

NEWSLETTER

28 August 2020

UPCOMING DATES/REMINDERS

DATE	ACTION/ACTIVITY
ALL ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO ALERT LEVEL CHANGES	
03 Sept	Last Day for Lucky Book Orders please
03 & 04 Sept	Class & Kete Photos
18 Sept	Teacher Only Day SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS
22 Sept	Yr 5 & 6 Interschool Cross Country

Dear Parents/Caregivers and whānau

We remain at Alert Level 2 for now. Thank you so much for your support and flexibility with things like ensuring the children are not at school before 8.30am, and prompt pickups at the end of the day (either 2.45 or 3pm as arranged with your child's whānau teacher.) Please make sure you sign in at the office before entering any of the buildings for any reason.

We would also like to say a HUGE thank you for the effort that everyone is putting into remembering to advise us if your child is unable to attend school for any reason. Sometimes we can have as many as 50 absences in a day - imagine the nightmare for our office staff having to try to track down all those children?

We have noticed a big improvement with caregivers proactively contacting school - through the app, by phoning in or emailing the office and we are truly appreciative of this. Keep up the great work.

We will continue to keep you up to date as to whether planned activities (sports, the arts etc) are going ahead or not. As soon as we know, we will pass it on to you.

DAFFODIL DAY MUFTI DAY

Thanks to everyone who participated in today's fundraiser for the Cancer Society, helping us to raised \$570. Thank you to the Student Council who organised the event for us!

PTA - Parent Teacher Association

The PTA is a group of people who plan and action the majority of the fundraising and 'fun-raising' activities at our school. Recent initiatives include calendar art, the monster raffle, pies and frozen cookie sales, juicie sales, lunches etc. The PTA is made up of parents, whānau, teachers and Board of Trustees representation - with more than 300 families here at school, we should be able to have a dynamic team with everyone doing their little bit.

At the meeting held earlier this week both Haifa and Tabitha stood down from their roles as chairperson and secretary. On behalf of all the children at Hokowhitu School I would like to sincerely thank you both. The efforts of the PTA team under your leadership has helped so many families - funds raised by your team have subsidised camps and student leadership attendance at Young Leaders Day, provided wet weather games in classrooms, allowed us to have a fantastic mural on the side of the hall, made a significant donation towards the cycle track, supported fruit for brain breaks and that is just to name a few of your achievements. Alongside this you have provided sausage sizzles, pizza or American hot dog lunches, fun discos, yummy food at the pool party and Christmas carnival and so on. Ka aroha ra.

All the funds raised by this group are used to benefit the children currently at Hokowhitu School.

Unfortunately we were unable to elect a new chairperson or secretary this week, but we look forward to having a new active PTA - so the children get to continue to have all these fantastic 'extra' things that don't fit under the school's operational grant.

Both Tabitha and Haifa have indicated their willingness to support the new leaders - so be brave and step up if you can. New members are welcome at any time! 'Many hands make light work' - the more supporters, the less any one person has to do!

FUNDRAISER

If you would like to have a dozen 'free range' or 'organic free range' eggs delivered to school on a Wednesday afternoon, please read the flyer below and follow the instructions to order and pay. The school will receive \$1.00 per dozen by way of sponsorship, and you will receive great quality free range eggs at an 'eggcellent' price!

PLEASE NOTE: An adult needs to collect the eggs from the office between 2.45pm and 3.15pm on a Wednesday - due to their fragility, it is not possible for us to send them home with the children.

DANCE PERFORMANCE

If it is fine on Monday afternoon we will go ahead with our dance performance. Due to alert levels, we will not be able to have a 'live' adult audience at this time, but we will endeavour to record the dances, and give you a link to be able to enjoy them at home.

BALLOT FOR OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS FOR TERMS 1 AND 2 OF 2021

Please ensure that we have a completed enrolment form by the 11th September - the ballot for 'out of zone' new entrant enrolments will be held on the 15th September.

NB
It is VERY helpful for us to have as many 'in zone' enrolments as possible at this time too, as this guides us as to how many spaces we may have.

Also, even if you have a sibling at this school, we NEED the upcoming New Entrant's enrolment form prior to the ballot (particularly if you live out of zone), so that they can be included.

Have an awesome weekend everyone.

Nga mihi
Lin Dixon



If you would like a photo taken with all your children who are currently at our school, you will need a sibling form from the office. School Photos which will be taken on the 3rd and 4th September and these need to be returned to the office prior to the 3rd.

ICAS Date reminder for students who enrolled to participate in these.

Subject	Date of test
ICAS Mathematics	Monday 31st August 11:30 am
ICAS Spelling Bee	Wednesday 2nd September 9:00 am



Do you have the School App? It's easy to download for both Apple and Android phones. Just go to the App store and search for it. We use the App for instant communication with parents, and you can contact us using it too. Check out the features via the link below.
<https://schoolappsnz.co.nz/school-app-features>



ATTENTION HOKOWHITU SCHOOL!



This term we are supporting a local business you might have seen over social media during lock-down The Little Organic Egg Co with a new initiative called

"THE EGG PROJECT"

For every dozen of eggs we buy, The Egg Project will give us back \$1.00 for fundraising

Please jump onto the brand new website below and check it out!
Place your orders by Monday Midnight, or set up an easy Subscription and your eggs will be here ready to collect, by a parent or caregiver from the office every Wednesday between 2:45 and 3:15 during term. NO STUDENT COLLECTION PLEASE

Get your neighbours, family, work colleagues and friends involved as well. Remember, you will have to deliver to them though. They sign up with our code, order and pay and we get the \$1.00 from their eggs too!

OUR CODE is SCH-003

www.theeggproject.co.nz



all things good

pip@theeggproject.co.nz



Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

Rylan - You are trying so hard to form letters correctly and to write on the line.

William - You are trying your best in all workshops William - Keep it up.

Aarush - You are a quick and accurate mathematician Aarush, Tino Pai.

Rory – Welcome to Hokowhitu School and Waka Iti.

Hao Ern – Welcome to Waka Iti and Hokowhitu School.

Afokoula – Welcome to Hokowhitu School and Waka Iti.

Luca - Great focus at literacy workshops

Amos - Showing enthusiasm about our movie item

Leen - You're a fantastic dance leader

Lausi'i - Working hard in literacy workshops.

Lucus - Taking great interest in growing your bean plant

Jaxson - Making connections with your learning in literacy

Sam - For trying hard to read the words in your books

Mila - For making great progress with your 'heart' words

Max - For always being so kind and caring

Te Kete Pounamu

These amazing people have been striving in TKP and using our school values:

Ruby R, Kiya, Darshan, Jacob, Ruby N, Flynn, Hannah, Saied, Daniel and Alyenna

Te Kete Manawa

The TKM super heroes for this week are **Haylee T, Brooklyn & Sophia**. Congratulations on stepping up and showing STRIVE!

Te Kete Aronui

Congratulations to **Josh L, Katelyn** and **Joseph**, who were all drawn from the Top 30 in the past week. Thank you for your contributions to our kete.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Alia - For excellent work in your Maths workshop with rounding and compensating

Jina - For excellent show not tell in your narrative writing

Jayden - For your engagement in rounding and compensating in Maths

Tai & Maiah - For great leadership in our kete dance rehearsal sessions

Michelle - For great word choices in narrative writing

Ellie - For beautiful descriptive language in your narrative writing

Isabella - For your focus and engagement during Literacy and Maths

Lizzie - For well organised writing and effective word choice



Community Notices

aPlus has your school holidays sorted! Age specific activities and quality, affordable care for 5-14 years, 7:15am to 6pm from 28th Sep to 9th Oct. Head to www.aplus.kiwi.nz for all the details and to book.



Spring 2020 Calendar of Fun

SPRING SHP 2020 - HOLIDAY FUN- (5-13 years old)
Hokowhitu School, 227 Albert Street, Palmerston North



SPRING SHP 2020 - EXPLORERS - (5-13 years old)
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MON 28 th SEPT	MON 5 th OCT
WEAVIN' - \$25.50 We are weaving colourful rag mats, turtles & butterflies!!	DRAGONS AND UNICORNS - \$32.50 We love fierce, fiery dragons & gentle unicorns.
TUES 29th SEPT LOST IN WONDERLAND - \$25.50 Its Mad Hatters hats with sweet treats to make and eat.	TUES 29th SEPT SOCCER - \$32.50 It's all about soccer but in a variety of ways. Make puppets, learn soccer drills and then have a real game.
WED 30th SEPT VINEGAR BALLOONS - \$25.50 Vinegar balloons - do they float or fall, Skewer a Balloon, but does it pop or not?	WED 30th SEPT PIRAHNAS DON'T EAT BANANAS - \$32.50 Pirahnas don't Eat Bananas but children do.
THUR 1st OCT CHALKING IT UP - \$25.50 Chalk outline art, chalk pinwheels and sidewalk chalk art.	THUR 1st OCT SWEETS FOR YOU - \$32.50 DRESS IN YOUR OLDEST CLOTHES because this is the messiest day we have ever had.
FRI 2nd OCT HIT THE BUTTON - \$25.50 Make the button blasters, and win Hit The Button.	FRI 2nd OCT BALLOONS AND STARS - \$32.50 Get balloon puppies in the game then chalk balloons.
MON 5th OCT DIGIT - al ART - \$25.50 Get out your feet, your thumbs & your hand.	MON 5th OCT TOYS AND TRASH - \$32.50 Balancing parrots, dancing wiremen and more!
TUES 6th OCT MONKEY MAKER - \$25.50 Get into some monkey business today	TUES 6th OCT LETS GET MUSICAL - \$32.50 Hand drums, maracas, banjos and shakers. Lets get it on - hit that sound, the aPlus band is coming to town!
WED 7th OCT SIMPLE PUPPETS - \$25.50 It's puppets or pup-pets, then sprinkler games!!	WED 7th OCT FLIP FLOP - \$32.50 Make some flip flop art for your room at home. Throw some flip flops and win prizes.
THUR 8th OCT CHASE THE RACE - \$25.50 This is a race day - but not the kind you would be used to.	THUR 8th OCT BLAZIN AMAZIN - \$32.50 Rain in a jar, make a spectroscope & a potato battery, time to experiment & be astounded!
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MON 28th SEPT EYE SPY - \$39.00 Eye spy with my little eye - slippery, slimy eye slime, blindfolds, minefield and eye photo frames.	TUES 29th SEPT THE BIGGER CIRCLE - \$39.00 How big is this circle - come along and see. Games, weave a bit and then more games.	WED 30th SEPT KINGFISHER - \$39.00 Today is about the Kingfisher, make bird feeders for the backyard & a cute bird-house.	THUR 1st OCT THE SCIENCE FAIR - \$39.00 Asking, the question, experimenting to find the answer and then displaying those findings - tomorrow scientists in the making!	FRI 2nd OCT CD ME - \$39.00 Mandaia's, Dream Catchers and games and more.
MON 5th OCT THE LANGUAGE OF SIGN - \$39.00 Door signs, Sign Language and Sort Outs heaps to do and fun to learn!!	TUES 6th OCT CLAYED IT - \$39.00 Arm deep in clay activities, take it home and give it to someone special.	WED 7th OCT ZEN GARDENS - \$39.00 Water slime, kinetic sand, fish in a bag and then create your own Zen Garden.	THUR 8th OCT FROSTED GLASS - \$39.00 Mosaics & Frosted Glass - brilliant activities for all.	FRI 9th OCT THE MIDNIGHT CASTLE - \$39.00 Build a Spooky Castle, there are bats, skeletons & some creepy fun!

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