

# HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 21st of March 2025

## Important Upcoming Events 2025

<b>24 March - 9 April</b>	- Badminton sessions across the school
<b>25 March</b>	- 5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom, everyone welcome
<b>1 April</b>	- Ballot (if required) for Terms 3 and 4 out of zone enrolments
<b>3 April</b>	- Cluster swimming sports
<b>4 April</b>	- 9am Whole school assembly - TKM sharing some of their learning. All whānau are welcome - 11.40am Year 1 - 3 duathlon. Supporters welcome
<b>11 April</b>	- House meeting day - wear your house t-shirt today if you have one - 3pm Last day of school for Term 1
<b>28 April</b>	- 8.50am School opens for Term 2
<b>30 May NEW ITEM</b>	- Teacher only day - <b>SCHOOL IS CLOSED</b>

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Please do not publish any photos containing other children from any school event.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 also look out for kete newsletters - these include additional specific dates/events for that kete.*



## UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou  
Ngā mihi kia koutou

This week we hosted two representatives from the Education Review Office at our kura. They were here to review our progress against goals set from their 2022 visit. The following things were part of the process:

- educational success for ākonga
- current attendance statistics
- measuring the quality of teaching, leadership, governance
- inclusion practices
- progress towards implementation of the new maths and english curriculums
- community/ whānau partnerships and consultation
- a full range of audit/compliance checks

We received very positive verbal feedback from the team and look forward to being able to share the report with you when it is confirmed and released.

### **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.

### **SWIMMING SPORTS**

#### **Year 3 and 4**

The year 3 and 4 swimming sports unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the weather. Thankfully we were able to run these races on the next available fine day.

## **YEAR 3/4 SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS 2025**

### **1 WIDTH FREESTYLE - CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT**

	<b>Year 3 Girls</b>	<b>Year 3 Boys</b>	<b>Year 4 Girls</b>	<b>Year 4 Boys</b>
<b>1st</b>	Ivy R	Conor S	Isla F	Isaiah K
<b>2nd</b>	Maggie J	Joshua O	Evie B	Griffin B
<b>3rd</b>	Nina S	James L	Madi G	Lachie C

### **1 LENGTH FREESTYLE - CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT**

	<b>Year 3 Girls</b>	<b>Year 4 Girls</b>	<b>Year 4 Boys</b>
<b>1st</b>	Darcy C	Joy	Paxton Y
<b>2nd</b>	Zoe C		Mason C
<b>3rd</b>	Sadie T		Leo Z

## Year 5 and 6

Written by **Chase** and **Harry D**

“On Friday the 7th of March the **year 5 and 6** had their swimming sports and house relays. There were a variety of races at the swimming carnival. Everyone tried their best, so thank you to all who participated in the swimming sports and relays.

### YEAR 5/6 SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS 2025

#### 1 LENGTH FREESTYLE - CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
1st	Isabella S	Tyson Y	Bailey C	William C
2nd	Daeun C	Edward W	Mila P	Chase J
3rd	Isla D	James Z	Orla O	Mason M

#### 1 LENGTH BACKSTROKE - CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
1st	Isla D	Tyson Y	Bailey C	William C
2nd	Isabella S	Edward W	Mila P	Chase J
3rd	Daeun C	James Z	Ruby A	Amos S

#### 1 LENGTH BREASTROKE - CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
1st	Daeun C	Tyson Y	Bailey C	William C
2nd	Madison T	James C	Ruby A	Chase J
3rd	Joslyn Z	Joel T		Amos S

#### 1 LENGTH BUTTERFLY - CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
1st	Isla D	Tyson Y	Bailey C	William C
2nd	Daeun C			Chase J
3rd				Amos S

#### 2 LENGTHS FREESTYLE - CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
1st	Isabella S	Edward W = Tyson Y	Bailey C	William C
2nd	Isla D		Mila P	Chase J
3rd	Anita C	Joel T	Ruby A	Harry D

## 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 ākonga 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 6 was again great news - we had 80% of the ākonga 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.**

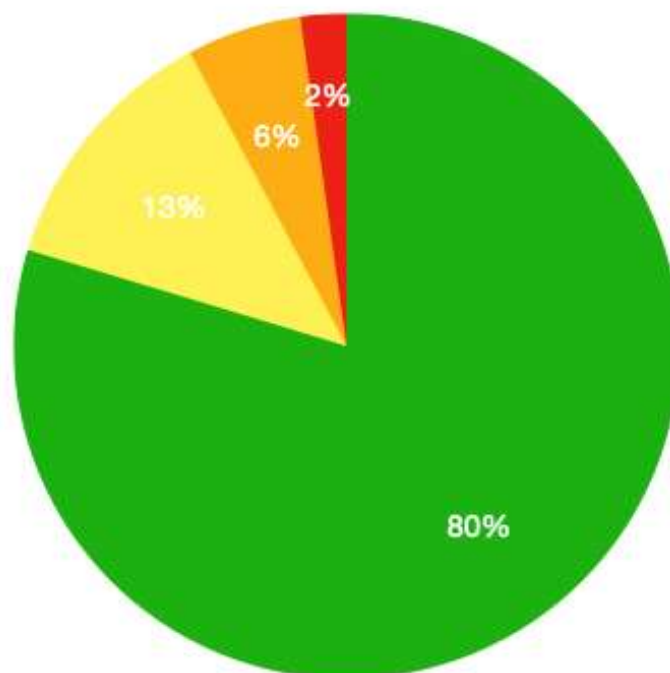
As required, we will be proactive in making contact with whānau if we see patterns of non-attendance developing. This means we can work together to develop a plan to improve regular attendance. Please feel free to make contact

with us if you would like to discuss any challenges that you have with getting your tamariki to school on a regular basis.

### Hokowhitu School Weekly Attendance Report - Term 1 Week 6

2025-02-03 to 2025-03-14	# of Students attending	% of students attending	
90.1-100	286	79.67	
80.1-90	45	12.53	
70.1-80	20	5.57	
0-70	8	2.23	

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## **ATAWHAI AWARDS**

At this morning's assembly the following people were recognised for showing atawhai (kindness)

**TKW: Henry W** - For cheering people up, for always having a story to share, for smiling, and for talking to somebody new at kete play.

**TKP: Emily Z** - You are such a responsible member of Te Kete Pounamu, who ensures that our class keeps to the timetable and that routines are consistent. You have stepped up to be a leader for our karakia and you are a super listener. You are very helpful and are always there to assist other children in need. Tino pai Emily. He whetū koe!

**TKM: Clyde Y** - You are a caring and kind member of Te Kete Manawa. Thanks for being a fantastic listener who always shows respect to your peers and teachers. We can also rely on you to do the right thing and be a great role model to others. Clyde, we appreciate you. Thank you for showing atawhai.

**TKA: Joy L-B** - We really appreciate the kindness you show when you include others, in group activities in the kete and in the playground. You are always happy to expand your friendship group! Thank you for being enthusiastic and a fun person to be around.

**TKT: Max B** - Ka mau te wehi! Max embodies atawhai in every way. His friendliness and manaakitanga (care for others) shines through as he supports his classmates, helps others find lost items, and spreads positivity with his big smile. His bubbly spirit and positive attitude make our kete a better place. Kei runga noa atu koe! (You are outstanding!)

**STAFF: Ms Caldwell, Whaea Bree, Mrs Hintz** - Each of these 3 kind kaiako showed atawhai by giving up their precious evenings recently to help out with the 'I Tried the Tri' series on Monday evenings. Thank you Ang, Bree and Kirstine for showing atawhai towards the hundreds of triathletes who took part in the series.



Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Ngā mihi nui  
Lin Dixon

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

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.

## Important Information for Parents & Guardians

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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 **OPEN** on Kindo **NOW**.

Registrations are now open for **year 1-6** players who wish to play Winter Hockey.

Games will be played on Sundays - at The Twin Turfs - Beginning Sunday the 4th of May. The season will finish on the 10th of August.

Fees for the season will be \$42 for years 1 and 2 and \$45 for years 3-6

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.

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

**Registrations close at 12pm on Friday the 8th of April**

Unfortunately, no late registrations can be accepted.

## **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.

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

- Carlee Hodge - [c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz) **OR**

- Stacey Tayler - [s.tayler@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto: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 - <b>OPEN NOW ON KINDO</b> Years 3 - 6	Futsal - Years 3 - 6	Summer Soccer - Years 0 - 6
Summer Hockey - Years 1 - 6	Winter Hockey - <b>OPEN NOW ON KINDO</b> 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

**Gemma** - For coming into school independently.

**Thomas** - For being able to keep a beat with a percussion instrument.

**Colin** - For blending sounds to read. Kā rawe Colin.

**Mizgine** - For helping tidy up our kete. Tino pai.

**Jack** - For working hard on your handwriting. Tino pai.

**Heela** - For trying hard to blend sounds as you read. Kā pai.

### Te Kete Pounamu

**Sia** - For taking your time to display wonderful creativity in art.

**Zia** - For being a positive and collaborative member of TKP! - Miharo!

**Paige** - For being a kind, helpful and friendly kete member - Thank you for always showing the V in STRIVE!

**Vivaan** - For reading in a loud clear voice at literacy. Kā pai!

**Aria** - For getting involved in extra activities like Enviroteam. Tino pai!

**Hui-Tanguru** - For having wonderful mat manners. Kā pai!

**Gian** - For showing resilience. Tino pai!

**Willow** - For being a switched-on mathematician. Tino pai!

**Mischka** - For extending yourself in maths activities.

### Te Kete Manawa

**Ansh** - For listening carefully and solving subtraction problems using regrouping.

**Uatala** - For being able to find place names on a map and draw them on your own map.

**Liana** - For your willingness to share your understanding in literacy during word study.

**Connor J** - For your active engagement in learning during literacy.

**Vanshika** - For stepping up and sharing your understanding in literacy.

**Romannah** - For following instructions when creating a glyph. Ka pai, it looks amazing!

**Ayson** - For presenting your literacy work to a high standard.

**Zoe** - For stepping up during duathlon practice.

**Max** - For listening carefully and completing subtraction regrouping problems correctly.





## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

### Te Kete Aronui

**Paikea** - For making great observations and reading between the lines in literacy.

**Oliver** - For making great observations and reading between the lines in literacy.

**Brodie** - For making great observations and reading between the lines in literacy.

**Isaiah** - For always stepping up and giving 100%.

**Anna S** - For helping out around the class.

**Huatahi** - For showing enthusiasm in our inquiry topic.

### Te Kete Tangaroa

**Hao xuan** - For persevering with his english learning and accepting help from others.

**Afokoula** - For her kind nature in TKT.

**Tyler** - Being a great role model.

**Joel** - For his creativity and enthusiasm during our small suitcase's inquiry task.

**Edward** - For being a fabulous and settled role model in TKT.

**K-J** - For outstanding work in literacy.

**Imogen** - For a great attitude in maths.

**Dwayne D** - For being organised and ready for learning.

**Alex** - For accurately using HCF to simply fractions.





# COMMUNITY NOTICES



WAIRARAPA  
**BALLOON Festival**  
EASTER 2025

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