HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 1st May 2026

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Upcoming Events

1st May	School Assembly Reports go home
5th May	Board Meeting - in the staffroom, everyone welcome come along if you are interested in finding out more about the role of a trustee.
6th May	5:30pm - 6:30pm Celebration of Learning
7th May	5:30pm - 6:30pm Celebration of Learning
11th May	School Cross Country
14th May	Pink Shirt Day
15th May	Teachers Only Day. **SCHOOL CLOSED** Teachers will involved with Math Professional learning
29th May	School Assembly 9am
1st June	Public holiday for the King's Birthday. **SCHOOL CLOSED**
5th June	Noon - 2.30pm Year 5/6 Interschool Cross Country for selected ākonga

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

Update from the Principal

Kia ora koutou,

We hope everyone has enjoyed the short week and the fantastic weather over Anzac weekend. It was a privilege to spend Saturday morning with our School Ambassadors as they represented the Hokowhitu School community at the Palmerston North Anzac Service.

Our students did us proud, marching in the parade and laying a wreath handcrafted right here at school. A sincere thank you to our Ambassadors for giving up their Saturday morning to pay their respects and represent our school with such dignity.

Winter Sports Kick Off

Winter sports are about to get underway, and it's exciting to see our hockey and basketball teams joined by our first table tennis team. A huge thanks to the staff who coordinate the sports teams and to the parents who volunteer their time to coach and manage. These opportunities for our tamariki wouldn't be possible without your dedication. As the season begins, we ask whānau to help reinforce our STRIVE values. It is essential that all ākonga show respect and sportsmanship, whether at practice or during a game. Please also remind your children that joining a team is a commitment for the entire season. Best of luck to all our players - we hope you have a fantastic time out there!

School Reports Out Today

School reports are coming home in school bags this afternoon - please be sure to check for them! Year 1 whānau - please note that reporting times for Year 1 students vary slightly depending on your child's official start date.

Professional Learning

Our staff have been busy collaborating on Tuesday evenings, diving deep into Professional Learning focused on Understanding Behaviour and Responding Safety. This dedicated time allows us to reflect on our current practices and ensure our school remains a welcoming, caring and inclusive space for every student. We are committed to using these insights to foster a positive environment where every child feels supported to learn and grow.

Have a great weekend everybody and I look forward to seeing you next Wednesday or Thursday evening.

Ngā mihi nui,

Reece Hawkins

Join us: Celebration of Learning

We would love to see you all at our “Celebration of Learning” evenings next week. This is a wonderful, informal opportunity to chat with the teachers who work with your child every day and to participate with your child in activities within their learning environment. To help manage numbers, we suggest attending on the following evenings:

- Wednesday: Surnames beginning A-L
- Thursday: Surnames beginning M-Z

Drop in anytime between 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm. If you have a prior commitment on your assigned night, please feel free to come on the alternative evening.

YUMMY STICKER PROMOTION

We are all go again for the Yummy Sticker Sports Gear promotion this year!!
Stickers are due in this year by 20 October, you will find sticker sheets here Yummy Sticker Sheet

ATAWHAI AWAWRDS

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

TKW: Olive B - Olive has shown superkind actions in our kete, and she has only been at our kura for two weeks. Olive politely encourages her friends to run at cross country practice. She shows her friends where to line up. Olive tidies the dolls house so it is ready for the next people to play with. Thank you for being kind Olive!

TKP: Nia S- Nia is a friendly member of Te Kete Pounamu. She always greets kaiako in the morning with a friendly 'good morning, and how are you feeling today?' She strives to do her best in every activitiy in our kete. You will never see Nia without a smile on her face which instantly makes everyone around her happy and calm. Nia is a shining example of atawhai! He whetu koe Nia, you are a star!!

T**KM: Ava I -** Ava is a shining example of Atawhai in action. She leads with her heart, always making sure her friends and others are included and supported. She will happily help around the kete. We are so impressed by her perseverance; even when things are challenging, she keeps trying her best with a beautiful smile. Thank you, Ava, for making our space a warmer place for everyone!

TKA: Avyaan M - Avyaan is a kind and caring member of Te Kete Aronui who consistently shows STRIVE in all that he does. He works hard in his learning and always puts in his best effort. Avyaan has a positive attitude and determination to succeed. He is always willing to help others. A recent example was when Ayvaan shared his Indian culture with us by performing a dance individually at our cultural school assembly. Keep stepping up Avyaan - you're a great role model!

TKT: Isla F - Isla, you consistently demonstrate the true essence of Atawhai through your incredibly kind, considerate, and caring nature toward everyone in our kete. Something we have noticed and appreciate is the quiet grace you show when things don't go quite right. Instead of making a fuss, you thoughtfully approach others (including your teachers) to gently offer solutions. Your ability to inform and support those around you with such humility is a rare gift. Thank you, Isla, for your kindness and for making our classroom a better place. Ka mau te wehi!

Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

Kyson - For fantastic reading. Tino pai!
Joseph - For working so hard on blending sounds to read words. Kā rawe.
Alexander - For the fast writing of words in literacy. Ka rawe.
Maple - For being a super helper in the classroom. Tino pai.

Te Kete Pounamu

Heela - for asking questions and being a confident class member.
Hania - for using spelling rules independently in your writing - Ka rawe!
Nia - for excellent formation in handwriting.
Pippa - for changing sentences into question sentences during literacy. Ka mau te wehi!
Linaya - for amazing story writing mahi during literacy. He tino pai tō mahi.
Bai - for justifying and explaining her thinking like a mathematician. Tino pai!
Carter - for focusing well on the mat and joining in with discussions. Ka pai!
Keepa - For being a switched on mathematician. Tino pai!
Journey - For settling into your new maths group quickly. Kā rawe!

Te Kete Manawa

Reeyana - For your enthusiasm and outstanding work on your column addition (with regrouping).
Ben - For making incredible growth in his reading and moving up several levels.
Zayn - For participating and listening well during our music lesson.
Sasha - For stepping up in Term 2 and working hard in all areas.
Hanna-Moana - For making great progress in reading and thinking about what you read.
Hayze - For showing a great improvement in reading. Keep it up!
Ryder - For working really hard on your handwriting formation. Keep it up!
Isaac - For your great contributions to our word study learning of spelling rules and/or patterns.
Spencer - For working hard in maths and focusing really well.

Te Kete Aronui

Alaa - For wonderful descriptive, creative writing.
Joy - For amazing ANZAC art and research.
Maggie - for always making positive contributions to our maths lessons.
Blake - for persevering and working through difficult maths strategies.
Freya - for writing a comprehensive T.I.D.E. paragraph on the ANZAC experience.
Tejo - for your hard work in reading workshops last week, keep it up!
Harper - for your hard work in literacy and always being ready to learn.
Qasim - for being a great role model in our class and helping others when they need.
Piar - For great work in literacy.
Joshua - For excellent complex sentences and facts about space.
Louis - For stepping up and focusing on your learning during class time.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Luca - Thoughtful responses in our reading discussions.
Liam - Exceptional and meaningful contributions during health.
Aadarsh - Being prepared for learning.
Ali - For great work summarising the ANZAC reading into an effective topic sentence.
Te Whakaira - For showing perserverence and determintation in weaving.
Jessica - Fantastic persistance in our weaving task.
Imogen D - For completing a beautiful piece of ANZAC.
Ava - For sharing your work confidently in front of others.
Charlie - For stepping up with so many answers during learning and being super helpful with tasks.

Sport

Well Done to **Phoenix** who was awarded Player of the Day in his very first game of Ripper Rugby!

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
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			
Badminton - yrs 5 and 6 (Registration - kindo beginning term 1) **Summer Hockey - All yrs** (Registration - kindo beginning term 1) **Netball - All yrs** (Registration -kindo beginning term 1) **T-Ball - yrs 1-3** (This team is continued from Term 4) ***All Term 1 Sports registration's are now closed**	**Basketball - yrs 3-6** (Registration - kindo term 1) **Winter hockey - All yrs** (Registration - kindo term 1) **Table Tennis - yrs 4-6** (Registration - kindo term 1) ***All Term 2 Sports registration's are now CLOSED**	**Badminton - yrs 4-6** (Registration - kindo term 2) **Basketball and winter hockey carry on this term.**	**T-Ball - yrs 1-3** (Registration - kindo term 3) **Summer hockey - All yrs** (Registration - kindo term 3) **Summer soccer - All yrs** (Registration - kindo term 3) **Volleyball - yrs 4-6** (Registration - kindo term 3) **Futsal - yrs 3-6** (Registration - kindo term 3) **Netball - All yrs** (Registration - kindo term 3) **Touch - All yrs** (Registration - kindo term 3)
Sports available through outside agencies See this link for ALL sports in the Manawatu - https://www.sportmanawatu.org.nz/findasport			
Junior rugby https://www.manawaturugby.co.nz/community-rugby-1/junior-1 **Winter soccer** https://www.centralfootball.co.nz/competitions-1/fixturesresults-1/manawatu-2			**Tennis** https://clubspark.kiwi/TennisManawatu **Cricket** www.sporty.co.nz/mca

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

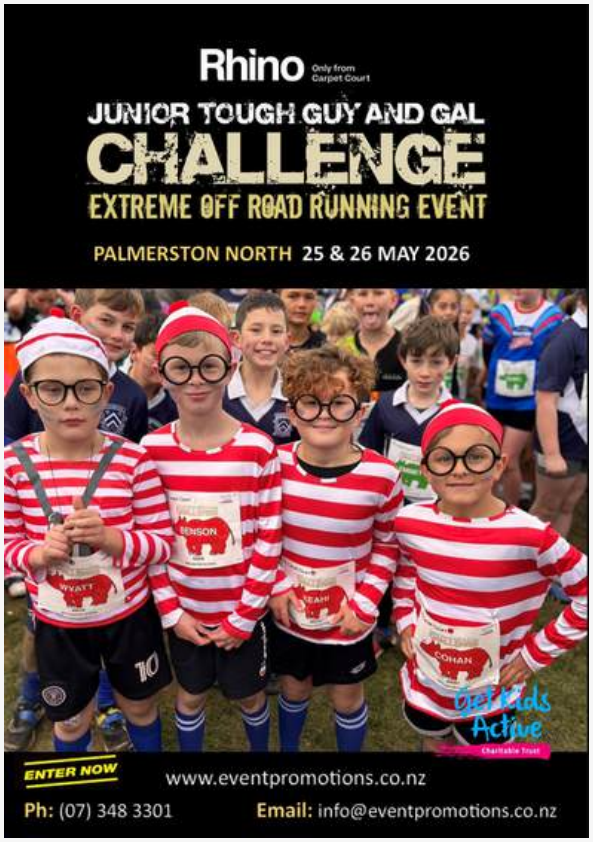
Email
office@hokowhitu.school.nz

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/

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.

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