

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 22nd of November 2024

Important Upcoming Events 2024

29 November - 9am	Whole school assembly - TKP presenting
3 December	Year 1 - 3 fundamental skills display. Supporters welcome
3 December - 5.30pm	Final Board meeting for 2024 - held in the staffroom
10 December - 8.30am	Coffee and muffin thank you to whānau who have generously supported us with sports, camps, EOTC excursions etc this year
12 December 5pm	Christmas carnival and prize giving, followed by the Year 6 graduation
13 December	TKW and TKP celebration day - Notices came home this week
13 December	Reports come home in school bags today
16 December 1.45pm	Transition into 2025 classes
17 December	TKM, TKA and TKT celebration days
18 December 12.45pm	Classes finish for 2024
30 + 31 January	Staff call back days
31 January 1.30 - 2.30pm	Informal 'meet and greet' in classrooms. Bring your stationery and sunhat, and come and say 'hi' to the teaching team
Monday 3 February 8.50am	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

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

Kia ora e te Whānau

While the spring weather has been 'consistently inconsistent' over recent weeks, we have started preparation to open the swimming pool in the coming weeks. We will let you know when to start packing swimming togs and a towel in a waterproof bag. Swimming is part of the NZ curriculum and we expect the tamariki to participate in swimming lessons. We NEVER insist on the children staying in the pool if they are cold. That said, the pool now has a solar heating system and the pool cover helps hold the temperature overnight too. Due to potential health and safety concerns with maintaining the pool over the holidays and at weekends, the Board have reluctantly decided that pool keys will not be available for purchase by our community.

YEAR 5/6 INTER SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS

Congratulations to everyone who competed in this event earlier in the week. The competition was tough and our Hokowhitu School team performed incredibly well.

Special mention goes to **Mason M** who was first in the Y5 discus competition and 2nd = in the shot put event, **Jaxson M** who was second in the Y5 long jump, **Luke T** placed third in Year 6 hurdles, and **Jorja H** who was also third in the Y 6 girls' hurdle race. What an outstanding effort from you all.

It was also very pleasing to receive such positive feedback from whānau of one of our team members. She reported that our ākongā were a credit to us all with an excellent attitude and exemplary behaviour.

Both the school athletics event and the inter school competition are examples of us working towards our fourth strategic goal - enhancing ākongā wellbeing by encouraging participation in physical activity.



CALENDAR ART/CARDS/DIARIES

Check school bags today as orders are coming home today. Please let us know if you do not receive yours as expected.

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.

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL AND PRIZE GIVING

Anyone new to our kura this year, may not know about a very special event that we hold in Term 4. On Thursday the 12th of December everyone comes back to school from 5pm (in school uniform) and has the opportunity to mingle and choose a meal from the range of stalls that have been prepared by generous volunteers in the wider PTA team. We aim to have a variety of styles of food, something to please everyone. If you have a gazebo that we could borrow for the carnival stalls, please let us know. You will have seen the donations notice that came home earlier this week - your generosity with donations has always allowed us to provide food options at an affordable price. Thank you for helping if you can.

At 6pm we will commence our prize giving - recognising ākongā right across the school who have made outstanding progress/displayed our STRIVE values etc. We will also have performances from our choir, kapa haka and jump jam groups.

The evening will conclude by 7pm for everyone EXCEPT the Year 6 ākongā (and their whānau), who will move into the hall and celebrate with a graduation ceremony to honour our Year 6's as they prepare to embark on their journey to Intermediate schooling.

THANK YOU FROM TIM AND HAROLD @LIFE ED MANAWATU!

What an incredible 8 days we have had at Hokowhitu School! The warmth, kindness and energy here is simply phenomenal - what a stunning place to be! It has been so heart warming to see and hear how passionate the students can be, whether it's discussing healthy snacks to give them energy, finding forms of exercise that they enjoy, appreciating what amazing bodies we have and treasuring the opportunity to look after them, problem solving by using thoughtful questions, or showing integrity, respect and earning trust when online.



These spectacular young people have certainly inspired us with their potential and we can't wait to see where this leads! Thank you so much for your extremely generous support of our Life Ed merchandise - it is very much appreciated. We can't wait to see you all again in the future - thank you for having us at your wonderful school - take care and have a brilliant end of the year!

Love from Tim and Harold!

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Ngā mihi nui

Lin Dixon

SPORTS

T-Ball

Unfortunately, T-ball was rained out again last weekend.

Player of the day for the Sharks the week prior was **Delena**, well done on a great first game!

FUTSAL

Hokowhitu Gladiators - The Hokowhitu Gladiators played a great game against CSNS displaying some excellent perseverance. Our player of the day was **Ollie**.

SUMMER SOCCER

Hokowhitu Monarchs - This week the Monarchs played a hard-fought draw against the Cloverlea Roar. Everyone played awesome in very blustery conditions. Kā pai to **Thea** 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



Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

Olive - Thank you for looking after our classroom by always helping to tidy up.

Akein - Wow Akein, you show great enthusiasm at team fitness and sport. Keep it up!

Wyatt - For having confidence when sharing his oral language.

Amelia - For great maths knowledge.

Hanna-Moana - For enthusiastically participating on the Life Ed bus.

Ayah - For having confidence when talking in front of the class when sharing her oral language.

Greta - For having confidence when talking in front of the class when sharing her oral language.

Anewa - For participating on the Life Ed bus.

Harrison W - For fantastic story writing. Tino pai.

Ivan - For working hard on your number recognition.

Freya - For being a diligent worker. Kā pai!

Manha - For showing wonderful listening manners during mat times. Kā pai!

Te Kete Pounamu

Alex - For consistently showing our strive values. You are a star!

Ange - For recalling a book and reading it to your teachers. Kā pai!

Ayson - You are a helpful and positive member of our kete Ayson - Ka rawe!

Kiel - You are always at the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing - thank you Kiel!

Mehar - Thank you for always saying 'good morning' in such a happy way Mehar. It gives me a great start to my day!

Vivaan - For amazing skills with your underarm and overarm throwing! Your technique and enthusiasm were amazing!

Ungatea - For your super positive attitude. You have really stepped up as a learner and are being your best!

Beaudi - For your recall of the 2,5 and 10 times tables. Keep it up!

Te Kete Manawa

Leo Z - For great use of division facts when solving fraction problems.

Noah - For being cooperative and completing assessments.

Isla D - For sharing your knowledge about body parts in Life Education.

Pippa - For outstanding articulation when solving maths problems.

Ansh - For working hard in maths and solving some challenging problems.

Anna W - For showing great improvement in reading and always reading for understanding.

Benny - For working hard in maths and solving problems.

Felix - For asking great questions in the Life Education session.

Isaiah - For always having a positive attitude toward learning.





Achievement Awards

Te Kete Aronui

Sam P - For creative writing with wonderful spelling and punctuation.

Maggie - We really enjoyed your creative writing.

Leon - For sharing great ideas and questions in the Life Ed bus.

Edward - For persevering to master renaming with subtraction!

Ruiling - For your creative writing and the progress you have made.

Georgia - For stepping out of your comfort zone and taking on challenges.

Ali - For great thinking skills in maths problem solving.

Brodie - We really enjoy reading your creative writing.

Freddie - For sharing great ideas in literacy discussions.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Jaxon - Super Sportsmanship and skills in Team Sports.

Makayla - Great achievement in maths.

Albie - For outstanding effort and work in literacy.

Charlie - Excellent explanation of maths thinking.

Harveer - Excellent use of proportional thinking when solving maths problems.

Senuli - For excellent proof reading and editing in her writing.

Suhanah - For great fluency in reading.

Tupuse - Outstanding skills during non-stop cricket.

Aarush - For great sportsmanship.



Community Notices



Marist
Junior Cricket Club

2025
SEASON

KIWI CRICKET

Year 1/5 Marist Kiwi Cricket

Kiwi cricket for girls & boys from year 1/5 played at the Hockey Turf Monday's from Jan 2025 go into the draw to win a cricket bat if you bring a friend, there will be Coaches on hand & no gear required, Mum & Dad can have a coffee and food at the Hockey cafe.

FREE

To Register email juniorcricket@maristsports.co.nz

For Information contact us | juniorcricket@maristsports.co.nz | Tony 021 434 860



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New Zealand Traveller Declaration
when you come back.

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FRIDAY 21 MARCH 2025

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A fun, challenging obstacle course for primary (year 3-6) and intermediate (year 7 & 8) school kids. Join us for a fun participation friendly event.

The course is all off road and includes running with obstacles such as hay bales, cargo nets, tyres and water slide plus other fun obstacles!!

Enter through your school

\$13 per entry

Pre order Lunch Packs \$7

Pre order Kids and Adult size T shirts \$25

Order when you register.

Registration opens February 2025



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Wild Things

Summer Holiday Programme

Jan 20-24th 2025

Nature Connection for 7-11 yrs

9am - 3pm
\$350 OR
\$70/day

hello@wildnatureschool.nz

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

SUMMER READING

2024-25

WHAT

T A L E S

WILL YOU READ THIS SUMMER?

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

NOV 25

9AM REGISTRATIONS OPEN

DEC 02

PROGRAMME STARTS

JAN 23

PROGRAMME FINISHES

To Register

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS with DISABILITIES

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EGL - THE ENABLING GOOD LIVES APPROACH

December 3rd

10AM - 3PM

THE SQUARE* and ARENA 5

Enabling Good Lives

*wet weather venue will also be Arena 5

FREE SHUTTLE

FREE GOALBALL & WHEELCHAIR RUGBY @ ARENA 5

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.



all things good



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

to enter online.

1st December 2024

2pm Parade Start



Levin Little Theatre Centrestage Presents



Alice in Cuckoo Land

Written by Peter Nuttall Directed by Krystal Connell

29th Nov - 14th Dec 2024

Fri 29th & Sat 30th Nov - 7pm
Sun 1st Dec - 2pm
Fri 6th & Sat 7th Dec - 7pm
Sun 8th Dec - 2pm
Fri 13th & Sat 14th Dec - 7pm

Tickets

Youth - \$17
Adults - \$30
Seniors (65+) - \$25
Family of Four - \$75
Family of Five - \$85

Mad Hatters High Tea

Mad Hatters High Tea - From \$20

Crazy Hat Competition!

Wear Your Craziest Hat to Your Show
Time For a Chance to Win a Prize

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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!

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