

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday the 28th of March 2024

Important Upcoming Events 2024

29 March - 2 April	- Easter break, SCHOOL CLOSED (this includes Tuesday)
5 and 6 April	- School centenary celebrations
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

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

SCHOOL CENTENARY - 5TH AND 6TH APRIL 2024

Thank you very much to our kapa haka roopu and the choir who are providing 'live' entertainment over the centenary celebrations. Thank you to whānau who have committed to having the choir here at 9.45am on Saturday morning.

Please note that due to us having the full school plus centenary registrants onsite on Friday, we are unable to have our current school whānau in attendance. We will ensure that our kapa haka roopu have an opportunity to perform for you sometime soon.

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

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<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

KID LIT QUIZ - A report from Mrs Gifford-Moore

On Tuesday 26th March I took two teams of 4 students to participate in the Kid Lit Quiz competition in Feilding. There were 40 teams altogether of students ranging from primary school to intermediate.

We had the highest score in two of the 10 categories and had to enter a play off with other schools with the same result. We won the 'Unicorn category!' Makayla also won an individual question (competing against 200 students) and was rewarded with \$5!

When the overall results were revealed Hokowhita A Team (Alex, Makayla, Amos and Catherine) were the top scoring Year 5/6 team, achieving 1st place!

A huge congratulations to all our literacy superstars, it is fantastic to have the opportunity to compete against other students with interests in books.

We would like to add a huge congratulations to Mrs Gifford Moore for her skill, time and energy in preparing the teams too!



GOAL SETTING EVENINGS

Thanks to everyone who came along to one of our evenings this week. It was lovely to see whānau spending time together enjoying the kete environment and learning more about the learning your tamariki have been doing.

For some whānau this may also be the first opportunity you have had to visit your child's 2024 kete and have a conversation with each of the teachers in the learning space.

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 made the decision to postpone the duathlon until after the senior playground work is finished.

Wishing everyone a fabulous Easter weekend. Remember we have another short week coming up! **SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED ON THE TUESDAY AFTER EASTER MONDAY.**

Ngā mihi nui
Lin Dixon

UPDATE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

Tēnā koutou,

Last week the Board held its second meeting of the year, and we want to update you on a few things.

Following a period of consultation, we have now approved the proposed changes to the Communication Policy around student phones and portable digital devices. This ensures we are aligned with the government regulation requiring all schools to have a “phones away for the day” policy in place by the start of term 2. You can read the full policy on our school website.

We are also delighted to see the new senior playground nearing completion! We are currently also working slowly towards a less spectacular but very important project: redesigning and replacing the roof over the Te Kete Wakahuia corridor, to address leaks in the resource room and staffroom. We’re also working on a detailed review of the school’s property to ensure we’re on top of maintenance issues and can make sensible decisions about what and where we invest in improvements.

Finally, we would like to offer some acknowledgements. First, we join with Lin in thanking Helen Griffin for her service to the school as Deputy Principal and Learning Support Coordinator - and for voluntarily attending Board meetings! We also want to thank all the teachers in TKT and TKA who went above and beyond to ensure that the recent camps were safe and successful: Priscilla Gifford Moore, Liz Longley, Jenny Lovegrove, Elisha Masoe, and Sam Sloan. The Board has to sign off on camp because it involves an overnight stay as well as high risk activities, and we knew we could have a lot of confidence in the high-quality health and safety plans that our staff had developed.

Ngā mihi nui,
Philip Steer

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!



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	Softshell Jacket Optional with Embroidery	from \$63.00
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Polar Fleece with Embroidery	from \$45.00	Navy Socks NZ Made Cotton 3 pair pack	
Navy Skort with School Label	from \$41.50	Crew Length	\$22.00
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Basketball 2024

This is now **CLOSED**. Thank you to everyone who has registered. You will receive team lists and sports uniforms next week.

Years 1 & 2 - Winter Hockey 2024

This is now **CLOSED**. Thank you to everyone who has registered. You will receive team lists and sports uniforms next week.

Years 3 & 4 - Winter Hockey 2024

This is now **CLOSED**. Thank you to everyone who has registered. You will receive team lists and sports uniforms next week.

Years 5 & 6 - Winter Hockey 2024

This is now **CLOSED**. Thank you to everyone who has registered. You will receive team lists and sports uniforms next week.

NETBALL

Hokowhitu Defenders - This week's netball game was exciting, with the wind taking over and sweeping the ball off in all directions. The girls handled it like experts and still managed a win against Riverdale 2-1.

Our player of the day was **Imogen**. Kai pai girls!



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

Coaches/Managers - If you would like details in the newsletter, please email them to office@hokowhitu.school.nz no later than Thursday please.

Trip to El Rancho - By Aarush (TKT)

"On a sunny Monday, March 11th, 2024, Te Kete Tangaroa went on a trip to a camp called El Rancho so we could learn to foster independence and learn outside of the classroom. We experienced kayaking, wilderness survival, horse riding and living in cabins.

First, we got on the bus to go to El Rancho. I sat inside bus number 1.

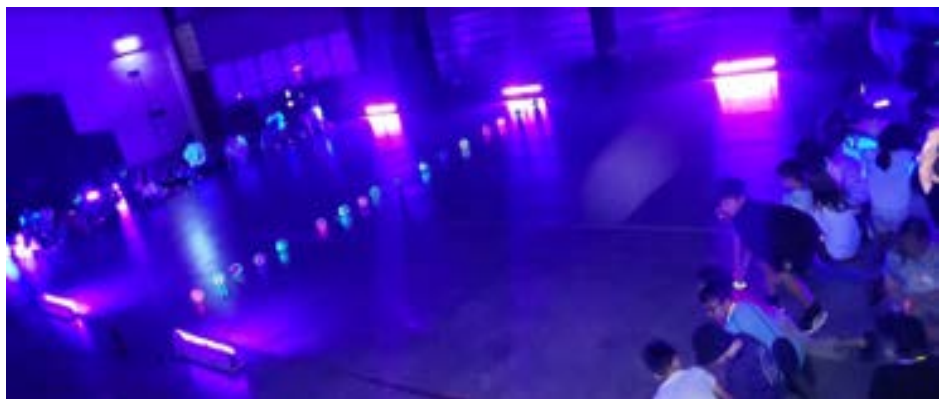
I love going on buses, but the ride was very bumpy. Luckily I was not carsick, and I read my book called Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down.

We arrived, put our bags in our cabins and went to dinner. For dinner there was broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, rice and something like butter chicken. That was the first time I ate dinner with my friends apart from a sleepover. The food was delicious! The food was spicy, and people were drinking a lot of water! But Ronav, Harveer and I thought they were just joking! Then for dessert, we had jelly and ice cream, and it was yummy!

Then we went to our cabins to go to sleep. But there was one problem...I couldn't sleep! Lucas and Hohua couldn't sleep as well. And to make things worse there was a cockroach! I didn't like the cabins! The next day we did the activities. My favourite activity was the glow-in-the-dark dodgeball! We beat Manawatu but lost to Tangimoana. Tangimoana got to go against the parents. But the parents won. I wanted Tangimoana to win though. Then we had a dance party. Then the next day we had to leave.

In the morning we went for a beach walk. I was exhausted from holding my big black and heavy bag. The walk was one whole hour! When we got to the beach we saw lots of bluebottles. Bluebottles are a type of jellyfish. Then we returned to El Rancho and got on the bus to take us back.

I had lots of fun at El Rancho. I learned many new things like kayaking".



TKT CAMP 2024



Achievement Awards



Te Kete Wakahuia

Evie - For forming all her letters correctly.

Emily - For learning all the first 8 sounds.

Carson - For concentrating on building a Lego car using the instructions.

Amelia - For using her words to solve problems.

Myra - For sitting down and joining in at workshops. Tino pai.

Gian - For working hard on your learning. Kā pai.

Serena - For writing your numbers correctly and neatly. Tino pai!

Manha - For focusing well and showing enthusiasm in maths workshops. Tino pai!

Te Kete Pounamu

Aadarsh - Welcome to Hokowhitu School and the Te Kete Pounamu class.

Blake - For excellent work with the 5+ basic facts.

Brodie - For excellent work with your number formation.

Alex - For your enthusiasm and participation in maths workshops.

Kiel - For trying hard to form numbers and letters correctly.

Louis - For reading with improved speed and expression.

Te Kete Manawa

Te Kekerewai - For being kind and caring to others. Being very thoughtful and empathetic.

Harley - For making better choices about where he sits and who he works with to help him be the best learner.

Anna W - For having a great attitude toward all learning and being organised for all lessons.

Anna S - For observing like a mathematician during maths starter.

Ajay - For excellent adjective mahi during literacy.

Isla H - For a fantastic 'c' or 'k' poster at literacy starter.

Lohan - For fantastic creativity in our wildlife art.

Inwoo - For consistently showing enthusiasm for learning.

Antonella - For sharing her knowledge during our maths starter esti-mystery.

Te Kete Aronui

Imogen D - For your ideas in literacy workshops. You are reading for information well!

Isabella - Your word study skills are helping you to break new words into parts so you can read them - great work!

Shanaaya - You can explain the way you worked out a maths problem, great effort.

Nehan - You explain your learning well in maths workshops.

Maleigha-Rose - For great work with learning your times tables.

Carlos - For impressive 'Baby Dragon' writing & for using commas well!

Aiden - For the knowledge you share in our discussions, fantastic!

Te Kete Tangaroa

Daniel - Outstanding addition and subtraction, showing working out neatly in his book.

Titus - Excellent work with decimals.

Anahera - For making good progress in learning the code.

Omar - Excellent work in maths learning new strategies.

Dominic - For taking part in a spelling game with enthusiasm.

Madisyn - For an excellent attitude to maths this week.

Catherine - For studying hard for Kid Lit Quiz.

Mason - Excellent work using reversibility to solve subtraction problems.

Renee - Outstanding addition and subtraction, showing working out neatly in her book.

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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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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Development of Skills

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