

Important Upcoming Events 2025

11 June	- Noon - 2.30pm Year 5/6 Interschool Cross Country for selected ākonga
NEW ITEMS 13 June	- Non - uniform (mufti) day. A fundraiser to support our chess team to travel to Christchurch for a national tournament. Donations welcome (gold coin or similar). - FINAL day for pizza orders and payments
13 June	- 8.30 - 8.50am Whānau Friday. Everyone welcome to come into the kete and enjoy looking at the week's learning
17 June	- 5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom - everyone welcome Come along if you are interested in finding out more about the role of a Board member
19 June	- 8am Kapa Haka performance, followed by whānau hui NEW ITEMS - 1.45 Puanga/Matariki celebration afternoon - in house groups - Pizza Lunch - Notices will come home in bags early next week - House t-shirt day
20 June	- Public holiday for Matariki - SCHOOL IS CLOSED.
27 June	- 3pm School closes for the end of term 2
14 July	- 8.50am School opens for term 3





UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou
Ngā mihi kia koutou

Next Friday we are having a 'non uniform' (mufti) day to support 4 of our ākonga who recently won the regional chess tournament. This qualifies them to compete in the national competition later next term. The competition is in Christchurch so this places a large financial commitment on the whānau and ākonga attending. Our student council plans to hold two fundraising events to support the team with some of their costs. This is the first.

So, no uniform needed next Friday and bring along a gold coin donation (or even a little more if manageable).

COHORT ENTRY TO SCHOOL

Please check your email and respond to the board's ONE question survey, asking for your opinion regarding 5 year olds starting school in groups, rather than directly after their 5th birthday.

TE PAE TAMARIKI 2025

We were so excited to perform at Te Pae Tamariki on Tuesday afternoon with our largest group ever! We are so proud of how amazing our tamariki were and would like to thank our parent helpers for joining us on the trip, and our whānau for your ongoing support. We were able to be recorded this year, please find the link attached below.

Hokowhitu School's performance is at (approximately) 5 hours and 50 minutes into the recording.

[Pae Tamariki Link - Click Here](#)

Enjoy! Ngā mihi nui.

Ms Blay, Mr Masoe and Whaea Kaitlyn



ATTENDANCE

Every day at school counts. The Ministry of Education monitors our attendance daily and is looking for improved attendance statistics.

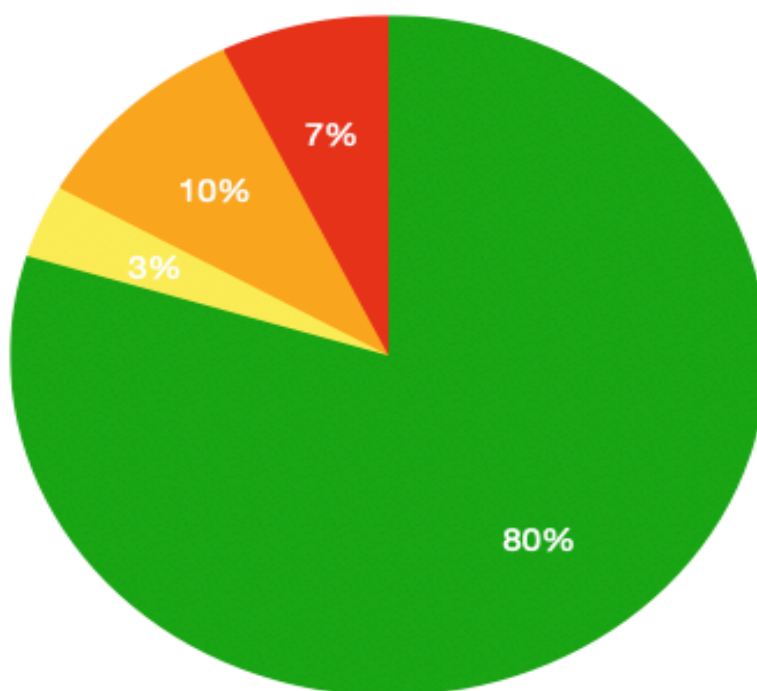
School aged children should be at school every day, except when they are medically unwell (or in the case of exceptional circumstances such as bereavement).

We are setting goals for attendance here at school and our target for Term 2 is to have 78% of our ākonga attending regularly over the whole school. We have set this target by making a small allowance for winter illnesses.

Hokowhitu School Attendance Report Week 5 Trm2

2025-05-26 to 2025-05-29	# of Students attending	% of students attending	
90.1-100	299	79.73	
80.1-90	13	3.47	
70.1-80	36	9.6	
0-70	27	7.2	

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We exceeded our school wide target in week 2 with 80% of our ākonga attending school for 90% or more of the time. Tino pai rawa - let's celebrate with an extended break one day next week.



ATAWHAI AWARDS

At this morning's assembly we recognised the following people for displaying atawhai (kindness) at our kura.



TKW: Ellie E - Ellie you are a ray of sunshine in our classroom, always smiling and ready to greet others with genuine warmth. We love your stories you share. Your kind heart shines through in the way you look out for others, gently holding hands when someone needs comfort or support. Your empathy and joyful presence makes a positive difference every single day.

TKP: Roshni P - Roshni you are a kind and caring member of Te Kete Pounamu. You sit back and wait patiently for others to go before you, never hurrying them up or pushing ahead. You try to find solutions to problems first before asking a teacher for support. You are a fantastic role model on the mat, displaying excellent mat manners and respect. It is a pleasure having Roshni in TKP, he whetu koe, you are a star!

TKM: Benny L - Benny you have truly stepped up this year, trying new things, gaining confidence in all areas, and showing real growth. You take your time with your tasks, and while you work at your own pace, you always complete tasks with care and accuracy. You are kind and helpful to all. Well done!

TKA: Harry S - Harry you are a kind and thoughtful member of TKA! You are always happy to help out with a smile and a positive attitude. You are a true role model, who consistently makes good choices and shows genuine kindness to everyone around you. We are lucky to have you setting such a great example! Ka pai tō mahi!

TKT: Amos S - Amos is a remarkable Year 6 student whose kindness and thoughtfulness shines in everything he does. Amos is a calm leader in TKT, consistently demonstrating an outstanding understanding of routines and systems that helps everything run smoothly. His incredible general knowledge, which he respectfully and generously shares, enriches the learning environment for everyone. A standout in kapa haka, Amos leads by example with pride and passion. His well-timed sense of humour lifts spirits and is enjoyed by those around him. Amos is truly an asset to TKT and Hokowhitu School—a role model, a leader, and a valued member of our community.

STAFF: Mrs Gifford Moore - Mrs GM has a real eye for a deal! She is always on the lookout for resources or new ideas that might be available. She shows atawhai by willingly sharing these things with staff, who in turn can provide something extra for our ākonga. Thanks for showing atawhai in this way Priscilla.

ICAS ASSESSMENT

ICAS ASSESSMENT Hokowhitu School is offering students the opportunity to be involved in the ICAS Assessments for 2025. ICAS is an online academic competition that gives students the opportunity to challenge their higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, and Digital Technologies.

Whānau wanting their child to participate in the ICAS Assessment can register and pay for it by using the online Parent Page accessible by following the link below. All assessments are done online and will be completed at school during term 3.

A timetable will come out early term 3 with assessment dates.

- Parent Page link - <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/parent-payment/WIE149>

- Parent code - **WIE149**

Registration Closes Monday 28th of July 2025. If you have any questions please email Mr Hawkins (r.hawkins@hokowhitu.school.nz) the organiser of ICAS Assessment for Hokowhitu School.

Ngā mihi nui
Lin Dixon

Important Information for Parents & Guardians

- Please respect the privacy of all ākonga when taking photos or videos. Please do not publish any photos containing other children from any school event.

- Please look out for kete newsletters - these include additional specific dates/events for that kete.

Ways to Contact The Office When Your Child Will Be Late Or Absent

Email - office@hokowhitu.school.nz

Phone (You can also leave a voicemail) - 06 357 9667

App - See how to download the App below

<https://hokowhituprimary.apps.school.nz/>

School cell phone (you can ring or text this number) - 027 357 9021

Please contact us as soon as you know your child will be late or is not coming to school as it can take a long time to contact everybody that doesn't contact us. We do this to ensure your child is safe and not a missing child. Please do not contact the teacher directly, they don't always see emails when they are teaching. Thank you.

Please download our school App if you haven't already, all **IMPORTANT/URGENT** notifications will come through this channel. Follow the directions as stated below



SPORTS

BADMINTON (Years 4,5 & 6) - This is **OPEN** on Kindo **NOW**.

Key Details

Dates: Tue 22 Jul to Tue 16 Sep 2025 (8 weeks – No Play on 26 Aug)

Venue: CET Arena 4, 61 Pascal Street, Palmerston North

Who: Years 4, 5 & 6 players

Cost: \$40 per player

Time: from 3:30pm-5.30pm

Teams: 3 players per team (boys, girls or mixed)

To register follow the link here - <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/q2.shtml?shop=Hokowhitu%20School>.

Registrations close at 3pm on Friday 27th June - No late registrations can be accepted.

If you need a uniform, please make sure you put the uniform hire option in your cart.

Coaches/Managers - If you have results or photos for the newsletter, please send through to office@hokowhitu.school.nz

Sports available at Hokowhitu School for 2025

We will let you know in upcoming newsletters when these sports are open on Kindo.

(Please note Rugby and Winter Soccer are CLUB sports, these ARE NOT offered at Hokowhitu School).

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Netball - Years 5 & 6	Basketball - Years 3 - 6	Futsal - Years 3 - 6	Summer Soccer - Years 0 - 6
Summer Hockey - Years 1 - 6	Winter Hockey - Years 1 - 6	Badminton - Years 4, 5 & 6	Netball - Years 0 - 4
Badminton - Years 5 & 6			Summer Hockey - Years 0 - 6
			Touch Rugby - Years 0 - 6
			Volleyball - Years 4, 5 & 6
			T-Ball - Under 7s and under 9s
<i>These sports are available in term one and they close for registration in week 2 of term 1.</i>	<i>These sports are available in term two and three and they close for registration in week 9 of term 1.</i>	<i>These sports are available in terms three and/or four and registration closes in term 3.</i>	<i>These sports are available in term four and they close for registration in term 3.</i>

If you have any sports related questions please feel free to contact our sports coordinators

Carlee Hodge - c.hodge@hokowhitu.school.nz OR

Stacey Tayler - s.tayler@hokowhitu.school.nz



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Te Kete Wakahuia

Tali - For having a beautiful shooting style during basketball.

Kiaan - For sliding sounds together when reading new words.

Lilly - For being great at under and over during smart moves.

Coda - For joining in with smart moves.

Zac - For working so hard on your writing. Tino pai.

Imogen - For super maths. Kā rawe!

Evie - For excellent manners and listening. Tino Pai.

Toby - For doing excellent challenges in maths. Kā rawe!

Te Kete Pounamu

Manha - Fantastic problem solving skills in maths.

Ivan - For confidently sharing with kaiako and asking questions to further his understanding of topics.

Saanvika - For having a fantastic sense of humour which you share with the class.

Eliza - For showing determination and great listening skills during basketball. Ka rawe!

Tanish - For showing focus on the whānau mat and waiting patiently for question time. Tino pai!

Gian - For noticing the world around him and sharing his findings. Tino pai!

Greta - For being a great role model and a super listener. Kā pai!

Lucy B - For being diligent and always striving to reach the top of the maunga. Kā rawe!

Sia - For working hard in maths and extending your knowledge. Kā pai!

Te Kete Manawa

Max - For always showing kindness to others in our kete! Tino pai!

Joshua - For working hard when designing and colouring your stingray art.

Hunter - For doing great work in math and slowing down to check answers are correct the first time.

Clyde V - For showing fantastic maths skills and successfully learning how to find the area of shapes!

Harkamal - For demonstrating an increasing understanding of spelling patterns and rules while presenting your work to a high standard.

Eli - For being more confident to share your ideas in maths and learning that mistakes are part of learning.

Abdu - For showing fantastic math skills and successfully learning how to find the area of shapes!

Louis - For demonstrating an increasing understanding of spelling patterns and rules.

Sienna - For always coming into the classroom with a positive attitude towards learning.





ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Te Kete Aronui

Leo Z - For excellent understanding of wetlands in his Inquiry presentation.

Isla F - For excellent understanding of wetlands in her Inquiry presentation.

Isla H - For excellent descriptive language in her creative writing.

Te Whakaira - For an excellent attitude towards his literacy lessons.

Max - For stepping up and trying new things. Welcome to the Jump Jam team!

Tyson - For amazing work with 2D shapes and reflections.

Rita - For amazing work with 2D shapes and reflections.

Ameerah - For amazing work with 2D shapes and reflections.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Lincoln - For engaging in thoughtful discussions about our class reading.

Ronav - For being a calm and kind presence in TKT!

Amiria - For always being willing to share her thoughts and ideas in class discussions.

Zayd - For an amazing effort in your homework in TKT. You go above and beyond. Fantastic to see!

Maleigha-Rose - For always making a great effort with your homework! Keep up the awesome mahi at home.

Mario - For your reading this week. It has been great to see you enjoying a book and looking for opportunities to independently read.

Rylan - For outstanding general knowledge of Samoa.

Imogen D - Stepping up and presenting to the kete.

Harry - Outstanding effort in his writing. Working hard to craft his paragraphs.



Yummy Sticker Collection

We are once again collecting yummy stickers here at school, sticker charts are available to download on the yummy fruit website - www.yummyfruit.co.nz OR we have some copies in the school office. You can hand these to Mrs Orr or the school office.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



St Albans Church - 339 Albert St. Indoor market on 14 June from 8am till noon. A variety of stalls - 2nd hand goods, crafts, cakes, jams and chutneys, plants, jewellery, balloons, Pokemon, sausage sizzle, tea and coffee.