

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 6th March 2026



Upcoming Events

9th March	TKA Year 5 off to Camp
11th March	TKA Year 5 come back from Camp TKT Year 5/6 off to Camp
10 th March	Year 3 & 4 Swimming Sports
12th March	Library Bus
12 th March	Last day for Lucky Bookclub orders
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
24th March	Board Meeting
26th March	Northern Cluster Swimming competition
27th March	House Meeting (House t-shirt can be worn today)
2nd April	Last day of Term 1

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

Update from the principal



Kia ora koutou,

It felt like summer disappeared just as we were starting our swimming demonstrations, water displays, and swimming sports! Unfortunately this year we had to cancel some of these events due to the sudden drop in temperatures. The pool will be open for one more week and senior classes will make use of the pool when weather permits. TKP and TKW have finished swimming for the season.

Let's hope the warmth returns next week as our Year 5 and 6 students head off to camp. I want to say a huge thank you to the teachers who have put a massive effort into organising this; it is a significant responsibility, and we truly appreciate it. All we need now is for the weather to play its part!

It was fantastic to see a large group of students representing Hokowhitu School at the Manawatū Interschool Triathlon. Our tamariki did a wonderful job! A huge thank you to Ms. Wills for her organisation and Mrs. Lovegrove for taking the team to the event. We also appreciate the parents who helped transport bikes and supported our competitors on the day.

Our youngest tamariki had their own adventures this week. Ruma Wha from TKW stretched their legs and walked to Milverton Kindergarten. Read more about it below.

Our attendance continues to track well, with over 80% of students at school more than 90% of the time. This is a great effort - let's keep this momentum going as we head into autumn.

As you know, Julie Cranshaw will be leaving us at the end of Week 7. We wish her all the very best as she takes on her new role. I am pleased to announce that we have appointed her replacement. Diana Young will join TKM in Week 7 to take over Julie's class. Diana brings a wealth of experience with her, and we are very lucky to have her joining our kura.

Have a restful weekend.

Ngā mihi nui,
Reece Hawkins



2026 INTERSCHOOL TRIATHLON



On the 4th of March, the top 20 students from Years 5 and 6 travelled to the interschool triathlon. It took place at Skoglund Park. All the children tried their very best in a tough competition. The course was a lot longer than our school triathlon.

Our best results were from members of TKT: **Edward**, placing - 13th, **Joslyn** - 14th, **Isla D** - 18th, **Rita R** - 18th, **Lachie C** - 20th, and **Vova** - 20th. Thanks to Mrs Lovegrove and all the parents who helped with transport.



TKW Rūma Whā Kindergarten Visit

On Wednesday, Rūma Whā from TKW walked to Milverton Kindergarten. These visits will help our new entrants develop confidence and social skills as they interact with younger learners and begin to see themselves as capable role models. Kindergarten visits also support learning through play, encouraging communication, creativity, and cooperation. They strengthen the link between early childhood education and school. We really enjoyed our walk.



YEAR 5 & 6 SWIMMING SPORTS

Today, the Year 5 and 6 students competed in the annual Swimming Sports! They participated in length events (freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly) and fun width events (running, dolphin dives, freestyle and backstroke). All students had a great time, and it was a fantastic opportunity to earn points for their house!



1 LENGTH FREESTYLE - CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
1st	Isla F	Lachie	Isla D	Tyson
2nd	Joy	Junoo	Daeun	Edward
3rd	Eliza	Paxton	Madison	James

1 LENGTH BREASTROKE - CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
1st	Joy	Lachie	Isla D	Tyson
2nd	Evie	Abel	Anita	James
3rd		Avyaan	Yuleena	Edward

1 LENGTH BACKSTROKE - CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
1st	Eliza	Lachie	Isla D	Edward
2nd	Darcy	Griffin	Daeun	Tyson
3rd	Evie	Junoo	Anita	Vova

1 LENGTH BUTTERFLY - CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
1st	Joy		Isla D	Tyson
2nd			Daeun	James
3rd			Joslyn	Leo Y

2 LENGTHS FREESTYLE - CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
1st	Isla F	Junoo	Isla D	Tyson
2nd	Joy	Paxton	Daeun	James
3rd	Annie	Leo Z	Madison	Edward

HOUSE POINTS

3rd	1st	2nd	4th
Kahurangi 164 points	Kakariki 301 points	Kowhai 202 points	Whero 139 points

YEAR 2 SWIMMING DEMONSTRATION

After a chilly start to the week, the Year 2's enjoyed showing their parents all the skills they have learned during their swimming lessons this season. It was great to see so many parents come out to support their tamariki.



EL RANCHO YEAR 5/6 CAMP

We are only one weekend away from camp!

Camp 1: TKA - 9-11th March.

Camp 2: TKT - 11-13th March

Reminder: Students wear mufti while at camp.

All medicine needs to be in a named bag with clear instructions please. There will be a box in the hall for you to leave it in.

Please provide a small amount of baking in a non-returnable container. There will be a box in the hall for you to drop this into too.

We look forward to having a great time with the students!

Year 5/6 teachers



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.





FREE ICE BLOCK!



Sign up for the KINDO APP by the 16th March for your child to receive a free ice block on the 18th March!

If you already have a KINDO account, your child can also get the ice block - Just go to the shop and select the free ice block in KINDO.

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- Sign up to Kindo before **16th March 2026**
- Add a "Free Ice block" to your cart.
- If you have 2 children, please select X2 at checkout
- Ensure to checkout
- An ice block will be delivered to your child at school on Wednesday 18th March.



Have questions?
Our friendly team is here for you.

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hello@mykindo.co.nz



ATAWHAI AWARDS



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

TKW: Indigo S - Indigo you are a kind, polite and caring member of Ruma Tahi. You are a role model to others and are always willing to help. Thank you for showing atawhai.

TKP: Reighleigh M - For always being a positive role model in Te Kete Pounamu. You are a super listener, have wonderful manners and are there to help others in need. You always strive to be the best you can be in your learning. Your calm nature and ability to ignore distractions allows you to thrive as a potential leader in our class. He whetū koe!

TKM: Jack B - Jack is a kind and thoughtful boy who always looks out for his peers and makes sure everyone feels included. He shares his great ideas with the class, offering creative and insightful thoughts that help others learn and grow. Jack also shows genuine empathy toward others, understanding their feelings and offering support whenever someone needs a friend. Thank you for showing atawhai!

TKA: Isaiah K - Isaiah 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. Isaiah comes to school each day ready to learn, showing a positive attitude and determination to succeed. He is always willing to help others and leads by example. Thank you for being such a dependable and thoughtful role model in our class, Isaiah. We are lucky to have you in TKA!

TKT: Olivia H - Olivia you show great care and compassion to others every day. You are always ready to help your teachers and support your peers, especially when someone is hurt or feeling down. You use your initiative and are often the first to offer kind words and encouragement. You truly embody atawhai and make our kura a better place each day.



atawhai

Achievement Awards



Te Kete Wakahuia

Theodore - for your super maths work. Ka rawe!

Tyler - for fantastic counting in maths. Tino pai

Celeste - for your amazing writing! Tino Pai!

Remai - for an incredible drawing of Cooper caterpillar. Ka rawe!

Bella - for great read, write and draw work in literacy. Ka pai!

Clara - for great read, write and draw work in literacy. Ka pai!

Te Kete Pounamu

Toby - for a fantastic delivery of your pepeha.

Jack - for being a role model to others on the mat.

Freddie - what an amazing effort you make with our morning karakia! Thank you for being a great role model to others.

Tiesha - for the enthusiasm you show during karakia. Ka mau te wehi!

Lojain - welcome to TKP, you are learning our new routines well. Ka pai!

Musa - for showing respect to kaiako and ākonga in the kete. You are an amazing role model. Tino pai!

Bai - for being enthusiastic when sharing her ideas with the class and for using a strong clear voice. Ka pai!

Isabella - for being a super role model for others in TKP. Tino pai!

Mila - for always striving to be the best you can be and for being a super role model in TKP. Ka pai!

Te Kete Manawa

Ina - For being a great listener and always giving new things a go.

Zoe - For always presenting your work to a high standard.

Karen - For your willingness to share your understanding and knowledge in maths.

Marley- For always being willing to share your ideas and thinking with others.

Hazel- For participating in class discussions and sharing your great ideas.

Hanna-Moana - For an outstanding improvement in knowledge of number.

William - For having a positive attitude toward your work and always with a smile.

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

Evie - For your enthusiasm towards learning both at school and home.

Te Kete Aronui

Meilah - for persistence with mastering written addition strategies.

Sadie - for your kind and tolerant attitude towards all your classmates.

Vivaan - for being a responsible and trustworthy computer monitor.

Emma - for always being ready to learn and always showing respect.

Mia - for trying hard in all areas in and out of the classroom and always giving everything 100%.

Te Kekerewai - For working hard and achieving great results.

Evie - Being a role model in the kete with bookwork and behaviour.

Eliza - Being a role model in the kete with bookwork and behaviour.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Rory - Outstanding art skills.

Shahzain - Excellent writing using CSPACE.

Joel - Outstanding results in testing.

Freddie - For fantastic results in Maths. Well done!

Noah - For excellent work during assessments this week. Great work!

Harry - For a fantastic effort in our writing assessment this week.

Taylah - Great piece of creative writing.

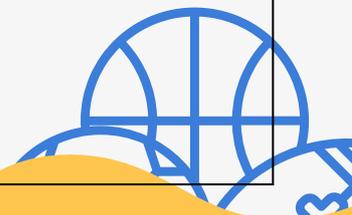
Liam - Outstanding results in testing.

Yolisa - For making an excellent start to the year.



Sport

<p>Term 1 Wed 4/2-Thur 2/4</p>	<p>Term 2 Mon 20/4-Fri 3/7</p>	<p>Term 3 Mon 20/7-Fri 25/9</p>	<p>Term 4 Mon 12/10-Fri 16/12</p>
<p>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>			
<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>
<p>Sports available through outside agencies See this link for ALL sports in the Manawatu - https://www.sportmanawatu.org.nz/findasport</p>			
<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>



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/>



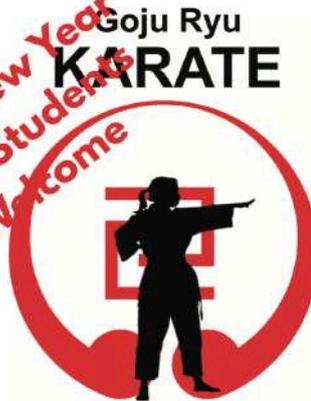
The Egg Project

- 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

2026 New Year
New Students
Welcome



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CONTACT: Clayton, 021 2082 012
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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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