

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

9 May	3.15pm PTA meeting in staffroom. Come along if you can
13 May	9am Assembly - TKT presenting. Spectators welcome (masked please)
16 May	FINAL day for pie orders (and money) to be into the office
17 May	Board Meeting, 5.30pm
17 May	Lucky Book Club orders are due today. Late orders will not be accepted after this date.
26 May	Pies delivered to school today. Please collect large orders at 3pm from hall
31 May	11.30am School cross country - everyone welcome (details to follow soon)
3 June	Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
6 June	Queen's Birthday - SCHOOL CLOSED

6 May 2022

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

Welcome to Term 2 - I trust everyone enjoyed the long weekends and wonderful weather over the term break. It's great to have lots more children back at school and we are optimistic about being able to offer a 'more normal' term where the tamariki can interact with others across the school and participate in all our usual events. While we await any new instructions, we are following MOE's strong recommendation that everyone in Years 4 and above (and all adults) wear masks indoors. Thank you for your ongoing support.

PTA

Our PTA are an enthusiastic little band of parents/grandparents/staff who meet approximately twice a term to plan and implement both fun and fundraising activities to benefit the tamariki here at Hokowhitu School. Funds raised by this group are an invaluable support to the school Board as they often subsidise or provide 'extra' things that enhance life here at school for the children. Some examples include providing a \$40 per child subsidy on the Year 5 and 6 camp, providing fun discos, assisting with funds to build the cycle track, buy the swimming pool cover and solar heating, buying picnic tables and this is just to name a few.

Meetings are held in the staffroom and are always finished in 45 minutes - the children can play outside, and everyone's ideas and enthusiasm will be welcomed.

We hope to see lots of you at 3.15pm next Monday. If you can't come to this meeting but would like to help out when you can - feel free to email our Chairperson Amy Westergaard at amywestergaard@gmail.com or pop into the office and let us know.

PTA FUNDRAISER

Our delicious 'family pie' and 'lamington' fundraiser is underway. Our supplier is Rosebowl Bakery in Feilding. Your child came home with an order form at the end of last term. Let us know if you need another one by contacting the office. Those of you who are able to get multiple orders - thank you! **Please have friends/family either pay cash or pay into your bank account and you then send one payment into the school account.**

We are already receiving 'random' payments from people who are not using any reference details that can help us identify who the order is for, so please follow the instructions above.

There will be prizes for our top sellers, so let's see if we can make this a really good fundraising event.

We also ask that anyone who has excess paper supermarket bags, please send them to school for the PTA (and helpers) to pack pie orders into. Do let us know if you can help the PTA pack up orders on the afternoon of the 26th May. Thanks for your help with this.

WHANAU FRIDAYS

On Friday mornings we invite parents to pop into your child's classroom to enjoy having a look around at the displays and learning that has occurred over the week (or for this year, due to COVID restrictions, it is the learning that has occurred over all of Term 1).

A staff member will still be outside at the meet and greet point for those of you who want to just 'kiss and go', but if you have a few spare minutes we know the tamariki would love to show you around their room. This is between 8.30 and 8.45am. The bell rings at 8.50am and we need to be getting on with our start of the day routines by then.

ANZAC SERVICE

On Thursday we held an ANZAC service to remember those who have come before us. The Ambassadors and Student Council did a fantastic job speaking and organising this service. The students made poppy wreaths and laid these at the base of our flag pole.



Over the last week TKT have had some guests come and speak to us about ANZACs and the military. Dan Swale talked to us on a video call all the way from South Sudan, about the war and how he was working as a peacekeeper there, supplying them with food and water and protecting them. Mr Smillie also came to talk to us about how he works in the Air Force and all the air craft he has ridden in and all the rescues he's done over the years he worked in the air force. Mr Anderson brought us lots of cool things from the Defence Force. Mrs Swale shared about her experiences and service in the Army. We really enjoyed listening to them and learning all the interesting facts they shared with us about their past and how they were involved in the war and the forces.





Welcome back to Term 2! Lucky book club brochures came home earlier this week. To order online, go to: <https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz>. Your order automatically attaches to the School Orders Page and will be delivered to school, this is free of charge if you order before the cut off time. Orders are due by **Tuesday the 17th of May.**
Happy Reading Everyone!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Ngā mihi nui
Lin Dixon
Tumuaki



SPORT

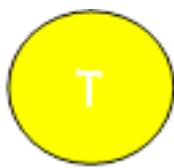
Winter sport is now upon us. The 2022 Basketball season will begin next Thursday 12th May and Winter Hockey will begin next Sunday 15th May. If your child is playing one of these sports, please ensure you have also registered them for a sports uniform via the Kindo App. A big thank you to those parents who have kindly offered to coach their child's team - without your help we couldn't offer these great experiences to your children.

SPORTS UNIFORMS

When you hire a sports uniform your hire is for the full school year. You can return uniforms anytime if your child doesn't intend to play any more sport for the year. Please do not pay the hire charge for each sport.

COACHES/MANAGERS

If you would like results or photos in the newsletter please send them through to office@hokowhitu.school.nz no later than Thursday please.



Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

A big Hokowhitu welcome to **Eliza** and **Darcy** who have joined us in Waka this week. We look forward to a year of fun and learning with you!

Pray - For a super effort in his literacy learning!

Isaiah - For showing that you are super keen to learn by always listening and joining in. Ka pai!

Emma - You always strive to do your best at your learning. Tu muke!

Aditya - Welcome to Hokowhitu School!

Rose - Welcome to Hokowhitu school.

Carter - For a great start to Term 2 with your learning. Keep it up.

Lohan - You have had a fantastic start to Term 2. Keep it up!

Te Kete Pounamu

Yuvraj - Welcome to Hokowhitu School.

Ryder - Welcome to Hokowhitu School.

Olivia - For great team work in the rich maths task.

Madison - For great literacy follow up work.

Hudson - For being in the right place at the right time. Great start to the term.

Naomi - Great job with your art work.

Te Kete Manawa

A huge welcome back to all students and families. We hope you had a lovely break! We want to welcome our new student **Levai** to Te Kete Manawa this term. Congratulations to this week's Top 30 winners - **Scarlett** and **Micah**!

Te Kete Aronui

Rylan - For your efforts in Maths and being able to show your thinking when solving some multiplication basic facts.

James - For willingly giving up some of his computer time to help someone with their work.

Declan - For showing great enthusiasm during our arts rotation when learning the xylophone.

Molly C - For your enthusiasm and willingness to step up in drama sessions.

Catherine - For stepping up and getting on with the work at hand. An impressive start to the term. Keep it up.

Xavier - For showing initiative and taking responsibility during independent maths tasks.

Isabella - For showing great concentration and skills whilst learning the xylophone.

Willa - For your enthusiasm and stepping up in dance session.

Juha - For using an onomatopoeia writing hook to start your writing. Ka pai!

Te Kete Tangaroa

Katie - For impressing me with your group leadership in rūri.

Avalon - For not being afraid to put your hand up and contribute! Tino Pai.

Stephanie - For amazing contributions in class and out. Rawe!

Daniel L - For stepping up in all area of the curriculum. You're on fire!

Felix H - For always contributing your thinking in number knowledge.

Riley - For being an enthusiastic and polite camper.

Daniel - For being friendly, kind and thoughtful.

Angela - For being supportive of others and always giving 100%.

Connor - For excellent sentences about his camp experience.

Hazel - For super writing with great sincerity.

Rosie - For excellent work in reading.

Wernich - For outstanding writing with paragraphs!

Blended Families



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Saturday 14 May - 9:30am - 4:00pm

Hancock Community House - 77 King Street, PN

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