



Panui : August 2023 - Newsletter

SAVE THE DATES!

Year 7/8 Tech Days: Tuesday

- 15 & 29 August, 12 September

Year 7/8 NHS Open Day

- Wednesday 9th August

Year 3-8 Getwise Financial Literacy

- 14th and 21st August

Year 0-6 Orchestra Trip - Waikato Uni

- Tuesday 15th August \$2 please

Horotiu School Fun Run

- Thursday 17th August 11am

Term 3 - Teacher Only Day

(No School)

- Friday 18th August

Whole School Marae Trip - Aramiro

- Thursday 24th August

Daffodil Day Ball Drop

- Friday 25th August 1:45PM

Interschool Cross Country - Waitetuna

- Thursday 31st August

Orchestra Visit to Horotiu School

- Friday 1st September 1:30pm

School Photos

- Tuesday 5th September

Disco Fundraiser

- Friday 8th September

Ag Day:

- Thursday 21st September

End of Term 3:

- Friday 22nd September 2.40pm

Principal's Message! *A Note from Jo:*

Kia ora e te whaanau,

It is great to see our Horotiu aakonga back into their learning for the new term. We started with a fantastic week of Matariki celebrations. Thank you to all those that helped out and joined in our early morning Hautapu Ceremony and lunch hangi to celebrate the new year. Friday at Horotiu School was like a little village or papakainga with staff, students and whaanau engaged in traditional games, arts and crafts, kite flying, preparation and eating of kai, and tuakana teina to name a few. Click the link to see the EnviroSchools post shared recently about this event [Waikato EnviroSchools | Facebook](#)

Last term's student reports had next steps and goals for the remainder of the year. If you have not done so yet, please discuss these with your tamariki, and keep having regular discussions within your whaanau about progress. If you have any questions, remember our kaiako/teachers are here to help and that parent/whaanau interest and involvement in student learning is proven to be a key driver in helping children really make progress.

In our effort to promote healthy food and nutrition for all students, I would ask that parents/caregivers refrain from sending birthday treats such as lollipops and cakes into school. As well as inadvertently creating pressure on other whaanau to bring something in, often parents are surprised to see their child eating something after school that is not nutritious. Teachers try to make tamariki feel special for their birthday in other ways, if indeed children want this.

Please be reminded about the Teacher Only Day on Friday 18th August - there will be no school that day as teachers will be participating in professional development. If in a position to, I suggest parents or caregivers take a day off work and enjoy a long weekend with your whaanau as there are no other long weekends during Term 3.

Kia pai too raa! Have a great day!
Jo Wright

"Ki te kotahi te kaakaho ka whati, ki te kaapuia e kore e whati"

When reeds stand alone they are vulnerable, but together they are unbreakable.

~ Naa Kiingi Taawhiao

School Events and Notices:

Horotiu School - Community Survey 2023

We value whaanau thoughts and feedback about what we do at Horotiu School and how we do it. In order to reflect on and to improve our practices we ask that you complete this survey by 25th August, 2023. As an incentive we will be offering three prizes (\$50 grocery voucher, \$50 warehouse voucher, \$50 petrol voucher) that all participants who complete the survey will go in the draw to win. [Click here for the link.](#)

Te Toki Voyaging Trust - Matariki Programme Field Trip

Horotiu School were lucky enough to be involved with Te Toki Voyaging Trust's Matariki Programme last Tuesday 25th July at the Waikato awa. The aim of the programme is to connect tamariki with maatauranga waka hourua (double-hull sailing canoes), especially descendants of the Pacific, of Aotearoa. Maatauranga waka hourua reconnects tamariki (children) and their whaanau (families) to the knowledge of their ancestors and in doing so will inspire participants to walk with pride and poise as peoples of the Pacific, of Aotearoa, into their futures.

Our Horotiu School group of 25 rotated through five activities with festival facilitators (who are today's Pacific voyagers), exploring voyaging of the past, present, and the future including:

1) Land Waka Hoe; 2) Star constellation Projection; 3) Traditional Games; 4) Star Compass; 5) Waka crafting.



School Cross-Country/Fun Run:

This is taking place on Thursday 17th August at 11am-12 noon. This is set to be lots of fun with obstacles, challenges and coloured powder here and there. The whole school will be participating at the same time - we welcome all parents to come and get active with us. It was an awesome event last year with lots of fun to be had. Students may wish to bring a towel and/or change of clothes in the event they are covered in powder.

Students wishing to compete in the traditional Interschool Cross-Country at Waitetuna (Thursday 31st August) will need to train appropriately as the age-group courses are very challenging. Please note: It will not have powder, sleds or sports gear - its a natural course including paddocks, bridges, streams and cow poo. Whilst we will be looking to take a bus, we may also need parents to take some cars if our numbers are too large. Please let your teachers know if your child is particularly keen to participate and teachers can add their name to the list. Please also know that if numbers are too high, it will be at the staff discretion as to who will attend.

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Daffodil Day Ball Run

On Friday 25th of August we will hold our annual ball run to raise funds for the Cancer Society. This year we will be selling coloured ping pong balls for \$1 each. When purchasing a ball, your name will be written on it and kept in the bucket until the big race day. On this day all the balls will be dropped from a height along the runway, with spot prizes for the fastest ball etc. It is a fun way to raise money for a cruel disease that affects so many NZers.

The balls will be on sale from Week 4: Before school on Maanuka's deck or from the office in the afternoons. There is no limit to how many balls you purchase - first in, first served.

Please feel free to dress in daffodil colours on this day also. Any questions please email Megan on m.parker@horotiu.school.nz or see me around the school.

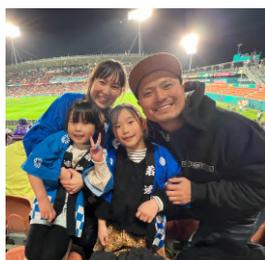
Agricultural Day - Ag Day 2023

As you will be aware Ag Day is held at the end of this term. Children have hopefully brought home their seed potatoes (from last term) and are growing them in their bucket at home. There will be no chickens this year.

For those wishing to enter lambs, goats or calves for Ag Day competitions we'd love to know asap if you intend to bring one this year. Please email/call the office to register your intention for a lamb, goat or calf and we'll organise a registration form for you.

FIFA World Cup Football Match: Zambia vs Japan. We are grateful to FIFA for sponsoring our school 100 tickets to the Zambia vs Japan match in Hamilton recently. It was a great opportunity for some of our students and families to get along and see women's international teams playing on the world stage in our very own backyard. Throughout our school an interest is growing about the various countries, games, players, cultures and opportunities that football can bring.

One of our Year 8 students, Abbie Parker, was selected as an official flag-bearer for the game and was proud to carry out the Japan flag, especially since we have a few Japanese families here at school who attended the game. If you can get along to a match and be part of the atmosphere, we strongly



Year 0-6 - The Arts Field Trip - The Adventures of Pat the Paateetee

A musical adventure about caring for the world around us.

All Year 0-6 students will be attending this field trip. They will be travelling by bus to the Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts University of Waikato on Tuesday 15th August, 2023 for Orchestra Central's *The Adventures of Pat the Paateetee*. This is an immersive musical storytelling experience. Students will get to learn about the orchestra with each instrument depicting a character, natural element or theme in the story and taonga puoro (traditional Maori instruments) incorporated into the orchestra.

Please be aware that we will be leaving school at 12:15 after an early lunch and be back by 2:45. **Bus students who normally catch the bus will be back too late for our school bus run so whaanau will need to make alternative arrangements to collect their child/ren on that day.**

The **cost to students is \$2 for the bus to the University** and can be forwarded to hub teachers. The school will pay for the orchestra tickets.



Around the Hubs

Tiitoki (Reception-Y0):

Tiitoki have been learning about Matariki and why we celebrate and what we do to celebrate. We enjoying art work, made kites, cooked soup and ate our school hangi.



Pohutukawa(Year 0-1)

We have had a very busy start to Term 3! We kicked off the term creating some on Matariki and making soup. On the day our class had a great time with our learning games, doing some crafts and reading some stories. We have recently using playdough to practice sculpting and using tools to add detail to our sculpture.



Reception Y0



Y0-1



Y2-3



Y3-5



Y5-6



Y7-8



Koromiko (Year 2/3)

Koromiko have been diving into the Arts for this terms Inquiry with a focus around the Maaori Gods. During visual arts, students have been learning how to trace and sketch objects before heading onto their sketch of a Maaori God of their chosen choice. Students have also been learning how to use their imagination to create their own demiGod which will be drawn and painted over the next few weeks.



Harakeke (Year 3-5)

We started the term off strong with a hiko down to the awa to harvest some harakeke (flax) - which seemed fitting considering the name of our hub! Learners used the flax to create these beautiful manu tukutuku (kites). These were on display in the hall as part of our schools Matariki celebrations. Our tamariki did an amazing job demonstrating perseverance and resilience for this task. Meinga meinga!



Reception Y0



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Y2-3



Y3-5



Y5-6



Y7-8



Kawakawa (Year 5/6):

Kawakawa have been training hard for our fun run in Week 5. We are running the length of Aotearoa passing through the main cities on State Highway One. Every lap of the rugby field equates to 10km. We have already passed through Ootepoti with a lot of people in Ootautahi and working their way to Te Whanganui-a-Tara.

Bluff	Motupo-hoe	0kr
Dunedin	Ootepoti	253km
Christchurch	Ootautahi	633km
Wellington	Te Whanganui a Tara	1068km
Palmerston North	Te Papa-i-Oea	1215km
Hamilton	Kirikiroa	1570km
Auckland	Taamaki-Makau-rau	1689km
Whangarei	Whangarei	1834km
Cape Reinga Lighthouse	Te Rerenga Wairua	2072km



Maanuka (Year 7/8):

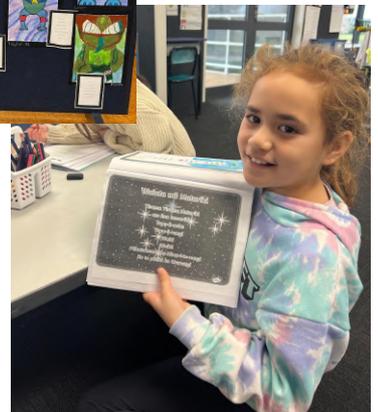
Maanuka were lucky enough to have some visitors from Japan who are family with Ace (Amie) Crockett. We had a lot of fun learning about Japanese calligraphy. We all got our name written in calligraphy as well.



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Matariki Celebrations At A Glance:

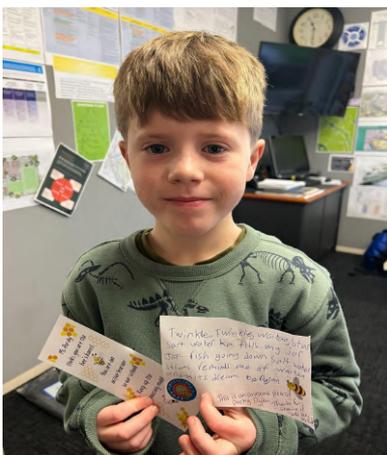


Home Learning with Mrs Foster (Learning Support Coordinator):



Striving Together for Success - 10 Tips for Whānau

1. **Establish a routine:** Set consistent daily routines for your child, including regular meal time, wake-up time, and bedtime. A structured routine helps children develop good habits and enhances their focus and productivity here at school.
2. **Encourage regular attendance:** Promote the importance of attending school regularly and being on time, ready to learn.
3. **Foster a love of learning:** Assist with home learning by reading to your child, visiting the library and helping with Mathletics and/or StepsWeb. Answer their questions, and encourage independent problem-solving.
4. **Promote organisation skills:** Teach your child to keep track of belongings like bags, library books, lunchboxes, and clothing etc.
5. **Encourage curiosity and social development:** Support their interests and exploration of new subjects. Consider extracurricular activities such as sports, clubs or community programs.
6. **Celebrate:** Emphasise the value of effort. Teach hard work, perseverance, and celebrate achievements such as Dojo points or certificates.
7. **Be a role model:** Display a positive attitude towards education, learning, and personal growth.
8. **Limit screen time:** Establish reasonable limits on television, video games, and mobile devices. Excessive screen time can impact overall well-being.
9. **Encourage healthy habits:** Ensure adequate sleep, nutritious meals, and regular physical activity.
10. **Remember that every child is unique:** Adapt activities to suit your child's individual needs and learning style. Building a strong partnership between parents and teachers can significantly contribute to a child's academic and personal success.



Student Writing:

*Twinkle Twinkle Waitaa star
Salt water kai fills my jar
Fish going down salt water streams
Reminds me of Waitaa
And its dream.*

Poet: Dylan Thomas (Harakeke, Year 4)

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Kelly Club:

Before- and After-School Care

Kelly Club is committed to caring for your kids in a happy, safe, encouraging environment where they have loads of fun and feel right at home. Our high-quality programmes are carefully designed in conjunction with the Horotiu School and community to provide the service that best suits your children.

Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on child protection, behaviour management techniques, first aid, art and craft, sport and cooking activities. We offer set activities each day including crafts, cooking and sports over the week during our after school care.

Holiday Programme

The Kelly Club Holiday Programmes are full of exciting activities and event days that will guarantee your children have a great time! We operate every school holiday from 8:00am to 6:00pm and offer a variety of flexible timing options to meet the school communities' needs.

OSCAR Subsidies

Kelly Club is an OSCAR approved provider and complies with all of MSD's childcare requirements. Qualifying families can therefore receive WINZ subsidies towards their fees. Click on the Kellyclub link below for more information.

TO BOOK: <https://kellyclub.co.nz/horotiu>

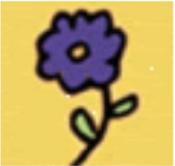
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Looking for a Playcentre?



Did you know on the Horotiu School site we also have Horotiu Playcentre? They provide early childhood education sessions where the caregivers are the first educators with the playcentre philosophy of child initiated play. Watch you child develop and gain great life skills and friendship, through positive guidance. We also provide free adult education, whanau cooperative and above all fun.

Birth - School Age

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