



# WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2025*

Kia ora koutou  
Ngā mihi kia koutou

Welcome to the 2025 school year. I hope everyone had a fantastic break over the festive season.

Our staff have been enthusiastically planning an exciting year packed full of learning and fun. We look forward to the ākongā returning for the first day of school next Monday, 3 February.

Kaiako (teachers) look forward to lots of you 'popping in' between 1.30pm and 2.30pm this Friday, 31 January. This is the perfect time for new people to meet/chat with the kaiako, a leisurely way to drop off stationery, and a chance to have a look at the kete set up.

## **OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

- Sunhats are compulsory again this term. The regulation navy blue bucket hat is available from the school office for \$15.00. (please consider buying a hat on Friday when you come in, as the office will be VERY busy with new enrolments next Monday morning).
- Please pack togs, towel, rashtop (and goggles if needed) daily, in a waterproof bag. Swimming is part of the NZ curriculum and it is expected that the children learn to swim.
- EOTC week is coming up (24 - 28 February). Our whole school 'big day out' is scheduled for Friday 28 February and we will require lots of parental support. Please let your child's teacher know if you are available to assist on that day.
- Please don't arrive at school before 8.30am, this is when the bell rings for entry to the classrooms. Anyone arriving before the 8.30am bell must wait quietly by the noticeboard - staff are busy preparing for the day so there is no supervision to allow for safe play at this time. Classes start at 8.50am.
- If you need assistance with care before 8.30am or after 3.00pm - aPlus provides a service, here on site at school. Unfortunately staff are not able to assist.
- We want to have a mutually respectful home/school relationship with everyone. Please feel free to make contact if there is something you'd like to discuss regarding your child's education/wellbeing at our kura. The whānau teacher is your best first point of contact, followed by the kete leader.
- Make sure you have 5pm on the 13 February marked on your calendar to come along to school for our annual pool party. It's a very casual way to meet with other families and chat with staff. The tamariki can enjoy a swim and the sports equipment is out for a game or two. The PTA and Board arrange a sausage sizzle for the tamariki, and there is kai to purchase for an easy dinner. See you there!

Ngā mihi nui

Lin Dixon  
Tumuaki/Principal

# SPORTS

**SUMMER HOCKEY** - This will be open on Kindo from Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February.

**NETBALL (YEAR 5 & 6)** - This is **OPEN** on Kindo **NOW**.

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

**Registrations close at 12pm on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of February** (unless teams are full prior to this date)  
Unfortunately no late registrations can be accepted.

**PLEASE NOTE - THE COMPETITION HAS BEEN SPLIT THIS YEAR INTO A YEAR 5 ONLY TEAM AND A YEAR 6 ONLY TEAM.**

**Year 5 Competition** - Tuesdays at Vautier Park (Outside)

**Dates: Tuesday 18th Feb - Festival day 8th April**

- Year 5 competition will be for Year 5 players only\*
- Competition structure will shift from the 6 v 6 modified game to 5 v 5
- Timings for games will allow 20 minutes for Netball Smart Warm up & any skill activity to cater to those busy coaches/volunteers.
- Coaching app with skill activities will be provided to all registered coaches
- Tuesdays for competition days

**Game times:** Year 5 - Tuesdays 4.00pm and 5.10pm - Begin Tuesday 18th Feb

**Year 6 Competition** - Monday's at Vautier Park (Outside)

**Dates: Monday 17th Feb - Festival day 7th April**

- Year 6 competition will be for Year 6 players only\*
- Competition structure will shift from the 6 v 6 modified game to 7 v 7
- Timings for games will allow 20 minutes for Netball Smart Warm up & any skill activity to cater to those busy coaches/volunteers.
- Coaching app with skill activities will be provided to all registered coaches
- Mondays for competition days

**Game times:** Year 6 - Mondays 4.00pm and 5.10pm - Begin Monday 17th Feb

**Price \$45 (This includes \$5 hireage of netball uniform)**

We will need a coach or a manager for this to go ahead and there is a one off pre-season coaching session on the 12th of February 2025.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Carlee Hodge - [c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz)



## **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**

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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