

HOKOWHITU SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 7th August 2026



Upcoming Events

10-19 th August	Life Ed Bus
13 th August	The PNBHS Music Department Roadshow visit
14 th August	School Assembly - TKP Mathex
18 th August	Ross Intermediate Open Evening - 4 & 6pm
28 th August	School Assembly - TKW
31 st August	Teacher only day - SCHOOL CLOSED
4 th September	House T-Shirt day
8 th September	Board Meeting
11 th September	School Assembly - TKA Palmerston North Intermediate enrolments closing date
25 th September	Term 3 Closes
12 th October	Term 4 Begins
22 nd October	Year 4 Sleepover & Nga Manu

Do keep checking this calendar, as there will be new items added as soon as possible!

LOST PROPERTY



We currently have a lot of lost property, including several pairs of shoes! We are overflowing with fleece jackets as well. If your child is missing anything, please pop into the office to have a look through the lost property.

PLEASE label all of your child's uniform items, this way they can easily be returned if they are misplaced.

Update from the Principal



Kia ora koutou,

It has been a chilly week, but I had a great start sitting down with our STRIVE Spin to Win winner, Imogen. We had a great chat over a warm Milo and doughnut, and we even found out we have something in common, we both love swimming!

It was fantastic to see so many of our tamariki having fun at the School Disco last Friday, I hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

It has been another action-packed week at Hokowhitu School! Our Year 5 students attended Kind Hearts Day, where they had the opportunity to listen to inspirational speaker William Pike. At the other end of the school, our youngest ākonga went for a walk to visit Hokowhitu Kindy. This is a great way for us to build connections with our contributing kindergartens, and our ākonga thoroughly enjoyed interacting with the children and exploring the different activities.

We also extended a warm welcome to Taeko from Japan for her annual visit to New Zealand. Some lucky students have been enjoying learning origami and have the chance to participate in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony with her.

You will have seen that we have the Life Education Truck on site! A big welcome to Tim and Harold. The Life Education truck is a mobile classroom that visits schools to teach children about health, wellbeing, and making safe choices. It features interactive lights, big screens, and of course, a visit from the popular mascot, Harold the Giraffe!

Board Update: At our Board meeting on Tuesday evening, we welcomed Roxane Whitcombe to the Board. Roxane fills the vacancy left by the resignation of Philip Steer. This vacancy was filled using the standard New Zealand School Board casual vacancy selection process. Roxane has two young boys at Hokowhitu, and we look forward to her contribution to our Board.

STRIVE Focus: Manawanui - Step Up I have seen so many of our tamariki stepping up and showing Manawanui this week. As I walked around the classrooms, I could see students focused and working hard. Even when facing something challenging, they showed true persistence, not giving up, but stepping up to overcome difficulties. We need to remember that things aren't always easy when we start out, but the more we step up and keep working, the easier it gets over time. Don't be afraid to challenge yourself and set high standards!

Important Reminders

- **Parking & Traffic Safety:** Please be extra careful and mindful at drop-off and pick-up times. Please do not stop in the bus stop, park on yellow lines, or block driveways.
- **Walking Bikes & Scooters:** Please remind your child if they scooter or bike to school to walk it once they are in the school grounds. It is a busy time at the start and end of day with lots of little people walking around. Let's work together to keep all of our tamariki safe!

Have a wonderful, restful weekend!

Ngā mihi nui,

Reece Hawkins
Tumuaki / Principal



Learning origami with Taeko



Visit to Hokowhitu Kindy



BALLOT FOR OUT OF ZONE TERM 1 AND 2 ENROLMENTS 2026

A ballot (if required) will be held on Wednesday 9 September 2026 for new entrants who reside out of our school zone, but wish to enrol at our kura, starting in Terms 1 or 2 of next year. We also have a number of spaces available in year 4 and 6 for 2027.

Do you have a child turning 5 over this period? Do you know someone else who wishes to enrol with us, but we do not yet have their enrolment details?

Everyone (including siblings) who reside outside our enrolment zone **MUST** have enrolment information into the office **Tuesday 8 September 2026** so that we can accurately gauge how many spaces we have.

NEON DISCO



LIFE EDUCATION WITH HAROLD



HI FROM TIM AND HAROLD @ LIFE ED MANAWATU!

We are so excited about coming back to Hokowhitu School and seeing all our amazing friends again! Being around all your positivity and kindness is always a highlight of our year – we can't wait! We feel very privileged to be sharing in the students learning around body systems & how we get energy from food with TKW, how we manage our big emotions with TKP, what we can do when we have problems with TKM, understanding our emotions with TKA, and being an upstander & how we change as we get older and showing resilience with TKT.

Life Ed is a charitable trust that aims to inspire learners and their families to make positive decisions about their wellbeing, and receives no government funding. If you would like to support our worthy cause, we will have the following items for sale from Friday:

Harold pens @\$1
Harold lanyards @\$3
Harold Jibbitz @\$5
Soft toy Harold keyrings @\$7
Harold drink bottles @\$13
Harold notebooks @\$15
Large Harold soft toys @\$24

These can be purchased from me at anytime (cash only please)

Love from Tim and Harold!



KIND HEARTS

On Wednesday August the 5th all the Year 5s from Hokowhitu School went on a trip to the 'Kind Hearts' event at the Awapuni Racecourse.

There were 3 presenters. William Pike told us his story of how he lost his leg in an accident on Mount Ruapehu when it erupted and caused a lahar. He talked to us about never giving up and stepping out of our comfort zone to reach our goals. William encouraged us to embrace opportunities and understand that resilience and determination can help us.

The 2nd presenter was an artist and he taught us to draw cool emotions.

Finally, Alan Dingley, the librarian from Freyberg High School, read us the story The Brain Is Not Always Right. He explained that our brains can sometimes tell us things that aren't true, especially when we feel worried, nervous, or lack confidence. He encouraged us to believe in ourselves, and remember that we are capable of achieving great things.

A huge thanks to the Mrs Gifford Moore and the parents who came with us, Mrs Khalifa, Ms Turipa, Mrs Johnston and Miss Hughes. It was an amazing afternoon!

-Anna, Rita and Hanna, Year 5 students.



Achievement Awards



Te Kete Wakahuia

Shinbee - For excellent reading. Kā rawe!

Thomas - For writing a full sentence all on your own. Tino pai rawa!

Vy - For trying hard with your learning. Kā pai.

Alexander - For sitting nicely on the mat and for always being ready for learning. Tino pai.

Serena - For excellent addition and subtraction. Tino pai!

Te Awatea - For excellent addition and subtraction. Tino pai!

Leon - for trying new things at school and joining in. Kā rawe!

Cece - for listening carefully and following instructions. Kā pai!

Te Kete Pounamu

Journey - For being focussed in writing activities.

Olive - For wonderful persuasive writing about showing kaitiaki.

Jack - For sharing your great ideas about kaitiakitanga!

Hannah - Amazing mahi in maths when learning about time.

Miller - For sharing your amazing knowledge about telling the time. Ka pai tō mahi!

Methila - For creating a great invention to help clean the plastic out of our moana. Awesome kaitiakitanga!

Pippa - For fantastic home learning mahi, practising your word rules and heart words. Tino pai!

Eva - For your super knowledge on converting times from analogue to digital. Tino pai!

Ruby - For writing interesting stories using a logical sequence of events. Ka pai!

Te Kete Manawa

Karen - For writing some good rhyming couplets.

Tanish - For being more focused in literacy and completing tasks quickly.

Mehar - For making an effort to set out your book correctly in literacy.

Marley - For a lovely use of descriptive language when writing similes. Ka pai!

Yarik - For excellent effort and working hard to make a bird's nest.

Lucia - For following the steps when regrouping with subtraction, great mahi!

Sia - For showing good participation identifying rhyming words and writing rhyming couplets in poetry.

Aryan - For setting out your book correctly and completion of your literacy work.

Worood - For working well in literacy by listening to instructions and spelling words correctly.

Te Kete Aronui

Rita - For showing kindness to another student and supporting them.

Hanna, Anna - For working very hard to write an amazing speech with details to support their ideas.

Paikea - For sharing clever ideas in our speech discussions.

Abel - For your amazing writing to William Pike after our Kind Hearts trip.

Avyaan - For showing kindness towards others.

Abdu, Thea and Nikau - For excellent effort and improvement with wordstudy and spelling patterns.

Te Kete Tangaroa

Lohan - For giving pickleball a go and showing your sportsmanship and skill when playing with others.

Zareesh - For consistently showing STRIVE. You are a kind and helpful member of TKT...and an excellent PA in Turitea!

K-J - For Trying New Things. You showed concentration and skill when you tried pickleball for the first time.

Rory - Great work in reading, learning about the different regions of New Zealand.

Shahzain - Excellent planning for his speech

Leo Y - Excellent research towards his speech

Annie - For your great problem solving skills when finding the area of right angle triangles and composite shapes.

Luca - Improved attitude in learning 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

HOCKEY

The **Hokowhitu Cubs** have had an outstanding season, with lots of fun and wins along the way! Each player has developed their hockey skills and they've all played well together as a team. Thanks to all the players and their parents for coming along to practices and games each week!

- Kirsty

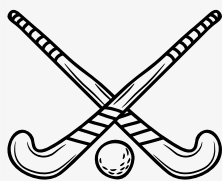
After a bit of a slow start to the season, the **Hokowhitu Hitters** really found their stride, finishing with five wins on the bounce. They signed off the season in style with a convincing 15-0. Luca, who took home the Most Improved Player award and Edward was a well-deserved MVP.

A massive thank you also to our team umpire, Lily, for giving up her time every week to officiate our games.

- Michael



Hokowhitu Cubs



Hokowhitu Hitters



Hokowhitu Kits

A massive THANK YOU from Hokowhitu School to all out coaches, whānau and supporters! You are all stars.

The **Hokowhitu Kits** had a great season, building on their confidence each week and working well together. We are really proud of them all.

- Renee & Mel.

Term 1 Wed 4/2-Thur 2/4	Term 2 Mon 20/4-Fri 3/7	Term 3 Mon 20/7-Fri 25/9	Term 4 Mon 12/10-Fri 16/12
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Sports you will register through **kindo** to play for Hokowhitu School -

<https://shop.kindo.co.nz/>

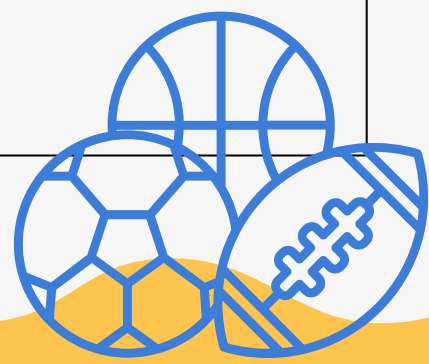
*Uniform hire is required for all sports except Netball

COACHES - If you can, please send through a photo of the players of the day for the newsletter. We love to share the kids achievements! office@hokowhitu.school.nz

Badminton - yrs 5 and 6 (Registration - kindo beginning term 1) Summer Hockey - All yrs (Registration - kindo beginning term 1) Netball - All yrs (Registration -kindo beginning term 1) T-Ball - yrs 1-3 (This team is continued from Term 4) *All Term 1 Sports registration's are now closed	Basketball - yrs 3-6 (Registration - kindo term 1) Winter hockey - All yrs (Registration - kindo term 1) Table Tennis - yrs 4-6 (Registration - kindo term 1) *All Term 2 Sports registration's are now CLOSED	Badminton - yrs 4-6 (Registration - kindo term 2) - Registration NOW CLOSED Winter hockey carry on this term for two weeks.	T-Ball - yrs 1-3 (Registrations open soon) Summer hockey - All yrs (Registrations open soon) Summer soccer - All yrs (Registrations open soon) Volleyball - yrs 4-6 (Registrations open soon) Futsal - yrs 3-6 (Registrations open soon) Netball - All yrs (Registrations now open on KINDO) Touch - All yrs (Registrations now open on KINDO)
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Sports available through outside agencies
See this link for ALL sports in the Manawatu -
<https://www.sportmanawatu.org.nz/findasport>

Junior rugby https://www.manawaturugby.co.nz/community-rugby-1/junior-1 Winter soccer https://www.centralfootball.co.nz/competitions-1/fixturesresults-1/manawatu-2			Tennis https://clubspark.kiwi/TennisManawatu Cricket www.sporty.co.nz/mca
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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 \$4211 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.



Community Notices



SCABIES

Scabies cases are surging through parts of the North Island, including in Palmerston North and in several schools.

Scabies is a skin condition caused by a parasitic mite (a living thing). Scabies usually produces a very itchy rash. Please follow the link for more information including symptoms & treatment: [Scabies information](#).

AOTEAROA NEWS: Scabies Cases Surge Across North Island Schools & Clinics Issue Warnings



What's Happening:

- Tairangi School Porirua reports concern
- Pukekohe Family Health Care reports rise
- Spreads via close contact



Symptoms:

- Intensely itchy rash, worse at night
- Small red bumps



Advice:

- See GP promptly
- Whole household may need treating
- Wash bedding in hot water



Time to COLLECT Yummy stickers for our School's share of

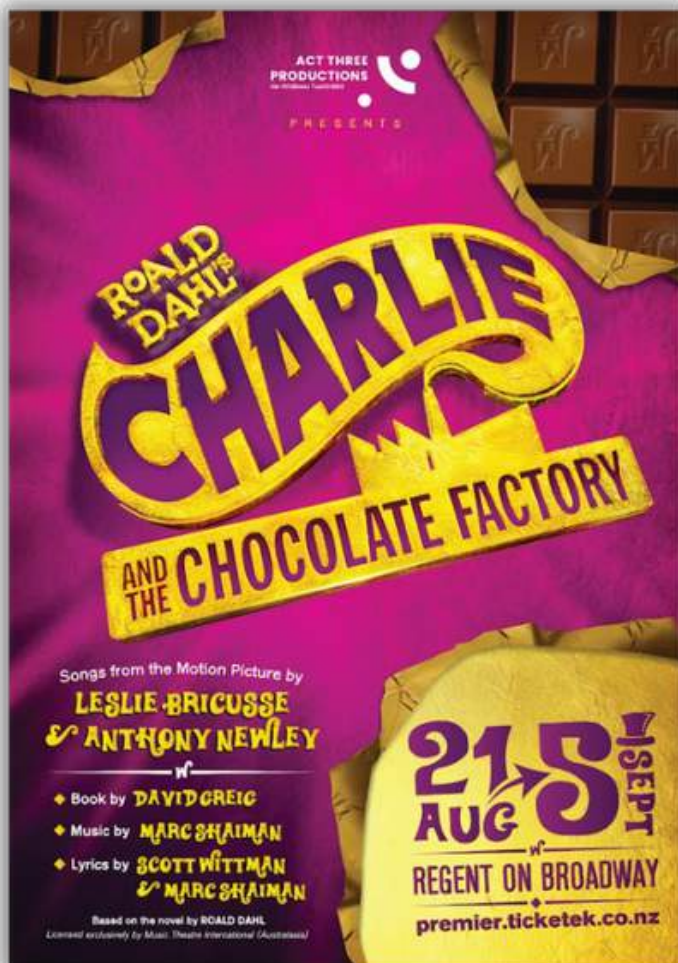
\$200,000

SPORTS GEAR

Download extra sticker sheets at yummyfruit.co.nz



EAT YUMMY APPLES & BRING YOUR STICKERS TO SCHOOL!



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – Grab your golden ticket!

From the award-winning producers of Matilda the Musical (2024) comes Roald Dahl's magical Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, coming to the Regent on Broadway this August.

Join Charlie Bucket on an unforgettable journey into Willy Wonka's extraordinary chocolate factory, filled with spectacular music, incredible sets, larger-than-life characters, and plenty of pure imagination. It's the perfect family outing this winter.

 Book your golden tickets today:
<https://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=CHARCHOC26>

Reach Your **PEAK**: Hiwinui School Intermediate Open Day

Tuesday, 18th August 2026 | 6:00 PM Start

Join us at 198 Watershed Road to see our
action-packed learning space.



Specialised Technology & Academic Innovation

Weekly IGNITE covering Hard Materials, Food Tech, Coding, and Engineering; plus EPro8/Evolocity.



Specialised Technology Innovation

Legendary covering alternating camps, Food Tech, Coding, and Engineering; plus EPro8/Evolocity.



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