

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 5th of April 2024

Important Upcoming Events 2024

5 and 6 April	- School centenary celebrations
10 April NEW ITEM	- 10am National 'quiet hour' to celebrate Autism Acceptance Month 2024
10 April	- Year 1 - 3 duathlon, 11.45 start
11 April	- Y5/6 Interschool swimming sports
12 April	- 3pm Last day of school for Term 1
29 April	- 8.50am School opens for Term 2

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

SCHOOL CENTENARY - 5TH AND 6TH APRIL 2024

By the time you receive this newsletter celebrations will be underway. This has been a mammoth project to organise, undertaken by a small committee who have volunteered so much of their time over the last ELEVEN months. Thank you to each of you from the bottom of my heart!

WAYS TO CONTACT THE OFFICE WHEN YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT OR LATE

Email - office@hokowhitu.school.nz

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

App - See how to download the App with the link 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.



UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

You may be aware that one of our school's current strategic goals is recognising, supporting and celebrating the diversity of our ākonga. Diversity comes in many forms e.g. cultural, neuro (typical and diverse), physical, learning preferences and supports, beliefs - just to name a few. We aim to bring these diversities to the mind of all our ākonga, kaiako and whānau whenever the opportunity arises, as recognising and celebrating diversity requires understanding.

The month of April is Autism Acceptance Month, which focuses on inclusion rather than just 'awareness'. A national 'quiet hour' for schools will be held on 10 April.

Autism New Zealand is inviting all schools to participate in a national 'quiet hour' on **10 April at 10am**. Turn down the lights, turn down the noise and turn up for the autistic community of Aotearoa to celebrate Autism Acceptance Month 2024. Join this nationwide movement for acceptance, understanding and accessibility. To read more and find out how to participate visit: [Autism Acceptance Month – Autism New Zealand](#)

DUATHLON

Akonga in Years 1 -3 have this event to look forward to next week, on the 10th of April. For health and safety reasons we made the decision to postpone the duathlon until after the senior playground work is finished. We look forward to many of you coming to enjoying viewing the duathlon

INTER SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

We wish our squad of Year 5 and 6 swimmers well as they participate in the Inter School event next Thursday. As Hokowhitu School is the organising school, we would very much appreciate offers to help at the pool on the day - please let us know if you could offer your time.

SWIMMERS: Harry D, Molly D, William C, Amelia G, Isabella H, Bailey C, Mason M, Maggie K, Danie G, Ruby A, Hannah P, Titus Y. Congratulations to each of you, we know you will represent our kura well by STRIVING to be the best you can be.

SENIOR PLAYGROUND



What an enthusiastic bunch of playground users we had on Wednesday morning. The senior playground (Years 4 - 6) is complete and it has been hugely positively received by the tamariki.

This project has been possible due to the mahi of the Board, the PTA, and a Pub Charities grant.

Particular thanks must go to **Villi Tosi** who spearheaded the project from the very beginning, and **Rachel Buckley** who secured the grant for us.

At this point in time, different year groups are being rostered to use the playground at break times - just to minimise overcrowding.

RIPPA RUGBY

Congratulations to the 4 teams who participated in the Manawatu Primary School Rippa Rugby competition at Arena yesterday. Thanks to **Mr Hawkins, Mrs Lovegrove** and **parents** who accompanied and supported the teams.

Each team had some wins and they all STRIVED to be the best they can be!



Ngā mihi nui
Lin Dixon

YUMMY STICKER COLLECTION

Collect the Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual Yummy apple stickers for our school's share of the \$200,000 free Sport sports gear prize pool. Yummy apples are available from New World, PAK'nSAVE and participating Four Square stores. We get bonus stickers for Ambrosia, Sweet Tango and Lemonade apples. The more you collect, the more sports gear we get so get going and start collecting your Yummy cut-out labels and stickers now!



Sticker sheets are available from our school office or from your child's kete.

We will be collecting stickers until the 22nd of October
Thank you for your support!



Basketball 2024

This is now **CLOSED**. Thank you to everyone who has registered.

Years 1 & 2 - Winter Hockey 2024

This is now **CLOSED**. Thank you to everyone who has registered.

Years 3 & 4 - Winter Hockey 2024

This is now **CLOSED**. Thank you to everyone who has registered.

Years 5 & 6 - Winter Hockey 2024

This is now **CLOSED**. Thank you to everyone who has registered.

If you have any questions regarding sports, you can contact Carlee Hodge - c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz or Jen Bates - office@hokowhitu.school.nz

UNIFORM

If you are looking at getting the new uniform, it will be available from Academy Apparel from the first week of the school holidays. Reminder that it is **ONLY** the skort, shorts and long pants that are being updated (not the tops, or jerseys). This is also **NOT COMPULSORY** to update yet. The current uniform can be worn up until 2026. If you have any questions please contact our school office - office@hokowhitu.school.nz



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Uniform Price List 2024

Polo short sleeve

with Embroidery from **\$27.00**

Polo long sleeve

with Embroidery from **\$34.00**

Polar Fleece

with Embroidery from **\$45.00**

Navy Skort

with School Label from **\$41.50**

Navy Short

with School Label from **\$33.00**

Navy Pant

with School Label from **\$44.00**

Softshell Jacket Optional

with Embroidery from **\$63.00**

Bucket Hat

\$15.00

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NZ Made Cotton 3 pair pack

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Navy Tights

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Achievement Awards



Te Kete Wakahuia

Congratulations to **Greta, Lucia, Hayze** and **Bodhi** who were all seen showing enthusiasm while trying to follow the actions during Jump Jam in class.

Lusion - For working hard on your counting in maths.

Ivan - For showing respect to others.

William - For focusing well in workshops. Kā pai!

Harrison B - For being a 'switched on' learner in workshops. Kā pai!

Te Kete Pounamu

Cici - For attempting to add descriptive vocabulary to writing.

Jude - For your amazing creations in the creative zone.

Sid - For fast recall of number bonds.

Toanui - For your amazing biking skills in our duathlon practices.

Zuhain - For an awesome improvement in your number formation.

Te Kete Manawa

Ava S - For her growing confidence to share her thoughts and learnings. Ka rawe, Ava!

Leo W - For being a calm and kind member of Te Kete Manawa. We love having you in our class!

Ron - For learning to listen and respond in a positive way.

Tilley - For stepping up and being a fabulous role model and friend in TKM.

Mason - For sharing his fabulous time knowledge during maths starter.

Tyson - For fantastic whānau and teacher introductions at goal sharing evening.

Noah - For your amazing enthusiasm while weeding at Enviroteam.

Ihaia - For your great contributions to our expanding sentences workshop.

Te Kete Aronui

Ryder, Ranvir - For making a big effort to complete learning tasks.

Liam, Rylan, Hakaraia, Nehan - For working quickly to complete tasks within a time frame.

William - For working to meet expectations.

Anita - For great thinking in maths!

Lucy, Ali - For being a kind and caring class member.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Makayla - For presenting work with excellence.

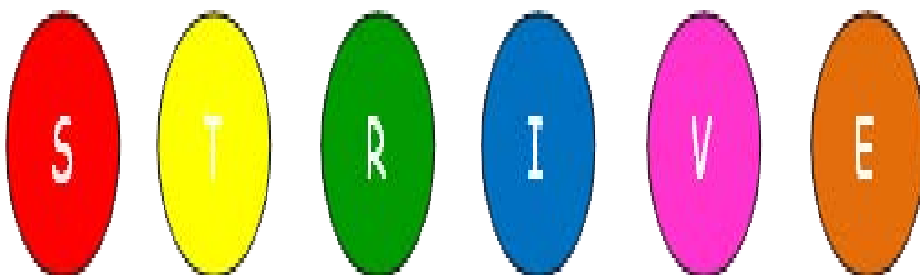
Akira - For showing enthusiasm during Rippa Rugby.

Joshpreet - For excellent cursive writing.

Jonathon - For outstanding attitude in maths.

Ava K - For developing her growth mindset.

Ronav - For contributing to class discussions.



Community Notices

aPlus School Holiday Programme, 15th April - 26th April 2024 Hokowhitu School 227 Albert St, PNth - Book Now at aplus.kiwi.nz

SMALL FRY - AGES 5 & 6 \$28.00 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

Mon 15th Apr	Tue 16th Apr	Wed 17th Apr	Thu 18th Apr	Fri 19th Apr
CRUNCHY AUTUMN Crunchy autumn leaves, smiley scarecrows, and then there is the Wet Sponge Game - bring some spare clothes!!	BUBBLE BLISS Bubble mixology for children. Experimenting with bubbles in burps, sheep and more - it's a bubble Bazinga!!	BREAD AND BUTTER We are going to be so busy - there is bread and butter to make, games to play, and a couple of challenges to complete!!	HEDGEHOG HARRY We are going to make some hedgehog hotels and pick the best places to locate them for our hedgehog friends.	I MADE IT MYSELF Today we are making, playing, and experimenting. Check out the socks!
Mon 22nd Apr	Tue 23rd Apr	Wed 24th Apr	Thu 25th Apr	Fri 26th Apr
MOONSAND Silky smooth moon sand! Spider races and Volcano Boom! Too much fun but let's do it anyway!	EXPERIMENT A LITTLE An introduction to colourful and cool experiments for Small Fry. The results will have the children mesmerised!	LETS GET ARTSY We are celebrating Autumn and all the colours from the leaves on the trees. You will love the take home project today.	ANZAC DAY NO PROGRAMME	M STANDS FOR If it starts with M - then we will probably be looking at it today - you will love all the different activities that we have planned.

HOLIDAY FUN 7 YEARS & UP \$30.00 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

Mon 15th Apr	Tue 16th Apr	Wed 17th Apr	Thu 18th Apr	Fri 19th Apr
THINGS WITH WINGS If it can fly, we want to have the opportunity to make it and then fly it.	SPLAT BOMB SPARKLE We are going to create spectacular art using the splat, bomb & sparkle method. BE WARNED - DON'T WEAR YOUR BEST CLOTHES - GETTING MESSY IS GUARANTEED!!	BEACH IN A BAG Now if we can't go to the beach, let's put one in a bag so we can take it out at any time and dream about summer!	ITS IN THE NEWS We are talking about newspaper and how we can change it into animals and sea creatures - come and check out a new and exciting	GIGANTIC Everything we make or do today is about being GIGANTIC such as GIANT cookies - come on down and have a taste.
Mon 22nd Apr	Tue 23rd Apr	Wed 24th Apr	Thu 25th Apr	Fri 26th Apr
SIMPLE TOYS Choose your toys to make and then swap with your friends until you have tried them all out!!	TREASURE FROM TRASH Recycle, Reuse, Reduce. We have been saving some really good trash for you - now it's time to turn it into treasure!!	SCOTTIE DOG DAY Who doesn't love a little Scottie dog? A tartan bow tie and you have a little Scottie to take home.	ANZAC DAY NO PROGRAMME	GAME MAKER We have plenty of dice, counters, decorations, patterns, you just need to think up some cool games!

EXPLORERS - 7 YEARS & UP -----From \$32.50 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

Mon 15th Apr	Tue 16th Apr	Wed 17th Apr	Thu 18th Apr	Fri 19th Apr
ULTRA REVEAL Some of you might guess beforehand and others will wait until the big REVEAL	CUP CAKES WITH A SPRINKLE OF NATURE The children will enjoy decorating cup cakes, using and learning about nature's edible decorations	DRAGONFLY DIRECT If a dragonfly landed on your head - what would you do? These dragonflies look so real you will think that they can just take off and fly away.	MINI GOLF 18 holes of Mini Golf!! A hole-in-one earns a prize! Friendly competition with your friends!!!	MAGNETIC ME We are going to the car park to test them, to the park to test them and, then use a couple of experiments to understand them.
Mon 22nd Apr	Tue 23rd Apr	Wed 24th Apr	Thu 25th Apr	Fri 26th Apr
OWL SEE YOU SOON We are making and eating healthy owl snacks, playing Owls and Crows (watch out for those Crows) and having an all round smashing day!!	GREEN THUMBS HERBAL HAVEN TRIP Whoa - don't think you have a green thumb, think again. After this workshop you will think differently about that thumb. Become an artist, a gardener and a creator all in one day!!	DREAMING ART You will need to get out our screwdrivers, battery packs and then into our dream crafts - how does it all go together - come and see.	ANZAC DAY NO PROGRAMME	MYSTERY TRIP Where are we going? It is a mystery BUT there might be some cheerleading involved

AWATEA 9 YEARS & UP From \$42.00 per day (8.30am to 3.00pm)

Mon 15th Apr	Tue 16th Apr	Wed 17th Apr	Thu 18th Apr	Fri 19th Apr
MIDNIGHT CANVAS It's midnight, what can you see in the dark - we are going to find out!	GREEN THUMBS HERBAL HAVEN TRIP Whoa - don't think you have a green thumb, think again. After this workshop you will think differently about that thumb. Become an artist, a gardener and a creator all in one day!!	CANNED CREATIONS Kick the can is not for us today - it's about the can it's true but whether the can will look like a can when you are finished is another question.	MOVIES MOVIES MOVIES Bag up the popcorn and grab your friends, because we are off to the movies!!	BACK IN TIME Feather pens, a Time Capsule to take home and some old fashioned clothes in our camera booth. Let's go back in
Mon 22nd Apr	Tue 23rd Apr	Wed 24th Apr	Thu 25th Apr	Fri 26th Apr
HOP RIGHT IN Are we engineers, let's find out. We are going to be trying our hand at building - want to have a go?	CUP CAKES WITH A SPRINKLE OF NATURE The children will enjoy decorating cup cakes, using and learning about nature's edible decorations	PURRFECT The best cat programme in town - laugh at the cats in hats, create 3D cat art and make a furball of your own.	ANZAC DAY NO PROGRAMME	MYSTERY TRIP Where are we going? It is a mystery BUT there might be some cheerleading involved

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VEX IQ FUNDRAISER

Build A Robot

Date: Sunday 7th April

Venue: College Street Normal School

Time: 2pm-5pm

Ages: 9-14 years old

Cost: \$40

Registration: Email crobertson@csn.school.nz



For the VEX IQ World Championships - Dallas, USA



Holiday Programmes April 2024

Belated Easter Day

Monday 22nd April

8.30am- 3.00pm (4pm for late collections for an extra \$10.00)



Netball Manawatu Mystery Day

Tuesday 23rd April

8.30am- 3.00pm (4pm for late collections for an extra \$10.00)



ANZAC Day Tournament

Wednesday 24th April 2024

8.30am- 3.00pm (4pm for late collections for an extra \$10.00)



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For more information about Shuttle Time, visit www.bwfshuttletime.com

For enquiries about the programme and to register your child, contact Josh Curry josh@manawatubadminton.org.nz, or 02102435085

Shuttle Time Merit & Bronze/Silver/Gold Classes

Time: Thursdays,
Merit/Bronze 3.45-4.30pm
Silver/Gold 4.30-5.15pm

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Date: May 16th – June 27th
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Yrs3/4	junior	10am - 10:45am	
Yrs5/6	pro	11am - 12:30pm	
Yrs7/8	all star	1pm - 2:30pm	

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