

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 7th Nov 2025



Upcoming Events

13 November	6pm start - TKW ball. See separate notice that has come home
14 November	9am Whole school assembly TKP sharing some of their learning. Everyone welcome. Last day for Scholastic Orders.
16 November	School Photos. Free delivery is available for all orders placed before Midnight on Sunday.
21 November	House t-shirt day
25 November	Y1 - 3 fundamental skills display (postponement 27 November) 5.30pm Board meeting in the staffroom - everyone welcome
28 November	9am Whole school assembly - TKT sharing some of their learning, Everyone welcome
9 December save this date	5.00pm Christmas carnival 6.00pm Prizegiving 7.00pm Year 6 graduation
15 December	1.45pm Transition in 2026 classrooms
16 December	12.45pm Classes finish for 2025



Update from the principal

Kia ora koutou,

Thank you to those of you who have let us know that your plans for next year will/may be changing. This allows us to place everyone into kete, giving balance to the numbers in each whānau class. SOME kete are composite - this means there is more than one year group in the kete. This does not mean anyone has been 'held back' - we teach everyone from the NZ curriculum at their year level.



STRATEGIC GOALS

What a fabulous week we have had honouring all four of our strategic goals: -

Ensuring all ākonga gain confidence and experience success in literacy and numeracy

Increasing ākonga and kaiako knowledge of and engagement in te ao Māori

Recognising, supporting and celebrating the diversity of our ākonga

Enhancing ākonga wellbeing by encouraging participation in physical activities and performance arts.

1. Strong routines and structure in classrooms every day with a focus on literacy and numeracy.
2. We have received very positive feedback about the performance of our kapahaka roopu who opened the celebrations at the Diwali Mela festival on Saturday evening - tino pai rawa.
3. We were treated to a fantastic performance from the IPU drum squad on Wednesday.
4. Everyone has been busy preparing for athletics/fundamental skills, Y 4-6 have held their athletic sports. Thanks to everyone who has supported these activities - with organisation/transportation and/or encouragement.

ATTENDANCE

Great news - This week we have met our Term 4 attendance target of 80% of ākonga attending school for 90% or more of the week. An extended morning tea time next week will celebrate this.

IPU DRUM PERFORMANCE

Everyone enjoyed the fantastic performance by the IPU Drum group! It was a pleasure to have them visit our kura.



ATHLETICS SPORTS DAY

The weather was unexpectedly changeable for athletic sports yesterday, however it was great to see the tamariki using the skills that kaiako has been teaching them over recent weeks. Thanks to everyone who came along and supported the event. Selected Y5/6 athletes will be invited to represent our kura at the interschool athletic sports on the 2nd December.



Year 4 - 6 Results 2025

Year Group	Shot Put	Discus	Hurdles	Sprints	Long Jump	High Jump	800m
Year 4 Girls Kowhai - 110 Kakariki - 70 Whero - 100 Kahurangi - 170	1st - Madi 2nd - Eliza 3rd - Zara	1st - Zara 2nd - Madi 3rd - Eliza	1st - Eliza 2nd - Darcy 3rd - Evie	1st - Darcy 2nd - Eliza 3rd - Evie	1st - Darcy 2nd - Eliza 3rd - Joy	TO FINALISE Darcy, Harper & Eliza Have give 30 points each	1st - Evie 2nd - Hanna 3rd - Joy
Year 4 Boys Group 1 Kowhai - 40 Kakariki - 50 Whero - 320 Kahurangi - 0	1st - Ihaha 2nd - Abel 3rd - Mason	1st - Romaan 2nd - Paxton 3rd - Ihaha	1st - Lachie 2nd - Mason 3rd - Ihaha	1st - Lachie 2nd - Junod 3rd - Mason	1st - Isaiah 2nd - Griffin 3rd - Lachie	1st - Isaiah 2nd - Lachie 3rd - Ihaha	1st - Adam 2nd - Lachie 3rd - Paxton
Year 5 Girls Kowhai - 170 Kakariki - 180 Whero - 0 Kahurangi - 160	1st - Afokoula 2nd - Isla D 3rd - Yuleena	1st - Afokoula 2nd - Isla D 3rd - Antonella	1st - Taylah 2nd - Isla D 3rd - Joslyn	1st - Charlie 2nd - Skye 3rd - Joslyn	1st - Antonella 2nd - Joslyn 3rd - Charlie	TO FINALISE Joslyn, Madison, Isla D, Lucy, Daeun, Yuleena	1st - Joslyn 2nd - Isla D 3rd - Logan
Year 5 Boys Group 1 Kowhai - 240 Kakariki - 170 Whero - 30 Kahurangi - 20	1st - Te Whakaira 2nd - Felix 3rd - Carter H & Joel	1st - Shahzaan 2nd - Mason 3rd - Lohan & Felix	1st - Ki 2nd - Rory 3rd - Edward	1st - Ki & Rory 3rd - Deondrej	1st - Edward 2nd - Ki 3rd - Deondrej & Rory	1st - Rory 2nd - Ali 3rd - Edward	1st - Edward 2nd - Ki 3rd - Joel
Year 6 Girls Kowhai - 50 Kakariki - 80 Whero - 70 Kahurangi - 220	1st - Bailey 2nd - Oria 3rd - Mila L	1st - Bailey 2nd - Kate 3rd - Oria	1st - Bailey 2nd - Kate 3rd - Anne	1st - Bailey 2nd - Kate 3rd - Anne	1st - Bailey 2nd - Johanna 3rd - Kate	1st - Bailey 2nd - Johanna 3rd - Kate	1st - Bailey 2nd - Imogen B 3rd - Johanna
Year 6 Boys Group 1 Kowhai - 90 Kakariki - 130 Whero - 240 Kahurangi - 10	1st - Mason 2nd - Jackson 3rd - William	1st - Mason 2nd - Luca 3rd - Lachie	1st - Matty 2nd - Lachie 3rd - Mason	1st - Lachie 2nd = Mason & Luca	1st - Lachie 2nd - Maximus 3rd - Jackson	1st - Luca 2nd - Matty 3rd - Mason	1st - Luca 2nd - Matty 3rd - Lachie
Boys - Year 4 Group 2 Kowhai - 40 Kakariki - 250 Whero - 70 Kahurangi - 0	1st - Hiku 2nd - Benny 3rd - Leo Z		1st - Ansh 2nd - Hiku 3rd - Benny	1st - Hiku 2nd - Benny 3rd - Leo Z	1st - Ansh 2nd - Benny 3rd - Hiku	1st - Hiku 2nd - Leo Z 3rd - Benny	1st - Benny 2nd - Hiku 3rd - Ansh
Boys - Year 5 Group 2 Kowhai - 180 Kakariki - 0 Whero - 160 Kahurangi - 50	1st - Ajay 2nd - Nehan 3rd - Aaryan	2nd - Ajay 3rd - Aaryan	1st - Aaryan 2nd - Ajay 3rd - Nehan	1st - Ajay 2nd - Aaryan 3rd - Nehan	1st - Nehan 2nd - Liam 3rd - Aaryan	1st - Quinn 2nd - Aaryan 3rd - Ajay	1st - Liam 2nd - Quinn 3rd - Grisha
Boys - Year 6 Group 2 Kowhai - 200 Kakariki - 0 Whero - 190 Kahurangi - 0	1st - Max 2nd - Rylan 3rd - Ben	1st - Ben	1st - Rylan 2nd - Leon 3rd - Zayd	1st - Leon 2nd - Zayd 3rd - Rahman	1st - Max 2nd - Rylan 3rd - Rahman	1st - Zayd 2nd = Rahman & Max	1st - Rahman 2nd - Zayd 3rd - Leon
Bonus points:	Kowhai 100	Whero 106	Kakariki 92	Kahurangi 76			

Placement points: 1st = 30 points, 2nd = 20 points, 3rd = 10 points



HOUSE RESULTS

1st	Whero 1286
2nd	Kowhai - 1220
3rd	Kakariki 1022
4th	Kahurangi - 706



KAPA HAKA PERFORMANCE

Last Saturday our kapa haka group were invited to perform as part of the opening ceremony for the Diwali Mela. We were so honoured to have been asked to do this. Our group were amazing and we were lucky to have beautiful weather for it! Thank you to our whānau who supported us with this. Thank you to Whaea Jess and Whaea Kaitlyn for their support too.

Ms Blay and Mr Masoe



Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.

Ngā mihi kia nui,
Lin Dixon
Tumuaki/Principal

UPDATE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

Tēnā koutou,

Following the recent election, the new Board met for the first time a couple of weeks ago and we began our work by allocating roles and responsibilities:

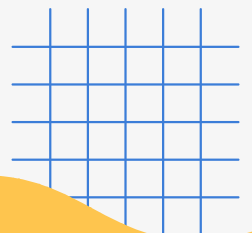
- Presiding Member (also known as the Chair): Philip Steer
- Deputy Presiding Member: Ewan Westergaard
- Finance and Audit: Natasha Thornton and Ewan Westergaard
- Grants: Natasha Thornton
- Personnel: Scott Sherer
- Policy: Philip Steer
- Property: Villi Tosi and Ewan Westergaard
- Risk and Compliance: Scott Sherer
- Whānau Māori: Villi Tosi

I'd also like to acknowledge Ewan Westergaard for representing the Board on the committee to appoint our new Deputy Principal.

As we move towards the end of the year, the process for setting next year's budget is getting underway. You may also have seen from recent media coverage that there are likely to be changes to the part of the Education and Training Act that defines the primary objectives of a school board, and we will keep you updated if there are any significant implications for our school community.

If you have any questions about the Board, please contact me at board@hokowhitu.school.nz

Ngā mihi nui,
Philip Steer



Achievement Awards



Te Kete Wakahuia

Layla - For being a fantastic listener at dance and a fabulous dance partner.

Nina - You have been trying really hard to write carefully and neatly. Ka rawe!

Diyon - For showing lots of enthusiasm at dance. Ka pai!

Sanumi - For being a great dance partner.

Kyrie - For her enthusiasm and great learning of the dances for our ball.

Danyal - For being a great dance partner.

Nalina - For being a great dance partner.

Wyatt - For working hard on your reading. Tino pai.

Bentley - For trying hard in handwriting. Kā rawe.

Eva - For excellent handwriting. Tino pai.

Uriah - For using capital letters and fullstops in your writing. Kā rawe.

Te Kete Pounamu

Marley - For using your initiative to keep the kete tidy. We appreciate you, mahi tika ana!

Hui-Tanguru - For your fantastically neat writing and awesome imagination at literacy follow up. Tino kino te pai!

William - For the way you change statement sentences into question sentences. Ka mau te pai!

Eli - For being a fair share superstar in maths!

Paige - for being a super sleuth in literacy and finding all the code spelling rules in texts!

Roshni - for being a diligent worker in literacy activities - Kā rawe.

Zia - For being a super listener in class. Ka pai!

Namish - For working co-operatively to solve rich maths tasks. Kā rawe!



Te Kete Manawa

Hiku - For responding to feedback and making changes when necessary.

Pray - For working hard in literacy and being able to put words in alphabetical order.

Romannah - For taking on more challenging tasks in maths and asking for help if needed.

Dontae - For showing great determination in math to complete things quickly and correctly.

Rhyan - For working hard on your reading especially when segmenting and blending new words.

Delenaa - For always presenting your literacy work beautifully and giving your best.

Adam - For being able to include the correct punctuation to show someone is speaking.

Cici - For using simple addition and subtraction strategies in maths to solve harder problems.

Emma - For consistently presenting work that is very neat and tidy with amazing letter formation

Te Kete Aronui

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their Pen Licences this week:

Maddy, Max, Noah, Quinn and Rita.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Aarush - For bringing stories to life with awesome expression and a fantastic reading voice!

Amiria - For reading aloud beautifully, using great expression and a steady pace.

Aiden - Excellent support and helping run the hurdles station.

Bailey - For a fabulous pepeha and korero in te reo when leading our morning hui!

Hohua - A peaceful member of TKT, you can always be relied upon to focus on your mahi and do a great job!

Anita - For her resilience and positive attitude while navigating school life in a cast!

William - For amazing efforts organising the school sound system whenever it is needed!

Ava M - For beautiful, clear reading to the class.

Alex - For being a great classmate and team mate and for helping others learn new games in Explore time.



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 School cell phone
(txt or phone) - 027 357 9021



App

See how to download the App here:
<https://hokowhituprimary.apps.school.nz/>

Sport

Sports available at Hokowhitu School for 2025

All term 4 sports are now closed.

Coaches - If you would like to send through any player of the day's, photos or a summary of any of the games for the newsletter, we love to celebrate and share those in the newsletter. Please send through to office@hokowhitu.school.nz

Hockey

It was an incredibly hot day down at the turfs on Wednesday! Unfortunately we took a 2-1 loss. However, we played the best we have so far as a team. Both in the game and on the sidelines, they were encouraging each other and communicating well. This game we worked hard on following through with our plays and moving up the line.

Players of the day this week go to **Georgia** and **Tupuse**. Georgia showed huge improvement in running towards the ball and not being afraid to get herself right in the middle.

Tupuse showed great strength in both attack and defense and was full of encouragement to all his team mates.

Great work guys!

Nicole (Coach - Hokowhitu Hitters)



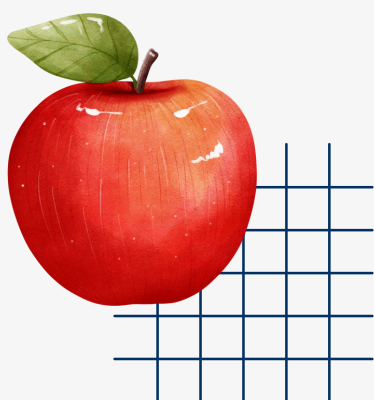


The Egg Project

- Jump onto the website www.theeggproject.co.nz
- Click up the top on the blue bit where it asks if you have a unique code.
- Use the code SCH-003 at to sign up, select what eggs you want as a one off or set up a subscription, confirm and pay.
- If you need help with anything—ordering, subscriptions, or just want to talk eggs—flick me an email. I'm just sitting here chatting with the eggs anyway (they're great listeners, but not so hot on tech support). Pip@theeggproject.co.nz

Hokowhitu School has fundraised more than \$2254.00 so far by having whānau purchase these eggs. Along with being so fresh, the eggs are also much cheaper than the equivalent at the supermarket.

**A big thank you to all those that collected Yummy stickers this year. Our school was given \$308 to purchase new sports equipment.
Thank you for your support!**



Community Notices



Measles in Manawatū - advice from Health NZ

As you may be aware, there have been confirmed cases of measles in our community. We are asking your support in sharing these important messages with whānau.

- Check that everyone in your family born after 1 Jan 1969 has had two doses of measles vaccines after the age of 12 months
- Call 0800 282 926 or visit info.health.nz/measles to check your immunisation status or to book your vaccine
- If you have any queries about measles, please call Healthline 0800 611 116
- If you think you have measles, stay at home and call Healthline immediately

IMPORTANT

Emails have been sent to families that have not yet provided confirmation of immunisation. Ministry of Health guidelines state that proof of immunisation status is required to avoid needing to quarantine at home in the event of a measles outbreak at school.

I Tri'd the Tri Series

KIDS TRIATHLON

For Kids 4-12 Years



Manawatu & TRC
Toyota



Register at
www.triclub.co.nz

WIN SPORTS GEAR OF YOUR CHOICE FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

Manawatu Triathlon Club wants to reward schools with the best student participation numbers in the upcoming, "Manawatu and TRC Toyota I Tri'd the Tri Series 2026" for kids 4-12 yrs. Prizes of sports vouchers will be presented to the winning schools. *Note the winning schools will be determined by taking into account roll size & numbers of students taking part. There will be prizes for different categories of schools

**PRE-ENTER ONLINE BY 30th
JANUARY 2026
PAY ONLY \$25**



RUN - BIKE - SWIM

For kids
4-12 YEARS

FIVE EVENT DATES

Mon 2nd FEB 2026
Mon 9th FEB 2026
Mon 16th FEB 2026
Mon 23rd FEB 2026
Mon 2nd MAR 2026

KIDS TRIATHLON

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COURSE DISTANCES

4-6 years 300m run / 600m cycle / 1 length swim *in teaching pool*
7 years 750m run / 1.5k cycle / 25m swim
8-9 years 750m run / 1.5k cycle / 50m swim
10-12 years 1.5k run / 3k cycle / 100m swim

EVENT LOCATION

Sikoglund Park and Freyberg Community Pool
Palmerston North

HOW TO ENTER

1. Complete the entry & consent form waiver by the 30th January
Enter online at triclub.co.nz

2. Register on race day from 4:30pm (First race 5:20pm)

We must receive full payment and signed Parent's/Legal
Guardian's consent form waiver to complete your registration.

ENTRY FEES By 30th Jan

- Individual child (all 5 events) \$25 OR
- Family of 3 or more (all 5 events) \$75

ENTRY FEES After 30th Jan

- Individual child \$30 OR
- Family of 3 or more \$90

<https://www.triclub.co.nz/events/2025-i-trid-the-tri-series>

<https://www.facebook.com/Palmy-I-Trid-the-Tri-Series-165002316882569/>

GOT A QUESTION?

To find out more please call Andy or Lenka (021 0349989)
or Deb (027 439 0651)


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