

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 3rd June 2026



Upcoming Events

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
28 th July	TKP Marae visit Battle of the Books
29 th July	School Photos - Catch up photos
31 st July	School Disco
4 th August	Palmerston North Intermediate Promo - Year 7 Enrollments open Board meeting - 5:30pm
5 th August	Year 5 Kind Hearts Trip
10-19 th August	Life Ed Bus
14 th August	Mathex
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,

What a spectacular night Tuesday was! Our tamariki did an absolutely awesome job taking to the stage and sharing the beautiful stories that different people hold for the Matariki cluster of stars. It was a true reflection of the vibrant diversity of our kura - something we are incredibly proud of. Seeing the confidence, hard work, and joy on our students' faces made it an unforgettable evening. A massive thank you to all our whānau who came along to support and watch; I hope you were as thoroughly entertained and inspired as I was. A big shout out to the staff who poured time and energy into making our production night a success.

Thanks to the PTA for organising **Pizza lunch**. This along with **PJ Day** was a perfect way to end a busy term. The children voted for PJ day as our school-wide STRIVE reward.

Building Work

During the upcoming term break, the deck outside Te Kete Tangaroa (TKT) will be replaced. TKT will also be getting the inside walls relined and treated to a fresh coat of paint. If you or your children are using the school grounds during the holidays, please ensure you keep well clear of this construction area for safety reasons.

Attendance

Last week, I mentioned in the newsletter that updates on your child's attendance would be sent weekly. Please note that we have made a change and an attendance summary will be sent out at the end of each term. You will receive this email today. In addition to this you will also be sent an email to notify you when your child has reached one of the Ministry of Education absence thresholds of 5, 10, or 15 days in a single term. The emails that you will receive will explain the process further. Please always feel free to reach out to us if you need support in maintaining regular attendance for your child.

Staff Farewell

We farewell Whāea Emily, one of our amazing Learning Coaches. Thank you for all your hard work over the last two terms, we so appreciate everything you have added to our team here at Hokowhitu School. We wish you all the very best on your exciting new adventure teaching in Japan!

Looking Ahead

It has been a fantastic term with so much going on. Term 3 is already looking to be just as action-packed, filled with deep learning, exciting sporting events, Life Ed bus, School Disco, our Year 6s beginning their transition process to intermediate, and plenty of opportunities for whānau to come into school and celebrate the success of our ākonga.

Our community consultation will continue next term, so please keep an eye out for various whānau hui coming up. We would love for you to come along and share your thoughts to help us plan for the future of our school.

I hope you and your tamariki have a wonderful, restful break and get to enjoy some quality time together with your whānau over the Matariki long weekend.

We look forward to welcoming you all back for Term 3 on **Monday 20th July**.

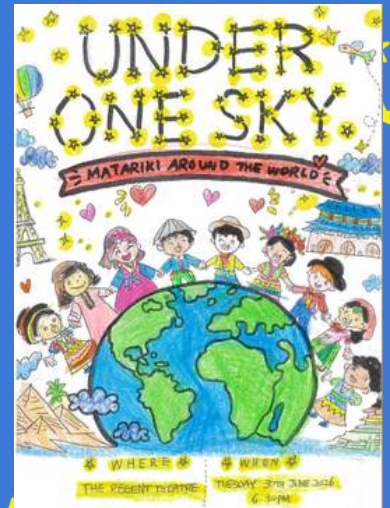
Ngā mihi nui,

Reece Hawkins

Tumuaki / Principal



School Production: 'Under One Sky'



Achievement Awards



Te Kete Wakahuia

Well done to everyone in Te kete Waka huia who learnt our dance routine. You looked amazing on the stage. Have a terrific holiday and we will see you when you get back after the holidays!

Haratua - For writing your name so neatly. Tino Pai!

Te Awatea - For blending sounds to read words. Ka Rawe!

Wikitoria - For displaying incredible manners all the time. Tino Pai!

Te Kete Pounamu

Samu - for learning our dance and Kapa Haka performance in such a short time! Ka rawe!!

Wyatt - for concentrating well in workshops and being an active participant in discussions. Tino pai!

Uriah - for trying hard to read fluently in literacy workshops . Ka pai!

Thank you TKP for a wonderful term 2. We were so impressed with your dancing at our production on Tuesday night. You represented Chinese New Year Mao Xiu proudly, and worked together (Mahi Tah) well. Have a great holiday with your whānau, see you in term 3!

Te Kete Manawa

Wow! Can you believe it Term 2 has come to an end? Thank you so much for your amazing efforts in the classroom with your learning and for our school production. You all shone on stage. We are so proud of everything you have achieved. We wish you a well deserved break and look forward to seeing you in two weeks time.

Te Kete Aronui

Adrian - For sharing your thinking during our work with fractions!

Carter - Great bookwork and commitment to completing tasks.

Rita - For effort and enthusiasm in activities.

Madi - For being organised and reliable.

To all the TKA tamariki - Ka pai on a great Term 2. Well done on an amazing Production this week! Have a fabulous term break and we will see you all in two weeks!!

Te Kete Tangaroa

What an incredible finish to the term! A massive congratulations to everyone in TKT for your hard work and positive energy and a phenomenal school production performance. Ka rawe te mahi! You should all be incredibly proud of the spectacular performance you achieved together!



PIZZA & PJ DAY!

The kids have had a great last day of term being extra comfy in their PJ's



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

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/>

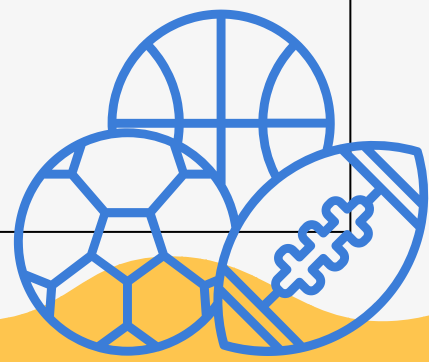
*Uniform hire is required for all sports except Netball

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 CLOSED</p> <p>Winter hockey carry on this term for two weeks.</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.

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

RAILX 2026 MODEL RAILWAY SHOW

Saturday 4th & 5th July 2026

Barber Hall, Waldegrave Street

Palmerston North

10.00am to 4.00pm Daily

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

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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!

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
LITTLE POTS Decorate your own little pot— you will have jewels, paint, beads, glitter, washi 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
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
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!

