

# HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2024

## Important Upcoming Events 2024

<b>1 November NEW ITEM</b>	<b>TEACHERS' DAY</b> - remember to tell a teacher that you appreciate their efforts - a simple thank you goes a long way
<b>7 November</b>	Year 4 - 6 athletic sports (postponement day 11/11) <b>Supporters, spectators are welcome!</b>
<b>11 November</b>	Hearing and Vision Checks - These are for <b>New Entrants who have not had/completed their B4 School Check OR children who have no previous test record.</b> * Any parent/guardian who does not want their child to be checked, should please inform the school before the visit.
<b>13 - 22 November</b>	Life Education Trust programme on site at school
<b>15 November - 9am</b>	Whole school assembly - TKA presenting
<b>22 November</b>	House t-shirt day
<b>29 November - 9am</b>	Whole school assembly - TKP presenting
<b>3 December</b>	Year 1 - 3 fundamental skills display. <b>Supporters welcome</b>
<b>3 December - 5.30pm</b>	Final Board meeting for 2024 - held in the staffroom
<b>10 December - 8.30am</b>	Coffee and muffin thank you to whānau who have generously supported us this year
<b>12 December 5pm</b>	Christmas carnival and prize giving, followed by the Year 6 graduation
<b>13 December</b>	Reports come home in school bags today
<b>16 December 1.45pm</b>	Transition into 2025 classes
<b>18 December 12.45pm</b>	Classes finish for 2024
<b>30 + 31 January</b>	Staff call back days
<b>31 January 1.30 - 2.30pm</b>	Informal 'meet and greet' in classrooms. Bring your stationery and come and say 'hi' to the teaching team
<b>Monday 3 February 8.50am</b>	School opens for 2025 - day 1 of Term 1

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

## **Ways to Contact The Office When Your Child Will Be Late Or Sick**

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

<https://hokowhituprimary.apps.school.nz/>

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.*

## **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



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## UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Kia ora e te Whānau

I hope everyone had a lovely long weekend and are enjoying the shorter working week. It is hard to believe that we are at the end of week three already. Please make sure you read the important dates above as there is lots happening. The year fours had a great night last night sleeping over at school and are enjoying a day down at Ngā Manu Nature Reserve today. Have a nice weekend and hopefully we get to see the sun.

*Wishing all those celebrating, a Diwali filled with joy, prosperity, and peace.*



### MAJOR PRODUCTION VIDEO

We are delighted to let you know that the video is now ready for you to enjoy. The link will remain live for 30 days.

Here is the uploaded production link:

<https://vimeo.com/1020434481?share=copy>



### **Password:**

docandmarty24

### PREPARATION FOR 2025

Work is now being done in placing children for next year. It is really helpful for you to let us know now if you are not planning to be at Hokowhitu School next year, or if there are any other considerations that you think we should be aware of. Once placements are made, it is not possible to make changes. Please don't assume all teachers will be in the same spaces as this year either - we often make changes.

Almost every kete in our school is composite -that means there are 2 year groups of children in each kete. A reminder that whether your child is (for example) a Year 5 in TKT or TKA, they will have the same experiences. The same applies to EACH of the other year levels. One of the reasons that we have composite classes is to balance class numbers - no one wants their child in a class of 35 children (with only 22 in the class next door). Another important reason is getting the right social/emotional/academic balance - this way we can better meet individual needs.

**EVERY child at our school spends 2 years in at least one kete area**, they are not being held back or disadvantaged in any way. All the children know this - they just may need reminding from you.

Our class placement process is considerable - we certainly don't just pop names on a list. We gather data from teachers and create draft lists. These lists go back to the teams to see what the combinations look like to them. We then tweak and rework the lists until we have our final placements. We think about children who work well together and those who don't. We consider teacher strengths and personalities to match individuals. While we try hard to ensure everyone has children that they know with them, sometimes they may not be in the same kete as their best friend - this happens. They get an opportunity to work with different people and widen their friendship circles. We encourage you to be positive about class placements with your children, they take their cues from you.

Thanks so much in anticipation of your support.

## ATAWHAI AWARDS

Congratulations to the following people who were recognised for displaying atawhai (kindness) at this morning's assembly. Thanks to each of you who have made our kura a better place to be.

**TKW: Zia C** - You are such a kind friend in Huia, especially to our new tamariki. You volunteer your time to show them around our school and make sure they are happy. You also show atawhai by helping others, being a positive role model and by always showing our STRIVE values.

**TKP: Sadie T** - Whenever there is a job to complete in Te Kete Pounamu we can trust Sadie will complete it. Whenever there is someone needing help with their work, we can guarantee that Sadie will offer her assistance. Whenever kaiako 'misplace' items in the kete, we know Sadie will remember where to find them! What would we do without you in TKP Sadie? Thank you for stepping up and showing atawhai in our kete to both kaiako and your peers. We appreciate you!

**TKM: Connor J** - We appreciate the kindness that you show every day to your classmates and teachers alike. You often enjoy greeting children in the morning and your lovely smile is welcomed by all. You show great listening skills and ensure that you are doing the right thing. You use your initiative and never have to be asked to help around the kete. You are consistently putting your best foot forward and have a fantastic attitude to school life. Thank you for showing atawhai everyday in Te Kete Manawa Connor.

**TKA: Imogen B** - We are proud of the way you have stepped up this past term. You are a role model in maths when you settle down and get the work done. We appreciate you volunteering to help others understand new concepts. You help with kete jobs without expecting a reward. Your bookwork is set out well - you absolutely deserved your pen licence! Keep striving to be the best you can be, we appreciate your efforts!

**TKT: Penelope D** - Penelope you radiate 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 are always looking out for others in any way you can. Penelope we are constantly amazed by your kindness and are lucky to have you in TKT. Rawe mahi.

**STAFF: Mrs Orr** - Mrs Orr showed atawhai by being the 'lead person' around the organisation of us having the ice skating rink set up here at school last week. Everyone had such a great time - thank you Tracey for showing atawhai in this way.

Ngā mihi nui  
Lin Dixon

## SPORTS

Good Luck to our 3 T-Ball teams starting tomorrow. Remember to play fair and have fun!

### SPORTS UNIFORMS

- If your child is no longer playing a sport for this year, please return their sports uniform as soon as possible, there will be a full replacement charge for any uniforms not returned. Thank you for your understanding in this.

### TOUCH

**Hokowhitu Thunder** -The Hokowhitu Thunder touch team played a couple of good games last week, the team is learning the rules of touch with each game and scoring some entertaining tries.

**Chase N** and **Emma** have taken out player of the day for the first couple of rounds, with solid contributions across the park from everyone.

### FUTSAL

**Hokowhitu Gladiators** - The Hokowhitu Gladiators played a great game against CSNS. Some great teamwork and defence saw the end score drawn at 4 all. Our player of the day was **Chase J**.

**There was no Summer Soccer this week due to the weather.**

**Coaches/Managers** - If you would like details in the newsletter, please email them to Jen Bates by Thursday - [office@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:office@hokowhitu.school.nz)







## Achievement Awards

### Te Kete Wakahuia

**Imogen** - You come into school with a happy smile and try hard at everything that you do. Well done Imogen!

**Jack** - Thank you for being so friendly and welcoming to the new children in Waka Iti. Ka pai!

**Carson** - For working hard to form letters correctly!

**Casey** - For having great maths knowledge when singing maths songs.

**Emily** - For STRIVING to learn new things.

**Keepa** - For awesome word work - being able to swap sounds to make new words!

**Mila** - For trying your best in literacy and decoding tricky words. Kā pai!

**Harrison B** - For being an enthusiastic learner in literacy. Kā pai!

**Vienna** - For working so hard on your learning. Kā rawe!

**Aisha** - For being a kind friend to others. He whetu koe.

### Te Kete Pounamu

**Blythe** - Great resilience when Ice skating! You were amazing!

**Brodie** - Awesome job trying new things! Well done at ice skating. You were outstanding!

**Rhyan** - For great attitude and balance on the ice-skating rink! You had so much fun!

**Joshua** - I loved how you took your time doing our butterfly art outline! Great job!

**Vinnie** - For writing an interesting and informative report on a NZ native bird. Tino Pai!

**Eloise** - You are working hard on identifying and continuing on number patterns - Ka rawe!

**Hikurangi** - Wow! What super balance you had when ice skating - Tino pai!

**Max** - You are working hard on producing neat handwriting in all your literacy work - Keep up the great effort!

### Te Kete Manawa

**Isla H** - For taking responsibility for your learning and asking for help when unclear of new learning.

**Romaan** - For great focus during our Te Reo Inquiry sessions.

**Henry** - For being more confident when reading in a group and learning that mistakes are good for learning.

**Anna W** - For listening well to instructions and completing great follow up tasks.

**Vanshika** - For gaining more confidence and asking for help in maths when needed.

**Adi S** - For creating the board work for our maths and completing it to a high standard.

**Inwoo** - For your speedy and accurate recall of basic facts for addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

**Huatahi** - For your wonderful contributions during our literacy sessions.

**Antonella** - For making better choices about where you sit which has helped your learning.





## Achievement Awards

### Te Kete Aronui

**Afo** - For being an outstanding classroom assistant. You are always willing to help others.

**Charlie** - For being a fantastic role model in our whānau. Your positivity shines through!

**Harry D** - For your fantastic attitude during learning time.

**Jade** - For sharing ideas in discussions during literacy time.

**Amelia** - For excellent focus and perseverance during maths workshops.

**Elijah** - For enthusiasm during literacy workshops.

**Joslyn** - For excellent improvement in reading.

**Oliver** - For well thought out answers to comprehension questions.

**Rory** - For your thoughtful problem-solving during maths.

### Te Kete Tangaroa

**Ava K** - For showing manawanui during ice skating.

**Kiara** - For excellent work with revisit and retain in maths.

**Orla** - For showing great skills during ice skating.

**Olivia G** - For great summarising.

**Chris** - For great long jump technique.

**Omar** - For making great connections with our reading about the human body.

**Ollie B** - Outstanding improvement in literacy.

**Flynn** - Consistent improvement in word study.

**Hawaiki** - Always challenging himself in maths.



## Community Notices

AUDITIONS  
OPEN NOW!

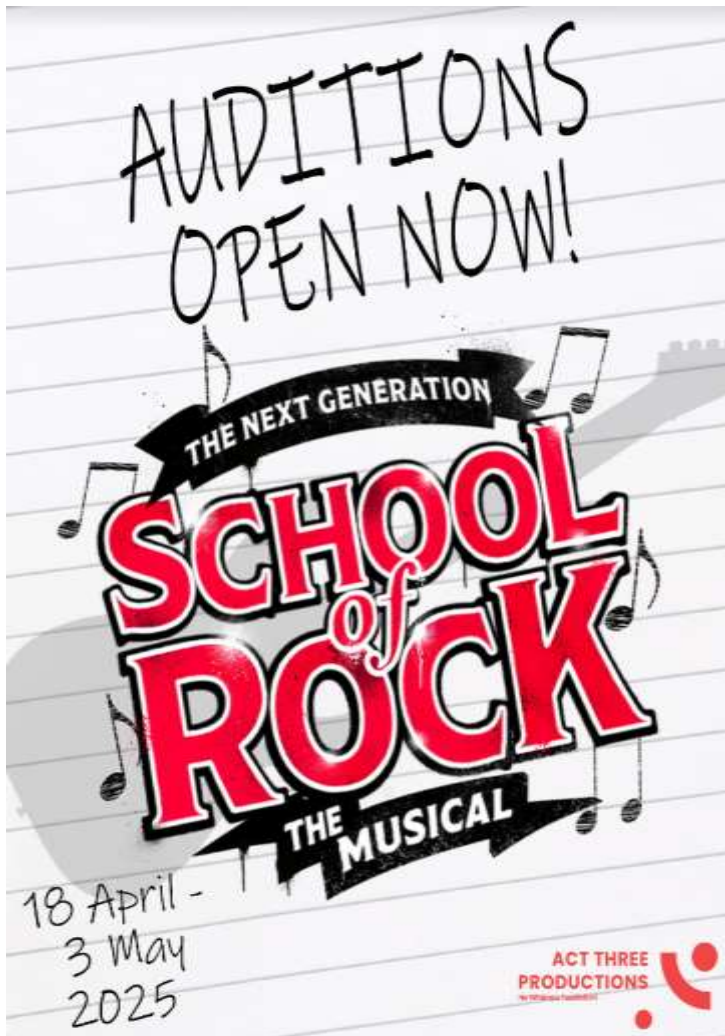
THE NEXT GENERATION

**SCHOOL  
of  
ROCK**

THE MUSICAL

18 April -  
3 May  
2025

ACT THREE  
PRODUCTIONS

A poster for the School of Rock musical auditions. The background is lined paper. At the top, it says 'AUDITIONS OPEN NOW!' in a hand-drawn font. Below that is a banner that says 'THE NEXT GENERATION'. The main title 'SCHOOL of ROCK' is in large, stylized red and white letters with musical notes around it. Underneath is 'THE MUSICAL'. At the bottom left, the dates '18 April - 3 May 2025' are written. At the bottom right is the 'ACT THREE PRODUCTIONS' logo.

AGES  
3-14

**PALMY JUNIOR  
TOUCH  
TOURNAMENT**

ONLY  
**\$120**  
PER TEAM

**SATURDAY**  
16 NOVEMBER 2024

A FUN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR HWC  
JUNIOR YOUTH TOUCH KIDS TO GIVE  
TOUCH A GO IN A TOURNAMENT SETTING

**AGE GRADES:**

- Under 6s
- Under 8s
- Under 10s
- Under 12s
- Under 14s

**CONFIRM YOUR TEAM  
REGISTRATION HERE**

SCAN ME

Palmy Junior Touch Tournament  
Team Registration - November  
2024

A poster for the Palmy Junior Touch Tournament. It features a background image of a group of children. At the top right, it says 'AGES 3-14'. The main title is 'PALMY JUNIOR TOUCH TOURNAMENT' in large, colorful letters. Below that, it says 'ONLY \$120 PER TEAM' in a green circle. Then 'SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2024' in a blue box. A paragraph describes it as a fun opportunity for HWC Junior Youth Touch Kids. There is a section for 'AGE GRADES' with a list: Under 6s, Under 8s, Under 10s, Under 12s, and Under 14s. To the right is a box that says 'CONFIRM YOUR TEAM REGISTRATION HERE' with a QR code and the text 'SCAN ME'. At the bottom, it says 'For more information contact Maggie Leata on 027-345-2899 or dawgsouljahzclub@gmail.com'.

## Marist Football

ARE RUNNING A MILO FANTAILS  
FOOTBALL PROGRAMME  
IN MANAWATU

**Who:** Girls aged 7-12 years.  
**Dates:** 07/11, 14/11, 21/11, 28/11,  
05/12 & 12/12 (Term 4, 2024)  
**Time:** Thursdays 4:30-5:30pm  
**Venue:** CET Arena,  
Behind Marist Clubrooms  
**Cost:** \$30.00 (\$5 per session)

Registration Form:  
[www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/282758](http://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/282758)



## TENNIS

**Fun in the Sun with the award-winning Marist Hotshots Tennis Programme** - Beginner skills development programme for 5-12 year olds run by our amazing Hot Shots coaches. These 50-minute sessions run on Saturday mornings over term 4 and will focus on improving strokes, footwork, and court strategies! This is our most popular tennis programme which will upskill and develop techniques, so you are ready to face challenges on the court this summer season. All levels catered for, and all equipment provided. For more info contact Big John on 0274808808 or email [johnsalisbury@xtra.co.nz](mailto:johnsalisbury@xtra.co.nz)

## **THE EGG PROJECT....**

We're gearing up to pack the freshest, happiest eggs this side of the henhouse, and we don't want you to miss out. Our Free Range and Certified Organic Free-Range eggs come from the happiest hens you'll ever meet (unless you've got your own chooks!).

### **Why should you scramble to order before the cut-off?**

1. **Unbeatable Freshness:** These eggs are so fresh, they practically come with a cluck of approval.
2. **Fundraising Fun:** For every dozen you buy, we give \$1.00 back to your school. That's a win-win for everyone!
3. **Support Local:** You're backing a small local business that's cracking out its best to make a difference in our community.



Don't egg-nore this opportunity - get your dozen(s) now and enjoy the freshest eggs you can get without building a coop in your backyard.



# **PALMERSTON NORTH CHRISTMAS PARADE**

## **Hey kids! Want to take part in the Christmas Parade?**

We have a category for decorated bikes. So get you and your bike all looking like Christmas and you could win a prize. All entrants get to take part in the parade.

Entry conditions—you need to be between 4 and 12 years old, and have a bike that you can ride around the parade route (approx. 900m). You can bring a big person to walk with you if you need one. You will need to wear a helmet, so plan your design around that.

Only 50 bikes can go in the parade, so be quick to save your place! Go to [www.pnchristmasparade.org.nz](http://www.pnchristmasparade.org.nz) to enter online.

**1st December 2024  
2pm Parade Start**







## **FREE 2-hour Positive Parenting Sessions**



*Learn and choose from practical, positive strategies to add to your parenting tool kit.*



ACROSS Te kotahitanga o te wairua offers free 2-hr Triple P Positive Parenting sessions on a variety of different topics such as:

- **Cooperating with Instructions – (Dealing with Disobedience)**  
*(Teaching our children to cooperate and helping us manage difficult behaviours)*
- **Bedtime Routines**  
*(Teaching our children to develop healthy, independent sleep patterns)*
- **Hassel-free Mealtimes** *(Teaching our children mealtime skills and managing mealtime problems)*
- **Expressing feelings without aggression – (Fighting & Aggression)**  
*(Teaching our children to be kind, interact positively and stay calm and helping us manage aggressive behaviours)*
- **Overcoming Fears** *(Helping parents support their children to overcome fears)*
- **Responding to Bullying** *(Developing a plan to help your child respond to bullying)*
- **Screentime** *(Setting up healthy screentime routines and dealing with screentime challenges)*
- **Learning to use the Toilet** *(Helping our children with gaining toileting skills)*

Sessions are available via **live Zoom meetings** at different times of the day and occasional evenings. We also offer **other parenting topics** and some **in-person** options at the ACROSS office 294a Church St, Palmerston North. Email or phone today to find out more and register for a course or scan the QR code and complete the form to let us know what you are interested in.

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