

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 14th of March 2025

Important Upcoming Events 2025

18/19 March	- Education Review Office (ERO) visit
19 March	- Lucky Book Club orders due by today
20 March	- Hearing and Vision testing for those without B4 school checks (and eligible new pupils)
21 March	- 9am Whole school assembly - TKA sharing some of their learning. All whānau are welcome
24 March - 9 April	- Badminton sessions across the school
25 March	- 5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom, everyone welcome
1 April	- Ballot (if required) for Terms 3 and 4 out of zone enrolments
3 April	- Cluster swimming sports
4 April	- 9am Whole school assembly - TKM sharing some of their learning. All whānau are welcome - 11.40am Year 1 - 3 duathlon. Supporters welcome
11 April	- House meeting day - wear your house t-shirt today if you have one - 3pm Last day of school for Term 1
28 April	- 8.50am School opens for Term 2
30 May NEW ITEM	- Teacher only day - SCHOOL IS CLOSED

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 Please do not publish any photos containing other children from any school event.



UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

Next week is Neuro diversity week - neurodiverse people have key strengths such as **creativity, focus, sensory strengths, energy, and self-belief**. Embracing and celebrating neurodiversity fosters growth, understanding and joy. Atawhai (kindness) is reminding someone of their strengths instead of reminding them of their weaknesses.



Our third strategic goal is to recognise, support and celebrate the diversity of our ākonga. We are NOT all the same and our differences make each of us unique and special.

PROPERTY WORK

If you have been into school this week, you will see that preparation is underway for a section of the roofing down the TKW corridor to be redesigned and replaced. This is to try to eliminate the leaks caused by the flat roof section.

As with any property work, we try to minimise any inconvenience, however, we are needing to use a different meet and greet point for TKW, our daily flag flying has had to be temporarily stopped, and there may be a period of time that we will not be able to use the corridor in TKW.

On Monday afternoon (or the first fine afternoon next week) there will be significantly limited access to TKW, the hall and the aPlus buildings. From the end of lunchtime through to the evening most of the top courtyard will be fenced off to allow construction of a 'bridge', which will be later be craned onto the roof. This will allow the area of the roof being replaced to be 'wrapped' to retain weather tightness while the work is done. Both TKW and TKP ākonga will be coming out different doors on the day - teachers will find you if you just wait outside the fenced areas.

We need to keep everyone safe and allow the contractors to be able to work efficiently without needing to worry about children being in harm's way. We thank you for your understanding and flexibility.

BALLOT FOR OUT OF ZONE TERM 3 AND 4 ENROLMENTS

A ballot (if required) will be held on 1 April for new entrants who reside out of our school zone, but wish to enrol at our kura, starting in Terms 3 or 4 of this year.

Do you have a child turning 5 over this period? Do you know someone else who wishes to enrol with us, but we do not yet have their enrolment details?

Everyone who resides outside our enrolment zone **MUST** have enrolment information into the office by the 28 March so that we can accurately gauge how many spaces we have.

COUNCELLING SERVICES

This year the school is paying a private provider for their services at school. Sessions will be 2-5 weeks, depending on the need.

If you would like to refer your child for support (or require more information) please contact Naomi Thompson, n.thompson@hokowhitu.school.nz.

Project Calm - Term 2

- 8-week course. Parent or whānau person and children attend sessions. One session per week, 5pm - 6pm.
- Children learn skills in mindfulness, relaxation, self-compassion and problem solving
- Adults learn about identifying and managing sensory issues, thinking errors and social difficulties.

Please reach out if you would like to register for this course. n.thompson@hokowhitu.school.nz.

Learning Support Coordinator

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).

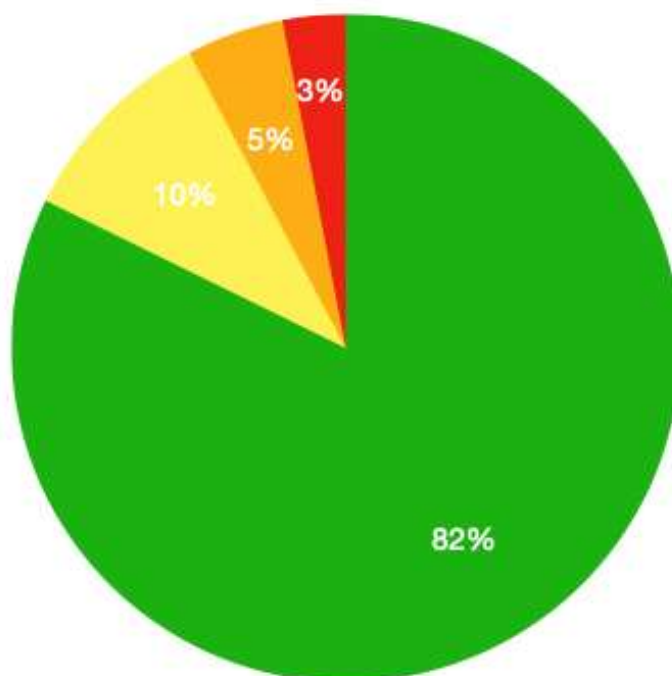
We are setting goals for attendance here at school and our target for Term 1 is to have 80% of our ākongā attending regularly over the whole school. We have set this target by looking at trends of attendance at our kura in Term 1 over time.

Attendance data from Week 5 was again great news - once again we had 82% of the ākongā schoolwide attending regularly (more than 90% of the time).

Hooray, that means another extended morning tea break next Monday. Keep up the great work everyone.

2025-02-03 to 2025-03-07	# of Students attending	% of students attending	
90.1-100	297	82.27	
80.1-90	36	9.97	
70.1-80	17	4.71	
0-70	11	3.05	

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As required, we will be proactive in making contact with whānau if we see patterns of non-attendance developing. This means we can 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.

YEAR 1 AND 2 SWIMMING DISPLAY

Written by Tyler & Amos

“On Thursday the 6th of March we had the year 1 and 2 swimming demonstration. It was great to see everybody trying their best and having an amazing time. It was awesome to see how many parents came to support our younger tamariki. It was awesome seeing wellbeing warriors helping out with the juniors. The juniors performed a jump jam song called the coconut song, floated, kicked with a flutterboard, running race, blowing a ping pong ball and frog hopping with a pool noodle. All in all, it was an amazing day and great to see so many people trying their best”.



SWIMMING POOL

The pool is now closed for the season.



WEETBIX TRYATHLON

If you plan on taking your child to the Weetbix Tryathlon on Tuesday, please make sure you inform our office so we can mark them accordingly. See further into this newsletter for ways you can contact the office.

Wishing everyone a fantastic weekend.

Ngā mihi nui
Lin Dixon



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.

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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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.

BASKETBALL 2025 (Years 3-6) - This is **OPEN** on Kindo **NOW**.

Registrations are now open for **year 3-6** players who wish to play basketball.

Fees for the season will be \$90 per player.

Games will be played at CET Arena on Thursdays beginning the 1st of May, final game is the 26th of June.

Children will be required to wear a mouthguard when playing. **NO MOUTHGUARD NO PLAY**

Coaches will be needed for all teams.

To register follow the link here - <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml?shop=Hokowhitu%20School>.

Registrations close at 12pm on Friday the 28th of March

Unfortunately, no late registrations can be accepted.

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 - OPEN NOW ON KINDO Years 3 - 6	Futsal - Years 3 - 6	Summer Soccer - Years 0 - 6
Summer Hockey - Years 1 - 6	Winter Hockey - 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>

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



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Te Kete Wakahuia

Kiaan - For being independent and coming into school by himself every morning.

Ezra - For helping to clean up after art.

Hannah - For working so hard on your reading and writing. Tino pai.

Akein - For your amazing counting in maths. Kā rawe Akein.

Toby - For excellent handwriting. Tino pai.

Evie - For blending sounds to read words. Kā rawe Evie.

Te Kete Pounamu

Lusion - For a fantastic effort at our swimming demonstration.

Kirill - For having a positive attitude in the classroom - Miharo!

Sebastian - For fantastic effort and presentation at literacy - Kā rawe!

Hudson - For settling into Hokowhitu School very quickly and proving to have great work habits. Kā pai!

Ivan - For working hard in literacy workshops. Kā Rawe!

Jensen - For being a diligent member of TKP and being a super role model. Kā pai!

Tanish - For showing awesome listening skills during our heart words test. Tino pai!

Freya - For showing respect and patience towards others in our bag area. Whetu nui!

Lucia - For a positive attitude towards making mistakes in maths. Kā rawe!

Te Kete Manawa

Aaden - For listening carefully in math lessons and understanding different strategies for subtraction.

Vinnie - For showing good focus during literacy.

Nikau - For listening well in literacy and completing tasks quickly and correctly.

Pray - For taking responsibility for his learning and asking for help if unsure. Kā pai.

Benny - For using the place value blocks to support regrouping in subtraction.

Madi - For an outstanding start to your tiki art.

Alex - For bringing your writing to life with your detailed creative writing.

Ava - For reading with fluency and expression.

Hunter - For bringing your writing to life with your detailed creative writing.





ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Te Kete Aronui

Liam, Ryder - For an impressive recount for homework.

Ali - For being a great maths whizz!

Evie - For reading with fluency and accuracy.

Lachie, Eliza - For great improvement with their skills on the Chromebook.

Ava M - For great reading comprehension with contrasts and comparisons.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Hakaraia - For working hard on his writing about his taonga.

Samuel - For being articulate and sharing his taonga with the class.

Skye - Great attitude in maths.

Rylan - For helping others to feel success at art time.

Rory - Excellent work writing about your taonga.

Ruiling - For her focus and attention to detail in her learning.

Maleigha-Rose - Great writing.

Donnacha - Great work finding the highest common factor.

Mason M - For being a positive and entertaining member of our whānau!



COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHILLED EVENTS RETURNS WITH THE

PALMERSTON NORTH SQUARE

ICE RINK

27TH - 27TH
**MARCH-
APRIL**

OPEN
**10AM - 10PM
EVERYDAY**

REAL ICE. REAL FUN. REAL MEMORIES
TICKETS FROM CHILLEDEVENTS.FLICKET.CO.NZ

M MARIST
JUNIOR
RUGBY
PALMERSTON NORTH

2025 Junior Registration Days


Year 1 to Year 8
Year 1 Registrations Free
Girl Only Teams Available

MARIST
CLUBROOMS
17A PASCAL STREET

Sunday, 23rd February, 3 - 4:30pm

Sunday, 2 March, 3 - 4:30pm

Sunday, 9th March, 3 - 4:30pm



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.



CAMP
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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.

For more information please visit wharerama.com.




MASSEY KIDS' CLUB AFTER-SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMME

Contact: manager@masseykidsclub.ac.nz

**Are you looking for quality After-School Care?
We've got you covered! Come join us at Massey Kids Club!**

Our Program offers:

- ✓ Pick ups from school finish time until 5:30pm
- ✓ High-quality care for children aged 5-13 years old
- ✓ A warm, friendly and nurturing environment: To keep children safe, happy and engaged
- ✓ Fun and engaging activities: From arts & crafts to sport, there's always something fun to do
- ✓ Outdoor play: Safe and supervised outdoor games and activities in our spacious outdoor area
- ✓ Afternoon Tea: To keep children energized and satiated.



Located in a spacious area on the Massey University campus.

It's the perfect place for children to grow, play, relax, thrive, and make lifelong friends.



Skill based anxiety reduction programme for school aged children

- 8 week course. One hour per session. One session per week.
- Parents attend alongside child. Parents learn theory and reasoning behind the strategies children are learning.
- Practical strategies are taught by the child programme facilitator.
- Based on Acceptance Commitment Therapy, Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and Self Compassion models.
- Children learn skills in mindfulness, relaxation, self compassion and problem solving.
- Adults learn about identifying and managing sensory issues, thinking errors and social difficulties.

School Based Option Age group 8- 11 yrs or Based in the Community

- School choose students to attend – up to 8 per group.
- Children and parents received Project CALM Programme on school site after school.
- For registration of interest in hosting a Project CALM course contact: Supporting Families, 06 3558561 christine@manawatusf.org.nz



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40 Denmark Street

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**Project
CALM**



*reaching out to those
whose lives are affected
by mental illness*

*out of the shadows into the sun
puta mai i te po, ki te whai ao
ki te ao marauatanga*



Whangaia Ka Tupu, Ka puawai *What is nurtured will flourish*

Anxiety is a functional and necessary human experience. We need a level of anxiety to prompt us to take action in preparation of upcoming events. For example, a level of anxiety about failing a test is useful to prompt a student to study for the test.

However, anxiety without effective action can become overwhelming. It



can have the effect of making people panic, become inactive, avoid tasks, withdraw from the world, or become physically ill. This level of anxiety is unhelpful.

CALM is an 8-week group delivery programme designed as an instructional teaching programme. CALM includes both basic information content and the teaching and practice of skills and strategies. CALM has been written with the intention of helping school aged children and their family/whānau to understand why some people become anxious, and to gain some strategies for dealing with unhelpful anxiety.

CALM tackles three broad topics: physiology of anxiety, psychology of anxiety and social foundation of anxiety.

Through the programme, parents and children will learn about:

- How their senses gather information about the world, why that information might cause anxiety, and how that sensory information can be managed.
- How their bodies generate the symptoms of anxiety and how these symptoms can be managed.
- How their minds generate thoughts that trigger anxiety and how these thoughts can be managed.
- How their social situations increase or decrease the experience of anxiety and how those social situations can be managed.

Parents and the Children will be in separate rooms for most of the programme but will come together at the end of each session.