



HOROTIU SCHOOL

Te Kura o Horotiu

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SAVE THE DATES!

School Assemblies: 1.45pm -2.30pm

- Friday 13 & 27 September

Kapa Haka Festival @ Raglan Area School

- Thursday 19 September

Year 7/8 HPV Immunisations

- Monday 23 September @ 1.10pm

Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA)

Whaanau Zoom Hui

- Tuesday September 24 @ 7:30 PM
(details further in the newsletter)

Ag Day:

- Wednesday 25 September

School Reward Day

- Thursday 26 September

Transition to School - New Entrants

- Thursday 24 October 9-11am

Term Dates:

- End of Term 3: Friday 27 September
2.40pm
- Term 4: Monday 14 October -
Friday 13 December 2024



Our recent Daffodil Day Ball Run raised over \$1100 for the Cancer Society! Thank you to all those who donated and supported this cause. Our kids and staff had a blast while helping out others who will benefit from the funds raised!

Panui/ Newsletter: September 2024

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

Kia ora e te whaanau,

Tuheitia ki te Rangi, Ngaa Wai hono i te Poo ki te whenua. I want to start by acknowledging the passing of our Kiingi Maaori, Tuheitia Pootatau

Te Wherowhero VII who was many things but for us in Horotiu a bastion of Te Ao Maaori. And ngaa mihi nui to his daughter, Te Arikinui Kuini Nga wai hono i te poo.



It has been nice to move into Spring with the warmer weather and lighter evenings. With Spring comes Ag Day in the last week of term, Wednesday 25th September, where students can bring in their bucket potatoes and seedlings for judging. And of course we will be surrounded by lambs and calves from the students (and parents) who have made the huge commitment again this year. Congratulations for your efforts.

There continues to be a lot in the media regarding pending changes to the New Zealand curriculum, and a drive to lift achievement and attendance rates. As a school, we feel very well-placed to be able to accommodate these changes and are well down the path already with regard to the science of learning and structured literacy, having been "early adopters" back in 2021. Last week Mrs Foster with the Year 3-4 teachers ran a whaanau evening about how the structured literacy program will work as students move through school.

While we acknowledge that academic achievement is a big part of our work, learning to be confident, leaders, thinkers, and communicators while showing our Three Bes continues to be a big part of our vision and values and "why we do what we do".

Look out for school reports which are due to come home on the last day of term that not only give achievement levels but also next steps for the remainder of the year for tamariki.

Ngaa mihi, Jo



Important Notices: Celebrations and Reminders

Every Day At School Matters & Regular Attendance Makes a Big Difference:

At Horotiu School we value the benefits of regular school attendance for our students. As part of our processes we regularly monitor patterns of attendance for our students as individuals and also look for trends within the school data, that may help us to support whaanau and students in coming to school regularly.

We love having your child(ren) at school and regular attendance (90% and above) supports the child in so many ways. Being present sets children up for consistent routines, learning continuity and successful social friendships.

This week we sent emails with a visual certificate out to 137 students in our school who have attended school in Term 3 for 90% of the time and above. This is 63% of our school - we'd really love to grow this and have every child in school receiving this acknowledgement next term.



We also appreciate there are days when children are unwell or may need to attend appointments etc. Please keep us in the loop when this happens. All schools across the country are expected to enter a code in the school roll system as to why the child is away. Any unexplained absence automatically changes to a truant code - which we know is not always the case for why a child is away. Please know that when a text message is sent home or staff ask for a reason for their absence, it is just ensuring that the correct code is noted on their attendance record so that 'T' for truant isn't attributed instead.

Absences can be communicated through our Horotiu School website <https://www.horotiu.school.nz/report-absence>, and/or via text on 027 8299 010. We have recently started using an automated messaging system to make contact with parents who we haven't heard from each day - this may look different to our usual text and is easy to reply to.

Hats for Term 4:

Term 4 is just around the corner and the weather is improving. With improved weather comes greater ultraviolet radiation (UVR). We require students to wear hats that shade the face, neck, and ears whenever they are outdoors during school hours and/or activities. Students at school without a hat must remain under the memory tree. We also encourage students to protect themselves with broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen of at least SPF30. The school provides sunscreen in each classroom. We also encourage students to keep hydrated by drinking water as a "water only" school. Please plan ahead over the holidays to locate an appropriate hat (or purchase one from the school) for your child/ren to use during Term 4.

Morning Drop Offs:

Unless children are booked into Kelly Club in the mornings, **students should not be dropped at school until 8.30am**. We have an increasing number of students showing up early when staff are not available to supervise them. Please adhere to the drop off (and afternoon pick up times - all students should be heading home by 2.45pm) so that we do not have to make contact with you directly. Your support in this is much appreciated.

Kiss'n'Drop Zone:

A reminder that our **Kiss'n'Drop Zone in the carpark runs between 8.30am-9am and the carpark is unavailable for stationary parking**. If you are wishing or need to come in with your child, please park along the roadside and make your way in.

Road Crossing: We just want everyone to get home safely!

The safest place to cross the road is outside the office on the painted road crossing. Our team of Road Wardens are on duty at the end of the day to help cross our students and families. Parents - please role-model for our students by crossing there - everyone notices when you cross where you like and it creates confusion for our students.

Likewise our students don't have a clear view of the road if you double park and/or park in the bus stop or on dotted yellow lines. Please consider this from our children's perspective.

Bus Tickets: Parents please be organised ahead of time for bus tickets. We are increasingly being asked to 'book up a ride' by children so they can get home. Children require a pre-paid bus ticket to get on and off the bus.



Around the Hubs

Tiitoki (Reception-Y1):

Tiitoki have been busy learning about fractions and shapes in maths time. They have been making great progress in their story-writing and printing. We shared some painting that we did for our Art week at Junior sharing time. We experimented with clay and made some great creations. In PhysEd we have been doing fun running games, skipping and padder tennis. We have been enjoying dress ups after reading the story "Dress up Hullabaloo" and to celebrate all our successes we had a dress-up day and disco.



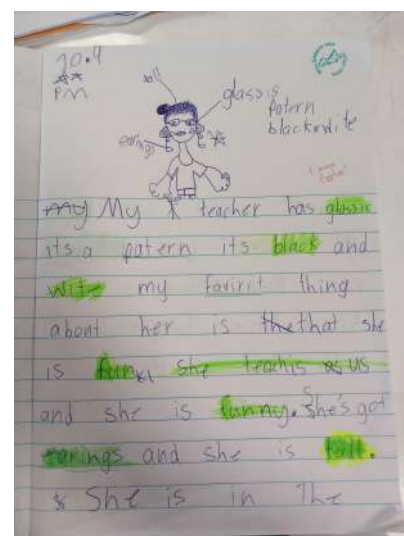
Koromiko (Year 1-2)

We have recently moved into a change of topics in a few learning areas in Koromiko!

In Mathematics and Te Reo Maaori, we are looking at shapes for the next few weeks. This includes learning about 2D and 3D shapes, the features, such as edges and the names in Te Reo.

In P.E, the children did well with our running practice in the lead up to our School Fun Run. They participated keenly and some of our tamariki went of to the Interschool Cross Country! We are now focusing on Gymnastics. The tamariki have been learning to balance on and off the beam, make shapes with their bodies, and rotation through rolling.

We are continuing working on our descriptive focus in writing. We are making sure we have adjectives in our work to help our readers picture what we are thinking.



Reception Y0



Y1-2



Y3-4



Kawakawa Y4/5
Kawakawa Y6



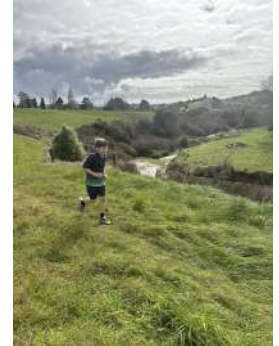
Y7-8



Harakeke (Year 3-4)

What an incredible term it has been for Harakeke! We have had some fantastic achievements and experiences that we are excited to share with you all.

Firstly, a huge congratulations to our tamariki who participated in Interschools Cross Country. They all put in amazing effort and represented our kura with pride. Secondly, we have had some changes to our classroom routine with the introduction of structured literacy. Our tamariki have been adapting wonderfully to this new approach, showing resilience as they embrace learning these new strategies.



We also had the privilege of seeing four of our taura attend the Koroneihana where they waited tables at Turangawaewae Marae. What an incredible opportunity for them to be part of such a significant event before the passing of Kiingi Tuheitia Pootatau Te Wherowhero Te Tuawhitu. We acknowledge his passing and welcome our Kuini hou, Te Arikiniui Nga wai hono i te poo Pootatau Te Wherowhero Te Tuawaru, with respect and aroha.



Mauri tuu, mauri ora - Whaea Kiri and Matua Gig

Kawakawa 4/5 (Year 4 & 5):



We have had an amazing term, filled with lots of learning and exciting things happening for our tamariki.

For writing this term, we have been focusing on how to research for valid information and create a report about a range of topics. Some of our favourite topics that we have written reports about was the Olympics, researching into different countries and our most recent one was all about the human body. Students really enjoyed finding out fascinating facts and creating a poster with all of their information on it.



Reception Y0



Y1-2



Y3-4



Kawakawa Y4/5
Kawakawa Y6



Y7-8

Kawakawa 6 (Year 6):

Kawakawa 6 has spent this term engaging in weekly Readers' Theatre sessions, allowing students to select various characters and scripts, and demonstrate their ability to convey a range of feelings and personalities.

We are now developing our own unique production, titled "Haunted Hallways." The students are actively involved in designing backdrops and sound effects to enhance the performance. We aim to have the production ready by early next term.

Kawakawa 6 has now been out in the playground for two weeks being fantastic Peer Mediators. They have an allocated day of the week when they are actively on duty during lunchtime. They are doing a fantastic job of helping students resolve conflict and all the staff are very proud (especially me) of the maturity and leadership that they are demonstrating.

Pictures of Kawakawa 6 practising dealing with conflict in class.



Maanuka (Year 7/8):

We have been fortunate to have visits from Tony at Waikato Ultimate and Alysha from Waikato Touch, who introduced our students to exciting new sports.

With Tony, students learned how to hold, throw, and catch a frisbee correctly as they explored the game of Ultimate Frisbee, which is uniquely governed without a referee and follows 'Spirit Scoring,' based on the "Spirit of the Game" kaupapa. Players reflect on questions such as: Did they know and follow the rules? Did they avoid body contact? Were they fair-minded and respectful in their actions?

Alysha led the students through a series of engaging touch rugby drills, focusing on ball handling, quick reactions, and strategies for success on the field. Students practiced passing, bowing the ball, and refining their footwork to improve their game. They also worked on reading the field quickly, using communication and teamwork to execute fast plays and develop their understanding of defensive and offensive strategies. The skills learned in both sessions will no doubt enhance our students' physical coordination, teamwork, and fair play.

We have registered a touch team into a Ngaaruawaahia module. If you are able to help out by managing our team, please let us know.

Year 7 & 8 Tech Fees are now overdue (\$100) and Camp Fees are due next term. Please forward payment for these to the office at your earliest convenience.



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.

Any Questions?



Home and School Support:

Home Learning with Mrs Foster (Learning Support Coordinator - LSC)

Thanks to those who attended our **Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA) Workshop** on Tuesday, 10th September. I hope you found the session informative and have been enjoying reading to and with your child at home. Discussing the meaning of new 'high-interest' vocabulary and asking your child about the characters, setting, problem, plan and ending are great ways to engage with books.

For those who missed out on our workshop, **we are offering another opportunity via Zoom hui** - see details below. Reading is an important skill in helping children learn to make sense of the world around them. Enjoying time together with books and having quality conversations are easy activities you can do without expensive resources.

Lock in some time to meet us online and find out more!

Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA)

Whaanau Zoom Hui Details:

[CLICK this link](#)

Meeting ID: 875 1150 1585

Passcode: 9dLX3z

Please note: This hui will be recorded.



Other Notices:

Piano Lessons at Horotiu School

Mad Cow Drumming are pleased to announce that they can now offer piano/keyboard to the students at Horotiu School. Lessons are \$11.75 + GST/week (running-in conjunction with the school term) and are in groups of two for 20 minutes. They are also offering "one on one" lessons for 20 mins. These will be at a cost of \$23.50 + GST/week. If you are interested in your child getting lessons, feel free to contact us on 0212020269 or via email at madcowlessons@gmail.com to register your child.

Cricket Ngaruawahia

Any Year 4-8 student interested in cricket on Friday nights can contact Gareth Dodd on 021880423 or just turn up at Centennial Park, Term 4 starting Friday 1st November 5.30pm for six weeks.

Golf Ngaruawahia:

Ngaruawahia Golf Club would like to invite children (7 – 12 years) to take part in our free Junior Golf Clinic to be held on Sundays at the Club, 5925 Great South Road, Ngaruawahia from 3 November – 8 December 2024 at 2pm – 3pm. NZPGA Golf Professional, Duncan Bennett with the help of some of the local club members will be coaching the children. Duncan has many years of experience coaching both adults and children. Please follow this link if your child is interested in the [Junior Clinic Program](#), print and complete the form and/or forward your details to office@golfwaikato.co.nz.

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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. The high-quality programmes are carefully designed in conjunction with the Horotiu School and community to provide the service that best suits your children. The 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. Kelly Club offers set activities each day including crafts, cooking and sports over the week during our after school care.

Holiday Programme -

Kelly Club will be running their fun and busy Holiday Programme these next school holidays in October. Our days will be busy with activities ranging from fort building to 4 corner soccer. Book online at <https://kellyclub.co.nz/> and enter Horotiu as your school. Kelly Club staff look forward to seeing your kids there. Any questions - pop in and see the team at KellyClub.

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>

Phone: 07 8399017

Email: horotiu@kellyclub.co.nz

Facebook: @KellyClubHorotiu

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

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



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