

# HOKOWHITU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## Important Upcoming Events

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| <b>15 November</b> | Athletic sports for Year 4, 5 and 6 tamariki. Supporters welcome                                                                                                                             |
| <b>17 November</b> | PTA pizza lunch                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>18 November</b> | Teacher Only day - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>24 November</b> | <b>DATE CHANGE:</b> Athletics fundamental display for Year 1, 2 and 3 tamariki                                                                                                               |
| <b>25 November</b> | 8.30am Whānau Friday - come on into classrooms and see the learning<br>9am Showcase Assembly - performances from across the school                                                           |
| <b>1 December</b>  | Interschool athletic sports                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>6 December</b>  | <b>DATE CHANGE:</b> 5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom. Everyone welcome                                                                                                                  |
| <b>8 December</b>  | 5.00 Christmas carnival here at school. Food stalls for a yummy dinner.<br>6.00 Whole school end of year prize giving and awards - All children expected to attend<br>7.00 Year 6 graduation |
| <b>9 December</b>  | End of year reports home (except for those who have had 6 week or 6 month interviews as this is their first year at school)                                                                  |
| <b>15 December</b> | 12.45pm School Closes for 2022                                                                                                                                                               |

# Update from the Principal

Kia ora koutou  
Ngā mihi kia koutou

I hope everyone is enjoying the extra daylight hours and the warmer weather we are starting to get. It's a great sign that summer is on its way. Thanks so much to everyone who prioritises having your tamariki here on time and ready for learning by 8.50am - learning punctuality is an important life skill.

Please remember that school is CLOSED next Friday (18th Nov). Teachers will be working on analysing end of year assessments and report writing.

## **PREPARATION FOR 2023**

As indicated in recent newsletters, we are currently preparing classes for next year. This is a complex process to get the balance in each kete correct. PLEASE let us know now if you know that your tamariki are NOT returning to Hokowhitu School next year, or if you have other information that you think we need to be aware of before making placements.

## **TERM DATES FOR 2023**

At last week's Board meeting the term dates for next year were set.

TERM 1: Tuesday 31st January - Thursday 6th April

TERM 2: Monday 24th April - Friday 30th June

TERM 3: Monday 17th July - Friday 22nd September

TERM 4: Monday 9th October - Friday 15th December

## **PUBLIC HOLIDAYS/ TEACHER ONLY DAYS DURING TERM TIME in 2023**

Tuesday 25th April - ANZAC day

Friday 2nd June - TEACHER ONLY DAY, school closed

Monday 5th June - Monarch's birthday celebrated

Monday 23rd October - Labour Day

## **ATAWHAI AWARDS**

The following people were recognised at this morning's assembly for showing atawhai (kindness).

**TKW: Louis A** - Louis is a kind and gentle member of Waka Iti. He shows a caring attitude by speaking to other children in a friendly and respectful manner. Louis is happy to play with other children and has been a great help to all of the new children in Waka Iti. Louis steps up to help keep our classroom neat and tidy. He shows kindness by not only tidying up after himself but will keep on going to help other children tidy up. Thank you Louis for showing atawhai. We appreciate your kindness.

**TKP: Olivia H** - We love your unassuming manner. You step up by listening, completing tasks and helping tidy. You can be relied upon to show strive and set a good example for your peers. Keep showing atawhai Olivia, kai pai.

**TKM: Amelia R** - What a fantastic start you have made as our newest member of Te Kete Manawa! Your friendliness and willingness to help others has already made you a popular person to be around. You are making some great choices in the way you go about your mahi and we enjoy it when you share your ideas with us. Ka rawe Amelia!

**TKA: Lily A** - You're a star! You show atawhai to anyone you come across. You are considerate, well-mannered and have an awesome sense of humour. Lily really knows how to brighten up someone's day. You greet people with a huge smile and treat others with respect and kindness. Lily, you are great at noticing those who need a helping hand and without hesitation jump up and help. Your positive disposition is an asset and we value your contribution to our kete.

**TKT: Katie** - Katie is a kind and caring member of TKT. She is always volunteering in the class whether that is tidying up, library duties or writing things for assemblies. Katie always helps others in class to understand new ideas, to get work done and makes sure people who step up get recognised. Katie you have an awesome, determined and helpful attitude and are an asset to our kete.

**STAFF: Mrs Hintz** - One of the ways Mrs Hintz shows atawhai is by the collegiality she displays with staff. She actively supports any team building activities or social events. Her bright smile and positive attitude are contagious. Thank you Kirstine.

Have an enjoyable weekend whānau.

Ngā mihi nui  
Lin Dixon  
Principal

# Sport

## Term 4 Sports

It is awesome to have our summer sports season under way and we love hearing the children's excitement about their games the day after they have played.

Can I please ask that you ensure you are messaging your child's coach, well before a game to let them know if they are unable to be there. This allows the coach the chance to possibly bring in other players. It is really tricky for coaches and not fair for the other players when they turn up to play and there are only a couple of players present from their team. We understand that children get sick or there are unavoidable absences, but please let your child's coach know asap! We thank you in advance for your assistance with this.

## Touch

**Hokowhitu Hammers** - The Hokowhitu Hammers played their third round of games last Friday, having a good win against Opiki school and a loss against a very good Linton Wolves team. Teams MVP were **Nixon** and **Jacques**.

## Hockey

**Hokowhitu Gold** - The Hokowhitu Gold and the West End Gold sticks have always had highly contested games over the last 3 years. Both very even teams and Wednesdays game was no different which ended in a 1 all draw. Space and passing awards went to **Declan** and **Joshua**.



**Coaches & Managers** - If you would like awards/photos in the newsletter please email [office@hokowhitu.school.nz](mailto:office@hokowhitu.school.nz)



# Achievement Awards



## Te Kete Wakahuia

Welcome to Waka Iti **Joshua** - It has been so wonderful to welcome you to school. You have had such a positive week and have tried so many new things all with a happy smile.

**Luke** - Wow Luke, you show great enthusiasm at Basketball and always listen. Ka pai!

**Justin** - You are stepping up in workshops. Ka rawe Justin! It is great to see you trying so hard.

**Lachie** - You have great basketball skills Lachie! Fabulous work.

**Max** - We have loved seeing you being so enthusiastic about school Max - Ka rawe.

**Liana** - Wow Liana, you are improving and growing your brain every day!

**Darcy** - For sharing her wonderful learning! You work so hard, Darcy!

**Dylan** - For showing fabulous interest and enthusiasm at Enviro Team!

**Delena** - For trying hard and showing lots of respect during our basketball learning!

**Doha** - For settling back into school so well and for trying so hard with your learning.

**Inwoo** - For the excellent progress you have made in your learning! Tino pai Inwoo.

**Cici** - For working so hard on your reading at school. Kā pai Cici.

**Eleanor** - For your super reading! Tino pai.

**Daeun** - For working hard on your maths knowledge. Kā pai.

**Hanna** - For trying hard to write the sounds you can hear in tricky words.

## Te Kete Pounamu

**Anita** - For an amazing number knowledge result.

**Aria** - For fast recall of your basic facts.

**Charlotte G** - For making connections with 'ch' with the sound in her name.

**Deondrej** - For using the clues in the text to answer comprehension questions.

**Freddie** - For stepping out of your comfort zone and being inquisitive during Inquiry.

**Henry** - For reading with fluency and having a greater understanding.

**Hudson** - For stepping up in all aspects of school life.

**Imogen B** - For showing strive by being a tidying her learning spaces.

**Imogen D** - For fast recall of number knowledge e.g. basic facts.

## Te Kete Manawa

Congratulations to the most recent Top 30 winners for stepping up to be the best they can be: **Amos, Mila, Max B, Miles.**

## Te Kete Aronui

**Maya N** - For showing great focus during our basketball sessions to learn new skills and follow the instructions given.

**Yuna** - For your spectacular word study results!

**Pippa** - For persevering and improving your basic facts.

**Isaac** - For showing great focus during our basketball sessions to learn new skills and follow the instructions given.

**Seojun** - For focusing and following instructions during literacy.

**Yasmeen** - For showing great focus during literacy, especially with your reading cards.

**Samuel** - For fantastic mathematical thinking and problem solving.

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**Viktor** - For great work during our investigation in maths, collecting data and creating a digital outcome.

## Te Kete Tangaroa

**Nesha** - For an amazingly consistent effort with your novel studies. Great reading work Nesha.

**Josh T** - Has done well in learning his spelling patterns and made lots of progress.

**Paris** - Outstanding improvement in maths. Your excellent attitude to solving tricky equations with regrouping has paid off.

**Amelia** - For great work in Maths and clearly communicating her thinking.

**Rosie** - For the awesome effort you consistently put into reading. Rawe Mahi.

**Vernon** - For a super improvement in spelling.

**Ilisma** - For always trying to step up your maths thinking by trying new ideas and strategies.

**Alexis** - For High Achievement in her spelling test.

**Zac** - For High Achievement in his spelling test.



# I Tri'd the Tri Series

## KIDS TRIATHLON

For Kids 4-12 Years

Register at  
[www.triclub.co.nz](http://www.triclub.co.nz)



## TŪ MAI KITE TĀKARO! GAME ON!

Ngā Paki o Rēhua 2022-2023  
Summer Reading Programme 2022-23



PĀNUI, TĀKARO, PIRO!  
READ, PLAY, SCORE!

THIS SUMMER  
with our  
reading programmes

Summer Reading for ages 4-10  
&  
iRead for ages 11-13

Monday 5 December 2022 to  
Thursday 26 January 2023

Registrations open  
9am Monday 21 November 2022

visit [citylibrary.pncc.govt.nz](http://citylibrary.pncc.govt.nz)

Limited Places Available



# THE EGG PROJECT



## HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

Order your eggs on the website below (and use your code) before midnight Tuesday and they will be delivered super fresh to collect on Thursday from the office after school.

**Free Range Dozen - \$6.50**  
**Organic Dozen - \$8.50**

We will give back \$1.00 per dozen to help fundraise as well!

**SUPPORT LOCAL - EAT SUPER FRESH - SUPPORT COMMUNITY**

**YOUR CODE is SCH-003**



**WWW.THEEGGPROJECT.CO.NZ**



# 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 parade route (approx. 900m). 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](http://www.pnchristmasparade.org.nz) to enter online.

4th December 2022

2pm Parade Start



## JEDI SKATEBOARD ACADEMY WITH THE SUPPORT OF ONBOARD SKATE INC

### ARE RUNNING OUR TERM 4 WEEKLY SKATEBOARD SESSIONS

6 X CONSECUTIVE SATURDAYS ON:

05.11.22 / 12.11.22 / 19.11.22

26.11.22 / 03.12.22 / 10.12.22

VENUE: MEMORIAL PARK SKATERINK, MAIN ST, PN

SKATEBOARDS AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT  
PROVIDED

ENTRY: \$15 PER PERSON PER SESSION

**REGISTER AND PAY CASH ON THE DAY**



The Property Brokers Jets have teamed up with Basketball Manawātū and Basketball New Zealand (BBNZ) to offer a new Kiwi Hoops coaching course for anyone looking at coaching a primary or intermediate school team in 2023.

Kiwi Hoops is the BBNZ junior basketball programme. It uses basketball activities and games to provide fun and enjoyable learning and participation experiences for young people from five to 13 years of age.

Our blended learning coaching course includes three online modules that focus on:

- Creating a safe, fun, and enjoyable sporting environment and experience for your participants.
- The 'Good Sports Guide' –
  - Creating quality experiences for the children and young participants.  
Understanding your personal coaching philosophy.
  - Creating a climate of development.
  - Planning for the season and managing your season.
  - Session planning and using adapted games, small-sided games, or modified games for learning technical and tactical skills.
- Learning how to deal with passionate people, including angry parents, upset spectators, crying children and confrontational people.

The modules are then followed up with a 1.5-hour workshop (10-15 participants per workshop) delivered in-person by Jets head coach Natu Taufale. The aim of this workshop is to provide coaches with the foundation skills needed to deliver age and stage-appropriate coaching sessions. The focus is on the development of basic basketball skills, movement development and enjoyment.

Altogether, this FREE course requires about 4-5 hours in terms of a time commitment. We're hoping you could share this offering with your coaches, parents and volunteers and invite them to enrol online at [www.sporttutor.nz/bbnz](http://www.sporttutor.nz/bbnz)

Coach Taufale will be available to begin delivering workshops from 21 November 2022 (locations and times will be dependent on enrolments and will be confirmed over the next two weeks).

We look forward to working with you to grow this great game in our schools and communities.

If you have any questions about the coaching course, please email [natu@thejets.co.nz](mailto:natu@thejets.co.nz).

GUMBOOTS BRASS AND WIND ENSEMBLE 2023

# SAVE THE DATE

# SUMMER

# CAMP



Thursday 12 January to Saturday 14 January 2023

Where will it be? Help us choose the best spot for your band

Taihape OR Palmerston North OR ???

Cost per player \$100 for tuition and lunch over three days.

*Seats are limited, so register your interest early*

Register your interest **by 15 November 2022** to be in the draw  
for a free lesson with Harmen Vanhoorne\*

\*details of lesson to be by mutual arrangement

**REGISTER NOW** Text your name, your choice of location and GUMBOOTS  
to 021 689 005 or email us at [gumbootsbrassandwind@gmail.com](mailto:gumbootsbrassandwind@gmail.com)

About our lead tutor **Harmen Vanhoorne**

Renowned across the globe as one of the world's finest brass players and educators, Harmen conducts Auckland's premiere A Grade brass band, North Shore Brass and was the musical director of the 2020/2021 National Secondary Schools Brass Band. In September 2021, Harmen has partnered with a team of passionate individuals across the Lower North Island to create opportunities for young players in their region through a network of workshops, concerts and camps.

COVID-19 government guidelines will apply to this event.

For further information about the Gumboots Brass and Wind Ensemble project  
e: [gumbootsbrassandwind@gmail.com](mailto:gumbootsbrassandwind@gmail.com) or Kathy 021 689 005

