

HOROTIU SCHOOL

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Panui: August 2022 - Newsletter

SAVE THE DATES!

Term 3 Dates:

- Teacher Only Day Friday 26 August
- Finish Friday 30 September

Year 7/8 Tech Days:

- Tuesday 2nd, 16th, 30 August
- Tuesday 27 September

School Fun Run/Walk @ Horotiu School:

Friday 19th Aug

Interschool Cross-Country @ Waitetuna:

1st September

Daffodil Dav Ball Run

Wednesday 24 August

HPV & Boostrix Y7/8 Immunisations:

Monday 19 September

Year 7/8 First Aid Training:

Tuesday 20th September

Aq Day:

Wednesday 28 September

Kapa Haka Festival @ Rotokauri

Friday 23rd September

Drive-In Box Car Movie:

Friday 2nd September

Board Meetings:

- Tuesday 2nd August
- Tuesday 6 September
- **New Board Election** Wednesday 7 September.

2022 Board of Trustees Elections:

Voting closes 4pm 7 September

Principal's Message! A Note from Jo:

Kia ora e te whaanau.

First of all a huge thank you to the Horotiu School Board. This group of people have represented the parent community over the past three and a half years through a pandemic, new principal appointment, multiple lockdowns, large growth in our community and much much more. It hasn't always been plain sailing but they have traversed the winds and made it safely through. They have one last board meeting before our new Board is elected - please watch out for your voting papers in your letter box. These are due back by 4pm on the 7th September.

We welcomed Sarah Collins to our team at the powhiri in the first week of term. Sarah has taken a part-time role in Koromiko to cater for the new entrants that have moved out of Tiitoki.

Last week Te Whare Toi o Ngaaruawaahia (working with the Kiingitanga) delivered Ngaa Taonga a Tuu - an art exhibition hosted by Te Rakau Humarie o te Kiingitanga. On display were a variety of taonga that they have accumulated over many years from artists both past and present. Through this exhibition all our tamariki listened to koorero and kaupapa through the taonga that were on display. Thanks to Laura Ezekiela who helped make this day possible and to Tane Te Koi (one of the King's Guards) who spent his time guiding us throughout the day.

Please be reminded about the Teacher Only Day on Friday 26th August - there will be no school that day as teachers will be participating in Professional Development. 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 kaha, Kia maaia, Kia manawanui

"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 News:

School Board Elections 2022

Nominations have closed for the election of parent representatives to the Horotiu School Board. All eligible voters will now receive a voting form in the post. If you have not received a voting form and think

you are eligible to vote please email me - <u>s.gibberd@horotiu.school.nz</u> Voting closes at 4pm on 7th September.

Signed: Susan Gibberd Returning Officer



School Cross-Country/Fun Run:

This is taking place next Friday 19th August at 11am-12noon. 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 the hour with us. 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 will need to train appropriately as the age-group courses are very challenging. 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 go.

HPV Immunisations for Year 7 & 8 Students:

The second round of HPV vaccinations are coming up for our senior students who have elected to have them. These are due to take place in Week 9, on Monday 19 September 2022.

Our School Receives Free Sports Equipment for Yummy Fruit Stickers & Coupons:

If you are collecting the Yummy Fruit stickers and coupons, we'd love for you to send them our way. You can either download the sticker/coupon collection sheets from https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/ and/or bring them to the office by 19 September 2022. The more we collect and send off, the more free sports gear we are able to order for our school.



Community Progressive Working Bee

Amazing to have had our parent community helping with these jobs. Since our last newsletter the following has been completed:

- Hall kitchen stocktake Thank for your mahi!
- Truckload of sand to fill the sandpit and top up the current sandpit (8-10 m3) (sand on its way)
- Removing the cactus in front of the school and re-grassing the area at the front of school Ka mau te wehi Groundcare!

If you are willing and able to offer assistance you can make contact with Jo Wright: principal@horotiu.school.nz Furthermore, if you think you have some other skill or resource you want to gift that may benefit the school, please do let us know.

Our current job list includes:

- A new Long Jump sandpit (boxed and filled)
- Pulling down the woodshed
- Securing our friendship seat into the concrete
- Scanning school history documentation.

Teacher Only Day: Kelly Club Gauging Interest:

Horotiu School will be having a teacher only day on Friday the 26th of August (this term).

Kelly Club are wanting to gauge parent and caregiver interest in opening for a full day 7.30am to 5.30pm on this date. The cost would be \$52.00 per child for each day. The children would be fully entertained with a holiday type of programme.

Please let Kelly Club know if you are interested by emailing horotiu@kellyclub.co.nz by Thursday the 18th of August 2022. They will need a minimum of 15 children to attend for them to run it. They will confirm whether the programme will go ahead on Friday the 19th of August.

Daffodil Day Ball Race:

It's that time of the year when we are looking to raise awareness and funds for the Cancer Society through our annual Daffodil Day Ball Race. From Monday next week, balls will be available for sale (\$3 each) from the Maanuka deck between 8.30-9.00am. Purchased balls will be named and kept in a hub container ready for the race on the day. After the race, all students who have purchased will have their ball returned for them to take home and keep. Please see the Daffodil Day Ball Race information for further details later in this newsletter.







Learning Support Building:

You may have noticed that we have a new little office near the front of our school. This building (now blessed - thank you Dwayne King) will accommodate our Learning Support Coordinator, Anney Collins, and also our Social Worker in Schools (SWiS), Miria Te Moni.

A special thank you to the Total Help team for their efforts in bringing this welcoming space to fruition.



Morning 'Kiss and Drop Zone' - 8.30-9am:

Just a reminder that the front half of our school carpark is used for the 'Kiss and Drop Zone' in the morning. This enables people to efficiently and safely drop their children to school between 8.30-9am. Please do not park in the car parks during this time as it interrupts the flow of traffic and safety zones for students making their way in. We are aware that car parking is at a premium at the moment, especially while the building developments are underway across the road but we look forward to this coming to end soon. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Our focus will always be on getting students to school safely.



Ag Day Preparation:

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 helping them to grow. This week students will also be given a seed to grow and be brought back in for observation and measuring on Ag Day. Registrations will be coming out in early September for those wishing to enter lambs, goats or calves for Ag Day competitions also.

Around the Hubs: Tiltoki (Reception):

Tiitoki have welcomed six new children to their class this term. Welcome to Quinn Studer, Finn Wright, Ethan Dilloway, Rocky Nelson, Isla Smith and Paisley Moulden.



We have been busy learning about NZ Aotearoa History as well as Reading, Writing, Maths, Cross Country Fun Run practise and of course celebrated with our Reward Disco where we all got an ice block.







Around the Hubs: Koromiko (Year 0-2)

Koromiko started our Aotearoa Histories learning through our visit to Te Whare Toi o Ngaaruawaahia to learn about the Kiingitanga.

We also enjoyed a Disco and ice-block with our Hub to celebrate those that earned their 90+ Dojo's last term.

















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Around the Hubs: Harakeke (Year 3/4)

We have been improving our fitness in preparation for the school Fun Run. This has included learning new games such as 'Cat and Mouse' which involve some strategy as well as quick feet.

However, our favourite fitness activity so far has been Mrs Parker's Orienteering ('Where's Wally?') where tamariki race around the school looking for 10 different stations and clipping them off on their card. The seniors have sneakily hidden these for us and sometimes they are a challenge to find. This activity also involves teamwork through working in pairs and eventually helping each other find the last few stations. Each time we try a new activity we rate it on our fitness tracker.

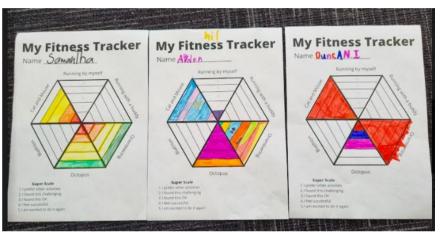














Around the Hubs: Kawakawa (Year 5/6)

Kawakawa has been fully engaged in learning about the history of Aotearoa. We have read stories about Tupaia the Master Navigator, watched the 'Aotearoa History Show' and learned about kurī that were brought on waka to Aotearoa amongst many other things.

During writing we have made our own creation stories and are currently writing to King George III from Captain Cook's perspective, as we learn about early encounters between Europeans and Maaori.





















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Around the Hubs: Pohutukawa (Year 6/7):

The tamariki in Pohutukawa have been extremely busy these past three weeks.

We have jumped into our unit that is about exploring Aotearoa, New Zealand histories.

The students have so much existing knowledge to draw on and make connections with

the new learnings. It has been wonderful to see the maturity that they have demonstrated when discussing serious issues like the first encounters between tangata whenua and the first europeans, as well as the musket wars between different iwi.

Along with all of this we are also trying to run the length of Aotearoa in preparation for our cross-country fun run. The tauira have shown great determination in trying to achieve their own goals. We have also had an increase in our focus around science and digital technology, which has highlighted our strengths in observation.

Such a great start to the term. Kia mau te wehi Pohutukawa!











Around the Hubs: Maanuka (Year 7/8):

On the first day back at school Miss Stirling and I visited camp Aongatete and met the camp manager. It's a great camp venue in the bush and we're looking forward to going in Term 4! We've been watching episodes from the Aotearoa History show on Youtube and documenting our learning on a class timeline. Feel free to come in and check it out. Also, seedlings came home this week. Please encourage tamariki to nurture them for Ag Day in Week 10. Mauri ora Whaanau!



We are focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages in maths this term.











In preparation for our fun run in Week 4 and Interschool Cross Country, We are using a scale to try and run the length of Aotearoa! These tamariki have made it to Christchurch.

Are your Contact Details Up-to-Date?

If you have changed your contact details please take a couple of minutes to let us know via email office@horotiu.school.nz or via text on 027 829 9010.



DAFFODIL DAY BALL RUN THURSDAY 24TH AUGUST 2022

We would love your support in this event by purchasing a ball or two with all profits going to the Cancer Society.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Purchase an official "Daffodil Day" ball to enter the race.

We will write your name on the ball and place it in the container for your hub.

On race day the hall or turf will be set up for this annual event.

The balls will be tipped out onto the court by the official race starter.

The first balls to reach the end will win a prize and there'll also be a few spot prizes.

After the completion of the race your ball will be returned to you to keep.

DON'T MISS OUT! PRE ORDER NOW!

You can purchase as many balls as you would like. They are **\$3** each. Please fill in the form below and return with your money to your hub teachers or purchase them directly from the stall outside near the turf before school.

Number of balls:	Name:	Hub:
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Balls will be on sale until Race Day or while stocks last.

Another way you can support Daffodil Day is by dressing up in green and yellow on the day.

(Please note due to our Staff Only Day, Horotiu School will be holding our Daffodil Day on Thursday, 24th of August instead of Friday 25th August)

Help us to Support Daffodil Day!

Kelly Club: Before and After School Care

Before- and After-School Care

At Kelly Club, we're 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

Our 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. Check out our booking website for details. Kelly Club Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive, and encouraging environment.

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. See more information here. Watch Kelly Club's video about before and after school care here.

TO BOOK Website: https://kellyclub.co.nz/horotiu

Supporting Horotiu School

We share our revenue with Horotiu School to benefit your learning community.

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Facebook: @KellyClubHorotiu Booking Website: www.kellyclub.co.nz/horotiu

Or just pop into Kelly Club any day after school!





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

Multiple Sessions throughout the week 9.00 am - 12 noon

3 FREE Visits, under 2's FREE Spaces Available Now!

For more information Horotiu Playcentre Facebook Page Email: horotiu@playcentre.org.nz







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