

# HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

## Newsletter

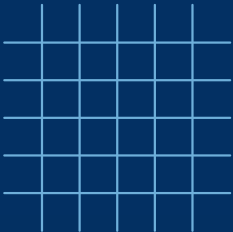
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026



### Upcoming Events

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| 27 <sup>th</sup> July      | School Photos - Kete hubs<br>ICAS Assessments registration closes                      |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> July      | TKP Marae visit<br>Book Battle                                                         |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> July      | School Photos - Catch up photos (siblings/individual                                   |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> July      | School Disco                                                                           |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> August     | Palmerston North Intermediate Promo - Year 7 Enrolments open<br>Board meeting - 5:30pm |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> August     | Year 5 Kind Hearts Trip                                                                |
| 10-19 <sup>th</sup> August | Life Ed Bus                                                                            |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> August    | Mathex                                                                                 |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> August    | Teacher only day - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>                                                |

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



# Update from the Principal



Kia ora koutou,

We have had a great start to the term! I hope all of our tamariki and whānau got a chance to relax and enjoy spending time together over the school holidays.

At our Mihi Whakatau on Monday, we welcomed all of our new students who have joined Hokowhitu School over the past term and at the start of Term 3. We had 9 students start their very first day of school on Monday, which also marked the opening of our newest New Entrant class, taught by Mrs Hawkins and Mrs Easton. We extend a warm welcome to all of our new tamariki and whānau. We hope you enjoy your time as part of our school community.

A big shout-out to our Kapa Haka group who performed at Te Pae Tamariki at the Regent Theatre on Thursday. You were all awesome and represented Hokowhitu School with immense mana. You should be very proud of yourselves! A huge thank you to Ms Blay, Mr Masoe, Whāea Kaitlyn and Whāea Jess for the time, energy, and care put into preparing our tamariki for this event.

You may have noticed that Te Kete Tangaroa (TKT) has a brand-new deck! Inside, it has also had a fantastic refresh with new paint, new sinks, and relined walls. The Board is committed to continually improving our school environment, and we have a number of exciting further projects in the planning stages.

**Reporting to Parents,** We are continuing our work to align our assessment and reporting systems with updated Ministry guidelines. Schools are required to provide a written report to parents and whānau twice a year. We sent out our first written report at the end of Term 1 and will be sending out our second report at the end of Term 4. ***Please note this is a change from last year, when reports went out at the end of Term 3.***

**Note for New Entrants:** Students who have been at school for less than a year follow a different reporting process. They receive written reports after 20 weeks and 40 weeks of school, which are accompanied by a face-to-face meeting with their teacher.

This term, we will be holding **Celebrating Learning Evenings on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th September**. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to share their learning journey with you and to touch base with their teachers. If you ever have specific questions or concerns regarding your child's learning, I encourage you to arrange a separate time with their teacher to sit down and discuss these in detail.

**Term 3 Ahead** is already shaping up to be another vibrant and action-packed term! Our two overriding concepts this term are **Manaakitanga** (caring for each other) and **Kaitiakitanga** (guardianship and caring for our environment), which align perfectly with our STRIVE values and tie into a major curriculum focus on Science and Technology.

We also have a lot of exciting events lined up: our Year 2s are off to the Marae on Tuesday, our Year 5s are taking part in Kind Hearts Day, our Year 5 & 6s have the annual Ricoh Sports Tournament coming up, plus Mathex, Book Battle, and much more.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Ngā mihi nui,

Reece Hawkins  
Tumuaki / Principal



## TE PAE TAMARIKI - KAPA HAKA

On Thursday 23rd of July the Hokowhitu School Kapa Haka group went to the Regent Theatre. We performed for Te Pae Tamariki. There were 70 people in our kapa haka group and we had 7 waiata's (songs). We represented Hokowhitu school and had lots of fun. We showed everyone what we had been working on and the boys performed the haka and the girls did the poi. The girls wore a Hokowhitu School kapa haka dress and a feather in their hair with black lipstick while the boys wore a rapaki with shorts. Thanks to Ms Blay and Mr Masoe for leading the kapa haka group and Whaea KJ and Whaea Jess for helping out our kapa haka group.

Charlie & Joslyn - Year 6 Kapa Haka students



## NEON SCHOOL DISCO

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July in the school hall!

Junior Disco (New Entrants - Year 3) 5.30 - 6.15pm

Senior Disco (Year 4 - 6) 6.30 - 7.30 pm

Tickets are \$5 and are available via KINDO  
(Glowsticks included!) -

[Disco Tickets - KINDO](#)

Ticket sales close next Wednesday 4pm.

Tickets will be given to the students at the end of the day Friday and they will need to bring them with them to the disco.

Due to space restrictions we ask that only school students attend (no siblings) and that parents please drop children off at the beginning of the disco and collect again at the end out side the hall. The children will be well supervised by the attending staff.



# Achievement Awards



## Te Kete Wakahuia

**Tyler** - For trying hard when reading. Tino pai.  
**Nina** - For helping to keep our classroom tidy.  
**Sophia** - For looking and listening and always being ready for your learning. Tino pai.  
**Oaklyn** - For using the letter sounds and patterns you know to write new words. Tino pai.  
**Nusaiba** - Welcome to Hokowhitu School. It has been lovely meeting you.  
Rūma Toru and Rūma Wha would like to welcome **Leon, Lisa, Toby, Gaia, Boston, Violet, Kaia, Novaleigh, Cece** and **Archie**. You have all had a wonderful first week at school. Happy school days! Tino Pai!  
**Hunter** - For working out number bonds to ten. Ka Pai!  
**Olive** - For using your knowledge of letter sounds to read words. Tino Pai!

## Te Kete Pounamu

**Gloria** - Welcome to TKP and Hokowhitu School - we hope you have a great time!  
**Manaaki** - For showing enthusiasm in math activities.  
**Emily** - For setting up our day for success - you complete the calendar and morning activities quickly and accurately!  
**Freya** - For showing the S in STRIVE by stepping up to practise for and perform in the Te Pai Tamariki kapa haka group.  
**Henry** - For stepping up to be an active member of our kapa haka rōopu!  
**Ellie E** - For showing kaitiakitanga for our classroom. Tino pai!  
**Reyansh** - For learning how to regulate your 'motor' in the Alert programme.  
**Isabella** - For taking great pride in the neatness of your handwriting. Ka pai!

## Te Kete Manawa

**Baoyu** - Welcome back to Hokowhitu School and Te Kete Manawa.  
**Jacob** - For listening well in literacy and attempting all tasks.  
**Kirill** - For a fantastic job of sloping your letters in handwriting.  
**Lenyelenhle** - For a positive start to Term 3 and making good choices.  
**Navya** - For a wonderful effort with 'Review' during Word Study.  
**Shay** - For asking good questions to get more information from his partner.

**Mila** - For taking charge of your own learning and seeking clarification if unsure in maths.  
**Lucy** - For a good start in Literacy - remaining focused and getting word completed.  
**Everly** - For taking charge of your own learning and seeking clarification if unsure in maths.

## Te Kete Aronui

**Claudia** - For an excellent start with using persuasive sentences.  
**Blake** - For providing quality support to your partner when buddy reading.  
**James** - For excellent accuracy with your times tables facts.  
**Hanna** - Clever maths work with multiplication strategies.  
**Vinnie** - For working hard in literacy and improving writing by using more interesting verbs!  
**Evie** - For a well written biography. Great research and you put a lot of effort into it!  
**Romee** - Welcome to TKA and Hokowhitu School - we hope you have a great time!  
**Emma and Harper** - For your amazing effort in maths workshops.  
**Theo and Darcy** - For great paragraph writing using the PEEL structure.  
**Piar** - For good reading during literacy.

## Te Kete Tangaroa

**Lorenzo** - Leading with mana and passion at Te Pae Tamariki.  
**Hakaraia** - Leading with mana and passion at Te Pae Tamariki.  
**Abhi** - For outstanding coding work in digi crew.  
**Jacob** - Good work writing his 3 wishes writing.  
**Aaryan** - For showing leadership in class helping others with computer skills.  
**Emelia** - For supporting our new student in Turitea. Your kind nature and thoughtfulness has been fantastic!  
**Ryder** - For always offering thoughtful and insightful ideas during discussions. Your knowledge of the world around you is impressive.  
**Mecca** - Welcome to Hokowhitu School. You have made a great start in TKT!



**SUPER GREAT**

## 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

Netball registrations now open via KINDO - [Kindo Sports](#)



woolworths  **futureFERNs**

Netball New Zealand's  
official junior netball  
pathway programme

An opportunity for school aged tamariki aged year 1 - 6

- ✓ **Monday:** Year 1 - 2, starting 14 Sep
- ✓ **Tuesday:** Year 3 - 4, starting 15 Sep
- ✓ **Thursday:** Year 5 - 6, starting 17 Sep
- ✓ Improve the netball experience for everyone
- ✓ Positive Sidelines, Positive Experiences

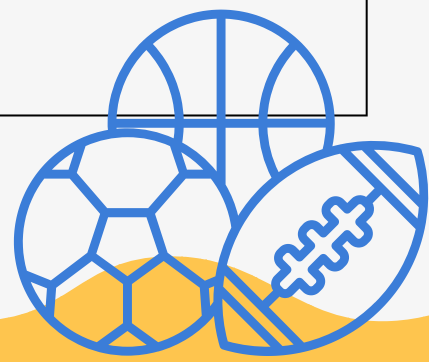
**Registrations close 4 September**

 **REGISTER NOW**

SCHOOLS CAN  
NOW REGISTER  
VIA SPORTY IN  
TEAM BUILDER

 **WWW.NETBALLMANAWATU.ORG.NZ**

| <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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| <p>Sports you will register through <b>kindo</b> to play for Hokowhitu School -<br/> <a href="https://shop.kindo.co.nz/">https://shop.kindo.co.nz/</a><br/>           *Uniform hire is required for all sports except Netball</p> <p><b>COACHES</b> - If you can, please send through a photo of the players of the day for the newsletter. We love to share the kids achievements! <a href="mailto:office@hokowhitu.school.nz">office@hokowhitu.school.nz</a></p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p><b>Badminton - yrs 5 and 6</b><br/>(Registration - kindo beginning term 1)</p> <p><b>Summer Hockey - All yrs</b><br/>(Registration - kindo beginning term 1)</p> <p><b>Netball - All yrs</b><br/>(Registration -kindo beginning term 1)</p> <p><b>T-Ball - yrs 1-3</b><br/>(This team is continued from Term 4)</p> <p><b>*All Term 1 Sports registration's are now closed</b></p>                                                                              | <p><b>Basketball - yrs 3-6</b><br/>(Registration - kindo term 1)</p> <p><b>Winter hockey - All yrs</b><br/>(Registration - kindo term 1)</p> <p><b>Table Tennis - yrs 4-6</b><br/>(Registration - kindo term 1)</p> <p><b>*All Term 2 Sports registration's are now CLOSED</b></p> | <p><b>Badminton - yrs 4-6</b><br/>(Registration - kindo term 2) -<br/> <b>Registration NOW CLOSED</b></p> <p><b>Winter hockey carry on this term for two weeks.</b></p> | <p><b>T-Ball - yrs 1-3</b><br/>(Registrations open soon)</p> <p><b>Summer hockey - All yrs</b><br/>(Registrations open soon)</p> <p><b>Summer soccer - All yrs</b><br/>(Registrations open soon)</p> <p><b>Volleyball - yrs 4-6</b><br/>(Registrations open soon)</p> <p><b>Futsal - yrs 3-6</b><br/>(Registrations open soon)</p> <p><b>Netball - All yrs</b><br/>(<b>Registrations now open on KINDO</b>)</p> <p><b>Touch - All yrs</b><br/>(Registrations open soon)</p> |
| <p>Sports available through outside agencies<br/>           See this link for ALL sports in the Manawatu -<br/> <a href="https://www.sportmanawatu.org.nz/findasport">https://www.sportmanawatu.org.nz/findasport</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p><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></p> <p><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></p>                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                         | <p><b>Tennis</b><br/> <a href="https://clubspark.kiwi/TennisManawatu">https://clubspark.kiwi/TennisManawatu</a></p> <p><b>Cricket</b><br/> <a href="http://www.sporty.co.nz/mca">www.sporty.co.nz/mca</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |





# 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





### PNINS OPEN DAY 2026

TUESDAY 4 AUGUST



**9.15AM TOUR**



**11.15AM TOUR**



**1.45PM TOUR**



**MEETING POINT**

**MEET AT TE TIHI:** Performing Arts Centre.  
Please arrive just prior to your chosen time.

## 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 EProB/Evolocity.

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



## 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>



Manawatu's Matariki Winter Festival

## Month-Long Light Festival

**27 June to 31 July 2026**

 Feilding & District

- **27 June**  
**Grand Launch**  
 Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 5pm to 7pm  
 Feilding town Square. **FREE ENTRY**
- **25 July**  
**Drone Light Show**  
 Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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!