

# HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

## Newsletter

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2026



### Upcoming Events

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| 10-19 <sup>th</sup> August | Life Ed Bus                                                                           |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> August    | Ross Intermediate Open Evening - 4 & 6pm                                              |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> August    | Daffodil Day - Gold coin donation - wear yellow to school<br>School Assembly - TKW    |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> August    | Teacher only day - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>                                               |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> September  | House T-Shirt day                                                                     |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> September  | Board Meeting                                                                         |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> September  | Ricoh Sports Tournament - Y5&6                                                        |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> September | Year 4-6 Kapa Haka Mini Fest at PNINS                                                 |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> September | School Assembly - TKA<br>Palmerston North Intermediate Normal enrolments closing date |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> September | Term 3 Ends                                                                           |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> October   | Term 4 Begins                                                                         |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> October   | Year 4 Sleepover & Ngā Manu                                                           |

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

# Update from the Principal



Harold and Tim

Kia ora koutou,

We have had a great finish to the week! Yesterday, we were very lucky to have 50 Palmerston North Boys' High School students come and visit as part of the PNBHS Band. The boys were incredibly talented and played us a range of fantastic tunes. It was especially wonderful to see three past Hokowhitu School students playing and singing in the band!

Today, we had a huge surprise at TKP's assembly when Harold and Tim made a special appearance. The excitement nearly blew the roof off the hall! Tim and Harold from the Life Ed mobile classroom have been busy sharing their knowledge on how we can look after ourselves and each other. This has fitted in seamlessly with our big concepts for this term, **Kaitiakitanga** and **Manaakitanga**.

**Maths Week.** It has been National Maths Week this week, and our students have been thoroughly engaged in daily maths challenges organised by Mrs Gifford Moore. One of the major challenges our senior students took on was **Times Tables Rock Stars** - an online 3-day tournament where Hokowhitu School placed **32nd out of 374 participating schools!** Scroll down to read the full results and celebrate our top performers.

Today, we also had four teams competing in the Manawatū Mathex competition. There will be a full write-up in next week's newsletter acknowledging their efforts. A huge thank you to Mr Evans for training and supporting them on the day, and to the parents who helped out with transport.

**STRIVE Focus: Whakataki – Investigate** Te Kete Pounamu gave us a fantastic overview of our new STRIVE focus for the next couple of weeks: **Whakataki (Investigate)**. They shared the investigating they have been doing in their kete around Kaitiakitanga (guardianship and protection of the environment). They tested different materials to see how best to get spilled oil out of water, concluding that it is extremely difficult and that it's much better to prevent oil from getting into the water in the first place! I look forward to seeing all the investigating happening across the school as I visit classrooms in the coming weeks.

**Road Safety Reminder** Over the last week, we have had a couple of close calls, particularly when people are crossing College Street and Churchill Avenue at the Albert Street corners. If your children are walking to school and crossing these streets, please remind them to take their time, stop, and look both ways. Also, a gentle request to parents: **please make sure you are using the designated school crossing.** This models safe, responsible practice for all of our students.

We also say a warm goodbye to Taeko as her visit comes to an end. We have thoroughly enjoyed having you back at Hokowhitu School, thank you for sharing your rich culture with us! We wish you a safe journey home and look forward to your return.

Hope you all have a safe and restful weekend!

Ngā mihi nui,

Reece Hawkins  
Tumuaki / Principal



Palmerston North Boys High Showcase



Tea ceremony with Taeko



## **BALLOT FOR OUT OF ZONE TERM 1 AND 2 ENROLMENTS 2026**

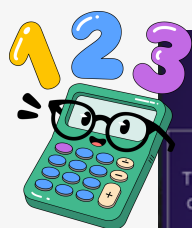
A ballot (if required) will be held on Wednesday 9 September 2026 for new entrants who reside out of our school zone, but wish to enrol at our kura, starting in Terms 1 or 2 of next year. We also have a number of spaces available in year 4 and 6 for 2027.

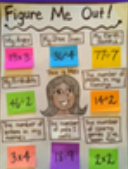
Do you have a child turning 5 over this period? Do you know someone else who wishes to enrol with us, but we do not yet have their enrolment details?

Everyone (including siblings) who reside outside our enrolment zone **MUST** have enrolment information into the office **Tuesday 8 September 2026** so that we can accurately gauge how many spaces we have.

## **MATHS WEEK**

We had something for everyone—from daily challenges for each kete to estimating pumpkin weights and guessing the number of lollies in the jar!



| Activities & ideas!                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>Daily Maths Problem</b><br>These will be added to this slide daily. Answers given at the end of the week.<br>                        | <b>Daily Brain Teaser</b><br>These will be added to this slide daily. Answers given at the end of the week.<br> | <b>How Heavy/How Many</b><br>The object / jar of lollies will come around with your kete list. Please complete in your whānau/kete and return to Mrs GM the same day. Thanks<br>Mon - TKW, Tue - TKP, Wed - TKM, Thu - TKA, Fri - TKT<br> | <b>Maths Games</b><br>Put some time aside in Maths to play and enjoy Maths Games<br> |
| <b>Kete Challenge</b><br>Kete might like to incorporate a weekly challenge to build creativity, problem solving or teamwork skills.<br> | <b>Figure Me Out!</b><br><br><a href="#">Template</a>                                                           | <b>Maths Art</b><br>Choose from <b>20 Maths Art Challenges</b> to create an artwork inspired by mathematics. From symmetry and tessellations to optical illusions and geometry, there's something for everyone!<br><a href="#">GLink to ideas!!ery.</a>                                                                       | <b>Mathex Competition</b><br>TKA & TKT Yr 5/6s (Week 5)<br>                          |



This week TKA and TKT also took part in the Times Table Rock Star challenge, a 3 day tournament recalling times tables with a 30 minute daily limit. Out of 374 schools across New Zealand, we came in **32nd** place!

A massive shoutout to our top classes out of 2,077 nationwide:

Mrs. Gifford Moore's Class: **77th** place

Whaea Emma's Class: **123rd** place

Mr. Evans' Class: **268th** place

With 27,436 students competing across the country, we are so proud of everyone who took part. A huge congratulations to the following top-placing students:

**85th - Paikea**

**364th - Jamie**

**536th - Hanna**

- Mrs Gifford Moore



# ATAWHAI AWARDS

At this morning's assembly the following people were recognised for showing atawhai (kindness) towards others.

**TKW: Gaia** - You arrive at school each day with a sunny and bright smile that warms up our classroom. You demonstrate thought and care to all of the other children by being friendly and welcoming. You include others in your learning and play, making other children feel valued and comfortable. You always take care of our classroom environment by stepping up to keep things tidy and organised. Thank you for showing atawhai!

**TKP: Gemma** - Quietly shows atawhai in Te Kete Pounamu day after day. She follows our Kete Treaty by always respecting others and the environment. Gemma is a role model in our classroom as well as in the playground. She is a gentle and kind friend who is caring towards others. Gemma is also conscientious and is always stepping up to be the best she can be. Gemma we appreciate your kindness towards others and your super listening skills. He whetu koe!

**TKM: Namish** - Always greets the teachers in the morning. He listens attentively to teachers, follows directions without needing to be asked twice, and simply gets on with his work with steady focus. His genuine kindness makes him a trusted friend to everyone around him. Namish consistently makes thoughtful choices and serves as a natural role model for his peers. Ka mau te wehi!

**TKA: Joy** - Quietly goes about spreading kindness through her everyday actions and interactions with others. Whether she is helping to resolve disagreements between peers, sharing resources, supporting someone who is finding things challenging, or offering words of encouragement, she consistently shows care and consideration for those around her. These are qualities we highly value in our kete, and Joy has demonstrated that kindness is not about being noticed or rewarded, but about making a positive difference to others. She is a wonderful role model in our kete.

**TKT: Paxton** - Is a wonderful role model in our kete who consistently demonstrates genuine kindness to all of his peers. While he enjoys competition and bringing his best effort, he is always gracious, humble, and encouraging toward others. Paxton can always be trusted to take on duties responsibly and willingly, consistently making positive contributions to our overall kete. Ka mau te wehi! He whetu koe e tiaho nei.  
(Amazing work! You are a star that shines bright.)



# Achievement Awards



## Te Kete Wakahuia

**Joseph** - For always using your manners. Tino pai.  
**Theodore** - For fantastic reading. Ka pai.  
**Nurmahammad** - For being a kind member of our classroom.  
**Ollie W** - For fantastic handwriting. Ka rawe.  
**Finn** - For excellent addition and subtraction. Ka rawe!  
**Violet** - For excellent addition and subtraction. Ka rawe!  
Wishing **Poutū-Te-Rangi** a very warm welcome to Hokowhitu School. You are learning something new each day. Ka pai!  
**Toby** - For listening carefully at writing time and focusing on forming letters correctly.  
**Novaleigh** - For always coming into school with such a bright and happy smile.

## Te Kete Pounamu

**Ava** - For stepping up to complete follow up in maths independently.  
**Heela** - For writing sentences independently and for using spelling rules correctly - Ka rawe!  
**Linaya** - For fantastic maths mahi with months and seasons. Ka mau te wehi!  
**Ellie R** - For showing the T in STRIVE by trying new things - mau rākau. Tino pai!  
**Celine** - For being a leader in our maths workshops about months and seasons. Ka pai!  
**Carter** - For being a great role model at mat times and a 'switched on' learner in your workshops. Ka rawe!  
**Thomas** - For being an active participant in all class discussions. You have lots of interesting information to share. Ka pai!



## Te Kete Manawa

**Zayn** - For showing great enthusiasm while identifying examples of simple machines around the school.  
**Harrison W** - For asking good questions to continue a conversation.  
**Namish** - For having and sharing his great understanding of learned rules during literacy.  
**Quan** - For a great job leading the construction of a structure that floats for Inquiry.  
**Zia** - For being a great support to our new student and showing empathy.  
**Hayze** - For making a great effort to listen and follow instructions during maths.  
**Eli** - For writing some good examples of rhyming couplets in poetry.  
**Greta** - For taking responsibility with your learning and asking for support if needed.  
**Aisha** - For being focused and listening during literacy and taking on feedback.

## Te Kete Aronui

**Paikea** - For showing great commitment to helping our kete during the times table competition!  
**Romaan** - For thinking outside the box and coming up with an original speech idea.  
**Eliza** - For enthusiasm in oral language activities designed to help with delivering speeches.  
**Ivy and Delenaa** - Great work with multiplication and division during maths.  
**Jaxxon** - Great perseverance and ability to challenge your own thinking during maths.  
**Maggie** - For reciting poems with excellent fluency and volume.  
**Deekyn** - For persevering with the mighty maths 'egg carton' challenge.  
**Aria** - For an excellent modelling of all the STRIVE values.  
**Griffin and Aditya** - For outstanding effort in your speech writing.  
**Darcy** - For the amazing improvement in your times tables.

## Te Kete Tangaroa

**Jamie** - Excellent work on TTRS.  
**Leo** - Showing kindness and supporting a classmate.  
**Inwoo** - Taking on feedback to improve his speech.  
**Lucy** - For managing your time well when working on your speech. You are on track!  
**Isabella** - For independently working on your speech. You are self motivated and enthusiastic.  
**Joslyn** - For working independently to get each paragraph of your speech written.  
**Olivia** - Excellent work calculating the area of triangles.  
**Oscar** - Great work writing your speech.

# 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/>

## **Sport** **HOCKEY**

### The Hokowhitu Pups- Year 1&2 team.

The team consisted of five year 2 players: Casey, Colin, Eva, Zac and Lana, and two year 1 players: Oaklyn and Ozias. This team went on a scoring marathon and only let in a hand full of goals throughout the season. Their style of play came down to their passing around the other team (the diamond formation), dribbling through the defence (abit of ice hockey style but that's ok), and not giving up on getting the ball in the back of the goal or defending their goal. It was a real pleasure to watch this team grow and start to understand the concept of passing to each other and finding space to run with the ball. A big thank you to the parents for stepping in when the coach couldn't make it, and also assisting with the substitutions.



### The Hokowhitu Redsticks - Year 3&4 team.

This team had six year 4 players: Josh, Luke, Sadie, James, Eddie and Jaxxon. And three year 3 players: Hanna-Moana, Harrison, and Ahmad. During game time, the kids were always keen on running up front and wanting to score. But if they couldn't get past the opposition, we worked on a passing structure called backing around. They won most of their games during the season but also learnt about how it's not about who scores, but how we score as a team; there were a lot of really good team goals. A big thanks to both Sadie's parents (Kirsty and Vili) filling in when the coach couldn't make a game, assisting with substituting, and helping out at practices.



## **TENNIS**

Programme Details: Tennis Manawatu

Eligibility: Students in School - **Year 6 Students ONLY.**

Duration: 6 weeks

Day/Time: Tuesdays, 3.45pm – 5pm

Venue: Vautier Park, Puriri Terrace, Roslyn, Palmerston North

Start Date: Tuesday, 20th October 2026

Finish Date: Tuesday, 24th November 2026

Backup Date (if required): Tuesday, 1 December 2026

Entries close: Wednesday, **14th October 2026**

Please click the link for more information and to register with Tennis Manawatu - [Tennis Manawatu](#)



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

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

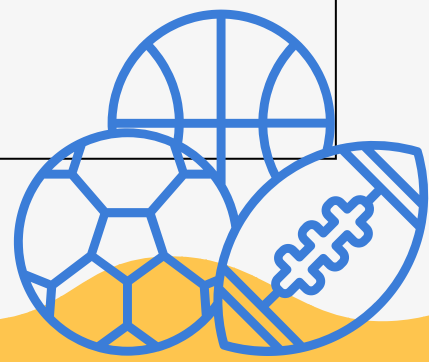
\*Uniform hire is required for all sports except Netball

**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](mailto:office@hokowhitu.school.nz)

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| <b>Badminton - yrs 5 and 6</b><br>(Registration - kindo beginning term 1)<br><br><b>Summer Hockey - All yrs</b><br>(Registration - kindo beginning term 1)<br><br><b>Netball - All yrs</b><br>(Registration -kindo beginning term 1)<br><br><b>T-Ball - yrs 1-3</b><br>(This team is continued from Term 4)<br><br><b>*All Term 1 Sports registration's are now closed</b> | <b>Basketball - yrs 3-6</b><br>(Registration - kindo term 1)<br><br><b>Winter hockey - All yrs</b><br>(Registration - kindo term 1)<br><br><b>Table Tennis - yrs 4-6</b><br>(Registration - kindo term 1)<br><br><b>*All Term 2 Sports registration's are now CLOSED</b> | <b>Badminton - yrs 4-6</b><br>(Registration - kindo term 2) -<br><b>Registration NOW CLOSED</b><br><br><b>Winter hockey carry on this term for two weeks.</b> | <b>T-Ball - yrs 1-3</b><br><b>(Registrations Now Open)</b><br><br><b>Summer hockey - All yrs</b><br>(Registrations open soon)<br><br><b>Summer soccer - All yrs</b><br>(Registrations open soon)<br><br><b>Volleyball - yrs 4-6</b><br>(Registrations open soon)<br><br><b>Futsal - yrs 3-6</b><br>(Registrations open soon)<br><br><b>Netball - All yrs</b><br><b>(Registrations now closed)</b><br><br><b>Touch - All yrs</b><br><b>(Registrations now open on KINDO)</b> |
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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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| <b>Junior rugby</b><br><a href="https://www.manawaturugby.co.nz/community-rugby-1/junior-1">https://www.manawaturugby.co.nz/community-rugby-1/junior-1</a><br><br><b>Winter soccer</b><br><a href="https://www.centralfootball.co.nz/competitions-1/fixturesresults-1/manawatu-2">https://www.centralfootball.co.nz/competitions-1/fixturesresults-1/manawatu-2</a> |  |  | <b>Tennis</b><br><a href="https://clubspark.kiwi/TennisManawatu">https://clubspark.kiwi/TennisManawatu</a><br><br><b>Cricket</b><br><a href="http://www.sporty.co.nz/mca">www.sporty.co.nz/mca</a> |
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## CELEBRATING SUCCESS



Evie R completed her first competitive gymnastics season, which was held May through to August across the Lower North Island (Step 1 - Manawatu Gymsports).

She attended 6 competitions overall and came out with 12 medals! **6 gold, 2 silver and 4 bronze.** Her favourite apparatuses are beam and floor.

Way to go Evie - What an achievement!



**JOIN THE EGG PROJECT FUNDRAISER TODAY!**

FREE RANGE DOZEN - \$9.50  
CERTIFIED ORGANIC DOZEN \$11.50

SET UP A SUBSCRIPTION OR ORDER YOUR EGGS ON THE WEBSITE BEFORE TUESDAY AND THEY WILL BE READY FOR COLLECTION FROM THE OFFICE ON THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL. WE WILL GIVE THE SCHOOL BACK \$1.00 PER DOZEN.

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**WWW.THEEGGPROJECT.CO.NZ**

## The Egg Project

- 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 more than \$4211 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



## **SCABIES**

Scabies cases are surging through parts of the North Island, including in Palmerston North and in several schools.

Scabies is a skin condition caused by a parasitic mite (a living thing). Scabies usually produces a very itchy rash. Please follow the link for more information including symptoms & treatment: [Scabies information](#).

### **AOTEAROA NEWS: Scabies Cases Surge Across North Island**

#### **Schools & Clinics Issue Warnings**



**What's Happening:**

- Tairangi School Porirua reports concern
- Pukekohe Family Health Care reports rise
- Spreads via close contact

**Symptoms:**

- Intensely itchy rash, worse at night
- Small red bumps

**Advice:**

- See GP promptly
- Whole household may need treating
- Wash bedding in hot water



ACT THREE PRODUCTIONS  
PRESENTS

**ROALD DAHL'S CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY**

Songs from the Motion Picture by  
**LESLIE BRICUSSE & ANTHONY NEWLEY**

Book by **DAVID GREIG**  
Music by **MARC SHAIMAN**  
Lyrics by **SCOTT WITTMAN & MARC SHAIMAN**

Based on the novel by **ROALD DAHL**  
Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australia)

**21st AUG - 1st SEPT**  
**REGENT ON BROADWAY**  
[premier.ticketek.co.nz](https://premier.ticketek.co.nz)

### **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – Grab your golden ticket!**

From the award-winning producers of Matilda the Musical (2024) comes Roald Dahl's magical Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, coming to the Regent on Broadway this August.

Join Charlie Bucket on an unforgettable journey into Willy Wonka's extraordinary chocolate factory, filled with spectacular music, incredible sets, larger-than-life characters, and plenty of pure imagination. It's the perfect family outing this winter.

Book your golden tickets today:  
<https://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=CHARCHOC26>

FREE

Build with dad, grab a snag

# Father's Day Family Event

## Thursday 3rd September

Food offering may differ store to store, check your local store booking page for more details.

Activities and fun for the whole family

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Celebrate Father's day with the Palmy Bunnings team and local community groups. Enjoy an evening packed with FREE family-friendly activities including face painting, DIY projects, kids crafts, games, tasty treats and more! Book online now!

Don't miss out, register now!

# Reach Your **PEAK**: Hiwinui School Intermediate Open Day

Tuesday, 18th August 2026 | 6:00 PM Start

Join us at 198 Watershed Road to see our action-packed learning space.



**Specialised Technology & Academic Innovation**  
Weekly IGNITE covering Hard Materials, Food Tech, Coding, and Engineering; plus EPro8/Evolocity.

**Specialised Technology Innovation**  
Legendary covering alternating camps, Food Tech, Coding, and Engineering; plus EPro8/Evolocity.

**Adventure & Leadership Opportunities**  
Legendary island-alternating camps, mountain adventures, and the tiered Ruahine Summit Medal.

**Deep Rural Heritage**  
Mastering agricultural science through Future Farmers livestock monitoring and environmental stewardship.

198 Watershed Road | 06 326 8078 | [office@hiwinui.school.nz](mailto:office@hiwinui.school.nz)

## Time to COLLECT Yummy stickers for our School's share of

# \$200,000

# SPORTS Gear

Download extra sticker sheets at [yummyfruit.co.nz](http://yummyfruit.co.nz)

**EAT Yummy APPLES & BRING YOUR STICKERS TO SCHOOL!**