

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 19th June 2026



Upcoming Events

24 th June	Primary School Ki o Rahi Tournament
25 th June	Library Bus
30 th June	School Production - 6.30pm
3 rd July	Pizza Day! - Orders now open via KINDO End of Term 2
20 th July	Term 3 begins
22/23 July	Te Pae Tamariki - Permission forms sent via KINDO
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

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



Update from the Principal



Kia ora koutou,

The countdown officially continues for our big night! A permission form has been set up on Kindo for you to give consent for your child to travel by bus to the Regent Theatre for our rehearsal on **Tuesday, 30 June**. Please log into Kindo and complete this permission form for your child as soon as possible. If you have any issues with Kindo or need help signing up, please contact the school office.

A huge thank you to all our parents for supporting us with the preparation of our school production by helping out with costumes. This production links directly to our Arts Curriculum and is a fantastic way for our ākonga (learners) to experience and open their eyes to the different aspects of the performing arts. It also teaches them the vital skills of working together and creating something special as a collective group. Thank you for encouraging your child to participate so fully.

STRIVE Value Focus: Manawanui (Step Up)

I have seen so many of our ākonga stepping up and demonstrating **Manawanui** over the last few weeks. They have shown incredible dedication and persistence as they master complex dance steps, learn new songs, and memorise their lines. They are working exceptionally hard to deliver their absolute best. Keep it up, everyone - you are doing an awesome job, and I cannot wait to see you all lighting up the stage! These exact skills and values transfer beautifully back into our classroom learning. When faced with challenges, staying committed and persevering is precisely what helps our brains grow and learn.

Attendance: Every Day Counts!

Regular attendance builds strong daily routines, helps students stay connected with friends, and significantly boosts learning. Showing up on time sets the foundation for school success. If your whānau is facing barriers to getting your children to school, please reach out to us so we can support you.

Currently this term, **79% of our students are attending regularly** (meaning they have been at school at least 90% of the time so far). Our school goal is to get this number over 80% to align with national attendance targets.

The Ministry of Education classifies attendance into these clear categories:

- **Regular Attendance:** Over 90% attendance (absent for fewer than 5 days a term).
- **Irregular Attendance:** 81%–90% attendance (absent for 5 to 9 days).
- **Moderate Attendance:** 71%–80% attendance (absent for 10 to 14 days).
- **Chronic Attendance:** 70% or less attendance (absent 15 or more days).

Looking Ahead

Please keep a close look out for further notes and emails regarding production details over the coming days.

Finally, a big thank you to our teachers who are supporting the students with their performances while simultaneously making sure all the foundational skills of reading, writing, and maths are still being covered daily.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend!

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](#)

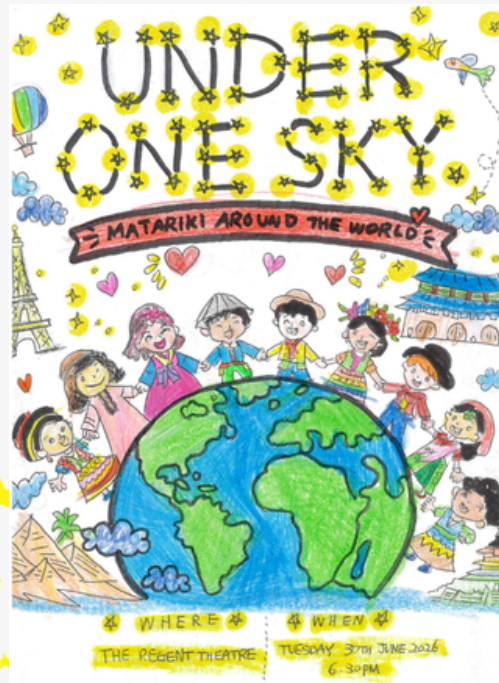
Adult - \$12.60 Child 14 and under - \$7.60

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.



TE PAE TAMARIKI 2026

Thank you to the whānau that have filled in the permission form that was sent via Kindo. Please can this be filled in by next **Wednesday 24th June** so that we can finalise our numbers and parent helpers. Please contact Ms Blay a.blay@hokowhitu.school.nz if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi! - Ms Blay



PIZZA DAY

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**. 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



Achievement Awards



Te Kete Wakahuia

Jasmine - For being a great line leader at dance practice. Tino pai.

Bella - For being a great line leader at dance practice. Tino pai.

Harvin - For fantastic maths! Kā rawe.

Oliver - For being a role model when listening to instructions in our dance sessions.

Olive - For super neat handwriting. Kā rawe.

Reign - For great adding and subtracting. Tino pai!

Devenaa - For joining in with our stories. Tino pai!

Te Kete Pounamu

Musa - For being a problem solver and tidying up someone else's food rubbish in the hallway. Ka pai!

Sanumi - For putting great effort into your writing workshops. Ka pai!

Calvin - For being focused during whole class literacy - Ka rawe!

Te Kete Manawa

All of TKM - For all of your awesome focus and hard work during our production practice. We are really impressed at how well you have been learning the routine. Not long now!

Te Kete Aronui

Henry - For settling back into class well and showing a positive attitude towards his learning.

Cici - For being such a wonderful member of TKA this year - We will miss you!

Anna - For putting a lot of effort into all your school work and present work to a high standard.

Dan Francis - For working hard in dance practice and listening carefully to instructions.

Te Kekerewai - We appreciate the support you give to other students who may need a helping hand.

Eddie, Max and Nina - For great effort and dancing during our production practice.

Theo and Oliver - For great creativity when decorating the Matariki lanterns.

Ange - For great work with your maths basic facts.

James - For excellent work with finding the rules of number patterns.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Jamie - For being an exceptional leader.

Ihaia - For enthusiasm in our world research learning

Zareesh - For excellent work in subtraction in maths.

Fred - For fantastic use of writing strategies to improve paragraphs.

Ali - For being focused on completing all of your literacy tasks.

Ava - For a superbly drawn comic strip with a clear and detailed storyline.

Oscar - For a fantastic comic strip about Pleiades, completed in a limited time.



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.

FREE COUNSELLING AT SCHOOL

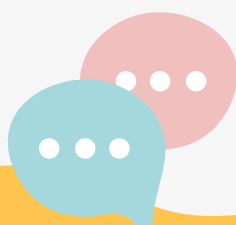
In partnership with Gumboot Friday, your child can receive up to four free counselling sessions - right here at school. This support can only be accessed once per child.

I'm Counsellor Dave. I've worked with children of all ages since 2007, supporting tamariki with anxiety, anger, low mood, and big feelings in a safe and caring way.

Sessions take place at school, but bookings must be made by whānau through Naomi Thompson, Learning Support Coordinator.

To arrange support for your child in 2026. Please contact Naomi Thompson n.thompson@hokowhitu.school.nz for more information and the referral documents.

<https://www.talkingworks.co.nz/listing/dave-dawber/>



Sport

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/>

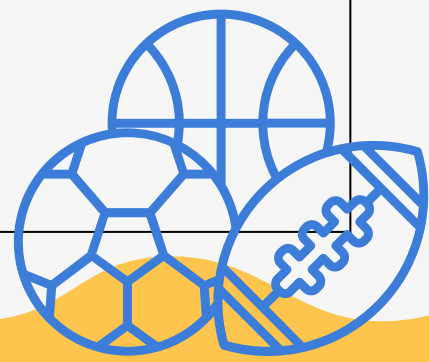
*Uniform hire is required for all sports except Netball

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

<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>

<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.

Chicken Pox

While there are no current cases of chicken pox at Hokowhitu School, there is an increase in notifications of chickenpox (varicella) in the community.

The chickenpox vaccine is one of the vaccines given at 15 months as part of the childhood immunisation schedule. It is also free for some other tamariki and those at high risk of chickenpox.

For everyone else, chickenpox immunisation is available at a cost. Talk to your healthcare provider if you would like the chickenpox vaccine for you or your tamariki.

Free chickenpox vaccinations are available for 11-year-olds who:

- Have never had chickenpox, or
- Have not previously received a chickenpox vaccine

Public Health offer a free drop-in vaccination clinic every Tuesday from 3:30-6pm at 200 Broadway Avenue offering all childhood immunisations.

Childhood Vaccination drop-in clinic:

Tuesdays

3:30pm – 6:00pm

200 Broadway Avenue, PN

Booked appointments are also available for those who are unable to attend on a Tuesday.

For more information on Chicken pox click here: [Chicken pox facts sheet](#)

- Public Health Nurse Jamie

RAILX 2026 MODEL RAILWAY SHOW

Saturday 4th & 5th July 2026
Barber Hall, Waldegrave Street
Palmerston North
10.00am to 4.00pm Daily

& Radio Control
Truck Display in Bell
Hall!



Over Twenty Train Layouts, huge Radio-controlled truck display, working Meccano and Lego exhibits, modelling demonstrations and a wide range of trade stands.

Adults \$10.00, Children (4 -14 years) \$5.00,
Family Pass (2 adults & up to 4 children) \$30.00.
EFTPOS OR CASH ONLY.



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*

MYTH
Manawatu Youth Theatre
Te Whānau Māori o Te Manawatu

INNES DEAN
LAWYERS

Disney
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

8-17 July 2026

GLOBE THEATRE
Palmerston North

www.globetheatre.co.nz

Success Tutoring
Palmerston North

Thinking about tutoring but not sure where to start?

BOOK YOUR FREE ASSESSMENT
WITH SUCCESS TUTORING
PALMERSTON NORTH

ENGLISH & MATHS FOCUS	PERSONALISED LEARNING PROGRAM	MOTIVATIONAL LEARNING
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JUST CALL 022 606 6056

Feilding So in Lights
Manawatu's Matariki Winter Festival

Month-Long Light Festival
27 June to 31 July 2026

- **27 June Grand Launch**
Saturday 27th June 5pm to 7pm
Feilding town Square. FREE ENTRY
- **25 July Drone Light Show**
Saturday 25th July 5pm to 7pm
Manfeild Oval. GOLD COIN DONATION
- **PLUS A MONTH of Events & Activities**
Community Light Project
Matariki Star Hunt
Business Window Lighting Trail
Hospitality Challenge:
People's Choice - The Brightest Dish
Matariki Farmers Market 10 July
Late Night Thursdays & More to come!

Feilding District

NEW ZEALAND'S OWN

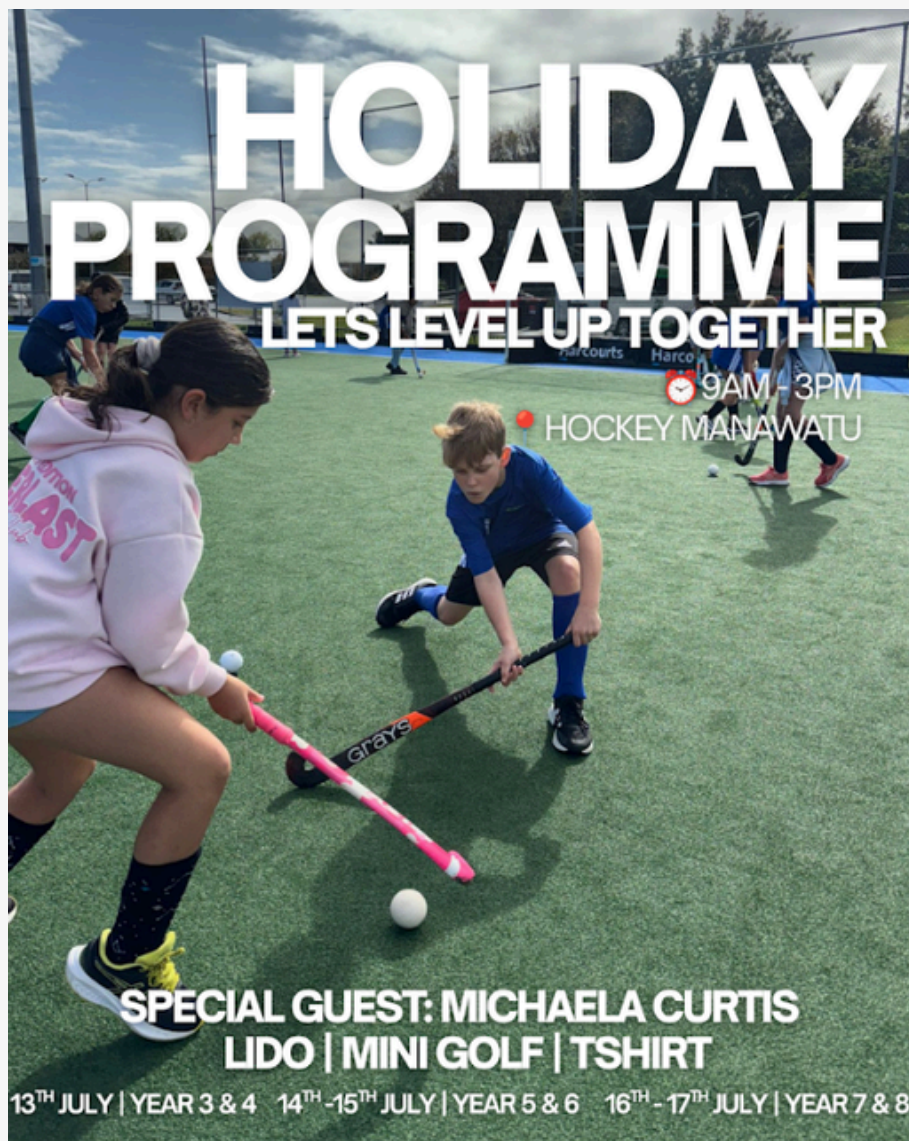
CIRCUS OF ILLUSION

MAGIC SHOW

PALMERSTON NORTH

REGENT ON BROADWAY
TUESDAY 7TH JULY 6PM

BOOK NOW // TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
TICKETEK www.ticketek.co.nz // Phone: 0800 TICKETEK (842 538)



Looking for a fun and active way to keep the kids engaged these school holidays? Hockey Manawatu is running an exciting Holiday Programme designed to build hockey skills, confidence, and a real love for the game - all while having plenty of fun.

Our programme runs from 9am–3pm, with sessions tailored to each age group. Alongside developing their hockey skills, tamariki will also enjoy awesome activities such as mini golf and a trip to the Lido Aquatic Centre.

We're also thrilled to welcome special guest coach ex-Blackstick Michaela Curtis, who will be joining us across the week to inspire and support our young players.

Year 3–4 Holiday Programme:

13th July - \$80 Includes: T-shirt + Mini Golf

Registration Link: <https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/d3f32c>

Year 5–6 Holiday Programme:

14th - 15th July - \$150 Includes: T-shirt + Mini Golf + Swimming

Registration Link: <https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/b3c492>

Year 7–8 Holiday Programme:

16th - 17th July - \$150 Includes: T-shirt + Mini Golf + Swimming

Registration Link: <https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/ed512d>