

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 27th Feb 2026



Upcoming Events

3rd March	11:30 Swimming Sports - Year 3 & 4 2pm - Water Confidence Display - Year 1
4th March	Interschool Triathlon - Yr 5/6
5th March	2pm - Swimming Demo - Year 2
6th March	9am - School Assembly TKP 11.30 Swimming Sports - Year 5&6
9th March	TKA Year 5 off to Camp
11th March	TKA Year 5 come back from Camp TKT Year 5/6 off to Camp
12th March	Library Bus
13th March	TKT back from Camp
19th March	Duathlon Practice - Years 1,2 and 3
20th March	9am School Assembly - TKM 11.35-12.30 Duathlon - Years 1,2 and 3

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



Update from the principal



Kia ora koutou,

It was great seeing our year 4-6 tamariki Step Up - Manawanui, being committed and persistent to compete and complete our school triathlon. Kai pai to you all. Thank you to the parents that came along and supported your tamariki. Thank you Ms Salter for being the lead organiser and to the teachers that helped put it together and run it.

The calendar remains packed with Year 4-6 swimming sports, water safety displays, and a junior duathlon. Add in an interschool triathlon and the Year 5 and 6 school camp, and it's a whirlwind term! Even with so much going on, our teachers remain focused on the essentials, delivering strong, consistent learning programmes in Reading, Writing, and Math.

This week our attendance is tracking at 87%. Remember everyday counts. Let's see if we can keep this up. If for any reason your child is unable to attend school please make sure you contact the office through - email, school app or phone.

To help our tamariki wrap up their day smoothly, we'd love your support in keeping the corridors clear right around bell time. It gets quite busy in there with everyone packing bags and moving about! If you need to check lost property or catch a teacher for a quick chat, please feel free to head in once the initial 'afternoon rush' has cleared. We appreciate your patience in keeping these spaces safe and easy to navigate.

A date fix up - TKP are presenting Assembly next week. If you have time, TKP parents stick around on Friday and find out what your children have been up to in the first few weeks of school.

Hope you all have a fantastic weekend and the summer keeps sticking around for a bit longer.

Ngā mihi nui
Reece Hawkins



BALLOT FOR OUT OF ZONE TERM 3 AND 4 ENROLMENTS 2026

A ballot (if required) will be held on **1 April** for new entrants who reside out of our school zone, but wish to enrol at our kura, starting in Terms 3 or 4 of this year.

Do you have a child turning 5 over this period? Do you know someone else who wishes to enrol with us, but we do not yet have their enrollment details?

Everyone (including siblings) who reside outside our enrollment zone **MUST** have enrollment information into the office by the 27 March so that we can accurately gauge how many spaces we have.

TRIATHLON RESULTS



Well done to our top place getters. A team will be selected from our year 5 and 6s to represent Hokowhitu School at the Manawatu interschool Triathlon.

	YEAR 4		YEAR 5		YEAR 6	
	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
1st	Zoe C	Conor S	Rita R	Lachie C	Isla D	Edward W
2nd	Darcy C	Jaxxon Z	Evie B	Carter N	Joslyn Z	Vladimir M
3rd	Ivy R	James L	Joy L-B	Ihaia H	Madison T	Freddie C



Well Done!

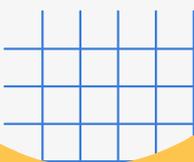
KINDO

Kindo is our preferred order and payment system for all your child's school needs:

- School hat / house t-shirt
- Sports fees
- Trips and in-school events
- School activities
- Pizza Lunches

mykindo

If you don't have Kindo already, we would greatly appreciate if you could click the link [Kindo Hokowhitu School](#) and follow the simple instructions on how to set up a Kindo account. If you have any difficulties, we are more than happy to help you set up Kindo, please just pop into the office for some assistance.



Achievement Awards



Te Kete Wakahuia

Layla - for being a helpful member of our class. Tino pai!

Taiamoni - for being able to describe a place that is special to you. Ka pai!

Charlie - for being able to demonstrate for us how to glide and float in the pool. Ka pai!

Diyon - for great listening in the pool. Ka pai!

Sage - for writing letter-sounds and numbers. Tino Pai!

Leia - for an amazing painting of Peter Penguin! Tino Pai!

Te Kete Pounamu

Celine - for being an amazing artist! Ka pai!

Ellie E - for using a clear voice when sharing her knowledge in front of the class. Tino pai!

Hannah - for always striving to be the best you can be and showing a positive attitude towards learning. Ka pai!

Lana - for creating a stunning visual pepeha. Ataahua!

Calvin - for sharing your amazing knowledge with us during class reading.

Emily - for super blending when reading - Tino pai!

Henry - for being a super role model during swimming time. Ka rawe!

Ava - for super spotting of our word rules in our buddy text. He tino pai tō mahi!

Nevaeh-Leigh - for being a superstar talker when sharing her pepeha. Ka mau te wehi!

Te Kete Manawa

Umar - For creating an amazing portrait with personality and expression.

Ben - For always showing respect to others and always trying your best.

Muhammad - For demonstrating great focus in literacy.

Zia - For showing great understanding of place value with 4 digit numbers.

Sam - For showing integrity by telling the truth and taking ownership.

Qawi - For working hard to listen and look at the teacher during instruction time.

Spencer - For creating an amazing portrait with personality and expression.

Gian - For listening well in maths and responding to questions.

Emily - For demonstrating great focus in literacy.

Te Kete Aronui

Anna - For amazing maths skills!

Joy - For great book layout.

Dan - For listening carefully and asking questions to check your understanding

Griffin - For his amazing support to other students to get logged on and able to do their Oxford Maths on the laptops

Henry - For working really hard in writing this week and producing great recounts!

Laylahnne - For trying really hard in learning and understanding addition methods in maths

Blake - for planning her writing with lots of relevant details.

Clyde V - for planning his writing with lots of relevant details.

Jude - for showing perseverance when typing on the chromebooks.

Eddie - For great work in literacy and stepping up in class this week.

Ivy - For great book presentation and work in class.

Max - For excellent work with time during maths.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Isabella - For great ideas at writing time! You have great character and problem ideas.

Nehan - For responsibility. You have stepped up, and are working well with others in our TKT duties.

Zareesh - For stepping up in TKT. You are focused at learning time and you are giving everything a go.

Imogen - Excellent achievement in Maths

Ajay - For stepping up in Literacy.

Tyson - Excellent work in Maths RnR.

Deondrej - Excellent speed and recall of times tables.

Annie - Always ready for instructions and leads by example.

Isla F - Being organised and ready for learning.



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

<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>Badminton - yrs 4-6 (Registration - kindo term 2)</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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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 \$2689 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

**EXPLORE
ESPLANADE
DAY**

PALMY
Palm Beach Community Centre
100 Victoria Esplanade
Auckland

The Lost World Edition
Sunday 1 March | 10am - 3pm | Victoria Esplanade
pncc.govt.nz/events

Festival of Colours

📍 [Te Marae o Hine - The Square](#), Te Marae o Hine, The Square, Palmerston North

📅 Friday 20 March 2026 5:00pm - 8:00pm



School Community Officer

Kia ora,

I'm Constable Nikita, your School Community Officer for the Palmerston North Area.

I truly enjoy working with our schools to support positive engagement and learning! I've been a Police Officer for the past 12 years working across several different workgroups, including on the frontline.

As your School Community Officer, I'm here to build strong relationships with the wider school community and offer key support, including:

- Providing tailored crime prevention advice for students, staff, and whānau.
- Delivering valuable police educational programmes on topics like online safety, Keeping Ourselves Safe, and road safety.
- Being a consistent, friendly police presence in your school community.

I was born and raised in the Chatham Islands and I have been living in the Manawatū for many years with my husband and children.

I look forward to meeting you all. Please say hi if you see me around and don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of any help to your school community.



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