



# HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 27 June 2025

## Important Upcoming Events 2025

<b>14 July</b>	8.50am School opens for term 3
<b>15 July</b>	Vision/hearing screening for <b>New Entrants who have not had/ completed their B4 School Check</b> <b>Children who have no previous record.</b> * If any parent/guardian does not wish their child to be checked could they please inform the school
<b>21 - 25 July</b>	<b>CanCan appeal City Mission</b> - bring along a can if you can!
<b>23 July</b>	Y 5/6 Ki o rahi tournament
<b>24 July</b>	9am School assembly, TKM sharing some of their learning. Everyone welcome
<b>25 July</b>	TEACHER ONLY DAY - <b>SCHOOL IS CLOSED.</b> Staff undertaking PLD in implementation of the new Mathematics curriculum
<b>29 July</b>	5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom, everyone welcome
<b>1 August</b>	House t-shirt day!
<b>6 August</b>	Kind Hearts Day for selected Year 5 ākonga
<b>8 August</b>	9am School assembly, TKP sharing some of their learning. Everyone welcome Mathex competition for selected Year 5/6 ākonga
<b>22 August</b>	9am School assembly, TKW sharing some of their learning. Everyone welcome
<b>29 August</b>	Daffodil day, gold coin donation, wear yellow or green!

***Please check school bags for a notice sent home today regarding the upcoming School board elections***



## UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou  
Ngā mihi kia koutou

Today we farewelled Whaea Bree, who is soon on her way to Hong Kong on a teaching contract. Have an absolutely amazing adventure Bree! We have all loved you being a part of our kura and work whānau, and wish you every success in future years.

Mrs Julie Cranshaw joins us as the new kaiako in Te Kete Manawa next term. Mrs Marie Greig also commences as our Office Manager next term. We look forward to welcoming Julie and Marie (along with other new tamariki) at our Mihi Whakatau on the 14 July.

### **ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**

Unfortunately we didn't quite meet our winter target for attendance last week, with 76% of the ākonga present for 90% or more of the week. Let's make a really big effort next term to see if we can get back to 78% or more - we are nearly there!

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES**

The free clinic that was advertised last week has been cancelled. More details will be sent regarding this later in the year.

### **ATAWHAI AWARDS**

At this morning's assembly the following people were recognised for the way they have shown atawhai (kindness) within their kete or the kura overall.

TKW: Alexander - You are an amazing friend to our new children in our Kete (even though you are new yourself). You always make people smile and are such a great listener. You step up and always make sure you are showing STRIVE. Thank you for showing Atawhai in Waka. Keep it up! Kia manawanui.

TKP: Sam B - for stepping up to be the best you can be. You are a kind and thoughtful friend in Te Kete Pounamu. You are amazing at organising games at play times for those who want to join in. You ordered an extra piece of pizza for anyone who may have missed out and you are very helpful in the classroom, ensuring that it is tidy and organised. Thank-you for showing atawhai in TKP. He whetu nui koe!

TKM: Liana is a bubbly and friendly personality in Te Kete Manawa. She makes everyone feel welcome and included. She consistently shows atawhai in her words and actions, offering help to classmates and teachers alike without being asked. Always doing the right thing, she sets a positive example for others to follow. Whether it's offering a smile, lending a hand, or giving encouraging words. Ka mau te wehi!

TKA: Inwoo, your enthusiasm for learning shines through in everything you do! You are always willing to help others by passing on your skills and knowledge. You act on feedback, even if it means offering to give up your morning tea to ensure your work is perfect before you hand it in! You are outstanding when it comes to volunteering — every time we ask for one, your hand is the first to go up, even before you know what the task is! Your kindness, eagerness, and initiative make a real difference in our kete.

TKT: He tino atawhai koe! Zareesh you consistently show manaakitanga in all that you do. Whether it's on the playground or in the classroom, you always include others, make them feel welcome, and show genuine interest in their thoughts and feelings. Your friendly nature, empathy, and thoughtful actions show how much you care about those around you. Ka mau te wehi — your kindness makes our class a better place for everyone.

STAFF: Mr Masoe and Ms Blay - both these kaiako demonstrate atawhai by selflessly giving of their time and skills to develop our Kapa Haka roopu. Their performance at Te Pae Tamariki recently was much appreciated and praised by whānau, colleagues and tamariki. Thank you for showing atawhai in this way Eli and Anna.

### **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](mailto:r.hawkins@hokowhitu.school.nz)) the organiser of ICAS Assessment for Hokowhitu School.

Wishing everyone a fantastic term break

Nāku noa, nā

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### **Book Battle**

**On Thursday 26th June 9 students travelled to Levin to take part in the 'Book Battle Literacy Competition. There were 30 teams of Year 5/6 students from 15 schools in the region who took part.**

**Hokowhitu A - Harrison, Amos, Ruby and Aarush were thrilled to place fourth!**

**Hokowhitu B - Minoo, Ava, Anne, Carlos and Georgia were only six points behind them.**

**The students had a great time and enjoyed the challenging questions.**



# 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

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.

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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

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> - Years 5 & 6	<b>Basketball</b> - Years 3 - 6	<b>Futsal</b> - Years 3 - 6	<b>Summer Soccer</b> - Years 0 - 6
<b>Summer Hockey</b> - Years 1 - 6	<b>Winter Hockey</b> - Years 1 - 6	<b>Badminton</b> - Years 4, 5 & 6	<b>Netball</b> - Years 0 - 4
<b>Badminton</b> - Years 5 & 6			<b>Summer Hockey</b> - Years 0 - 6
			<b>Touch Rugby</b> - Years 0 - 6
			<b>Volleyball</b> - Years 4, 5 & 6 <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 coordinators  
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)



## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

### Te Kete Wakahuia

What a fabulous term of learning and showing enthusiasm. You all showed STRIVE. Have a well deserved holiday. We are looking forward to lots of new learning in Term 3!!

**Akein** for working hard on your reading.

**Aaravdeep** for fantastic number knowledge in maths.

**Xavier** for working on your letter formation. Tino pai.

**Colin** for reading like a champion.

**Freya** forming number bonds to 10.

### Te Kete Pounamu

What a fantastic term of learning we have had in TKP! Thank you to each and everyone of you who consistently display our STRIVE values. Have a fantastic holiday break and we look forward to seeing you back in term 3!

### Te Kete Manawa

Te Kete Manawa - Phew! What a jam packed term we have had! You have all stepped up and put your best foot forward. We appreciate each and everyone of you. We wish you all a wonderful two week break and we are really looking forward to seeing you on your return for Term 3!

Whaea Bree thank you for everything! We will miss you and look forward to hearing about your new adventures. From TKM

### Te Kete Aronui

**Henry , Antonella** - for your wonderful attitude towards learning.

**Joslyn** - for working hard to apply skills with word work in literacy.

**Oliver** - for putting lots of effort into writing statement sentences

**Abhi** - great ideas when asked to share in inquiry!

**Maddy** - for a great improvement with book work!

**Madison** - you are a stunning role model!

**Rohan** - you have been working hard to master word study skills.

**Laylahnne** - for your enthusiasm in discussions.

**Lachie , Isaiah** - you created great inquiry posters!

**Annie** - your 3D model really impressed us!

**Manik, Anna S** - for improvements in writing.

**Aditya** - for the huge effort you put into your speech.

**Ali, Adrian** - for your effort in learning new basketball skills.

**Mason C** - for helping others in basketball!

### Te Kete Tangaroa

Thank you Te Kete Tangaroa for your efforts over Term 2. It has been great to see so many of you stepping up and we look forward to this continuing. We have appreciated your enthusiasm and the learning that we do together. Have a great break and we will see you in a couple of weeks ready to start the new term. Always remember to show atawhai!



### 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

## 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
<b>MONKEY MOVES</b> <b>\$28.50</b> Build a telescope, we are off to find monkeys and other animals in the jungle, every monkey you find wins a prize	<b>OUT OF THIS WORLD</b> <b>\$28.50</b> Mission Briefing - Aliens from distant galaxies are landing on Earth. Your mission is to build one only using blocks. What powers do they have?	<b>SUNRISE SUNSET</b> <b>\$28.50</b> We are going to experiment today - making drink that looks like sunrise and a pudding painting that looks like sunset!! Yum!	<b>MYSTERY BUSTERS</b> <b>\$28.50</b> Little Detectives Day - Complete a series of spy challenges to 'infiltrate' a location, avoid traps, and find hidden clues!!!	<b>SPLATTER AND SPLASH</b> <b>\$28.50</b> 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
<b>WINTER WELLIES</b> <b>\$28.50</b> It's raining, it's pouring, it's time to wear Wellies (gumboots)! Design your own wellies, add bright colours and plenty of sparkle!!	<b>HOBBY HORSE</b> <b>\$28.50</b> 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!	<b>ARTHROPODS</b> <b>\$28.50</b> What is an arthropod? Come and find out. Some have the 'yuck' factor and some are just beautiful!!	<b>DO YOU WANT TO BUILD A SNOWMAN</b> <b>\$28.50</b> Build your own snowman today and take it home - there might not be snow, but that won't stop us!!!	<b>GOLDEN CUPS</b> <b>\$28.50</b> 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
<b>WEAVING MATS</b> <b>\$33.00</b> Today we are weaving mats. You can use all the colours of wool you want to include in your mat and take it home.	<b>LIZARD ON A LOG</b> <b>\$33.00</b> 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!	<b>STARS AT NIGHT</b> <b>\$33.00</b> 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!	<b>STANDING ON THE MOON</b> <b>\$33.00</b> 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?	<b>BEADED BEARDS</b> <b>\$33.00</b> Decorate your beard with beads and sparkles. Don't have a beard??? Well, we have plenty of beards to go around.
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<b>FIZZ POP BANG</b> <b>\$33.00</b> Fizzy painting with baking soda and vinegar science for a fun chemical reaction!!	<b>HOW MANY DOES IT TAKE?</b> <b>\$33.00</b> 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	<b>BUILD A CASTLE</b> <b>\$33.00</b> 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!!	<b>MAKE YOUR OWN</b> <b>\$33.00</b> 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.	<b>FILTER ART</b> <b>\$33.00</b> Enjoy the colourful world of science meets art with filter animals, flowers and rainbows

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# 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
<b>DRIP ART HEARTS</b> <b>\$38.00</b> 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!	<b>WILDBASE</b> <b>\$40.00</b> 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.	<b>SUPER DUPER DAY</b> <b>\$38.00</b> 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!	<b>MOVIES</b> <b>\$48.00</b> Bag up the popcorn and grab your friends, because we are off to the movies!!	<b>PUFFER FISH</b> <b>\$38.00</b> 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
<b>BEATING HEART</b> <b>\$38.00</b> 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!	<b>PHOTO SHOOT</b> <b>\$40.00</b> 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!	<b>SILHOUETTES</b> <b>\$38.00</b> 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!!	<b>SCIENCE KITS</b> <b>\$40.00</b> 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	<b>MINI PIZZA AND PASTA</b> <b>\$40.00</b> 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
<b>PORCELAIN PAINTER</b> <b>\$40.00</b> Take a paintbrush and experiment in texture & colour different surfaces	<b>TEN PIN BOWLING</b> <b>\$45.00</b> Get your bowling shoes on & off we go! Challenge yourself & your friends, then we pick up pizza & back to the centre for lunch.	<b>POTTERS WHEEL</b> <b>\$40.00</b> Get creative with clay! Try your hand at the potter's wheel or sculpt your own masterpiece using just your hands.	<b>MOVIES</b> <b>\$45.00</b> Bag up the popcorn and grab your friends, because we are off to the movies!!	<b>CAKES OR MUFFINS</b> <b>\$40.00</b> 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
<b>CREATIVE HANDICRAFTS</b> <b>\$40.00</b> 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.	<b>FUNKY FRIPE</b> <b>\$45.00</b> 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!	<b>BRAIN DRAIN</b> <b>\$40.00</b> 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!	<b>THE LOLLY SHOP</b> <b>\$45.00</b> We are going downtown to the Lolly Shop. Let's grab some goodies to munch on while we watch a movie.	<b>TROLL BOXES</b> <b>\$42.00</b> Make your own Troll Treasure box. Paint it or decorate it. Decorate your troll - choose hair from our colourful wool.

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**HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

# EMERGING TURBOS & CYCLONES



**DATE: 9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY 2025**  
**AGE: 11-13 YEARS OLD**  
**TIME: 1-3PM**  
**LOCATION: BILL BROWN PARK**  
**COST: \$30**

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER**




**HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

# FUTURE TURBOS & FUTURE CYCLONES



**DATE: 9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY 2025**  
**AGE: 7-10 YEARS OLD**  
**TIME: 11-12PM**  
**LOCATION: BILL BROWN PARK**  
**COST: \$30**

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER**




**TINY TURBOS & TINY CYCLONES**

**HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**



**DATE: 9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY 2025**  
**AGE: 3-6 YEARS OLD**  
**TIME 10-11AM**  
**LOCATION: BILL BROWN PARK**  
**COST: \$20**

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER**


