# HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

# Newsletter

## Upcoming Events

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**Friday 6th November 2026**

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| **20th November** | School Assembly - TKP<br>Last day for Lucky Book Club orders |
| **26th November** | Parent Information Evening - Reporting to Parents 5:15pm<br>Ross Orientation for Year 6 Students |
| **1st December** | Fundamentals - Year 1-3<br>Board Meeting |
| **4th December** | School Assembly - TKW |
| **8th December** | Christmas Carnival & Prizegiving |
| **11th December** | Reports go home |
| **16th December** | Term 4 Ends at **12.45pm** |

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

## FOUND

This morning a cellphone was handed into the office, it was found on the road on Albert St just outside the school. It appears to have been run over and does not work. If you think this might be your phone please contact the office, you will need to describe the distinctive backing of the phone to claim.



# Update from the Principal



**Kia ora koutou e te whānau,**

Week four has been fantastic! We had our senior athletics on Thursday and all of our tamariki did exceptionally well. It was a hot day, but they all persevered and gave it their absolute best. Our top Year 5 and 6 athletes for each event will go on to represent Hokowhitu School at the Manawatū Primary School Athletics Champs later this month. A huge thank you to all the staff who made the day a success, and to the parents who came along to support their tamariki. Hopefully, we get the same great weather later in the term for our Year 1–3 Fundamentals Day!

**2027 Class Planning:** Thank you to everyone who has let us know if your plans for next year will or may be changing. Having accurate information allows us to balance class numbers and thoughtfully place everyone into their kete and whānau classes for next year.

**Attendance Update:** This term, our attendance is tracking at just under 80% of students attending regularly. Remember that every day counts! Let's see if we can push through and get over that 80% mark. If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please remember to notify the office via email, the school app, or phone.

**STRIVE Focus: Whakataki – Investigate:** Te Kete Manawa gave us a fantastic overview of what they have been investigating over the last couple of weeks at this morning's assembly. ***Whakataki*** (Investigate) is all about being curious and loving learning, we want all of our tamariki to be lifelong learners!

**End-of-Year Assessments & Reporting:** Teachers have officially started end-of-year assessments in preparation for writing final reports. Students across all year levels will participate in a range of tasks that allow us to measure the progress they have made throughout the year and help teachers evaluate student learning against key curriculum indicators. Later this term, we will host a parent evening to help deepen your understanding of our assessment and reporting processes.

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend! Please continue to check the upcoming events at the top of the newsletter and on our school calendar, as we have plenty coming up and new dates are added regularly.

**Ngā mihi nui,**

**Reece Hawkins**

***Tumuaki / Principal***

**Hokowhitu School** is an official venue for voting this election. Voting is open from 9am-7pm on Saturday. Click the link Voting venues to find your nearest venue.



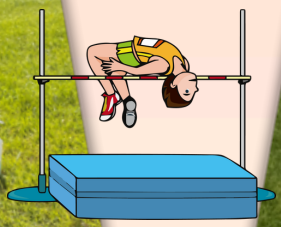
# YEAR 4 - 6 ATHLETICS DAY

























# YEAR 4 - 6 ATHLETICS RESULTS 2026

| Year Group | Shot Put | Discus | Hurdles | Sprints | Long Jump | High Jump | 800m |
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| **Year 4 Girls**<br>Kowhai - 240<br>Kakariki - 50<br>Whero - 70<br>Kahurangi - 60 | 1st - Sadie<br>2nd - Ina<br>3rd - Maggie | 1st - Darcy C<br>2nd - Sadie<br>3rd - Maggie | 1st - Darcy C<br>2nd - Ina<br>3rd - Nina | 1st - Darcy C<br>2nd - Emily<br>3rd - Zoe | 1st - Ina<br>2nd - Darcy C<br>3rd - Maggie | 1st - Darcy C<br>2nd - Maggie<br>3rd - Ivy | 1st - Darcy C<br>2nd - Emily<br>3rd - Zoe |
| **Year 4 Boys**<br>Group 1<br>Kowhai - 130<br>Kakariki - 170<br>Whero - 50<br>Kahurangi - 70 | 1st - Dontae<br>2nd - Conor<br>3rd - Axel | 1st - Dontae<br>2nd - Clyde V<br>3rd - James | 1st - Abdu<br>2nd - Conor<br>3rd - James | 1st - Abdu<br>2nd - Conor<br>3rd - Luke | 1st - Conor<br>2nd - Abdu<br>3rd - Luke | 1st - Conor<br>2nd - Louis<br>3rd - Dontae | 1st - Abdu<br>2nd - Jaxxon<br>3rd - Conor |
| **Year 5 Girls**<br>Kowhai - 40<br>Kakariki - 90<br>Whero - 210<br>Kahurangi - 80 | 1st - Madi<br>2nd - Eliza<br>3rd - Laylahnne | 1st - Madi<br>2nd - Evie<br>3rd - Joy | 1st - Eliza<br>2nd - Evie<br>3rd - Rita | 1st - Evie<br>2nd - Hanna<br>3rd - Eliza | 1st - Dan<br>2nd - Annie<br>3rd - Huatahi | 1st - Evie<br>2nd - Eliza<br>3rd - Madi | 1st - Hanna<br>2nd - Evie<br>3rd - Rita |
| **Year 5 Boys**<br>Group 1<br>Kowhai - 20<br>Kakariki - 40<br>Whero - 190<br>Kahurangi - 120 | 1st - Ihaia<br>2nd - Isaiah<br>3rd - Abel | 1st - Junoo<br>2nd - Isaiah<br>3rd - Paxton | 1st - Lachie<br>2nd - Mason<br>3rd - Junoo | 1st - Lachie<br>2nd - Mason<br>3rd - Ihaia | 1st - Isaiah<br>2nd - Mason<br>3rd - Lachie | 1st - Isaiah<br>2nd - Ihaia<br>3rd - Lachie | 1st - Paxton<br>2nd - Carter N<br>3rd - Pray |
| **Year 6 Girls**<br>Kowhai - 250<br>Kakariki - 130<br>Whero -<br>Kahurangi - 40 | 1st - Afokoula<br>2nd - Olivia H<br>3rd - Antonella | 1st - Afokoula<br>2nd - Yuleena<br>3rd - Joud | 1st - Yuleena<br>2nd - Antonella<br>3rd - Isla D | 1st - Yuleena<br>2nd - Charlie<br>3rd - Anita | 1st - Isla D<br>2nd - Daeun<br>3rd - Charlie | 1st - Isla D<br>2nd - Yuleena<br>3rd - Lucy | 1st - Logain<br>2nd - Yuleena<br>3rd - Isla D |
| **Year 6 Boys**<br>Group 1<br>Kowhai - 150<br>Kakariki - 130<br>Whero - 60<br>Kahurangi - 80 | 1st - Felix<br>2nd - Carter<br>3rd - Mason | 1st - Shazain<br>2nd - Rohan<br>3rd - Carter | 1st - Vova<br>2nd - Edward<br>3rd - KJ | 1st - Rory<br>2nd - Edward<br>3rd - KJ | 1st - Edward<br>2nd - KJ<br>3rd - Joel | 1st - Vova<br>2nd - KJ<br>3rd - Rory | 1st - Edward<br>2nd - Freddie<br>3rd - Shahzain |
| **Boys - Year 4**<br>Group 2<br>Kowhai - 10<br>Kakariki - 200<br>Whero - 50<br>Kahurangi - 40 | 1st - Jude<br>2nd - Nikau<br>3rd - Vivaan | 1st - Nikau | 1st - Jude<br>2nd - Rhyan<br>3rd - Evin | 1st - Jude<br>2nd - Rhyan<br>3rd - Piar | 1st - Jude | | 1st - Piar<br>2nd - Jude<br>3rd - Tanish |
| **Boys - Year 5**<br>Group 2<br>Kowhai - 70<br>Kakariki - 50<br>Whero - 220<br>Kahurangi - 30 | 1st - Romaan<br>2nd - Manik<br>3rd - Adam | 1st - Qasim<br>2nd - Avyaan | 1st - Adam<br>2nd - Manik<br>3rd - Aadarsh | 1st - Adam<br>2nd - Manik<br>3rd - Romaan | 1st - Adam | 1st - Manik<br>2nd - Adam | 1st - Adam<br>2nd - Avyaan<br>3rd - Benny |
| **Boys - Year 6**<br>Group 2<br>Kowhai - 90<br>Kakariki -<br>Whero - 200<br>Kahurangi - | 1st - Ajay<br>2nd - Abhi<br>3rd - Quinn | 1st - Ajay | 1st - Grisha<br>2nd - Quinn<br>3rd - Ajay | 1st - Grisha<br>2nd - Ajay | 1st - Abhi | 1st - Ajay | 1st - Grisha<br>2nd - Abhi<br>3rd - Quinn |
| **Bonus points:**<br>Kowhai - 1000<br>Kakariki - 860<br>Whero - 1,050<br>Kahurangi - 520 | Kowhai - 33<br>Kakariki - 32<br>Whero - 34<br>Kahurangi - 33 | Kowhai - 19<br>Kakariki - 21<br>Whero - 22<br>Kahurangi - 16 | Kowhai - 83<br>Kakariki - 64<br>Whero - 77<br>Kahurangi - 55 | Kowhai - 4<br>Kakariki - 8<br>Whero - 4<br>Kahurangi - 2 | | Kowhai - 77<br>Kakariki - 61<br>Whero - 67<br>Kahurangi - 40 | Kowhai - 35<br>Kakariki - 53<br>Whero - 35<br>Kahurangi - 32 |

**Placement points: 1st = 30 points, 2nd = 20 points, 3rd = 10 points**

## HOUSE RESULTS

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| 1st | Whero - 1,289 |
| 2nd | Kowhai - 1,251 |
| 3rd | Kakariki - 1,099 |
| 4th | Kahurangi - 698 |

# ATAWHAI AWARDS

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

**TKW: Charlie B -** Charlie you have been showing patience and kindness with helping our new student. Charlie uses a calm and gentle tone of voice to help guide him through new routines. Thank you for your caring actions and for demonstrating what it truly means to show atawhai to others.

**TKP: Wyatt -** Wyatt is always looking out for others and uses his inititive to help those in need. He has a kind heart both for the environment and his peers. Wyatt always volunteers his time to comfort someone, tidy our classroom or to take care of nature. He is softly spoken and has a gentle manner. Wyatt's enthusiasm for learning is appreciated, and he takes on board everything our kete learns about being a kaitiaki. Thank-you for being so caring Wyatt. Ka pai!

**TKM: Inamandla -** Ina, thank you for being such a calm and caring presence in Te Kete Manawa. Your daily kindness shines through in the way you take others under your wing, offer support, and make sure everyone feels included — both in and out of the classroom. We deeply value your fantastic attitude toward school and learning. Thank you for continually showing atawhai!

**TKA: Madi -** Madi enjoys the opportunity to take on the role of PA - Personal Assistant to teachers. She shows kindness by offering to help other students in class and is very supportive if she notices someone is upset. At least once a term she shows thoughtfulness by bringing staff in the kete a coffee... just because she's kind and thoughtful. Madi is trustworthy and reliable. We are lucky to have you in TKA Madi!

**TKT: Annie -** Annie is a wonderful, caring presence who spreads kindness wherever she goes. She brightens everyone's day with a warm greeting, is always the first to offer help, and makes sure no one feels left out. She brings this wonderful energy into her role as PA with total enthusiasm. Thank you, Annie, for showing atawhai, we really value your contribution to our kete!



# Achievement Awards

## Te Kete Wakahuia

**Sophia** - For writing interesting facts about the Moon. Ka pai.
**Nusaiba** - For striving to do her best every day. Ka pai.
**Finn** - For asking interesting questions at oral language time. Tino pai.
**Joseph -** For fantastic ideas at oral language time and for asking great questions. Tino pai.
**Thomas -** For applying your maths knowledge when working with place value. Ka pai.
**Hayzel-Leigh** - For being an amazing friend and supporting others in their learning. Ka rawe!
**Lila** - For settling into school so smoothly and following our classroom routines. Tino pai!
**Elijah** - For putting in lots of effort to form letters correctly. Ka pai!
**Boston** - For having such a positive attitude to learning and giving everything a go. Ka rawe!
**Archie** - What a maths whizz you are - fast problem solving by adding and subtracting numbers. FANTASTIC!
**Hunter** - You always share your amazing knowledge and ideas with your class mates. Incredible effort with your learning!

## Te Kete Pounamu

**Kaira -** For using your initiative to complete jobs independently! Ka rawe.
**Isabella -** For a huge improvement in explaining and completing your maths activities.
**Ruby -** For always focusing in whole class literacy and for putting great effort into using full stops and capital letters correctly. Tino pai!
**Celine -** For putting extra effort into expanding your ideas in your writing. Ka pai!
**Keepa -** For being a curious investigator at inquiry when making and testing different seed models. Ka wani kē!
**Kiaan -** For being an amazingly helpful and patient buddy reader. Ka mau te wehi!




## Te Kete Manawa

**Karen -** For great work completing long division and short division.
**Cooper -** For settling well at night during the sleepover.
**Ashpreet -** For being more consistent when completing work and trying hard to focus.
**Hui-Tanguru -** For working hard on division and using your multiplication to help.
**Marley -** For working hard to practice your multiplication facts at home and moving up levels.
**Sasha -** For an improved effort in your knowledge of spelling patterns and rules.
**Ivan -** For a fantastic job equal sharing when working on division problems.
**Aisha -** For stepping up and showing STRIVE in your learning.
**Greta -** For being consistent and making good choices in your learning.

## Te Kete Aronui

**Dontae -** For amazing focus in class.
**Eli -** For being on task and using great manners.
**Sadie -** For being a reliable and helpful role model to others.
**Adrian -** For great work in maths creating nets.
**Eliza -** For great 3D work!
**Romaan -** For persevering in writing tasks.
**Henry -** For your great work with creative writing.
**Mia -** For your amazing work with making 3D shpes.
**Ivy** and **Thea** - Awesome effort and results in sprints!
**Theo** - Great job in hurdles and your effort in athletics.

## Te Kete Tangaroa

**Jamie -** Excellent recount writing about a proud moment.
**Luca -** Excellent results in our MAZE test.
**Paxton-** Super PE monitor.
**Jessica -** For being a kind classmate, who shows atawhai in many different ways.
**Lucy -** For always showing STRIVE in our kete. You are a great example to others.
**Anita -** For your enthusiasm for reading. We are loving our class novel: your recommendation!
**Ajay** - Great attitude showing strive during Athletics day.
**Ava** - Great work in reading comprehension.
**Charlie** - Excellent work in her Maths.

# 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/Touch Practice

Hockey practice on the turf on Monday's 2.45-3.45pm. Happy to have another team of Y1/2 join us if their team doesn't do a practice.

Touch Rugby practice on the field by the bike track Tuesday's 3-3.45pm
Those who missed out on registering for U8 Touch can join for a run around too.
-Coach (Merrin)

## Sports uniforms

There are a few outstanding $5 sport uniform hire fees for term 4. Please check your Kindo account as a reminder has been sent.

**Pease note:** the uniform hire charge is **per term** and not for the wole year.

**Coaches** - If you would like to send through any results or players of the day, please email to office@hokowhitu.school.nz to feature in the newsletter.

## Sport results

### Soccer

**Hokowhitu Raptors** - Won 3-1. Player of the day went to **Lachie** who got us off to a good start scoring our first goal in 50 seconds. Great game for the whole team with **Mason** and **Adam** also scoring goals.

**Hokowhitu Kickers** - Had a great game this week! **Oliver W** got player of the day, ka pai Oliver.



# Community Notices




## 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 $2254.00 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.

## Whooping Cough/Pertussis

**There has been an increase of Whooping Cough in the community.**

**Please click the link for more information -**
**Whooping Cough Information Sheet**






# Manawatū CONCERT BAND

AT THE

# MOVIES

WITH

# JOHN WILLIAMS



**SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER**

**2PM**

DOORS OPEN 1.45PM

**SPEIRS CENTRE**
**PALMERSTON NORTH**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE ON EVENTFINDA**

| TICKET PRICES | | |
|---|---|---|
| | ADULTS | $20 |
| | CHILD/STUDENT | $10 |
| | FAMILY (2A+3C) | $50 |

https://tinyurl.com/MCBJWBII

Door sales available on the day

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Maximum Dance Zone Presents

# PINOCCHIO



Friday 27th Nov 6pm
Saturday 28th Nov 12pm (Understudies)
and 6pm (Prizegiving)

**Tickets avalible from www.maximumdancezone.co.nz**

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# K-SHOW

## WE ARE ALL FLOWERS

*together we bloom*

**DATE**
WED 2 Dec 2026

**TIME**
6pm - 7:30pm

**VENUE**
Speirs Centre, PNBHS

- Celebrate 15th Anniversary of PNKS
- Traditional Performance
- Live Music & Dance
- Family-Friendly Fundraising Event

**TICKETS**

Adult $20 | Student $10 | Under 5 free

Online tickets – Scan QR code | Door sales – Cash only

Scan me

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# OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

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