



Panui : June 2022 - Newsletter

Celebration Assembly:

- (Y5-8 Hubs 1.50pm, Y1-4 Hubs 2.10pm)
- Friday 8th July

Reports Home: Friday 8th July

Term 2 Ends:

- Friday 8th July

Term 3 Dates:

- Start - Monday 25th July
- Teacher Only Day - Friday 26 August
- Finish - Friday 30 September

Year 7/8 Tech Days:

- Tuesday 5th July
- Tuesday 2nd, 16th, 30 Aug
- Tuesday 27 September

School Fun Run/Walk:

- Friday 19th Aug

Interschool Cross-Country @ Waitetuna:

- 1st September

Daffodil Day Ball Drop

- Wednesday 24 August

HPV & Boostrix Y7/8 Immunisations:

- Monday 19 September

Year 7/8 First Aid Training:

- Tuesday 20th September

Ag 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.

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

Kia ora e te whaanau,

Term 2 has been an amazing term! Our community really came together when we celebrated Matariki. Resounding successes include: Bike Track Opening, Hautapu Ceremony, Hangi, Planting Day, Science learning, Ki-o-Rahi Interschool Tournament, School Assemblies, Enviro Master Chef winners, Parent-Teacher hui, Hamilton Astronomical Observatory Night Visit, Twin Rivers Art Centre Matariki Art sessions, Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day, Young Leaders Conference, Junior Tough Guy and Gal... the list goes on.



Term 3 is going to bring a plethora of activities as well. The refreshed Cross Country 'Fun Run/Walk', Box Car Drive-In Movie, Daffodil Day Ball Drop, Duffy Books in Schools Theatre Visit, Kapa Haka Festival, Ag Day... to name a few. Have a great time over the term break and we look forward to having everyone back refreshed for our second half of 2022.



"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 Taawhiaao

Maanawatia a Matariki! What an Amazing Week of Celebrations:

What an amazing week of celebrations we enjoyed last week! It was an extremely busy time and required a lot of planning and preparing for multiple events but so worth it for the journey along the way and outcomes.

We would like to acknowledge all and every person (both adults and children) who contributed in making it such a success. As a school we have planted seed potatoes in preparation for Ag Day, planted native plants along the Awa Cycleway, prepared kai for our hangi, welcomed and presented to visitors at our school, opened, blessed and started to use our new bike track. These in themselves are each big events and things to do, but within each is a multitude of details that needed to be thought of, organised, planned and prepared for - each and every effort made a difference.

Awa Planting:

Armed with spades and positive attitudes, 60 students and whaanau volunteers made their annual hikoi down to the river for the Annual Awa Planting Day. This is the fifth year that Horotiu School has committed to restoring wetlands along the awa and over this time the students have become quick and effective planters, planting around 1000 native plants in just one hour. The plants are carefully selected to assist in habitat restoration of native birds, plant species included Harakeke, Karamu, Maanuka, Tii Kouka and Mahoe.



The Enviroteam would like to thank the organisations and volunteers that supported this day. This includes Trees for Survival, Waikato District Council, City Care, Cushman Wakefield, NZ Police and Enviroschools. A special thanks also to the Stewart Whaanau who donated additional Harakeke plants. The site is looking amazing and has already received positive feedback from Awa Cycleway users.

A lot of growing, caring & organising has taken place by the time the plants go in the ground. Thank you very much for your effort and commitment to improving our natural environment while also growing our next generation of environmentalists! Trees for Survival.

Opening and Blessing of our School Bike Track:

We were pleased to be able to open our Bike Track during the Matariki celebrations. Following the blessing, the cutting of the ribbon was performed by our newest students to the school, Ruby Nonoa and Ruby Nelley. With excitement, students, staff, whaanau and VIP guests (including those who helped with the planning and building of the track) walked the track before children got the chance to ride the bikes along it. We are very grateful to all those who brought our Bikes in Schools dream to fruition - Sport Waikato, Freestyle Lifestyle BMX, HEB, Profile Earthworks, Fulton-Hogan, Bikes in Schools, Groundcare, Plumberman, Hanes Engineering, Evo Cycles, Container Co, POET, Treepower, and Tumanawa.



School News:

Ki-o-Rahi Tournament:

Our Western Waikato Interschool cluster of 8 schools (Te Mata, Te Kowhai, Te Uku, Rotokauri, Waitetuna, Whatawhata, Raglan Area School and of course, Horotiu School) enjoy the chance to come together each term for a range of sporting and cultural opportunities throughout the year. It was lovely to hear once again that the Ki-o-Rahi tournament hosted by Horotiu School is one of the favourites amongst many of these schools and we were really proud of our teams of our Year 7 and Year 8 teams that competed with humility, fairplay and confidence.

Thank you to those who came along and supported our Ki-o-Rahi Tournament either from the sidelines, from the kitchen preparing food, or out there as a referee.

Special mention to three of our referees (former Horotiu School students) whose team won the recent National Ki-o-Rahi Championships. Ka mau te wehi koutou!



School Website looking a bit different?

Yes it is! After much time and mahi, our new-look website has just gone live! The link is still the same but much of how it looks is different. We are still continuing to iron out and update the site however you should find all the information you need. www.horotiu.school.nz

Safe Driving at the School Gate:

You will have noticed that our road has been even busier with the closure of Washer Road and its building developments. We continue to see close calls with drivers of cars choosing to do U-turns in front of the school during peak times, pull out in front of others, park on the yellow lines illegally (which also minimises vision for our Road Warden team crossing children at the end of the day).

Recently these driving behaviours drew the attention of a local Roding Police Officer who spent his time pulling over drivers to speak to them about their choices and/or handing out tickets for speeding and parking infringements. He made it very clear he will continue to do so in order to keep our families and students safe. Our school support him 100% in this. Please keep safety at the forefront of your mind. If you need to turn around, please drive up to the roundabout on River Rd or pull into Kernott Rd and turn around down there.

'Kiss-n-Drop' Etiquette: Some parents need to lift your game please

Likewise there have also been a few issues drawn to our attention in the morning 'Kiss-n-Drop' zone. We remind all parents that this was put in place to help the morning routines for families and to reduce stress and rush. Staff should not be needing to monitor parent behaviour by having a duty teacher as we do in the playground. Please be patient while dropping off your children, move as far forward in the zone as possible (to provide space for others behind you), and refrain from adding stress to others by beeping and being verbally abusive to those who take a little longer than you. Those who continue to come to our attention will be asked to find a roadside park to use instead.

We'd like to remind all parents of our Three Be's, particularly that of **Be Respectful** and **Be a Positive Role-Model**, (the other being, Be an Active Learner). The first two are particularly relevant in our request for all parents to drive safely and be respectful in our carparks.

Horotiu School Bank Account Details for your Convenience

Bank: Westpac

Account Name: Horotiu School BOT

Account Number: 03-1571-0022283-00

School Board Elections 2022

Nominations will soon be open for the election of four parent representatives to the Horotiu School Board. All eligible voters will receive a nomination form and a notice calling for nominations via email – you can use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. Nominations close at noon on 3rd August. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view. Voting closes at 4pm on 7th September.

Signed: Susan Gibberd
Returning Officer

Community Progressive Working Bee

So many of our parents offer their time, skills and resources to support with odd jobs around the school. We so very much appreciate all that effort. Our school survey made it clear that there are more of you out there that have expertise and contacts that you would love to share with the school.

Rather than running a one off "Working Bee" we are putting out a list of jobs that we are currently working on and saying that if you are willing and able to offer assistance you can make contact with Jo Wright: principal@horotiu.school.nz

Our current job list includes:

- A new Long Jump sandpit (boxed and filled)
- Truckload of sand to fill the sandpit and top up the current sandpit (8-10 m3)
- Pulling down the woodshed
- Securing our friendship seat into the concrete
- Hall kitchen stocktake
- Scanning school history documentation.

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.

Check out Te Whare Toi o Ngaaruawaahia's Matariki Art Exhibition

Some of our students were involved in creating a collaborative art this term at Te Whare Toi o Ngaaruawaahia Twin Rivers Art Centre to celebrate Matariki.

If you have a chance, pop in and take a look at the local schools' collective exhibition pieces, and in particular, our Horotiu School batik (wax resist dye technique) wall hanging.

The students had great success and fun in working on this and would love for you all to see the result.

A big thank you and special mention to Monique Heward and her creative team at Te Whare Toi o Ngaaruawaahia for always coming up with such great ideas for extending our students' skills and artistic abilities.

See the image (right) for viewing times.



Around the Hubs: Tiitoki (Reception):



We have been learning to programme the blubots and doing lots of Matariki art recently. Yoshie and Ayumi came for two mornings and taught us how to make origami stars, hearts and dogs. We have also been doing lots of science and buried some different kinds of rubbish to see whether the worms would be able to make them go back to soil. After 6 weeks we dug them up and took out the ones that didn't go back to soil.



Around the Hubs: Koromiko (Year 0-2)

We have been doing lots of learning about Matariki the last few weeks. We read the Little Kiwi's Matariki in class, painted some golden stars to decorate the Hall for the Hautapu Ceremony and made some kite art which is up in our hub if you want to pop in and check them out!



Reception Y0



Y0-2



Y3-4



Y5-6



Y6-7

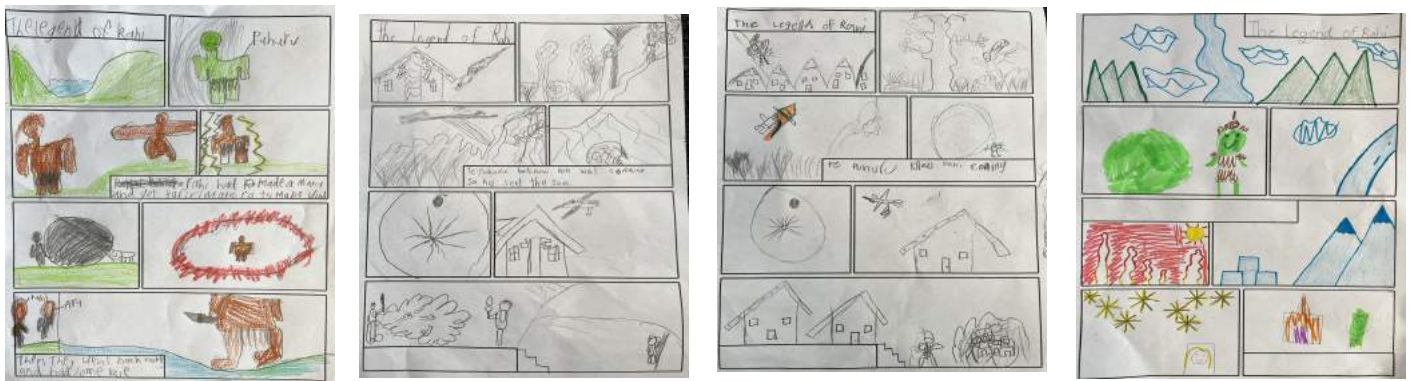


Y7-8

Around the Hubs: Harakeke (Year 3/4)



Over the last few weeks Harakeke have been writing Diamante Poems about the each of the Matariki Stars, This has been a great way to showcase out learning about the Matariki Cluster as well as refresh our understanding of nouns, verbs and adjectives. We also learnt the origin of Ki-o-Rahi and the rules to play it. We used tally marks to keep score during the Interschool event. This was harder than we thought as the rules are complicated. Harakeke finished the day by creating cartoon strips retelling The Legend of Rahi, the origin of Ki-o-Rahi.



Around the Hubs: Kawakawa (Year 5/6)



Over the last four weeks we have been focusing on instructional writing. Last week we wrote instructions on 'How to make toast'. Miss Callaghan brought in some bread and a toaster to test our instructions. Hope was the first to attempt her instructions to see if she could make perfect toast. Mostly everybody messed up and either had butter all over their toast or they burnt their toast because they let it cook for 5-10 minutes. It really helped us kids to change our writing to make it more precise.

A highlight for me over the last few weeks has been the bike track opening. Our bike day is Monday and we have loved racing around the track. It has lots of ramps and it's the length of the rugby field. I think it is a great addition to the school.

In the past month Horotiu School has done a lot of fun things. A highlight for me has been the Awa Planting. Kawakawa had 17 students participate and we all worked really hard. This day started from a few boys who made a 10 year plan. We planted around about 1500 plants and for our amazing effort we got sausages from Police officers that were there

Written by Jacob Thomsen, Scott Simpson and Ivy May



Reception Y0



Y0-2



Y3-4



Y5-6



Y6-7



Y7-8

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

Wow! Where to start? Pohutukawa has been in the thick of our Matariki celebrations, including the Hautapu ceremony. Lots of real life, hands-on learning in Te Taiao (outside of the classroom). Pohutukawa students finally got their long-awaited bike trip, which was a mixture of excitement, tired legs, and crashes. We did do some more traditional learning about 2D shapes, recount writing and some science. All topped off with the whole class getting to the top of our Dojo vine and becoming Taawhaki Taurira. Ka rawe koutou!



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



Our tamariki have also been making some Matariki art. We learnt about manu aute, Maaori kites and the different shapes and designs. We then designed our own kites, painted them and decorated them with feathers and other decorative trinkets. They look amazing!

We have enjoyed riding the bikes on our new bike track and working with our teina in Koromiko to help them with their maths mahi. Some students have been cooking in the kitchen too which has been a great learning experience for them.

What a great term we have had!



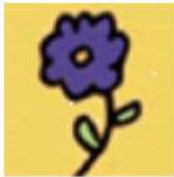
Are your Contact Details Up-to-Date?

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.

Our Events at a Glance:



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.

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