

# HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 15th of November 2024

## Important Upcoming Events 2024

<b>13 - 22 November</b>	Life Education Trust programme on site at school
<b>18 November</b>	Year 5/6 Interschool Athletic Sports
<b>22 November</b>	House sports, and 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>	<b>Classes finish for 2024</b>
<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

# Stay up to date with a snap of your fingers



## IT'S EASY!



### **Our School Communication All In One Spot**

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  - Daily Notices
- Plus Much More!



**School Apps**  
snApp mobile

**NZ Simple free download:** In Google Play & App Store search '**SchoolAppsNZ**' & choose **our school** once installed.



## UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Kia ora e te Whānau

Wow!!! End of week 5 already we are just over half way through the last term of the year. As you can see in the above calendar, there are still a lot of things to get through, so please keep a look out for notices and apps with more detail around these events. It is great to have "Harold" The Life Education Bus at school to supplement our health education programme. A big Welcome to Tim, the enthusiastic educator that delivers the programme.

### YEAR 5/6 INTERSCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS

After some very stiff competition, we have selected a team to compete at the inter school event next Monday. Congratulations to the following selected competitors -

Year 5 - **Harry, Mila P, Lachie, Bailey, Amelia, Jaxson, Mason M, Luca, Olivia, and Orla**

Year 6 - **Luke, Mesake, Ava, Ollie, Austin, Makayla, Jorja, Hannah, Cherry, Hawaiki and Molly SK**

Sincere thanks to the whānau who have committed to providing transport and supporting the team next week.

### STRIDERS 3 KM ROAD RACE

**Maggie, Mila P, Bailey, Hannah, Lachie, Matty, Austin** and **Ollie** competed in the Manawatu Striders 3 km road race on Tuesday. They ran well and gave 100%. Our top finishers were **Maggie** coming 12th out of the year 5/6 girls and **Lachie** who came 24th out of the year 5/6 boys.

Thank you to our adult helpers too.



### HI FROM TIM AND HAROLD @LIFE ED MANAWATU!

It is so awesome being back at Hokowhitu School again! Excitement levels are through the roof, with heaps of wonderful discussions around our amazing body systems & how we can best look after our basic needs, how healthy food and regular exercise enrich us, problem solving & "daring" others to be kind and showing care & integrity when online.

Life Ed is a charitable trust that aims to inspire learners and their families to make positive decisions about their wellbeing, and receives no government funding.

If you would like to support our worthy cause, we will have the following items available until next Friday:

Harold flag pens @\$1

Harold lanyards @\$3

Soft toy keyring Harolds @\$7

Harold drink bottles @\$10

Harold notebooks @15

Large Harold soft toys @\$24

These can be purchased from me at any time (cash only please) - please come and tell us of any learning being shared at home - take care and have a stunning rest of the day!

Love from Tim and Harold!



## 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.

## ATAWHAI AWARDS

At this morning's assembly the following people were recognised for showing atawhai (kindness) within their kete.

**TKW: Hui-Tanguru** - Hui-Tanguru, you are a quiet, unassuming member of Waka. You treat everyone with respect and kindness by listening attentively to your friends and always trying to help when they might be upset or just need a hand. Your kindness extends to making sure our learning environment is always clean and ready to grow our brains. We enjoy your manner and the 100% that you always give. Ka Pai! keep it up.

**TKP: Asher R** - Asher is a kid who loves to share his passions with others. Usually, it is his passion for football that is the talk of the kete. Recently Asher was kind enough to get some tadpoles for the kete as part of our literacy programme. Asher has freely shared his knowledge of all sorts of wildlife with the kete. His passion and knowledge is inspiring others in the kete and sprouting new learning for all, even the teachers! Thank you Asher for sharing your passions and knowledge with us all in TKP.

**TKM: Isaiah K** - Isaiah is a friendly and helpful member of the kete. His calm temperament has a positive impact on those around you. He strives to constantly do his best and sets a good example. He listens well to instructions and reflects on his learning. He is a good friend, respects others and includes fellow classmates. Thank you for showing atawhai Isaiah.

**TKA: Ranvir K** - Ranvir has really impressed us recently with his improved attitude towards literacy and maths. He has also made huge progress with his friendships and ability to overcome any issues that may arise. We want to celebrate your progress and encourage you to continue this positive momentum. Your hard work, resilience, and growing confidence are commendable, and we are excited to see you continue to thrive in all areas. Keep up the excellent effort!

**TKT: Molly D** - Molly you are such an asset to our kete. You always participate in all areas of learning, you are calm, quiet and inclusive of everyone. You go out of your way to help others in their learning and always put up your hand to volunteer for jobs in the kete. We notice your quiet determination and persistence. He whetū koe.

**STAFF: Mrs Mullinger** - Mrs Mullinger quietly goes about showing atawhai by helping where she sees a need. She doesn't look for attention or a fuss, just 'gets on with things' in a way that helps her colleagues. Thank you for showing atawhai in these ways Jo!



Ngā mihi nui

Lin Dixon

# NGĀ MANU VISIT



# SPORTS

## T-Ball -

**Hokowhitu Penguins** - The Hokowhitu Penguins had a great first game on Saturday. The children had heaps of fun. Well done to **Te Paia** who was our first player of the day. She did really well when covering first and home base.

## FUTSAL

**Hokowhitu Gladiators** - The Hokowhitu Gladiators played CSNS in a fast paced game with awesome teamwork. They all worked really hard and showed some great determination. Our player of the day was **Rylan**.

## SUMMER SOCCER

**Hokowhitu Monarchs** - The Monarchs had a great game this week coming away with a draw.

Everyone tried their hardest and are playing so well as a team.

Ka pai to **Zoe** who was our player of the day this week.

Ka Rawe Monarchs!



**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

**Heela** - Well done for working hard to form letters correctly. Ka pai!

**Melinesi** - You are a fantastic artist and take time to draw, colour and cut with care.

**Colin** - For working hard in literacy.

**Tilly** - For super reading.

**Aryan** - For recognising numerals to 100.

**Mason** - For great reading.

**Spencer** - For working hard in maths workshops.

**Roshni** - For fantastic progress in your learning. Tino pai.

**Cyrus** - For always being in the right place at the right time. Kā pai.

**Eliza** - For working so hard on your reading.

### Te Kete Pounamu

**Jude** - For increased focus at mat time and hui - Ka rawe Jude!

**Jaxxon** - For stepping up and being a role model in our kete - Mahi pai!

**Claudia** - For fabulous presentation and knowledge in literacy - you are a role model to others!

**Ashpreet** - For learning our new karakia and reciting it correctly every day. Ka Pai!

**Harkamal** - For setting an excellent example in our art project. You are a talented artist!

**Cooper** - For reading with excellent accuracy and fluency. You are improving so much Cooper!

**Henry** - Wow Henry!! What fantastic reading you are doing - you are amazing!

### Te Kete Manawa

**Qasim** - For showing active listening in maths starter and completing tasks correctly.

**Joud** - For demonstrating good reading and comprehension skills in literacy.

**Aditya** - For your willingness to share your opinion and being able to justify it in Inquiry.

**Te Kekerewai** - For showing great recall of maths ideas that we've learnt during the year.

**Ansh** - For completing great buddy reading by listening and sharing.

**Anna** - For working well in your science group to manage an experiment.

**Carter H** - For working hard on subtraction problems and showing perseverance.

**Isaiah** - For being a great contributor when reviewing proper nouns and sharing your knowledge.

**Mason** - For amazing mahi (and lots of high fives) during maths.





## Achievement Awards

### Te Kete Aronui

**Imogen B** - For fantastic reading progress, you thoughtfully and accurately answer comprehension questions.

**Alex** - For fantastic number knowledge progress.

**Charlotte** - For fantastic number knowledge progress.

**Maia** - For imaginative and well-structured narrative writing.

**Ryder** - For demonstrating outstanding maths strategies.

**Deondrej** - For demonstrating outstanding maths strategies.

**Jessica** - For a great effort and attitude in Sport. You have often been our game champion!

**Hakaraia** - For always giving all sports your best effort!

### Te Kete Tangaroa

**Catherine** - Great progress in maths.

**Frankie** - Excellent work in fluency.

**Ronav** - Improvement in maths.

**Juha** - Excellent attitude in whānau sports.

**Maisey** - For an awesome attitude towards running house relays.

**Tristan** - Excellent reasoning in Maths.

**Ruixin** - Excellent effort in class sprints.

**Trinity** - For outstanding practise in addition.

**Jorja** - For forming thoughtful questions during sessions with Harold.





## 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. The date 'SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2024' is 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 'CONFIRM YOUR TEAM REGISTRATION HERE' button with a QR code. Below the QR code is a 'SCAN ME' box with the text 'Palmy Junior Touch Tournament Team Registration - November 2024'. 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)



“Hi parents, if you are looking for high quality care with an epic fun filled Holiday Programme for your child/ren during the School Holidays, Massey Kids Club have spaces available for you. Our Summer Holiday Programme is now open and ready for bookings. Please get in touch with me by emailing [manager@masseykidsclub.ac.nz](mailto:manager@masseykidsclub.ac.nz) to enquire/enroll. We also have spaces available in our After School Programme during the School Terms. I look forward to hearing from you.”

## 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**



LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

# SUMMER READING 2024-25



# T A L E S

WILL YOU READ THIS SUMMER?

SUMMER READING FOR AGES 4-10  
I READ FOR AGES 11-13  
LANGUAGE OPTIONS AVAILABLE



**NOV 25**

9AM  
REGISTRATIONS OPEN



**DEC 02**

PROGRAMME STARTS



**JAN 23**

PROGRAMME FINISHES

To Register

VISIT [WWW.CITYLIBRARY.PNCC.GOV.NZ](http://WWW.CITYLIBRARY.PNCC.GOV.NZ) OR SIGN INTO BEANSTACK  
<http://palmerstonnorthcitylibrary.beanstack.org>

**FREE** **CHRISTMAS FAMILY EVENT**

**Date:** Thursday 5th Dec **Time:** 5pm to 7pm

**Details**

Join us in-store for a night of festive fun with the whole family. There will be themed craft, games, an adults DIY workshop, FREE Santa photos, lots of community groups and more!

Book your spot today, limited spaces

**BUNNINGS warehouse**