

# HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 23rd of February 2024

## Important Upcoming Events 2024

<b>27 February</b>	- TKW trip to Te Manawa - 11.30am Years 3 and 4 swimming sports
<b>28 February</b>	- TKT trip to Te Manawa
<b>29 February</b>	- TKA trip to Te Manawa - 1.45pm Years 1/2 swimming display - 5.30pm Camp parent meeting in TKT - All welcome
<b>1 March</b>	- 11.30am Year 5/6 swimming sports - House t-shirt day - wear your house t-shirt if you have one
<b>5 March</b>	- TKM trip to Te Manawa
<b>6 March</b>	- TKP trip to Te Manawa
<b>8 March</b>	- 9am Whole school assembly - TKM sharing some of their learning
<b>11 - 13 March</b>	- TKT to camp
<b>13 - 15 March</b>	- TKA Year 5's to camp
<b>19 March</b>	- 5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom
<b>21 March</b>	- 11.45am Year 1 - 3 duathlon
<b>22 March</b>	- 9am Whole school assembly - TKP sharing some of their learning
<b>26 and 27 March</b>	- 5.30pm Goal setting evenings
<b>29 March - 2 April</b>	- Easter break, <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>5 and 6 April</b>	- School centenary celebrations
<b>11 April</b>	- Y5/6 Interschool swimming sports
<b>12 April</b>	- 3pm Last day of school for Term 1

***Please also look out for kete newsletters - these include specific dates/events for that kete.***

***Ways you can contact the office when your child/children will be absent or late***

**Email** - [office@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:office@hokowhitu.school.nz)

**Phone** (You can also leave a voicemail) - 06 357 9667

**App** - See how to download the App below

**School cell phone** (you can ring or text this number) - 027 357 9021

Please contact us as soon as you know your child will be late or is not coming to school as it can take a long time to contact everybody that doesn't contact us. We do this to ensure your child is safe and not a missing child. Please do not contact the teacher directly, they don't always see emails when they are teaching. Thank you.

## ***SCHOOL CENTENARY - 5TH & 6TH APRIL 2024***

Hokowhitu School celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. Spread the word to any ex-pupils/colleagues who you think may be interested in attending.

Registrations are now 'live'. Please find the link for registration on the school website: [www.hokowhitu.school.nz](http://www.hokowhitu.school.nz)

Alternatively, contact the office and we can help you register.

You can also follow our Hokowhitu School Centenary Facebook page for updates Registrations **CLOSE** 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2024! Don't leave too late to come.





## Update from the Principal

Kia ora koutou  
Ngā mihi kia koutou

We've got a really busy week next week with swimming displays and/or sports planned, along with the kete visits to Te Manawa starting. Please make sure you have read any notices regarding the timing of these events, and also anything the tamariki may need to bring with them for the day.

### YEAR 5 AND 6 UPCOMING CAMPS

Excitement is building as we get closer to camp time at El Rancho.

Thanks to everyone who is making payments - while we are awaiting the outcome of a grant application, the board/PTA will support us to set the **total fee at \$150.00**. Hopefully this will help!

It is absolutely fine for you to make camp payments in instalments if this makes balancing the budget easier - we are well aware that money is much harder to earn than it is to spend! A few dollars each week works just as well.

### YEAR 4 - 6 TRIATHLON

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the triathlon earlier this week. This is an event that is hugely challenging, and we were really pleased with the effort of every child who participated and stepped up to be the best they could be!

A huge 'ka pai' to all the supporters who braved the weather conditions and cheered the competitors on too.

## TRIATHLON RESULTS 2024

	YEAR 4		YEAR 5		YEAR 6	
	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
1st	Joslyn Z	= Rory E Edward W	Bailey C	William C	Hannah P	Austin D
2nd	Isla D		Maggie K	Minoo H	Willa H	Ollie C
3rd	Antonella S-V	Hudson L	Mila P	Lachie B	Ava S	Fintan M
4th	Madison T	Joel T	Orla O'C	Harry D	Catherine C	Will M
5th	Anita C	Oscar S	Kate C	Chase J	Renee F	Lucas MW

59	119	73	93
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Huge congratulations to Kahurangi on their win!



## **COUNSELLOR AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL**

As part of an initiative from within our Kahui Ako, AND with additional financial support from our Board, we have a set number of counselling spaces available here at school on Monday afternoons.

The counselling is available for any Hokowhitu School tamariki. If you would like to access this service for your child, please email/contact our Learning Support Coordinator Helen Griffin, who will provide you with the referral form.

[h.griffin@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:h.griffin@hokowhitu.school.nz)

## **Update from the School Board on “Phones Away for the Day”**

Tēnā koutou,

Welcome from the Board to the new school year! You may well be aware of the new government regulation requiring all schools to have a “phones away for the day” policy in place by the start of term 2. We already have a rule to this effect, so this will not require any significant changes to our school culture. Nevertheless, at our meeting earlier this week, we agreed this is a good opportunity to update our Communication Policy to include other portable digital devices, and to clarify how we will respond if these devices are brought to school.

We would therefore like to invite your feedback on the following draft rules:

- a.** Students are requested not to bring phones or other internet-enabled portable digital devices (i.e. laptops, smart watches) to school, but those who do must not keep them in their possession or access them during the school day.
- b.** Phones or digital devices must be handed to a Kete teacher immediately upon arrival, who will ensure they are stored at the office until the end of the school day.
- c.** Phones or digital devices that are used in breach of this policy will be confiscated and stored at the office for the remainder of the day, and must be collected by a parent or caregiver.
- d.** The school will take all reasonable care for phones and devices that it is asked to store, but otherwise accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage caused to them while on school property.
- e.** Students must not take phones or other internet-enabled portable digital devices on any EOTC activity, and if these are found they will be confiscated for the duration of the activity.
- f.** Any breach of this policy may result in further action in accordance with the Behaviour Management Policy.
- g.** The Principal may grant an exemption to this guideline for any student who requires a phone or other digital device to increase or improve their ability to participate in learning activities, or for legitimate health and safety reasons.

If you have any questions, concerns, or other feedback that you would like the Board to consider, you are warmly invited to communicate it to us by email at [board@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:board@hokowhitu.school.nz) by the end of Sunday, 10 March. We will consider all feedback, make any amendments that seem necessary, and finalise the new policy at our next meeting, on Tuesday 19 March (you’re welcome to attend!).

Ngā mihi nui,  
Philip Steer

## ATAWHAI AWARDS

At this morning's assembly the following people were recognised for the way they have shown kindness at our kura.

**TKW: Neave D** - Neave is kind and caring and shows atawhai in everything she does. She has settled into Huia so well and works quietly - following all instructions and always doing the right thing. Neave helps to keep our kete environment tidy and is always happy to help others. Thank you for being a role model for others Neave. He whetu koe.

**TKP: Emma R** - Emma has been a fabulous leader this year in TKP. She is kind, caring and patient. She is a calm presence in our kete and is a role model to others. Emma shows atawhai by listening to her teachers and following all instructions quickly. Ka pai Emma. You are amazing!

**TKM: Hanna S** - Hanna we love how you use your initiative and help to keep the kete ready for learning and tidy each day. Your gentle nature is an asset to our kete and the children and teachers' appreciate your atawhai. You are eager to learn and are always focussed and ready. We appreciate you!

**TKA: Afokoula M** - Afo, you have stepped up and supported new members of our school. You have shown atawhai and respect for your peers. We love seeing you come in every morning with a smile, ready to learn and help out with anything that is needed. Ka pai hoki koe!

**TKT: Daniel S** - Daniel you exude pure happiness and joy. You are such a pleasure to have in our kete. You are involved in every aspect of school life. You constantly put your hand up to do extra jobs. You show great sportsmanship and you are always looking out for others in any way you can. Daniel, we are constantly amazed by your kindness and are lucky to have you in TKT. Rawe mahi.

**STAFF: Mrs Griffin** - Helen, you are always great at supporting those in need. We appreciate your constant kindness and willingness to provide support to our ākongā and kaiako. You quietly check in, and offer practical support and wisdom. Thank you for showing atawhai every single day.

In closing, I'd like to say a HUGE thank you for the rapid response to ensuring the tamariki are wearing uniform approved footwear. Your willingness to work with us on this aspect has been extremely pleasing, and we now have the vast majority of the tamariki wearing school sensible, black or brown footwear. Rawe mahi!

Have a fabulous weekend everyone

Ngā mihi nui  
Lin Dixon



### **Tough Guy/Gal competition - 27th and 28th May**

If you would like your child to participate in this event - please use this online registration form to do so. We will not be entering a school team, so individual registration forms need to be completed by a caregiver. This competition is for children in year 3 and up. [Tough Guy/Gal](#)

If you have any questions regarding sport at Hokowhitu School, please contact Carlee Hodge - [c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz).

**Coaches/Managers** - If you would like details in the newsletter, please email them to [office@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:office@hokowhitu.school.nz) no later than Thursday please.

# Important Information for Parents & Guardians

Please download our school App if you haven't already, all **IMPORTANT/URGENT** notifications will come through this channel. Follow the directions as stated below



Download the  
**Hokowhitu**  
School App

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Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and Search 'SchoolAppsNZ' to download the app onto your device.

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# Achievement Awards



## Te Kete Wakahuia

A big Hokowhitu and Waka welcome to **Tilly**.

**Evie** - For showing independence when coming into school.

**Calum** - For showing independence when coming into school.

**Hui-Tanguru** - For showing independence when coming into school.

**Carson** - For showing independence when coming into school.

**Karen** - For super reading in your workshops.

**Eli** - For settling into Huia so well.

**Hemi** - Welcome to Hokowhitu School. We know you'll have fun in Huia!

**Cyrus** - For being such a super worker in Huia.

**Lucy** - For being such a super helper in Huia.

## Te Kete Pounamu

**Baoyu** - For your enthusiasm when reading our big book.

**Dontae** - You are a fantastic cricket player Dontae, what great skills you have!

**Sadie** - Fantastic perseverance in maths - Tino pai!

**Beaudi** - Fantastic effort with presenting your work.

**Ange** - What a wonderful pounamu you created.

**Nikau** - For knowing your number bonds to 10.

**Henry** - Wonderful work in maths.

**Vinnie** - Fantastic attitude at cricket skills.

**Harkamal** - For your excellent pounamu design.

## Te Kete Manawa

**Adi S** - For showing perseverance and enthusiasm for learning in our self-portrait art.

**Adam** - For having the confidence to put his head under the water at swimming.

**Pippa** - For gaining confidence in the water and trying new things.

**Cian** - For completing a fabulous, creative self-portrait.

**Dauen** - For fantastic effort during swim lessons.

**Leo Y** - Fabulous persistence and focus in maths and literacy workshops. Tino pai!

**Mia** - For demonstrating some great artist skills in our self-portrait art.

**Darcy** - For creating an incredibly creative self-portrait in art.

**Lorenzo** - For your enthusiasm to learn more multiplication and division.

## Te Kete Aronui

**Zayd** - For Stepping Up. Being super helpful in the library and with computers.

**Isabella** - For Enthusiasm For Learning. Your positive attitude is infectious!

**Sam P** - For Enthusiasm For Learning. Great descriptive story writing this week!

**Chase** - For good bookwork and completing tasks to a high standard.

**Charlotte** - For good bookwork and completing tasks to a high standard.

**Ted** - For good bookwork and completing tasks to a high standard.

**Joel** - For making good choices and persevering during challenging times.

**Jessica** - For being a kind and respectful kete member.

**Oliver** - For making good choices and being in the right place at the right time.

## Te Kete Tangaroa

**Amos** - Excellent monitoring in reading and working out new words.

**Anne** - For helping others in her class understand instructions.

**Olivia S** - Excellent reading out loud with great fluency and expression.

**Molly D** - Excellent summary of the local story in reading.

**Alex** - For the outstanding sharing of our fix up strategies in reading.

**Tristan** - For pride in the quantity and quality of the work he wrote during writing workshops.

**Cherry** - For making a great start to the year, setting high standards.

**Emma** - For a super job stepping up as a year 6.

**Eli** - Having a great attitude in maths coming with an open and enquiring mind.



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## Kick Start hockey programme 2024

Aged Year 3 – 8

This Programme is designed for any Tamariki wanting to kick start their love for the game of hockey, or just want to dust off their skills from the summer break before the winter season starts. This programme is great for both new players and experienced players.

25<sup>th</sup> February – 10<sup>th</sup> March 9am-10am with a game day on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March.


\$60 per child. Please get in touch with Hannah if you have any questions, [pdo@hockeymanawatu.org.nz](mailto:pdo@hockeymanawatu.org.nz) or click the link below or head to our website to register.

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**PALMERSTON NORTH  
HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS  
JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB**

## **2024 PLAYER REGISTRATIONS OPEN!**

Come down to the YMCA end of Ongley Park  
and register to play with us this year!

<b>Registration Days:</b>	11th Feb	1pm-2pm
	18th Feb	1pm-2pm
	25th Feb	1pm-2pm
	6th March	5.30pm-6.30pm
	17th March	1pm-2pm
and Linton Community Centre - 11th Feb 1pm-2pm		

You can also register at: [www.sporty.co.nz/pnhsob](http://www.sporty.co.nz/pnhsob)

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