

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 20th March 2020



Upcoming Events

24th March	Board Meeting
26th March	Northern Cluster Swimming competition
27th March	House Meeting (House t-shirt can be worn today) Rippa Rugby tournament - Year 5 and 6
2nd April	Last day of Term 1 Cultural Day
20th April	First Day of Term 2 begins at 8.50am
5th May	Board meeting
6th May	5:30pm - 6:30pm Celebration of Learning
7th May	5:30pm - 6:30pm Celebration of Learning

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



Update from the principal



Kia ora koutou,

Our junior students showcased their sporting skills this week at the Year 1–3 Duathlon! Tamariki have been preparing by running regularly, and it was great to see their hard work pay off. With many keen bikers in the group our school bike track has certainly been getting a workout lately.

A huge thank you to our whānau for your support in getting bikes and scooters to and from school. We know how much extra effort this takes on a busy morning!

These activities provide our learners with fantastic new challenges and experiences. There are many fantastic other experiences on offer with a variety of clubs now up and running. Whether it's **Choir, Chess Club, Kapa Haka, or Enviro Team**, these activities cater to a diverse range of interests and provide a great way for students to get involved in school life.

Respect – Ngā Whakaute is our STRIVE focus over the coming weeks. This encompasses showing respect for others, as well as for our personal belongings and the wider school environment. Our kura continues to foster the attribute of being **RESPECTFUL** as it is a key foundation of a positive learning community.

Our tamariki enjoyed a nice cool ice block on a sunny Wednesday afternoon. Thank you to the huge response to our KINDO sign up drive. This will streamline all payments to school as well as make it easier to sign up for sports etc. Please be in touch if you are experiencing any problems. Thank you to Mrs Greig and Mrs Hughes who have supported this in the office.

Julie Cranshaw has had her last day with us today. All the very best Julie. Your warm smile will be very much missed and you will be highly valued at your new kura.

This week marks the festival of **Eid al-Fitr**, the "Festival of Breaking the Fast." For some of our families, this follows a month of reflection and fasting during Ramadan. We are proud of our diverse school community and enjoy learning about the traditions that make our families unique. We wish everyone celebrating a peaceful and joyous Eid.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi nui,
Reece Hawkins





CULTURAL CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Thursday 2 April

Join us at school at 10:00 am for our Cultural Celebration Assembly, celebrating our term theme **Tūrangawaewae: Ko wai au?** (Who am I?). This term, students have been exploring identity, culture, and belonging, and the assembly will showcase the rich diversity of our school community.

We welcome students and whānau to share a short cultural performance (2–3 minutes), whether it's a song, dance, or a combination, performed solo, duo, a group or with family members in front of the whole school.

If your child would like to participate, please contact their whānau teacher or team leader by Friday, 27 March. We look forward to celebrating together!

DUATHLON

It was FANTASTIC to see our Years 1, 2 and 3 students taking part in the 2026 Hokowhitu Duathlon today!

Thanks to the safety marshalls and all the whānau who came to support our students. It was great to see everyone on their bikes or scooters, and running hard. Well done to everyone who took part and tried their best! Nāu anō i mahi!





YEAR 6 CAMP

On Wednesday the 11th of March TKT took 88 people including parents, teachers, and students to El Rancho Camp in Waikanae. We did heaps of different activities including, go-karts, a really muddy mud run, glow dodge ball and camp fire cooking! Some of the highlights were the rock climbing, the good food and lots of good activities. We had to wake up early and clean our cabins for cabin inspections. We did most of our activities on Thursday. On the final night we had a big bon fire and played red light green light. On Friday we packed up left and went to the Lido before returning to school.

By K-J, Year 6 Student.





ATAWHAI AWARDS



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

TKW: Theodore E - Theodore we appreciate your kind and gentle nature. This shines through in our classroom. Thank you for showing atawhai to others by waiting politely in lines and using beautiful manners. We always see you showing atawhai in your actions around our school. Tino pai!

TKP: Freya B - Freya you are a natural kaitiaki akomango. You care for our classroom, removing rubbish and recycling, tidying away pencils and gluesticks, and straightening chairs. You do all this mahi without needing to be asked. You enthusiastically greet kaiako and ākonga alike in the mornings when you arrive in TKP. When jobs arise involving helping a teacher or other students your arm always shoots up to volunteer assistance. We appreciate all the ways that you show atawhaitanga in our kete Freya. Ka pai tō mahi!

TKM: Hanoch Mathew T - Hanoch is a young man whose presence naturally brightens any room, anchored by a welcoming smile that puts everyone at ease. He consistently treats everyone with genuine respect. Hanoch truly embodies manaakitanga, always stepping up to help others and striving to do his absolute best in everything he does. His kind nature and ngākau mahaki (humility) make him a shining example of what it means to be a role model within Te Kete Manawa. Ka mau te wehi.

TKA: Darcy C - Darcy you are always positive, smiling and trying your best. You're the first to jump in to help the teachers and your peers. We have seen you help others settle in to school, comforted them in times of need and be a leader in the classroom. You're a pleasure to have around and a great role model. Thank you for the kindness and respect you show around our kura.

TKT: Joanna S - Joanna you consistently show Atawhai through the way you look out for others and treat everyone with kindness. You are a true role model in our class, always prepared and ready to give your best. No matter what challenges come your way, you remain calm and thoughtful, supporting those around you. We appreciate you greatly and are lucky to have you as part of our kura.

You're
awesome



Achievement Awards



Te Kete Wakahuia

Ocean - for fantastic dot pattern work in maths. Tino pai.

Oliver - for helping to keep our classroom tidy. Kā rawe.

Joseph - for super maths work. Kā pai.

Yazgul - for great work with writing numbers sentences in math.

Jasmine - for great reading. Tino pai.

Matin - for confidently asking questions. Tino Pai.

Mikaere - excellent letter formation. Ka rawe.

Amaaya - for blending sounds to read words. Ka Pai.

Te Kete Pounamu

Colin - for being an awesome friend by sharing ideas and working together at maths follow up.

Pippa T - for being a kind, considerate friend who shows STRIVE everyday in our class! Tino pai!

Kaira - for trying hard to write code words independently by using phoneme fingers - Miharo Kaira!

Suvarn - for helping out during biking when someone's chain fell off. Ka rawe!

Methila - for organising yourself independently and putting your shoes on. Ka mau te wehi!

Reyansh - for completing your literacy follow up faster. Tino pai!

Navaeh-Leigh - for always trying your best during mathematics. Ka pai!

Carter - for stepping up and showing your respectful listening manners. Tino-pai!

Uriah - for being an enthusiastic participant in class and Kete singing and for saying our karakia with pride. Ka pai!

Te Kete Manawa

Alex - For stepping up in Maths by not only completing your work but also your willingness to help others.

Unga - For working hard matching written form to number form with numbers to 10,000.

Mehar - For taking responsibility for your learning and asking for support when unsure.

Riley - For great listening and following instructions during literacy.

Hayze - For being able to manage himself better in the mornings.

Amelia - For listening during instruction time and completing tasks correctly.

Ahmad - For always trying your best in literacy.

Neave - For excellent presentation of work in literacy.

Willow - For your willingness to make contributions in literacy sessions.

Te Kete Aronui

Abdu & Nora - For great work in literacy using similes.

Nikau - For perseverance and effort when creating 2D shapes.

Aaden - For great work in maths with parallel lines and vertices.

Delena - For showing kindness to your younger buddies.

Lucy - For excellent work in maths with 2D shapes.

Cici - For always being ready to learn, showing respect to others, and consistently demonstrating our STRIVE values.

Avyaan - For your hard work and effort in writing and maths.

Pray - working hard to master maths concepts.

Vanshika - working hard to master maths concepts.

Luke - for identifying all the attributes of 2D shapes.

Beaudi - for identifying all the attributes of 2D shapes.

Asher - for creating an beautiful 2D 'Picasso' artwork.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Ihaia - Great mahi finding factors.

Paxton - For progress with fractions and decimals.

James - Rounding and compensating with decimal numbers.

Rohan - For great mental subtraction using compensating and splitting numbers.

Ranvir - For settling in well to TKT. You know the routines and are showing respect and kindness to others.

Logain - For great work in rounding numbers in maths.

Georgia - Excellent letter writing.

Edward - Excellent narrative writing.

Leo Y - Rocking our world with outstanding times tables work.



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 -

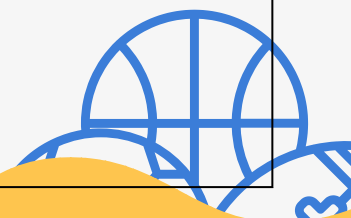
<https://shop.kindo.co.nz/>

*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>Table Tennis - yrs 4-6 (Registration - kindo term 1)</p> <p>*All Term 2 Sports registration's are now open</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 \$3102 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

WHATS NEW?

Rhino Only from Carpet Court
JUNIOR TOUGH GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE
EXTREME OFF ROAD RUNNING EVENT
PALMERSTON NORTH 25 & 26 MAY 2026



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THE GREAT MANAWATU STEAM FAIR 2026

WHEN
March 21-22
10am-4pm

WHERE
The Steam Traction Society,
Maewa Road, Feilding

FEATURING • Have-a-go Steering an Engine • Trailer Rides • Steam Sports • Live Displays • Vintage Vehicles and Machinery • Food and Beverages • Raffles • Guided Tours

At the Gate (CASH ONLY)
\$10 Single
\$30 Car (max 5 people)
\$5 Steer an engine
Under 5's FREE

FIND US ON FACEBOOK 
The Steam Traction Society

Or email steamtractionsoc@gmail.com
for more details



aPlus School Holiday Programme, 6th April - 17th April 2026

Hokowhitu School 227 Albert St, PNth - Book Now at aplus.kiwi.nz

SMALL FRY- AGES 5 & 6 \$28.00 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm) -MYSTERY PRO-

Mon 6th Apr	Tue 7th Apr	Wed 8th Apr	Thu 9th Apr	Fri 10th Apr
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	AUTUMN CRUNCH Crunchy autumn leaves, smiley scarecrows, and then there is the Wet Sponge Game - bring some	BUBBLE BURP Bubble mixology for children. Experimenting with bubbles in burps, sheep and more - it's a bubble	CLOWN ANTICS The best of clowns, design your own clown hat, BOOM CLAP SNATCH!!	TIGER TIGER Grrrrr, grab the tiger by the tail and then cool down with an awesome tiger fan.
Mon 13th Apr	Tue 14th Apr	Wed 15th Apr	Thu 16th Apr	Fri 17th Apr
LITTLE EXPERIMENTS An introduction to colourful and cool experiments for Small Fry. The results will have the children mesmerised!	FROGS AND TURTLES What do frogs and turtles have in common - they are green, small and so clever!	AHOY PIRATES Find the pirate flag, dress up like pirates and off we go to the Pirate Ship!!	GET THE TRASH IN Apple cores, old CDs and much more = all ours to create something new!	Bears are Coming to aPlus \$48.00 Build a Bear is coming to aPlus for a Teddy Bears Picnic. There is a bear for everyone and you can decorate your bears t-shirt!!

HOLIDAY FUN 7 YEARS & UP \$32.00 per in-house day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

Mon 6th Apr	Tue 7th Apr	Wed 8th Apr	Thu 9th Apr	Fri 10th Apr
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	JUST FOR ME Fireworks in a jar, Dodgeball with socks, ping pong bounce - all so we can have a day of fun!	M DAY If it starts with M then we will probably be looking at it today - you will love all the different activities that we have planned.	MOON SAND Silky smooth moon sand! Spider races and Volcano Boom! Too much fun but let's do it anyway!	CRAFT ROLL BONANZA Create, paint and recycle at the same time. Hands on restoration of craft rolls for FUN!
Mon 13th Apr	Tue 14th Apr	Wed 15th Apr	Thu 16th Apr	Fri 17th Apr
TOY FACTORY Choose your toys to make and then swap with your friends until you have tried them all out!!	AUTUMN FOR ALL We love Autumn with all the colours and the crisp air, great group activities and games.	GLOW BUGS Turn on the lights with our Glow Bugs and then bash around with our noodle hockey!	THINGS WITH WINGS If it has wings, insects, planes, helicopters - that's for us today!	Bears are Coming to aPlus \$48.00 Build a Bear is coming to aPlus for a Teddy Bears Picnic. There is a bear for everyone and you can decorate your bears t-shirt!!

EXPLORERS - 7 YEARS & UP From \$38.00 per in-house day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

Mon 6th Apr	Tue 7th Apr	Wed 8th Apr	Thu 9th Apr	Fri 10th Apr
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	THE LOLLY FACTORY - \$45.00 Visit our local lolly shops and sample some of their wares. It's research, well maybe not research, collecting info, no?	BUTTER THE BREAD We are going to be busy there is bread and butter to make, games to play, and a couple of challenges to complete!!	DANCE PARTY \$45.00 Our favourite dance teacher is back with us these holidays - learn a couple of new dances and put on show!!	OK CHALLENGE ME Are you up for a challenge today? There are some things you will not believe and others that will make you laugh
Mon 13th Apr	Tue 14th Apr	Wed 15th Apr	Thu 16th Apr	Fri 17th Apr
DRAGONFLY DIRECT 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.	MOVIES MOVIES MOVIES \$45.00 Bag up the popcorn and grab your friends, because we are off to the movies!!	THE GIANT OCTOPUS You will need to get out our screwdrivers, battery packs and then into our dream crafts - how does it all go together - come and see.	ICE SKATING IN THE SQUARE \$48.00 The ice rink is back in the Square & we're going to be there!! Pizza for lunch, then warming up at the centre!	PICTURE WITHIN A PICTURE Look at the picture, it is not all there is to see - do you have the special knack to see everything?

AWATEA 9 YEARS & UP From \$42.00 per in-house day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

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Tue 7th Apr	Wed 8th Apr	Thu 9th Apr	Fri 10th Apr	
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	THE LOLLY FACTORY - \$45.00 Visit our local lolly shops and sample some of their wares. It's research, well maybe not research, collecting info, no?	CANNED CREATIONS Cans & 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.	DANCE PARTY - \$45.00 Learn a dance with our favourite dance teacher! Then put on a show for everyone!	DESIGN IT WEAR IT Create your own designs out of newspaper - suits, fancy dresses and more - then rip them apart for a ball throwing game!
Mon 13th Apr	Tue 14th Apr	Wed 15th Apr	Thu 16th Apr	Fri 17th Apr
THROUGH THE KEYHOLE If you could look through a keyhole to another world, what do you think you could see?	MOVIES MOVIES MOVIES \$45.00 Bag up the popcorn and grab your friends, because we are off to the movies!!	BAG A BIGFOOT Cryptids are creatures that are part of folklore or legends, or animals that scientists haven't officially discovered or confirmed just like Bigfoot	ICE SKATING IN THE SQUARE \$48.00 The ice rink is back in the Square & we're going to be there!! Pizza for lunch, then warming up at the	PURRFECT The best cat programme in town - laugh at the cats in hats, create 3D cat art and make a turban of your own.



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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