Charlotte - For an improvement in your homework. You have put in a lot of effort and it is great to see the improvement you have made.

Alex - For diligently completing tasks. In writing you have written great topic sentences and strong paragraphs about your topic.

Orla - For supporting others at Maths time while also completing assigned tasks. Awesome work, Orla!



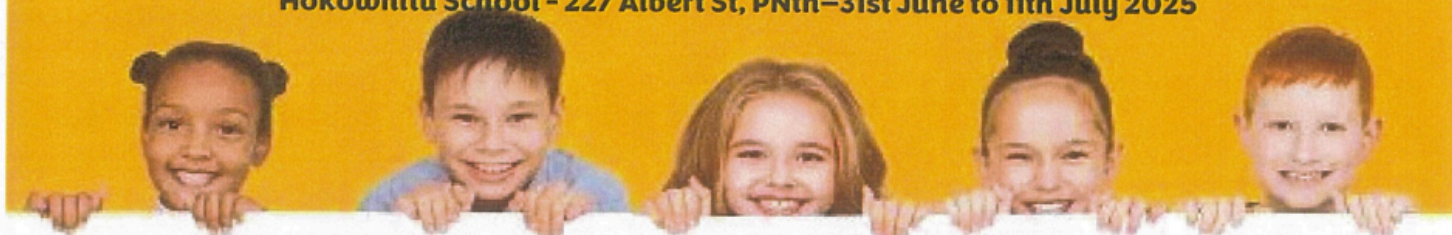
Yummy Sticker Collection

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!

HOLIDAY FUN 7 YEARS & UP \$33.00 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

Mon 30th June	Tue 1st July	Wed 2nd July	Thu 3rd July	Fri 4th July
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

aPlus School Holiday Programme, Winter 2025

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



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!!	PUFFER FISH \$38.00 Puffer Fish are quite dangerous, but still lets learn what makes them so unique.
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 lunch.	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 & one of 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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Yrs3/4 **junior** 10am - 11am

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

Yrs7-10 **all star** 1pm - 2:30pm

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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

