

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

31 May	11.30am School Cross Country - Everyone welcome (postponement day 2 June) See below for approximate timings.
2 May	Pizza lunch day today
3 June	Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
6 June	Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday) - SCHOOL CLOSED
10 June	8.30 - 8.45am Whānau Friday. Come on into classrooms and enjoy looking around 9am Assembly TKM presenting. Masked spectators welcome

27 May 2022

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

Thank you to the 162 families that responded to our survey regarding the end of the day times. As 80% of the respondents were in favour of retaining the 'split' end of day times, we will be continuing with this practice.

2.45pm TKW and TKP tamariki (and if required, their siblings) are released from their meet and greet points. They must be released to a parent/caregiver, not sent to wait somewhere.

3.00pm TKM, TKA and TKT tamariki are released from their meet and greet points.

TKW and TKP parents can request a regular 3.00pm pick up if 2.45pm is challenging. We do ask that you select the preferred pick up time and stay with it. It's very confusing to everyone if it chops and changes day to day or from week to week. Please email your child's whānau teacher with your selected time in the coming days.

Thanks for your participation in the survey and thank you for your ongoing support.

BOARD ELECTIONS

The triennial School Board elections are in September of this year. Now is a great time for you to be considering whether you would like to stand for election to the Board. The Board takes responsibility for the governance of the school and works closely with the Principal and Senior Leadership who take responsibility for the day to day management.

Our current Board has been operating with portfolio responsibilities such as policy and planning, finance, community, personnel and grants. We would welcome interest from people with other skill- sets too, for example iwi representation or experience with property or project management.

If you are interested in finding out more about the way our Board operates, please make time to chat further with me OR come along to our next board meeting (21st June at 5.30pm) and get first-hand experience.

CROSS COUNTRY

Weather permitting, we look forward to having our cross country races next Tuesday, the 31st May. The first race will be starting at 11.05am for the Y6 girls, followed by the Y6 boys. We will continue this pattern with the next race being Y5 girls followed by Y5 boys and work our way down to the last race being the Y 1/NE girls and boys. We anticipate all races will be completed by 12.45pm.

Spectators are welcome - we do ask that you practice social distancing and remain in the spectator areas. Thank you for your support.

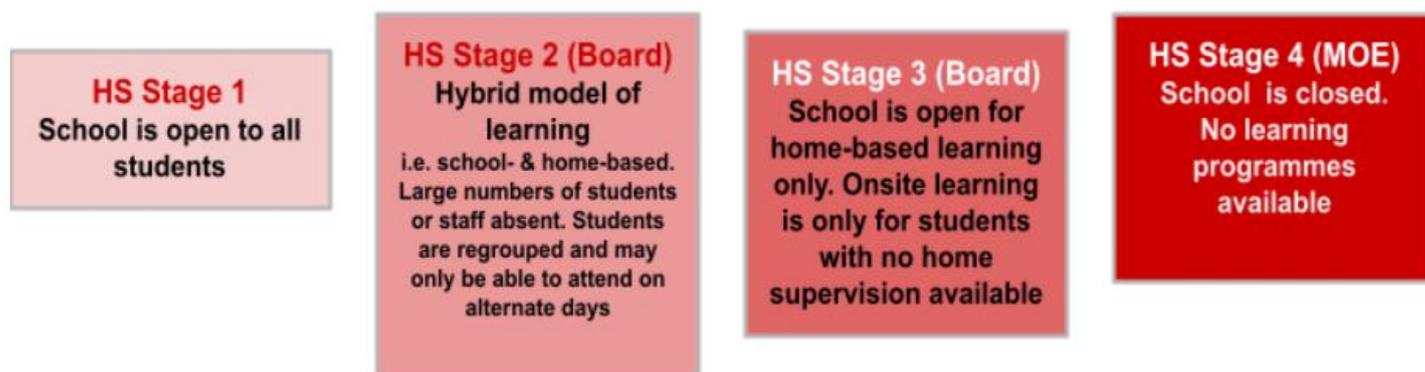
STAFFING

You may be aware that staff for relief teaching is currently in very high demand and demand is exceeding supply. We are finding ourselves challenged to have sufficient teachers and learning coaches well enough to be in front of the tamariki on a day to day basis.

While we remain committed to keeping things running smoothly here at school, I do need to ensure that you remain aware that it is POSSIBLE that we may need to switch to a hybrid model of learning for a short period of time IF we do not have enough staff available to ensure everyone's health and safety. This is obviously an action we would only take if we had no other options available. Please see below for our previously published response plan.

The school's flexible response to Covid will depend on the various scenarios that could play out within the school community. The movement between the stages need to be fluid considering the volatile conditions we are currently facing due to Covid:

- The overarching consideration will be given to the safety of students and staff, and whether the school will be able to function on limited staff, in extreme cases.
- The Board in consultation with the staff, will shift to **Stage 2** due to high absences (students and/or staff).
- The board, in consultation with staff, will make the decision to switch over to *home based learning (Stage 3)* should it no longer be possible to run school-based learning programmes.
- The Ministry of Education will instruct schools to close in the event of a regional/local or national pandemic event.



PTA FUNDRAISERS

Congratulations to our top sellers of pies/lamingtons.

1st place: **Pippa G** and **Jaxson M**

2nd place: **Aria P**

3rd place: **Edward W**

Highly commended: **Maisey B, Ruby S, Jacob Mc, Boston D, Molly D** and **Joy L**

These top sellers alone sold over 580 items between them. Wow and thank you!

Approximately 110 families participated in this fundraiser, selling a total of 1,822 pies/lamingtons - thanks to each and every one of you! Collectively you raised more than \$2,700 for the school.

The next fundraiser for the PTA is next Thursday's pizza lunch. Orders for this lunch have now closed.

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.

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 start of the day bell rings at 8.50am and we need to be getting on with our learning routines by then.

ATAWAHI AWARDS

At this morning's assembly the following people were recognised for showing atawhai/kindness.

TKW: Zoe A - Zoe displays atawhai in everything she does. She is kind, caring, thoughtful and always helps others, especially those that are younger than her. Zoe works hard in all areas of her learning and is a role model for others. Zoe, thank you for always showing atawhai. We are proud of you.

TKP: Lucy A - Lucy is Stepping Up and is always organised and ready for learning. She is engaged in her workshops and always has a smile on her face. She often helps others in her group when she notices they are struggling. Lucy, we love having your smiley, positive personality in our kete!

TKM: Marley T - Marley quietly helps in the background. We notice the kindness that he shows towards others. He is approachable and when students ask for help he will try his best to do what he can. Marley is a role model for others, he is always in the right place at the right time with a smile on his face. Thank you for showing atawhai in TKM!

TKA: Isabella H - Isabella is a lovely and friendly member of Te Kete Aronui. She always has a smile on her face and sets a great example. Isabella will use her initiative and is very observant. She notices when someone needs help and will quietly offer to help them or support them without being asked. This kind and caring nature is constantly displayed in the kete. Thank you for showing atawhai Isabella.

TKT: Brooke K - Brooke is always a kind and caring member of TKT. She comes in everyday with a smile on her face and is always willing to help anyone. She doesn't even need to be asked, she just sees something that needs to be done and does it, including helping both friends and teachers. Her friends always point out the kind acts she does and there are many. Brooke you are a great manukura, rawe mahi.

STAFF: Mr Hawkins and Mrs Griffin - Mr Hawkins and Mrs Griffin are showing kindness by 'bending over backwards' to try and keep enough 'well' teachers in each area of the school at the moment. They are often juggling and shuffling staff late at night or early in the morning. Thank you for the excellent way you are trying to support everyone Reece and Helen.

Thanks to each of you for making our school a happy place to be!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Ngā mihi nui

Lin Dixon

Tumuaki



BASKETBALL

Hokowhitu Jets - It was their third game of the season, and was against OLOL Storm. OLOL scored in the last minute which then ended the game in a 6 all draw.

It was a great first game for the Jets in the top pool. Top scorer was **Joshua** on 4 points and our captain of the day (Isaac) chose **Jedd** as the player of the day.

Hokowhitu Shooters - They had a loss against the West End Bulls but played a good game. Well done to **Will & Mason** who both received player of the day awards!

HOCKEY

Hokowhitu Gold - Won their game 7-0. **Sebastian** was the player of the day for sticking to his position well throughout the entire game.

COACHES/MANAGERS

If you would like results or photos in the newsletter please send them through to office@hokowhitu.school.nz



Achievement Awards

Te Kete Wakahuia

Lucy - A big Hokowhitu welcome to Lucy who has joined us in Waka. Happy school days Lucy!

Huatahi - For showing atawhai to our new class members!

Nikau - For having a wonderful positive attitude to his learning! kā rawe!

Inwoo - You are a positive and friendly member of Waka, thank you for making everyone feel so welcome.

Annie - You are trying so hard to read and write new words, kā pai Annie!

Isla H - For your super maths work.

Max - For trying hard with your reading, kā pai Max.

Rita - You are always trying your best in everything you do Rita - well done!

Noah - Noah you are a diligent member of Huia who is friendly and helpful.

Te Kete Pounamu

Logan - For excellent spelling and letter formation in Literacy.

Liam - For working out his Rich Maths Task quickly and efficiently.

Sam M - For stepping up his reading fluency in his new reading group.

Oliver - For reading with fluency and learning new words.

Oscar - For Leading his Rich Maths task group with success.

Charlotte G - For decoding unknown words accurately.

Te Kete Manawa

Congratulations to the winners of this week's Top 30 draw: **Lincoln, Aiden, Danie, Max BG, Olivia G, Amos!**

Te Kete Aronui

Bilal - For a great effort during cross country practice.

Cooper - For having a positive attitude and stepping up in learning.

Jack - For your contributions during maths sessions and sharing your knowledge. Ka pai!

Hannah - For stepping up and demonstrating perseverance with the Rich Maths Task.

Darshan - For a great effort during cross country practice.

Ruby R - For showing perseverance and greater task completion during maths workshops.

Kiara - For having a positive mind set during cross country practice.

Jacob - For adding humour and interesting ideas in your writing.

Frankie - For sharing your great imagination through your writing.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Lena - For always sharing your understanding in literacy and maths and being willing to help others. He whetu koe.

Paris - For applying your learning in number knowledge and measurement.

Johan - For always sharing his thinking and problem solving strategies in maths.

Bradley - Showing enthusiasm for learning especially about Antarctica.

Jake - For excellent use of comprehension strategies.

Katelyn - For super fluent reading aloud with great expression and phrasing.

Madi B - Excellent work habits and aiming high.

Janae - Showing excellent knowledge and understanding in multiplication and division.

Angela - For stepping up your contributions in literacy. Love hearing your thinking. Rawe!

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Red Cross Book Sale coming up! Time to start saving your pocket money.

When - Queen's Birthday weekend, Barber Hall, Waldegrave St.

When - Friday 3 June to Monday 6 June.

What - Masses of books (Children's to Teens')\$2 and less. Plus games, jigsaw puzzles and posters.

For more information go to

<https://www.redcross.org.nz/get-involved/fundraise-help-others/join-an-event/palmerston-north-book-sale/>

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