

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 12th June 2026



Upcoming Events

24 th June	Primary School Ki o Rahi Tournament
25 th June	Library Bus
30 th June	School Production - 6.30pm
3 rd July	Pizza Day! - Orders open from 15 th June via KINDO End of Term 2
20 th July	Term 3 begins
22/23 July	Te Pae Tamariki - Permission forms sent via KINDO
27 th July	ICAS Assessments registration closes
31 st July	School Disco
5 th August	Year 5 Kind Hearts Trip

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





Update from the Principal



Kia ora koutou,

The weeks keep flying by! With only three weeks left until the end of the term, we still have a huge amount happening across our Kura.

At our Board meeting on Tuesday evening, Scott Sherer was appointed as the Board's new Presiding Member, taking over from Philip Steer. A big thank you to Scott for stepping up into this vital leadership role. The Board is now in the process of filling the vacancy left by Philip's departure and will keep the community updated on this process.

Road Safety & Parking Reminders

We need to request a collective effort regarding parking outside the school during morning drop-offs and afternoon pick-ups. **Please do not park on the yellow lines or in the bus stop.** When cars park on the yellow lines directly outside the school gates, it blocks the line of sight for our student road patrols, making it incredibly difficult for them to see clearly down the road to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your cooperation and for prioritising our tamariki's safety.

STRIVE Value Focus: Manawanui (Step Up)

Our new STRIVE focus is **Manawanui**, which represents stepping up, showing commitment, and persevering even when things get tough. We encourage our tamariki to set goals and work hard to achieve them.

Speaking of stepping up, it was absolutely wonderful to see our next cohort of five-year-olds doing exactly that during their first classroom cohort visit on Thursday morning. It is great to have you visiting our school, and we cannot wait to officially welcome you next term!

School Production: 'Under One Sky'

Our students are working exceptionally hard preparing for our whole-school production, which will be performed live at the **Regent Theatre on Tuesday, 30 June at 6:30pm.**

Please note: **There is NO cost and NO ticket required for Hokowhitu School students who are performing on stage.**

Tickets for family and friends are now available for purchase. You can purchase your tickets directly via Ticketek - [Production Ticket Link](#) or by visiting the Regent Theatre Box Office in person.

PRICING

Online - Ticketek - [Production Ticket Link](#)
Adult - \$12.60 Child 14 and under - \$7.60
Children under 3 years are free.

Box Office - Regent Theatre
Adult - \$13.60 Child 14 and under - \$8.60
Children under 3 years are free.

Have a great weekend everyone.
Ngā mihi,
Reece Hawkins
Tumuaki / Principal





NOTICE FORM THE BOARD



Tēnā koutou,

The School Board recently held its fourth meeting for the year this week and as is often the case we covered a wide range of business.

It was our first meeting of the year without Philip Steer, who has been a tremendous servant-leader of our school community for so many years. We will dearly miss him. Philip led our board with wisdom, poise, genuine care for people and deep knowledge of policy. His love for our School staff, akonga and wider community was demonstrated through his diligence and commitment. Philip, I am grateful to have served with you. The board and I wish you all the very best.

I step into the Presiding Member role with great support from our current board, and I am excited to add an additional parent representative soon. Important communication has gone out via email regarding our process, so please let me know if you have any queries at all.

When I was elected to the board last year I made it clear that meaningful community consultation would be a priority. To that end, a massive thank you to all parents who took part in our recent Consultation Survey. We will ensure the feedback guides us on all aspects of governance as we look ahead.

On the property front, we are making steady progress on plans to transform the decking area outside Te Kete Aronui, along with some internal renovations, to free up much needed storage and workspace for teachers on release.

At each meeting we also review some of the school's policies, and this time we were scheduled to undertake our review the Health and Safety Policy, after recent approval from our Health and Safety Committee.

For any other queries regarding governance, please reach out and email me on board@hokowhitu.school.nz

Ngā mihi nui,

On behalf of the Hokowhitu School board,

Scott Sherer



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.

TE PAE TAMARIKI 2026

Exciting news! Our performance day and time has been confirmed. Our kapa haka roopu will be performing on **Thursday 23rd July at 1:40pm-2:00pm at The Regent Theatre (Week 1, Term 3)**. A permission slip for those tamariki involved will be sent home via Kindo today. If you did not receive a permission slip please contact Ms Blay - a.blay@hokowhitu.school.nz.

More information including parent helpers will come out via email over the next few weeks.

Ngā mihi! - Ms Blay



INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

A huge congratulations to the 18 year 5 and 6 students who represented Hokowhitu School at Interschool Cross Country, last Friday. Every child showed perseverance and stepped up to do their best. Whether they finished at the front of the pack or dug deep to cross the finish line, they made us incredibly proud! We managed some pretty impressive results including a few in the top 20.

A massive thank you to all the parents and whānau who helped with transport and cheered loudly from the sidelines. You are amazing!

- Ms Tayler



FREE COUNSELLING AT SCHOOL

In partnership with Gumboot Friday, your child can receive up to four free counselling sessions - right here at school. This support can only be accessed once per child.

I'm Counsellor Dave. I've worked with children of all ages since 2007, supporting tamariki with anxiety, anger, low mood, and big feelings in a safe and caring way.

Sessions take place at school, but bookings must be made by whānau through Naomi Thompson, Learning Support Coordinator.

To arrange support for your child in 2026. Please contact Naomi Thompson n.thompson@hokowhitu.school.nz for more information and the referral documents.

<https://www.talkingworks.co.nz/listing/dave-dawber/>





ATAWHAI AWARDS

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

TKW: Reign - Reign you show atawhai by letting others play with you, when they ask. You like to talk about the rules to a game before you play, so there are no arguments. You always wait patiently for others to have a turn when sharing. Thank you for modelling atawhai in our kete Reign.

TKP: Calvin - Calvin you are conscientious, kind and friendly member of Te Kete Pounamu. You always shows the 'E' in STRIVE when sharing your vast knowledge to the class about an array of topics. Calvin you have exceptional manners and are the first to offer to help and support others. You play fairly, compromise without hesitation and is a calm influence within TKP. Thank you Calvin for displaying atawhai in our kete. Kei runga noa atu koe! (You're awesome!)

TKM: Sia - Sia you are a valued member of Te Kete Manawa. You consistently listen to those around you and lift them up with your kind and caring nature. As a dedicated learner, you approach every new challenge with an open mind and always pour your absolute best effort into everything you do. You are willing to help around the classroom and use your initiative. Koia kei a koe!

TKA: Mia - Mia you are a kind and caring member of Te Kete Aronui who consistently demonstrates Atawhai in all that you do. You are a thoughtful member of our class who always looks out for others. Mia, you regularly help your classmates when they need support, offer to take on extra jobs around the classroom, and go out of your way to ensure everyone feels included and valued. Your caring nature and willingness to help make our classroom a welcoming place for everyone. Thank you, Mia, for being such a wonderful role model and for showing kindness in all that you do. We are so lucky to have you in TKA!

TKT: Eugene - Eugene you are a highly valued member of our kete in Te Kete Tangaroa (TKT) and a true role model leader at Hokowhitu School. You consistently radiate Atawhai in everything you do, approaching both your teachers and your peers with the utmost respect. You are incredibly helpful to your friends and always communicate with a gentle, kind voice. Your positive attitude and leadership make our school a better place. Koia kei a koe, Eugene!



Achievement Awards



Te Kete Wakahuia

Ocean - For showing enthusiasm in your learning. Tino pai!

Emily - For fantastic letter formation. Kā rawe.

Finn E - For helping others with their work. Ka pai tō mahi!

Diyon - For great work with a buddy at oral language time. Tino pai!

Violet - For working hard on blending sounds to read words. Tino Pai!

Mikaere - For great practise of basic facts. Kā rawe.

Te Kete Pounamu

Evie - For accurate, fluent reading - Tino pai!

Miller - For participating in discussions about the texts we read.

Ian - For awesome feedback and feedforward to peers during oral language. Ka pai tō mahi!

Freya - For using excellent expression in your voice during oral language. Ka mau te wehi!

Te Paia - For putting great effort into all of your learning. Ka pai!

Reighleigh - For being a 'switched on' learner in literacy. Tino pai!

Te Kete Manawa

Cooper - For remaining focused and showing an interest in books during silent reading.

Tanish - For keeping up in literacy and managing to get all your work completed.

Sam - For working harder to listen and follow instruction during literacy.

Aryan - For working hard in dance and learning the steps quickly.

Emily - For great work finding fractions of shapes and using the correct terminology.

Te Kete Aronui

Isaiah - For always trying your best in all areas of learning, especially your information reports.

Laylahne - For showing great effort and not giving up when learning gets hard.

Junoo - Clever work finding and continuing patterns.

Eliza, Evie - Amazing leaders in dance practice.

Hanna - For the effort you put into all activities!

Dontae - For your effort and exceptional dance skills during our production practices.

Aria - For always showing STRIVE in your efforts to constantly improve in everything you do.

Darcy, Thea, Nora and Hunter - For great effort and awesome dancing during production practice.

Suyog & Abdu - For excellent improvement in reading.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Leo Y - For the terrific job you did of your research sheet about Greece.

Georgia - For the incredibly detailed drawings and care you took when creating your comic strip about Pleiades in Greece.

Aaryan - For the way you completed your research sheet about Greece, prioritising content and presentation.

Lorenzo - Awesome attitude towards learning.

Pippa - Great work in our world study.

Joud - Showing enthusiasm in production practice.

Lucy - For a fantastic effort in our production dance rehearsals. You are leading by example.

Anita - For your consistently high standard of work in Literacy. You follow instructions and use words to elevate your writing.

Logain - For a great effort learning our dance and being a role model for others.





CELEBRATING SUCCESS



On Saturday 6th June, Axel and Raiden competed in Kung Fu wushu New Zealand's junior Sanda regional championships in Porirua.

Axel won Gold for under 30kg (8-10 year old boys)

Raiden won Silver for under 32kg (8 -10 year old boys).

What a fantastic achievement boys, great to see your hard work and dedication pay off!



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/>

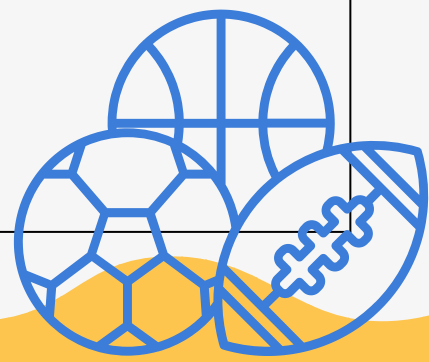
*Uniform hire is required for all sports except Netball

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)</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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JOIN THE EGG PROJECT FUNDRAISER TODAY!

FREE RANGE DOZEN - \$9.50
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SET UP A SUBSCRIPTION OR ORDER YOUR EGGS ON THE WEBSITE BEFORE TUESDAY AND THEY WILL BE READY FOR COLLECTION FROM THE OFFICE ON THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL. WE WILL GIVE THE SCHOOL BACK \$100 PER DOZEN.

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- 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



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
Manfield 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!

COMING TO TOWN!

JAMES RUSSELL

FREE EVENT!

The First Chapter Tour

Where: Palmerston North Library
When: 3:45pm, Wednesday, June 17

Meet author James Russell and hear him read the first chapter of his critically acclaimed new junior fiction novel!

RAILX 2026 MODEL RAILWAY SHOW

Saturday 4th & 5th July 2026
Barber Hall, Waldegrave Street
Palmerston North
10.00am to 4.00pm Daily

& Radio Control
Truck Display in Bell
Hall!



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

Adults \$10.00, Children (4 -14 years) \$5.00,
Family Pass (2 adults & up to 4 children) \$30.00.
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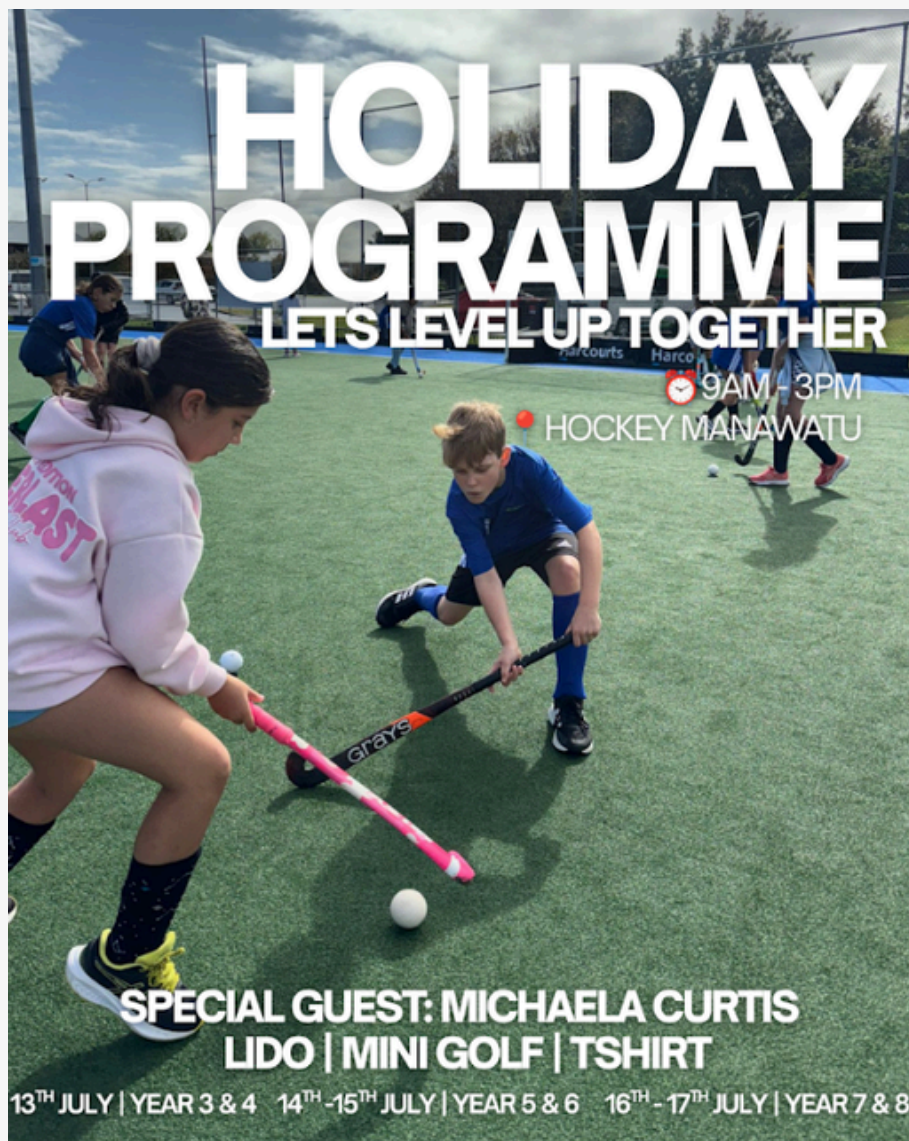
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Looking for a fun and active way to keep the kids engaged these school holidays? Hockey Manawatu is running an exciting Holiday Programme designed to build hockey skills, confidence, and a real love for the game - all while having plenty of fun.

Our programme runs from 9am–3pm, with sessions tailored to each age group. Alongside developing their hockey skills, tamariki will also enjoy awesome activities such as mini golf and a trip to the Lido Aquatic Centre.

We're also thrilled to welcome special guest coach ex-Blackstick Michaela Curtis, who will be joining us across the week to inspire and support our young players.

Year 3–4 Holiday Programme:

13th July - \$80 Includes: T-shirt + Mini Golf

Registration Link: <https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/d3f32c>

Year 5–6 Holiday Programme:

14th - 15th July - \$150 Includes: T-shirt + Mini Golf + Swimming

Registration Link: <https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/b3c492>

Year 7–8 Holiday Programme:

16th - 17th July - \$150 Includes: T-shirt + Mini Golf + Swimming

Registration Link: <https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/ed512d>