

# HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday the 28th of March 2025

## Important Upcoming Events 2025

<b>24 March - 9 April</b>	- Badminton sessions across the school
<b>1 April</b>	- Ballot for Terms 3 and 4 out of zone enrolments
<b>3 April</b>	- Northern Cluster swimming sports for years 5 & 6
<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 - Years 5 & 6 Rippa Rugby tournament - all day
<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</b>	- Teacher only day - <b>SCHOOL IS CLOSED</b> . Staff will be undertaking PLD in the new mathematics curriculum with our Kahui Ako colleagues



## UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou  
Ngā mihi kia koutou

- Josh from Badminton Manawatu has started his sessions this week. He will be working with ākonga across the school, so everyone gets to learn new badminton skills by the end of the term.
- Next week we have 2 teams participating in a Rippa Rugby tournament - good luck!
- Selected Y 5/6 ākonga are representing our kura at the Northern Cluster Swimming Sports next week.

These are all examples of us working within our fourth strategic goal:

***Enhancing ākonga wellbeing by encouraging participation in physical activity.***

### **NORTHERN CLUSTER INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS**

Congratulations to the following Y 5/6 people who will be representing our kura at this event next Thursday. We wish you all the very best as you compete against other great swimmers from our cluster schools.

Year 5/6 girls: **Isabella, Daeun, Isla D, Mila P, Ruby, Bailey**

Year 5/6 boys: **Edward, James, Tyson, Amos, William, Chase**

Thank you to the parents/whānau who have offered to provide transport and/or support the team. A special paki-paki to Ms Salter who is spearheading the organisation of the event!

## SECOND-HAND UNIFORM

Our second-hand uniform that is sold through the office is going to be unavailable to purchase in week 10 and possibly some of week 1. We are required to move all of our stock in this room due to the roofing work getting done in the school holidays. We will still have some uniforms available for any 'accidents' that may occur at school as they are kept elsewhere.

Thank you for your understanding.

## ROOFING PROGRESS PICTURES

This has been so much fun for the children to see the progress of the scaffolding going up. This part is now complete. Now the building work begins on the roof.



## 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.

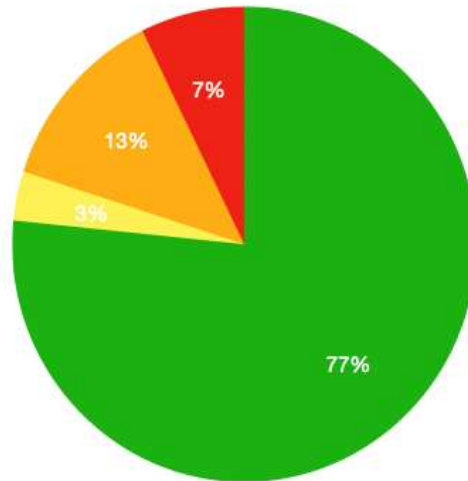
**Attendance data from Week 7 was lower than previous weeks - we had 77% of the ākonga schoolwide attending regularly (more than 90% of the time).**

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

## Attendance Data Term 1 Week 7 2025

2025-03-17 to 2025-03-21	# of Students attending	% of students attending
90.1-100	275	76.6
80.1-90	12	3.34
70.1-80	46	12.81
0-70	26	7.24

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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.

### EGGS

Did you know you can get fresh free-range eggs delivered to the school office every Thursday? Use the code **SCH-003** and \$1 per dozen will get donated back to our school community!

Wishing everyone a fabulous weekend.

Ngā mihi nui  
Lin Dixon

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# 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.

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## 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.

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# SPORTS

Well done to the summer hockey and t-ball teams for finishing off your season. Year 1-4 summer hockey players please note that there is no catch-up day for the missed game earlier in the season.

## **SUMMER HOCKEY**

### **Hokowhitu Cubs -**

The Cubs did so well, especially for some of them not having played hockey ever before!

As the weeks went on, they became more confident, and you could see the passion coming through.

It was an absolute privilege to coach such an awesome group of kids.



### **Hokowhitu Tigers -**

The season has seen us have 3 wins and 3 losses.

As each week went on the team really bonded. They had great communication, found all the right spaces and had amazing teamwork. They encouraged each other and showed great sportsmanship towards the teams we faced.

It was an honour to be their coach.

I'm super proud of all of them.

## **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 now **CLOSED**.

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)

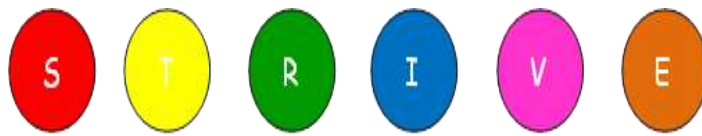
## **Sports available at Hokowhitu School for 2025**

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
<b>Netball</b> - Years 5 & 6	<b>Basketball</b> - Years 3 - 6	<b>Futsal</b> - Years 3 - 6	<b>Summer Soccer</b> - Years 0 - 6
<b>Summer Hockey</b> - Years 1 - 6	<b>Winter Hockey</b> - <b>OPEN NOW ON KINDO</b> Years 1 - 6	<b>T-Ball</b> - Years 0 - 2	<b>Netball</b> - Years 0 - 4
<b>Badminton</b> - Years 5 & 6		<b>Badminton</b> - Years 4, 5 & 6	<b>Summer Hockey</b> - Years 0 - 6
			<b>Touch Rugby</b> - Years 0 - 6
			<b>Volleyball</b> - 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

A big Hokowhitu and Waka welcome to **Ellie** and **Tali**.

**Mila** - For being able to spot her mistakes and then fix them up.

**Ava** - For showing atawhai to people who need help.

**Eva** - For doing extra home learning maths practice. Kā rawe Eva.

**Uriah** - For using finger spaces in his writing. Tino Pai.

**Manaaki** - For reading with enthusiasm. Tino Pai.

**Bentley** - For working hard on your reading. Kā pai.

**Aaravdeep** - For working hard on your letter formation. Tino pai.

### Te Kete Pounamu

**Ahmad** - Welcome to Hokowhitu School and TKP!

**Hanna-Moana** - For excellent effort in literacy!

**Karen** - For excellent explanations in maths.

**Evie** - For fantastic fractions mahi at maths workshop.

**Zuhain** - For demonstrating what a half is during maths.

**Neave** - For creating awesome autumn art.

**Everly** - For sharing her knowledge with others during literacy and maths follow up.

**Roshni** - For spotting word rules in a text during literacy workshops.

**Arlo** - For terrific technique at autumn art.

### Te Kete Manawa

**Conor S** - For demonstrating some great skateboarding skills.

**Louis** - For showing improvement in your badminton skills.

**Nitnem** - For demonstrating improvement in your reading. Ka pai!

**Zara** - For a lovely set up for literacy and having great formation and size for handwriting.

**Beaudi** - For your willingness to share your understanding and knowledge in maths.

**Luke** - For listening carefully in math and completing a great graph.

**James** - For showing good understanding of regrouping in subtraction.

**Jaxxon** - For doing a good job of reading data then displaying it on a graph.

**Mehar** - For listening in literacy and trying to complete tasks independently.

**Suyog** - For sharing your Nepalese flag and teaching us more about your country.





## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

### Te Kete Aronui

**Maddy** - For being a super helper and a focused learner.

**Grisha** - For stepping up in your learning.

**Junoo** - For making a brilliant start back after being away.

**Avyaan** - For excellent results in number knowledge and moving to the next level.

**Kinza, Darcy and Te Whakaira** - For good work when adding 2 digit numbers with regrouping.

**Qasim & Hamed** - For being a friend and support for new students.

**Abhi** - Welcome to Hokowhitu School. We look forward to getting to know you.

**Yuleena** - For amazing badminton skills!

**Paxton** - for excellent work reflecting on cultural treasures!

**Mason** - for a great attitude in Maths lessons.

### Te Kete Tangaroa

**Shahzain** - Welcome to Hokowhitu School and TKT!

**Mila L** - For her fabulous descriptive vocab in her retell writing.

**Baxter** - Super hook in his triathlon writing.

**Mario** - Great use of speech marks and descriptive language in his triathlon retell.

**Aaryan** - Outstanding achievement in maths and reading.

**Minoo** - For a fantastic start to his retell.

**Anita** - For her amazing silly sentences at word study.

**Charlie** - For a fantastic effort when writing her retell.

**Anne** - For helping others to grow their brains by modelling her strategies in maths.

**Taylah** - Super progress in maths.





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