

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 11th of April 2025

Important Upcoming Events 2025

28 April	- 8.50am School opens for Term 2
2 May	- Report 1 for 2025 comes home today - 8.30 - 8.50am Whānau Friday. Everyone welcome to come into the kete and enjoy looking at the week's learning (and every Friday)
NEW ITEM 5 and 6 May 5.30pm - 6.30pm	- Celebrating Learning Evenings - a chance for you to pop into school on one of these nights, chat with kete teachers and enjoy looking at learning with your child Surnames A - L come on Monday, Surnames M - Z, come on Tuesday
NEW ITEM 13 May	- 5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom - everyone welcome
19 May	- 11am School Cross Country races
30 May	- Teacher only day - SCHOOL IS CLOSED . Staff will be undertaking PLD in the new mathematics curriculum with our Kahui Ako colleagues
2 June	- SCHOOL CLOSED , public holiday for the King's Birthday



UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

You will recall that the Education Review Office visited our kura last month? We have now received the confirmed report from the ERO.

If you would like to read the report, please use this link

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p7Fji77MnY4CUCe-tmOOmaBIHK2UtQto/view?usp=sharing>

I would like to say a huge 'tino pai' to everyone involved in the governance and management of our kura - this is a well deserved recognition of the high quality of education Hokowhitu School ākonga are receiving.

KIDS LIT QUIZ

On Monday the 7th of April two teams of 4 students took part in the Kid Lit Quiz competition in Feilding. The teams answered a total of 100 questions. There were 10 questions in each category. Some of the categories included trees, jams and spreads and legends!

The A team - Harrison, Amos, Freddie and Anita placed 2nd out of the 19 Year 5/6 teams who participated in the event.

The B team - Aarush, Ruby, Georgia, Minoo placed 3rd out of the 19 Year 5/6 teams.

The students spent many weeks preparing for the event with test questions, research and fun in the library.

What fantastic results - congratulations both to the ākonga and their coach **Mrs GM!**



REPORTING TO PARENTS

This year we have made some changes to the way we report to parents on progress and 'next step' learning. This has come about by the Ministry of Education's new requirements about standardised testing being required twice per year from Years 3 - 6 (we have previously only used standardised tests once per year.) It seemed to make little sense to us to be administering these assessments in Nov/Dec and then retesting again in Feb/March (as there has been very little formal teaching happening between these dates).

In 2025 we have completed formal testing in Term 1, and have subsequently prepared our first written report that will come home on the 2nd May. We will follow this report up with Celebrating Learning evenings in Week 2 of next term.

The second round of standardised testing will occur towards the end of Term 3 and will be followed up with another written report. This will mean kaiako (teachers) can review and revisit unknown concepts in Term 4.

It is really important that you realise that the report comments around achievement are based on expectations FOR THE END OF THE YEAR, so we would not expect many ākonga (learners) to be AT or ABOVE their end of year expectation after only 10 weeks of the year. Therefore you should not be concerned if they are WORKING TOWARDS EXPECTATION at this stage. This means with ongoing progress over the year, we would expect they will meet the end of year expectations.

ANZAC DAY

This morning the whole school commemorated Anzac Day. Thanks to Mr Hawkins and the student councillors who put this service together.



Te Kete Wakahuia has some art on display at 'Forget Me Not Flowers' in Downtown Palmerston North. This art commemorates ANZAC Day. Thank you to Alex Phipps for the wonderful idea.



DRINKS AT SCHOOL

An important reminder that we have a healthy eating and drinking policy at our kura. This states that water is the only drink to be consumed at school for the children. Please do not send your child to school with juice, fizzy, flavoured milk (including Up and Go's), or Yakults - unless there is a medical reason for doing so. If required for medical purposes, please let us know and we can designate a suitable area for consuming these drinks.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UPDATES

2025 is a year of significant changes in education. Along with the introduction of new curriculum documents for both literacy and numeracy, the government has set a target for 80% of students to be attending school more than 90% of the time. Please see recent newsletters for the diagram outlining the 'traffic light' Stepped Attendance Response that we have been given.

School aged children should be at school every day, except when they are medically unwell (or in the case of exceptional circumstances such as bereavement).

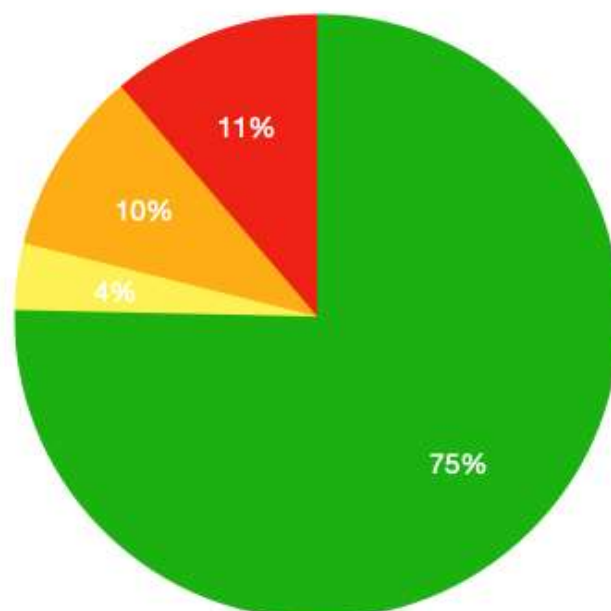
We are setting goals for attendance here at school and our target for Term 1 is to have 80% of our ākongā attending regularly over the whole school. We have set this target by looking at trends of attendance at our kura in Term 1 over time.

Attendance data from Week 9 was again lower than our target - we had 75% of the ākongā schoolwide attending regularly (more than 90% of the time).

Let's step that up again next term, we really want to get back into the 80%+ bracket.

2025-03-31 to 2025-04-04	# of Students attending	% of students attending	
90.1-100	275	75.34	
80.1-90	13	3.56	
70.1-80	36	9.86	
0-70	41	11.23	

● 90.1-100 ● 80.1-90 ● 70.1-80 ● 0-70



GOOD

Good chance of success

WORRYING

Less chance of success

CONCERNING

Hard to make progress

SERIOUS CONCERN

Very hard to make progress

You will be advised of your child's term one attendance in this year's first written report that will be coming home early next term. We are happy to work together to develop a plan to improve regular attendance. Please feel free to make contact with us if you would like to discuss any challenges that you have with getting your tamariki to school on a regular basis.

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING

The results for this event were in last week's newsletter, here is the team that competed, again well done to you all!



Wishing everyone a great weekend. We hope you get to enjoy some family time over the Easter break. I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready to enjoy an exciting, action packed Term 2.

Ngā mihi nui
Lin Dixon



Important Information for Parents & Guardians

- Please respect the privacy of all ākonga when taking photos or videos. Please do not publish any photos containing other children from any school event.

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

Ways to Contact The Office When Your Child Will Be Late Or Absent

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.

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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SPORTS

SPORTS UNIFORMS

We hire out our sports uniforms for the calendar year. Please ensure when registering for a sport you also hire a sports uniform. You only need to do this once a year. All uniforms get returned at the end of the year. If they do not get returned, you will get invoiced the \$70 for a replacement uniform, thank you.

WINTER HOCKEY (Years 1-6) - This is now **CLOSED**. Unfortunately, no late registrations can be accepted.

BASKETBALL 2025 (Years 3-6) - This is now **CLOSED**. Unfortunately, no late registrations can be accepted.

If you have any sports related questions please feel free to contact

- Carlee Hodge - c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz **OR**

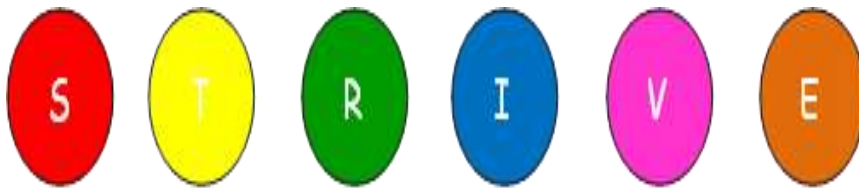
- Stacey Tayler - s.tayler@hokowhitu.school.nz

Sports available at Hokowhitu School for 2025

We will let you know in upcoming newsletters and through the School App when these sports are open on Kindo.

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

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Netball - Years 5 & 6	Basketball - Years 3 - 6	Futsal - Years 3 - 6	Summer Soccer - Years 0 - 6
Summer Hockey - Years 1 - 6	Winter Hockey - OPEN NOW ON KINDO Years 1 - 6	T-Ball - Years 0 - 2	Netball - Years 0 - 4
Badminton - Years 5 & 6		Badminton - Years 4, 5 & 6	Summer Hockey - Years 0 - 6
			Touch Rugby - Years 0 - 6
			Volleyball - Years 4, 5 & 6
<i>These sports are available in term one and they close for registration in week 2 of term 1.</i>	<i>These sports are available in term two and three and they close for registration in week 9 of term 1.</i>	<i>These sports are available in terms three and/or four and registration closes in term 3.</i>	<i>These sports are available in term four and they close for registration in term 3.</i>



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Te Kete Wakahuia

Waka - Well done on a great term, see you in term 2 on the 28th of April!

Ruby - For being a kind friend and making people giggle.

Adrit - For great reading! Tino Pai.

Linaya - For working so hard on your reading this term. Tino pai.

Nia - For being a kind and caring friend.

Te Kete Pounamu

TKP - What a fantastic term of learning we have had in TKP this term. Thank you to everyone that has shown STRIVE! Have a relaxing holiday with your whānau and we will see you back rested and ready for term 2!

Te Kete Manawa

TKM Students - Thank you for an awesome first term. We have been enjoying getting to know you and your whānau over the past ten weeks. We look forward to another busy term in Term 2. Have a great break and we look forward to seeing you back in two weeks.

Te Kete Aronui

Carter, Eugene, Antonella - For great effort in badminton.

Isla H - For writing a superb report during literacy.

Daeun - For working well independently on SRA cards in literacy.

Luxson - We have been enjoying your sense of humour

Nehan - For working hard to complete tasks in literacy

Te Kete Tangaroa

TKT - Well done on a fantastic term. You have all stepped up in so many ways this term, from leadership roles to school wide duties. Have a well-earned break over the next two week and we look forward to seeing back next term.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



FREE COMIC BOOK DAY
May 3, 2025



For Ages 9-13
Bookings Required

Ultrawild Future City Comic Making Lab with Steve Mushin

Join Steve for some wild design time making small comics or zines - about life in a super cool future imagined ultrawilded Palmerston North city.

SATURDAY 3 MAY
10:30am-1pm

BOOKINGS REQUIRED email pncl@pncc.govt.nz

There are two Ultrawild workshops: Comic Making and Cardboard Modelling Lab - you may only register for one



FREE COMIC BOOK DAY
May 3, 2025



For Ages 9-13
Bookings Required

Ultrawild Future City Cardboard Modelling Lab with Steve Mushin

Join Steve for some wild design and construction time making your own ultrawilded buildings in an imagined ultrawilded Palmerston North city.

SATURDAY 3 MAY
2pm-4:30pm

BOOKINGS REQUIRED email pncl@pncc.govt.nz

There are two Ultrawild workshops: Comic Making and Cardboard Modelling Lab - you may only register for one

Language transmission in multilingual families

We invite you to the first ever multinational study on what might impact parents' decisions to transmit, or not, their home languages to their children. To participate, you need to be over 18, live in Australia, New Zealand, or Singapore, and meet one of the following two criteria:

- In your family more than one language is used or could be used – even if it currently is not – and you are a parent or primary carer of at least one child over 2.
 - You have been raised in a bilingual or multilingual family.

You are asked to complete an online survey (available through this link:

(<https://suset.artologik.net/kau/Survey/19386>) on your language experiences and family circumstances. The survey will take approximately 20–30 minutes (this varies depending on your family situation) and needs to be completed in a single session.

Your response will enhance our understanding of the crucial question of whether to maintain one's home language or not. You can also contact us for questions and concerns.

We, the research team, thank you for your invaluable time and for sharing your experiences!

Please feel free to share the link with your friends and professional networks.

For further information, please contact Dr Elaine Ballard, University of Auckland

e.ballard@auckland.ac.nz or Dr Grace Qi, Massey University, New Zealand,
G.Qi@massey.ac.nz



We're upgrading parts of Fitzherbert Avenue (April-July)



What's happening?

- ▶ Repairing the intersection at Fitzherbert Avenue and Te Awa Awa Street
- ▶ Upgrading the size of the stormwater pipes from the Fitzherbert Bridge to Hughes Avenue to reduce the chance of flooding
- ▶ Repairing handrails on the Fitzherbert Bridge
- ▶ Small patches of road repairs along Fitzherbert Avenue towards Ferguson Street
- ▶ Four lanes will remain open, but the road will look different during construction
- ▶ Footpaths remain open, but both cycle lanes will be detoured along this part of Fitzherbert Avenue
- ▶ Cyclists heading into town will be detoured via the Victoria Esplanade
- ▶ Cyclists heading to Summerhill will be detoured via Hughes Avenue



For more information, visit pncc.govt.nz/roadworks



Dog walkers and park users

Speak up!



How do you use Linklater Reserve?
Should we make some areas on-leash?
Help shape its future by giving your feedback by April 28.

Visit pncc.govt.nz/linklater



FIRST KICKS FOOTBALL



WHEN & WHERE

- Fridays in Term 2
- 4:30pm - 5:45pm
- PN Marist, 19 Pascal Street

ABOUT FIRST KICKS

Fun sessions aimed at 4-6 year olds with or without any previous experience of kicking a ball.

PROGRAMME INCLUDES

- Qualified Coaches
- Basic Movement Skills
- Ball Skills
- Positive Football Experiences
- \$45.00 (10 weeks)



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Holiday Programmes April 2025

Netball Easter Extravaganza

Monday 14th April 2025

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



Netball Ninja Day

Tuesday 15th April 2025

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



ANZAC Day Netball Camp

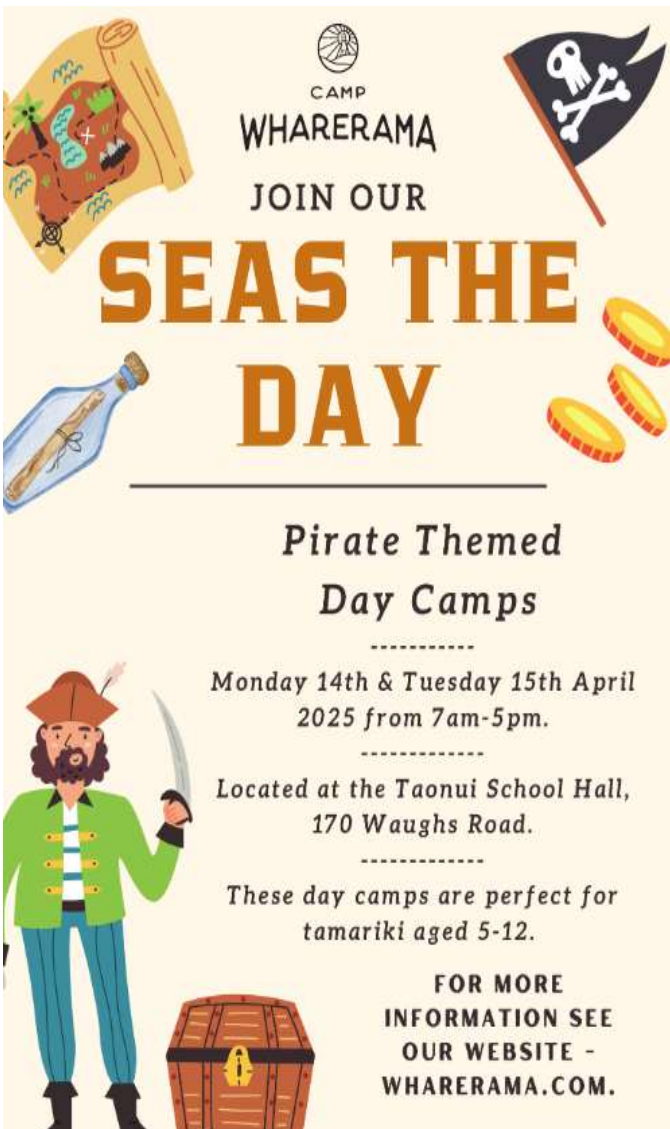
Wednesday 16th April 2025

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!



CAMP WHARERAMA
JOIN OUR
SEAS THE DAY

Pirate Themed Day Camps

Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th April 2025 from 7am-5pm.

Located at the Taonui School Hall, 170 Waughs Road.

These day camps are perfect for tamariki aged 5-12.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE OUR WEBSITE - WHARERAMA.COM.



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JOIN US FOR A SWASHBUCKLING

Pirate Themed Kids Camp

Monday 21st - Friday 25th April 2025.
Perfect for 7-12 Year Olds.
At Forest Lakes Camping & Conference Centre, Ōtaki.

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