

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 26th June 2026



Upcoming Events

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| 26 th June | School Photo Sibling Form sent home - Please check your oldest child's bag. |
| 30 th June | School Production - 6.30pm |
| 1 st July | Pizza orders close at 12noon via KINDO |
| 3 rd July | Pizza Day & PJ Day! End of Term 2 |
| 20 th July | Term 3 begins |
| 22/23 July | Te Pae Tamariki - Kapa Haka |
| 24 th July | School Photos - Class, Portraits / Siblings |
| 27 th July | School Photos - Kete hubs ICAS Assessments registration closes |
| 29 th July | School Photos - Catch up photos |
| 31 st July | School Disco |
| 5 th August | Year 5 Kind Hearts Trip |
| 31 st August | Teacher only day - SCHOOL CLOSED |

Do keep checking this calendar, as there will be new items added as soon as possible!



Update from the Principal



Kia ora koutou,

Four more sleeps until production day!!! It has been a busy week with the final preparations being put in place for our students to have their time in the spotlight. We hope to see you all there on Tuesday for our big performance. Remember to purchase your tickets online from Ticketek (see the information below). Also, there was an email sent out yesterday explaining the drop-off points for children on the night. Please make sure you have read this important information (it is attached to the bottom of the newsletter if you missed it).

We also had 27 students represent us at the local Kī o Rahi tournament. Well done to all the students who participated, and a huge thank you to Mrs Lovegrove and the parents who helped with transportation and managing the teams. Also, a big thank you to Kevin from aPlus for lending his minivan to help with transport.

Pizza and PJs

Next Friday, the last day of Term 2, is our school-wide STRIVE Reward – PJ day! Everyone can come to school in their pyjamas for the day. It is also a PTA pizza lunch for those who have ordered a slice. Orders for pizza are made through KINDO and shut off on Wednesday.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Friday 24th (Class, Portraits, Siblings) and Monday 27th July (Kete), and catch up day on the 29th July.

Sibling photo forms are being sent home today, please check your oldest child's bag. If you did not receive one please email the office office@hokowhitu.school.nz.

STRIVE Value Focus: Kia Kaha (Try new things)

Lots of us have been stepping out of our comfort zones lately, which links perfectly with our STRIVE focus for the last week of school. When we try new things, we need to be brave and strong - Kia Kaha. It takes a lot of courage to start something new. We must acknowledge that everything is hard at the beginning, but if we keep working hard, practice, and stay strong, it will get easier over time. We have all learnt this over the last 5 weeks as we practiced our dance routines! This also links to our classroom learning; we may find things challenging when we first encounter a new concept, but the more we practice, the easier it gets. Kia Kaha – stay strong and you will succeed.

Attendance

We continue to promote and track regular attendance at Hokowhitu School in line with Ministry of Education guidelines. The Ministry classifies "regular attendance" as attending school 90% of the time, which means a child has no more than 5 absences a term. To help keep you informed, next term we are going to trial sending out weekly attendance emails so you can see how your child is tracking. Next week, you will receive your first email with an overview of your child's attendance so far this year. As a whole school, we are doing very well against the Ministry target of having 80% of all students attending regularly. Let's keep working together to maintain these high attendance rates, please reach out if you need any support.

One week to go, and what a week it will be! The students and staff have done all the hard work and are ready to deliver a fantastic show.

Have a restful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday night.

Ngā mihi,
Reece Hawkins
Tumuaki / Principal



School Production: 'Under One Sky'

Our students are working exceptionally hard preparing for our whole-school production, which will be performed live at the **Regent Theatre on Tuesday, 30 June at 6:30pm.**

Please note: **There is NO cost and NO ticket required for Hokowhitu School students who are performing on stage.**

Tickets for family and friends are now available for purchase. You can purchase your tickets directly via Ticketek - [Production Ticket Link](#) or by visiting the Regent Theatre Box Office in person.

PRICING

Online - Ticketek - [Production Ticket Link](#)

Adult - \$12.60 Child 14 and under - \$7.60

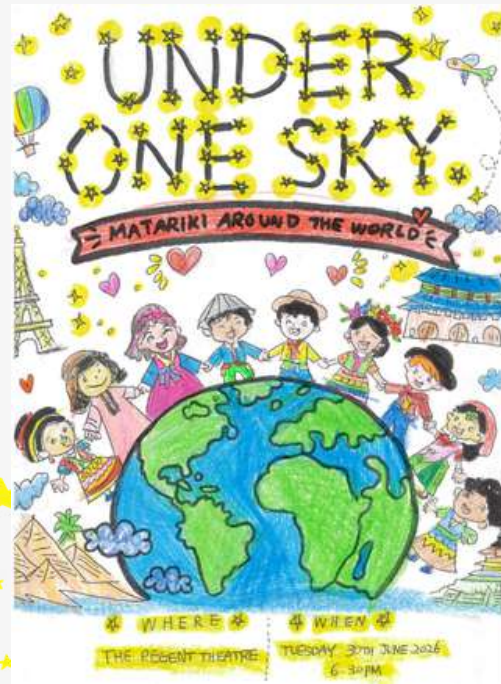
Children under 3 years are free.

Box Office - Regent Theatre

Adult - \$13.60 Child 14 and under - \$8.60

Children under 3 years are free.

NOTE: Please **DO NOT** record any part of the production. A professional copy will be available to purchase at a later date. We appreciate you considering the childrens privacy.



PIZZA & PJ DAY - LAST DAY OF TERM

Reminder that the PTA is running a pizza day on the last day of term, **Friday 3rd July**. All orders need to be placed through **KINDO** by **Wednesday 1st July** - [Kindo Pizza Link](#). If you need any help with the app, please get in touch with the office staff who are happy to assist. Pepperoni, cheese, vegetarian & hawaiian available.

\$2 per slice

\$3 per slice for the gluten free option

The kids who have earned strive vouchers this term have been making their selection for what reward they would like and PJ Day has come out on top! Kids can come to school in their favorite pyjamas, dressing gown, oodie or onesie. You might even spot a few teachers in their jammies too! This is also on the last day of term **Friday 3rd July**.



KI O RAHI TOURNAMENT

On the 24th of June, there were two teams from our school that went on a trip to the ki o rahi tournament at Manawaroa Park. The two teams were called Hui and Moa. The Moa team won 3 of their 4 games, and Hui won 1 out of their 4 games. We got there by car and the aPlus van, thanks to the parents who took time out of their day to support us. It was super cold, but we got used to it and had a great day. Thank you to our parent volunteers, the tournament organisers, Mr Hawkins for running our training sessions, and Mrs Lovegrove for looking after us on the day.

- KJ Y6 Student



MEET & GREET WITH AUTHOR JAMES RUSSELL

Last Wednesday some of our students took the opportunity to attend a book launch held after school at the central library by successful New Zealand author James Russell. The timing was perfect for these kids from TKA as they are doing an author study on him right now! They are currently reading book 2 of The Dragon Defenders series. All of them walked away with personally autographed copies of one of his books.

- Mr Evans





HOKOWHITU SCHOOL PRODUCTION NIGHT *Tuesday 30 June 2026*

Kia ora

Wow! Less than a week to go before the children have the opportunity to share with you, their whānau and friends, all their hard work over the past five weeks working towards the amazing Hokowhitu School Production 'Under One Sky' being held on Tuesday 30 June 2026.

We request that all children are dressed in full costume (as per each kete costume requirements) and dropped off at 6.15pm. All children in TKW, TKP, & TKA need to be dropped off at the backstage entrance of 'The Regent on Broadway' located on King Street. All children in TKM & TKT are to come into the The Regent foyer, via Broadway and walk up the stairs to the left. At these points teachers will collect your child/children and take them to their kete area in preparation for the performance. Please note: All children do not require shoes so please drop them off without shoes at their drop off point.

At the completion of our Hokowhitu School Production we will have all children remain seated on the stage. We ask you to please remain seated for further instructions regarding the collection of your child/children. We would also appreciate your patience during this time so we can get everyone home safely.

We appreciate that Tuesday will be a very full day and evening for the tamariki (children). We will therefore on Wednesday welcome children to school at 8.30am, however our roll will be completed at 10am for those that might need an extra rest.

We thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 30 June 2026.

Ngā mihi

Hokowhitu School Staff

Achievement Awards



Te Kete Wakahuia

Theodore - For working hard on your letter formation.
Danyal - For fantastic maths. Tino pai!
Indigo - For always trying her hardest and having a positive attitude towards all of her learning. Ka rawe!
Honatana - For all the wonderful reading he has been doing with the teacher after school. Ka rawe!
Clara - For a fantastic term of learning. Ka rawe!
Danah - For trying everything. Ka pai!
Esom - For fabulous dancing. Ka pai!
Te Awatea - For using excellent manners. Ka rawe!

Te Kete Pounamu

Manaki-Vai - For improved effort in whole class literacy - Keep it up!
Ellie E - For developing some great acting skills. Ka pai!
Imogen - For leading our karakia in a loud and clear voice. Ka mau te wehi!

Te Kete Manawa

For great improvement in your word study patterns and rules :

Hayze, Carson, Cyrus, Lily, Neave, Remy, Ina & Hanoch

For a super improvement in number knowledge:

Yarik, Juliette, Riley, Zoe, Umar, Ava, Ahmad, Isaac & Ryder

Te Kete Aronui

Aditya - For showing that you are ready to learn and putting effort into our dance practices.
Harley - For your excellent work in mathematics with equivalent fractions.
Sid - For excellent energy in the Production dance practices.
Meilah - For an entertaining piece of creative writing.
Pray - Your fraction knowledge was very impressive, great work!
Anna & Dan Francis - Amazing effort with Production!
Connor - For working hard to master new maths learning.
Adam - For being a times tables legend!

Te Kete Tangaroa

Ameerah - Excellent can do attitude and consistently showing manawanui.
Taylah - Being a superstar! Super focused and steps up daily.
Felix - For a huge effort and great sportsmanship at the Ki o'rahi tournament.
Oliver - For working hard on your board game and for producing a game you are proud of.
Emelia - For your excellent work learning your lines for production, and your fantastic expression.
Lohan - For amazing art work this week, and for outstanding sportsmanship at the ki o rahi tournament.



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 School cell phone
(txt or phone) - 027 357 9021



App

See how to download the App here:
<https://hokowhituprimary.apps.school.nz/>

IF YOU ARE EMAILING THE TEACHER DIRECTLY REGARDING AN ABSCENT - PLEASE REMEMBER TO CC THE OFFICE.

Sport

Table Tennis

Congratulations to Leo and Eddie, our Hokowhitu Paddlers table tennis team, on a fantastic season! Table tennis is an exciting, fast-paced sport that requires a huge amount of skill, focus, and quick thinking. Throughout the season, both boys showed great determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship, and their improvement was amazing to see. Their hard work paid off with an impressive 3rd-place finish in their grade. Well done, Leo and Eddie - a very cool achievement!



| Term 1 Wed 4/2-Thur 2/4 | Term 2 Mon 20/4-Fri 3/7 | Term 3 Mon 20/7-Fri 25/9 | Term 4 Mon 12/10-Fri 16/12 |
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Sports you will register through **kindo** to play for Hokowhitu School -

<https://shop.kindo.co.nz/>

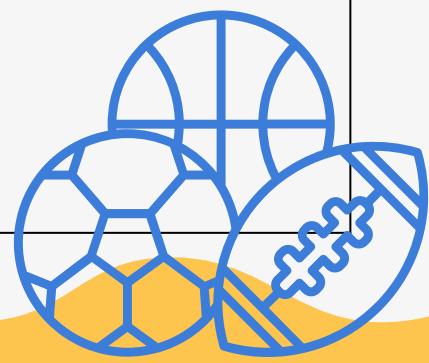
*Uniform hire is required for all sports except Netball

COACHES - If you can, please send through a photo of the players of the day for the newsletter. We love to share the kids achievements! office@hokowhitu.school.nz

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| <p>Badminton - yrs 5 and 6 (Registration - kindo beginning term 1)</p> <p>Summer Hockey - All yrs (Registration - kindo beginning term 1)</p> <p>Netball - All yrs (Registration -kindo beginning term 1)</p> <p>T-Ball - yrs 1-3 (This team is continued from Term 4)</p> <p>*All Term 1 Sports registration's are now closed</p> | <p>Basketball - yrs 3-6 (Registration - kindo term 1)</p> <p>Winter hockey - All yrs (Registration - kindo term 1)</p> <p>Table Tennis - yrs 4-6 (Registration - kindo term 1)</p> <p>*All Term 2 Sports registration's are now CLOSED</p> | <p>Badminton - yrs 4-6 (Registration - kindo term 2) - Registration NOW OPEN - closes 12noon 3rd July.</p> <p>Basketball and winter hockey carry on this term.</p> | <p>T-Ball - yrs 1-3 (Registration - kindo term 3)</p> <p>Summer hockey - All yrs (Registration - kindo term 3)</p> <p>Summer soccer - All yrs (Registration - kindo term 3)</p> <p>Volleyball - yrs 4-6 (Registration - kindo term 3)</p> <p>Futsal - yrs 3-6 (Registration - kindo term 3)</p> <p>Netball - All yrs (Registration - kindo term 3)</p> <p>Touch - All yrs (Registration - kindo term 3)</p> |
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Sports available through outside agencies
See this link for ALL sports in the Manawatu -
<https://www.sportmanawatu.org.nz/findasport>

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| <p>Junior rugby https://www.manawaturugby.co.nz/community-rugby-1/junior-1</p> <p>Winter soccer https://www.centralfootball.co.nz/competitions-1/fixturesresults-1/manawatu-2</p> | | | <p>Tennis https://clubspark.kiwi/TennisManawatu</p> <p>Cricket www.sporty.co.nz/mca</p> |
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The Egg Project

- Jump onto the website 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

Hokowhitu School has fundraised more than \$3862 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.



Community Notices



2026 ICAS ASSESSMENTS

We are pleased to inform you that our school will be participating in the 2026 ICAS Assessments. These assessments are designed to recognise academic excellence, challenging students to apply their classroom learning to new contexts using higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills.

2026 ICAS Sitting Windows:

- **Digital Technologies:** 3 Aug – 7 Aug 2026
- **Writing:** 3 Aug – 7 Aug 2026
- **English:** 10 Aug – 14 Aug 2026
- **Science:** 17 Aug – 21 Aug 2026
- **Spelling Bee:** 17 Aug – 21 Aug 2026
- **Mathematics:** 24 Aug – 28 Aug 2026

How to Order and Pay:

We use the Parent Payment System (PPS) to streamline the registration process. You can purchase assessments directly for your child using the details below:

Parent Payment Link: [ICAS ASSESSMENTS](#)

School Access Code: WIE149

Please select the subjects you wish for your child to participate in by **Monday 27th July**.

Please Note:

All orders must be placed via the online shop prior to the closing date for each subject. For more information regarding ICAS and fees please visit the ICAS website. These assessments will be held/supervised at school within the sitting windows.

NETBALL

with **Kate**



TUES 14TH
YEAR 1-3

WED 15TH
YEAR 4-6

THURS 16TH
YEAR 7-8

AT TE KURA WAENGA O TIROHANGA,
MONRAD INTERMEDIATE

9-12PM

\$30
PER DAY

TO BOOK EMAIL
netballwithkate@gmail.com

Kids Market

Hokowhitu Scout Group Fundraiser

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH
11.30 AM-3.30 PM

SNAG SOME BARGAINS!
KIDS' BOOKS, TOYS,
CLOTHES, CRAFTS,
BAKE SALE AND MORE!

9 Ayr Place, Hokowhitu

*Come and support our kids
selling their goods*

CAVE

VIRTUAL REALITY

SIM RACING

VR ESCAPE ROOM

FUNDRAISER
OPEN 7 DAYS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

BOOK ONLINE AND USE CODE
HOKOWHITU



aPlus School Winter Holiday Programme, 6th July - 17th July 2026

Hokowhitu School 227 Albert St, PNth - Book Now at aplus.kiwi.nz

SMALL FRY - AGES 5 & 6 \$30.00 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

| Mon 6th July | Tue 7th July | Wed 8th July | Thu 9th July | Fri 10th July |
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| LITTLE POTS Decorate your own little pot— you will have jewels, paint, beads, glitter, wash tape and more. Take it home, it's yours. | DARE DEVIL DINSAURS Children will become dinosaur hunters with crafts, fossil hunts, active games, and exciting dino challenges designed especially for curious young explorers. | LITTLE ANIMALS Children will enjoy making cute animal crafts, playing fun animal games, singing songs, and exploring the world of little creatures. | MATARIKI STARS Matariki Stars, Kites, Eels and a Sausage sizzle! We are celebrating Matariki by creating beautiful things and sharing food!! | MATARIKI PUBLIC HOLIDAY |
| Mon 13th July | Tue 14th July | Wed 15th July | Thu 16th July | Fri 17th July |
| COOL HANDS Children will create, twist, connect, and invent using paper clips and recycled materials while enjoying teamwork games, silly challenges, and imaginative creations. | BYE BYE BIRDIE Flap into fun with feathers and imagination - is it a bird or is it a plane!! Wait and see | DOWN SOUTH A South Pole adventure! Children will discover icy fun with penguin crafts, explorer games, icy sensory activities, and challenges. | IT'S RAINING AGAIN Rain or shine, the fun never stops! Enjoy weather-themed crafts, indoor games, music, movement, and cosy fun designed to brighten even the rainiest day. | BLUE MOON Blast off into a magical Blue Moon adventure! Children will enjoy moon and star crafts, glowing games, blue-themed activities, and imaginative fun inspired by the night sky and outer space. |

HOLIDAY FUN 7 YEARS & UP \$34.00 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

| Mon 15th Apr | Tue 16th Apr | Wed 17th Apr | Thu 18th Apr | Fri 19th Apr |
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| COLOUR ME UP A bright and energetic day packed with colour-themed fun! A vibrant mosaic artwork, then exciting team challenges using colours before relaxing with a movie and snacks! | SMASHING SCIENCE Packed with excitement, and messy science fun, this action-filled day encourages children to explore, question, & experiment like real scientists! Rubber eggs, lemon volcanoes!! | FLYING FISH Flying fish, fishing relays and we are making our own chocolate fish. Today is a great mix of creativity, food prep skills, and teamwork!! | MATARIKI STARS & SAUSAGE SIZZLE We are talking about newspaper and how we can change it into animals and sea creatures - come and check out a new and exciting view of the news! | MATARIKI PUBLIC HOLIDAY |
| Mon 22nd Apr | Tue 23rd Apr | Wed 24th Apr | Thu 25th Apr | Fri 26th Apr |
| CANNED CREATIONS Cans and cans of ideas for us to create. Kick the can is not for us today - it's about the can, it's true, but whether the can will look like a can when you are finished is another question. | LIONS AND TIGERS & CHAIRS A great day of Lions and Tigers themed games, cookie decorating - with plenty of energy required and fun at every turn!! | HORSING AROUND Saddle up, and enjoy a day packed with creativity, laughter, and cowboy-style activities like decorating and throwing horseshoes. | THE STUFFED GREEN FROG A fun-filled froggy day where children will create their very own stuffed green frog to take home, then leap into exciting frog-themed activities including Frog Toss, and decorating delicious frog-shaped biscuits. | ALL MIXED UP Today is all mixed up, play over there, create over here - mix it up, put it to music and off we go!!! |

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

| Mon 15th Apr | Tue 16th Apr | Wed 17th Apr | Thu 18th Apr | Fri 19th Apr |
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| ORANGES & LEMONS Some of you might guess beforehand and others will wait until the big REVEAL | 10 PIN AND PIZZA The children will enjoy decorating cup cakes, using and learning about nature edible decorations | BUBBLE GUM ART If a dragonfly landed on your head - what would you do? These dragonflies look so real you will think that they can just take off and fly away. | CLOUD 9 & SAUSAGE SIZZLE 18 holes of Mini Golf!! A hole-in-one earns a prize! Friendly competition with your friends!!! | MATARIKI PUBLIC HOLIDAY |
| Mon 22nd Apr | Tue 23rd Apr | Wed 24th Apr | Thu 25th Apr | Fri 26th Apr |
| GRRR BARK We are making candy bark today, a yummy treat to try and then takes some home. There will be dog activities but no dogs barking!! | MOVIES A warm theatre, friends, snacks and a good movie to watch!! | LETS GET OLD FASHIONED Visit the past - old games such as marbles and hopscotch, feather pens, rotary phones, tape decks and records?? You have to see it to believe it!!!! | MAMA MIA & PIZZA Today you make your own pizza - get the recipe, roll the dough and choose your ingredients - in the oven and then lunch is served!! | SUGAR ART Have you ever tried sugar painting before? Have a blast with this Winter sugar painting idea - shining and sparkling results are new and different! |

