

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

We are having to make some tough decisions as MOE are asking that we continue to avoid events that involve large numbers of people.

30 November	Year 4- 6 athletics – (sorry, no spectators)
2 December	Year 0 - 3 Fundamental skills (Sorry, no spectators. The children will be supported by the House Leaders and staff)
3 December	House relays, HOUSE T-SHIRT DAY today
9 December	Prize giving (likely recorded for everyone to view from home)
10 December	Year 6 graduation (likely recorded for Y 6 whānau to view from home)
10 December	End of year reports come home today
14 December	Transition afternoon, into 2022 classes
16 December	1pm School closes for 2021
3 February	Day 1 for the pupils for 2022

Given that Palmerston North now has a confirmed Covid 19 case, it is timely for us to remind everyone that no adults are to enter school buildings unless they have scanned in AND signed the visitor book at the front office. Thank you for your support.

Friday 19th November 2021

Dear Parents/Caregivers and whānau
Kia ora Koutou, Ngā mihi kia koutou

CYCLE TRACK

While our cycle track has been in use for almost all of this year, we have been patiently waiting for some of our bikes and helmets to be delivered. It is great that they have all arrived now and we now have a set of bikes/helmets here at school.

To give each kete a fair go at using the bikes/track we have allocated each kete to a day in the week where they have priority use.

Monday - TKT

Tuesday - TKA

Wednesday - TKM

Thursday - TKP

Friday - TKW

As we do not have enough bikes for everyone, we encourage you to bring your child's bike on this day.

As an extra precaution against head lice we encourage children to bring their own helmet, even if they are using a school bike.

SWIMMING POOL

At the most recent Board meeting, members discussed the possibility of the swimming pool being available over the holiday period for community use. Due to the uncertain stages of covid levels/traffic lights etc, the members reluctantly decided that we could not be assured of meeting all the potential COVID requirements. This means that the pool will NOT be open for community use over the holidays.

The pool will definitely be 'in full use' for the tamariki over the school term. Let's bring on those summer rays!

SUNSCREEN

With the summer rays comes the need for sun protection. Staff endeavour to remind the children to apply their home supplied sunscreen at break times - please check that your child knows how to apply this effectively.

REMINDER

Thanks to those of you who have advised us that you will not be returning in 2022. Please email the office or myself if you have yet to let us know. Many thanks for your support - we are nearing the stage of finalising class lists for next year.

Wishing everyone a fantastic weekend.

Ngā mihi nui

Lin Dixon



SPORTS

Hokowhitu Heroes Hockey Team - The team played the College Street Eagles this week, and while they normally play very well, this time the team took it to the next level. Every player played extremely well, with new skills being demonstrated all round. Their passing, communication and defence was just plain amazing, they played like a team that had been playing together for years (not just a few weeks). They all truly represented the STRIVE values. To top it off they won the very hard fought game 3-1. **Gracia** was the player of the day, but every single team member deserved the award.

If you are unable to make your selected sport due to illness please contact your teams coach, thank you in anticipation of this.

Managers & Coaches - If you would like your team's player of the day in the newsletter please email office@hokowhitu.school.nz no later than Wednesday please.

We would love to have all sports uniforms that are no longer required to be returned to school ASAP. If you have a year 6 who is moving on to intermediate and you have purchased a sports uniform over the years – we would love to have these as a donation back to the school.



Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

Anwar - For showing great perseverance in a cutting and sticking activity. You did a great job Anwar! Ka pai!

Griffin - For stepping up and trying your best at team fitness and sport. Mahi pai!

Myat - For the amazing progress you have made in your learning since starting school.

Connor - For working hard on your reading and writing.

Louhan - For improved focus at workshops.

Rohan - For fantastic improvement in reading.

Jainil - For amazing progress in reading!

Hakaraia - For using your literacy skills to write about the sun.

Roman - For great spelling of heart words.

Mila - For beautiful handwriting at literacy workshops.

Te Kete Pounamu

Olivia G - For great learning of your silent e rule in literacy.

Zayd - For having a fabulous technique in running at fundamental skills.

Anne - For showing enthusiasm with all of your learning.

Jakeob - For great musical abilities in recorder and xylophone.

Mason - For keeping a tune in music.

Aarush - For great knowledge of year 3 spelling rules.

Will - For a great result in your number knowledge.

Orla - For showing enthusiasm for all of your learning.

Sahar - For making good progress with your spelling rules.

Trinity - For completing your learning in literacy.

Amos - For fabulous work with fractions.

Please continue to help your child learn the heart words at home.

Te Kete Manawa

Congratulations to **Maisey**, **Connor** and **Akira** who are our TKM Superstar Ocean Explorers of the week. We love that you are striving to be the best you can be - Ka pai!

Te Kete Aronui

Congratulations to **Sophia** and **Finn** who were all drawn from the Top 30.

Congratulations to our VIPs **Angela**, **Isaac H**, **Fizza**, **Lillian**, **Oscar**, **Joshua**, **Ella** and **Felix C** who were chosen for their significant improvement in basic facts.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Ella - For a great effort with your basic facts knowledge and strategies.

Tessa - For amazing work in your number knowledge - your hard work has paid off!

Uheina - For your consistent efforts in maths and showing great progress in your number knowledge.

Alex - For a great effort with your word study patterns and rules.

Paris - For outstanding progress in literacy and Maths.

Brooke - For great accuracy in reading and demonstrating excellent comprehension skills.

Livvy - For an amazing improvement in your reading comprehension, showing increased confidence in text to world connections.

George - For fantastic strategies when solving multiplication and ratio problems.

Grace - For great use of personal voice in your creative recount with a twist!

Isaiah - For an outstanding improvement in your number knowledge and strategy level.



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PALMERSTON NORTH CHRISTMAS PARADE

Hey kids! Want to take part in the Christmas Parade?

We have a category for decorated bikes. So get you and your bike all looking like Christmas and you could win a prize. All entrants get to take part in the parade.

Entry conditions—you need to be between 4 and 12 years old, and have a bike that you can ride around the speedway track. (You can bring a big person to walk with you if you need one). You will need to wear a helmet, so plan your design around that.

Only 50 bikes can go in the parade, so be quick to save your place! Go to www.pnchristmasparade.org.nz

to enter online.

5th December 2021

2pm Parade Start



Enrolments Open for 2022

\$130 per child for 26 lessons!

Or \$120 if enrolled and paid before Saturday Nov 27th.

Year 3 - 8 children learn to play:

cello*, clarinet*, drums, flute*, french horn*, guitar, ukulele, junior flute (fife), keyboard, recorder, saxophone*, trombone*, trumpet* and violin* (**with specific* instruments available to hire for \$85**)

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Information and enrolments at:

www.saturdaymusic.org.nz

contact@saturdaymusic.org.nz