

# HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 22nd of March 2024

## Important Upcoming Events 2024

<b>26 March</b>	- 5.30pm Goal setting evening - surnames A - L - 5.30pm Waka whānau Goal setting evening
<b>27 March</b>	- 5.30pm Goal setting evening - surnames M - Z
<b>28 March NEW ITEM</b>	- 9.30am Hearing and Vision Testing - children to be screened during this visit are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Entrants who have not had/ completed their B4 School Check</li> <li>• Children who have no previous record.</li> </ul> <p>If any parent/guardian does not wish their child to be checked please inform the school ASAP</p>
<b>29 March - 2 April</b>	- Easter break, <b>SCHOOL CLOSED (this includes Tuesday)</b>
<b>5 and 6 April</b>	- School centenary celebrations
<b>10 April</b>	- Year 1 - 3 duathlon ( <b>Postponed from the 21st of March</b> )
<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 TO CONTACT THE OFFICE WHEN YOUR CHILD 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

<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

At the Board meeting earlier this week our Board reluctantly accepted the resignation of Mrs Helen Griffin who has decided to go into early 'semi - retirement'. Helen has been in the Deputy Principal/ Learning Support Coordinator role here for a little over 7 years. Many of our ākonga have benefitted from Helen's expertise and passion - particularly in learning support across all year groups, AND in early and emergent learning. Helen has also sagely mentored/guided/supported both teaching and support staff too - she will be sorely missed. We will formally farewell Helen at the end of Term 2. HOWEVER, it will not be goodbye as we've already extracted a promise from her that Hokowhitu School will be top of her list for relief and/or part time mahi!

Such great news for you and your whānau Helen.

The Board will soon be advertising for a new Learning Support Coordinator, and an Assistant Principal to form the senior leadership team.

### **GOAL SETTING EVENINGS**

We are looking forward to seeing everyone next week at one of our goal setting evenings. You will have the opportunity to speak with each of the teachers in the kete, share some learning together and hear about your tamariki's current learning goals.

There is no need to make an appointment, just come in between 5.30 and 6.30pm on your day and stay for as long as you'd like.

**As a general concept we ask that those who have surnames beginning with A - L come on the 26 March and those with surnames M - Z come on the 27 March.** This just helps us balance the numbers over the two evenings. However, if it's not possible for you to come on your night, choose the other.

At the goal setting evening you can request an appointment if you wish to speak in more detail with your child's whānau teacher. Please be aware that their whānau teacher may not be their literacy or numeracy teacher.

As many of the children in Waka will soon be due their 6-week check (which is followed up with a short interview), Mrs Hodge and Miss Caldwell will only be present on ONE of these nights - TUES 26.

### **DUATHLON - date change**

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



### **TEACHER PAID UNION MEETINGS (PUM'S)**

You may be aware that some schools have been (or will be) closing early to allow their teaching staff to attend meetings that their union NZEI has called them to. Hokowhitu School staff have decided to attend a meeting on a variety of days and cover each other within the kete. We hope that this has helped minimise disruption for busy families.

## **ATAWHAI AWARDS**

At this morning's assembly the following people were recognised for being 'caught' being kind.

**TKW: Willow W** - Willow, you are always showing atawhai towards others by helping them when you can see that they need help, even if they haven't asked for it. You just know when someone has tried for themselves but is having some trouble. You use your kind voice and figure out a way to assist them. You always encourage other children to keep trying and are a responsible role model for our Kete. We are so lucky to have you in Huia. Kā pai Willow!

**TKP: Eloise C** - Eloise, you are such a bright and bubbly personality in our kete. You are consistently showing atawhai to others by offering a helping hand or including others during play time. You know how to put everyone in a good mood with your infectious personality. You have shown strive since the first day in TKP and we love how you always give 100% effort in everything you do. Ka mau te wehi!

**TKM: Joud Q** - Joud, you have only just started with us this year at Hokowhitu School but you have come in sharing your enthusiasm, knowledge and culture. We have appreciated you taking new students under your wing even though you are new yourself. You show them the routines and support them when needed. You include others and encourage others and do this with a smile. You are a great asset to your kete and we thank you for showing atawhai.

**TKA: Charlie T** - Charlie, shows kindness when she looks after others without needing to be seen doing it. She supports kids in the playground and often checks on others to make sure they are okay. Charlie helps out in the kete before and after school - always with a 'happy to help' attitude, never seeking a reward. Charlie copes well with change, we appreciate you in Te Kete Aronui!

**TKT: Miya L** - Miya, you are a conscientious and thoughtful person who is always one of the first to offer to help your peers and teachers alike. You're kind to those that need your help offering support and understanding in a gentle manner. Thank you for being kind.

**STAFF: Mr Masoe** - Mr Masoe is 'helpful' in so many different ways. He's right there when you need someone to give time to ākongā who love to sing or perform Kapa Haka, he's also right there when other kaiako need help with designing or making something special. Fa'afetai for showing kindness by sharing your many talents Eli - we value you.

Have a fabulous weekend everyone. Remember we have two short weeks coming up!

Ngā mihi nui  
Lin Dixon



**THE FOLLOWING TERM 2 SPORTS ARE NOW OPEN ON THE KINDO WEBSITE/APP**

Registrations will close at 3pm on the 29th of March. **NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

For registration of **ALL** sports, we use Kindo. You will need to set up an account with Kindo.  
Please find the link here - <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml?shop=Hokowhitu%20School>.

***(Please note Rugby and Winter Soccer are CLUB sports, these ARE NOT offered at Hokowhitu School).***

**Basketball 2024**

- Registrations are now open for **year 3-6** players who wish to play basketball.
- Fees for the season will be \$80
- Games will be played at CET Arena on Thursdays beginning the 2nd of May, final game is the 4th of July.
- Children will be required to wear a mouthguard when playing.
- Coaches will be needed for all teams.

**Registrations will close at 3pm on Friday the 29th of March! NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**  
***If you need a uniform, please make sure you put the Uniform Hire option in your cart.***

**Years 1 & 2 - Winter Hockey 2024**

- Games will be played on Sundays - at The Twin Turfs - Beginning Sunday the 5th of May. The season will finish on the 11th of August.
- Cost is \$40 per player
- All players will require their own hockey stick and mouth guards and shin pads are compulsory.
- Coaches will be required for all teams - practices are not required unless parents are available to do so.
- The season will run for 12 weeks over terms 2 & 3.

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**Years 3 & 4 - Winter Hockey 2024**

- Games will be played on Sundays - at The Twin Turfs - Beginning Sunday the 5th of May. The season will finish on the 11th of August.
- Cost is \$41 per player
- All players will require their own hockey stick and mouth guards and shin pads are compulsory.
- Coaches will be required for all teams - practices are not required unless parents are available to do so.
- The season will run for 12 weeks over terms 2 & 3.

**Registrations will close at 3pm on the 29th of March. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**  
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**Years 5 & 6 - Winter Hockey 2024**

- Games will be played on Sundays - at The Twin Turfs - Beginning Sunday the 5th of May. The season will finish on the 11th of August.
- Cost is \$42 per player
- All players will require their own hockey stick and mouth guards and shin pads are compulsory.
- Coaches will be required for all teams - practices are not required unless parents are available to do so.
- The season will run for 12 weeks over terms 2 & 3.

**Registrations will close at 3pm on the 29th of March. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**  
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If you have any questions regarding sports, you can contact Carlee Hodge - [c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz) or Jen Bates - [office@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:office@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.

## **SUMMER HOCKEY**

### **Hokowhitu Black Sticks**



## **NETBALL**

**Hokowhitu Defenders** - The Defenders played Hiwinui hoops on Wednesday, winning 8-3.

The girls are getting amazing at defending and intercepting the ball. Our player of the day was Afokoula, well done Afo!

## **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!



# Achievement Awards



## Te Kete Wakahuia

**Juliette** - For working hard to blend sounds together to read words.

**Paige** - For fantastic ordering of numbers.

**Jack** - For showing enthusiasm ordering numbers.

**Isaac** - For showing determination when biking.

**Sasha** - For showing stamina and determination during our kete running.

**Marley** - For working hard on your letter formation.

**Navya** - For trying hard to say the letter sounds correctly. Kā pai.

**Riley** - For being a super listener in workshops. Kā pai!

## Te Kete Pounamu

**Delena** - For using fantastic expression when reading.

**Dylan** - For your detailed responses to comprehension questions when reading.

**Malone** - For striving hard on his writing and letter formation.

**Meilah** - For joining in and contributing to class discussions.

**Zoe** - For knowing her number bonds quickly and confidently.

**Nitnem** - For consistently having neat handwriting and giving 100% effort.

**Thea** - For knowing your bonds to 20 instantly.

**Suyog** - For having instant recall of your bonds to 20!

## Te Kete Manawa

**Annie** - For your enthusiasm and willingness to share your knowledge in numeracy workshops.

**Louvan** - For being a leader in numeracy and sharing knowledge with peers.

**Rita** - For effort and enthusiasm in our handwriting literacy starter.

**Benny** - For your fabulous enthusiasm during measurement.

**Ameerah** - For excellent handwriting mahi at literacy starter.

**Louhan** - For contributing your knowledge to our 'odd one out' discussion at maths starter.

**Aditya R.** - For caring for our kete when you help tidy up after 'read and feed'.

**Avyaan** - For your willingness to share your understanding during literary and maths sessions.

**Isla Du** - For some great questions before, during and after when reading.

## Te Kete Aronui

Congratulations to all the **Year 5s** for a wonderful time at camp trying new things and challenging yourselves!

**Mason** - For great rock climbing at camp.

**Johanna** - For joining in with all the activities at camp enthusiastically.

**Elijah** - For great creative, descriptive writing.

**Matty** - For an awesome effort in your animal Art sketching.

**Ruiling** - For an awesome effort in your animal Art sketching.

**Mario** - For an awesome effort in your animal Art sketching.

**Freddie** - For improved focus during your learning.

**K-J** - For an improved positive attitude in the classroom.

**Oscar** - For making positive choices in class and in the playground.

## Te Kete Tangaroa

**Ollie C** - Excellent sharing during workshops.

**Darcy** - Outstanding work in reading.

**Lucas** - Excellent use of place value to solve addition problems.

**Olivia G** - For creating bold artwork which follows all the criteria.

**Leo** - For expanding simple sentences in his writing.

**Wonil** - For completing his artwork with care and pride to produce a quality end result.

**Kate** - For having a positive attitude in maths and striving to do her best.

**Kiara** - Stepping up and making great choices for learning.

**Marley** - For trying things out of his comfort zone.



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## Marist Football

ARE RUNNING A MILO FANTAILS FOOTBALL PROGRAMME IN MANAWATU

**Who:** Girls aged 7-12 years.

**Dates:** 05/03, 12/03, 19/03, 26/03, 02/04 09/04 (Term 1, 2024)

**Time:** Tuesdays 4:00-5:00pm

**Venue:** Green Room at Massey Sports & Recreation Centre

**Cost:** \$30.00 (\$5 per session)

Registration Form:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/282758>

Aimed at Children between 7yrs and 18yrs

**Morning Group: 10am-12.30pm**

**Beginners, School Players, Beginners Reps**

Introduction to badminton, basic skills, basic rules and a range of shots - Max 20 participants

**Afternoon Group: 1.30pm-4.00pm**

**Intermediate/Advanced U13-U19 Players**

Training sessions for players already involved in badminton to include drills, technique and tactical training - Max 20 participants

**COST: \$ 60 per person.**

**(Family Discount Available and \$5 discount for any schools competition players/club/representative players)**

This course will be cancelled if there are not enough participants

**! EMPHASIS WILL BE ON IMPROVEMENT !**

**VENUE: Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School  
Gym, Entrance off South St.**

**BRING: Drink, Snack food, Non-Marking Runners/Shoes**

*Bookings will be taken on a first paid first served basis*

Enrolments & Enquiries to Josh Curry  
Shuttle Time Coaching Officer

Phone: 021 02435085 [www.manawatubadminton.org.nz](http://www.manawatubadminton.org.nz)

Email: [shuttletime@manawatubadminton.org.nz](mailto:shuttletime@manawatubadminton.org.nz)



 **PALMY**

**MOVIE NIGHT**

**6pm - 8pm Tuesday 12th March  
D1 Colquhoun Park**

Free popcorn and sausage sizzle!  
Bring with you: whānau, beanbags, blankets and kai!



CHILLED EVENTS PRESENTS

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# ICE RINK



4TH - 28TH  
**APRIL**

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**10am - 10pm  
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April 15th - 17th

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2nd July 2024

Pacific

Celebrating Pacific Culture Through Dance

Fusion

Legacy

Performances start at 9am  
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# 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)



Throughout the day these programmes will consist of:

NetballSmart activities

Development of Skills

Games

Lots of fun!

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# Matilda

THE MUSICAL

BOOK  
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MUSIC & LYRICS  
TIM MINCHIN

APRIL 12<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> 2024

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