



HOROTIU SCHOOL

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Panui : Hepetema 2022 - Newsletter

SAVE THE DATES!

Term 3 Dates:

- Finish - 2.40pm
Friday 30 September

Public Day of Remembrance for Queen Elizabeth II: (No school)

- Monday 26 September

HPV & Boostrix Y7/8 Immunisations:

- Monday 19 September

Year 7/8 First Aid Training:

- Tuesday 20th September

Scholastic Book club orders close:

- Thursday 22nd September

Kapa Haka Festival @ Rotokauri

- Friday 23rd September

Donut Orders Deadline:

- Friday 23rd September

Year 7/8 Tech Days:

- Tuesday 27th September

Ag Day:

- Wednesday 28th September

House Tug of War Competition:

- Thursday 29th September

Donut Day:

- Thursday 29th September

School Assembly:

- Friday 30th September

Looking Ahead to - Week 1, Term 4:

- Flower Show Thursday 20th October



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

Kia ora koutou

It has been a time of historical significance and reflection over the past week as the world and Commonwealth have lost the longest-reigning British monarch, Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Flags across NZ and the world have been lowered, memorial services are being held across the globe and King Charles III has acceded the throne. On 26 September 2022, New Zealand will hold a public day of remembrance for Queen Elizabeth and our school will be closed. Our thoughts and sympathies are with Queen Elizabeth's family. May she rest in peace, love and gratitude.

School Board:

September saw the final meeting for our previous Board. We wish to extend our gratitude and thanks to those who served during our previous term: Dave Kimber (Presiding Member), Angela Parquist, Dwayne King, Brendon Graham (Treasurer) and Kim Crook (Staff Rep). Many things have been achieved through the planning, effort and support of these members despite the challenges we all endured during Covid-19 times. We wish you all the very best in your future endeavours.

We are pleased to announce the results of our recent Board Elections. The results are as follows:

Parent Representative Votes:

Allen, Dana-Lee	40
Graham, Brendon	44
Kimber, David	43
King, Dwayne	58
Nonoa, Davie	22
Sayers, Amy	15
Invalid Votes	0



The duly elected are:

Dana-lee Allen, Brendon Graham, David Kimber, Dwayne King.
The Staff Trustee is Gig Abraham.

"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:

Celebrating Success: Staff Graduations!

A special mention and congratulations to our teachers who have graduated recently - Britney Stirling, Gig Abraham and Mikayla Callaghan! We also acknowledged Alex Wakeman as she graduated during one of our Covid lockdown periods. It was fantastic to see their hard work and mahi over their training years rewarded! Some of our students made special graduation caps for them to wear at school. Miss Stirling came straight in to visit Maanuka after her Graduation Ceremony wearing her gown, cap and showing them her qualification. We love that these dedicated and inspiring teachers are part of our team!



School Fun Run and Interschool Cross-Country: A Huge Success!

A few weeks ago we ran the new-look School Cross-Country/Fun Run here at Horotiu. It was well-supported by students, staff and whaanau alike. Special mention to Sport Waikato for providing a trailer full of wonderful equipment for the event, making our event so much fun! There were sleds on the hillside in the pit paddock, tunnels across the fields, challenges and obstacles around the whole track and powder all over the place! Smiles, laughter and people out getting active were evident everywhere. The winning house that took out the competition for the most students participating was **KAURI** house - who finally got to spray the blue shoe (representing cross-country) on our competition trophy!

As a follow-up to our school event, we had almost 80 students participate in our Interschool Cross-Country at Waitetuna. This was a completely different wero (challenge) but all of those who went were up for it. Our collective team attitude and support was noticed by many with all runners giving their best in their race and cheering each other on from the sideline when watching. Congratulations to all those involved and special mention to Harry Fouhy (1st: 10 year old boys) Max Fendall (2nd: 9 year old boys), Gus Inglis (3rd: 5 year old boys) and Abbey Loughnan (3rd: 11 year old girls) - all amazing achievements! More photos can be found further in our newsletter.



School News:

Flower Show:

Our Annual Flower Show will be held in the first week of Term 4 on Thursday 20 October (please note it is earlier this year). We are inviting parents/whaanau and grandparents to come to school that morning (9.00 till 10.30) to help their tamariki make their creations in their hubs/classrooms. The display will be in the Hall and for those of you who cannot make it during the school day, we will have the Hall open until 5.30pm on that day for viewing. A newsletter/Dojo post will come home before the end of term with more details.

Daffodil Day Donations:

Thank you to everyone who supported our Ball Run this year. We had a few extra donations after the day which meant we deposited **\$700** into the Cancer Society's bank account! Ka mau te wehi! A special mention to Mrs Megan Parker and student team of helpers for all their organisation of the giant daffodils you may have seen around the school during the week, as well as ensuring the Ball Run was so much fun and ran to plan!

Mama's Donuts Fundraiser:

Our annual "Mama's Donut Day" is on Thursday 29th of September. A detailed newsletter/order form has already been sent home, however if it didn't make it to your whare and you would like to order please do so by Friday the 23rd Sept. Donuts will be delivered fresh on Thursday 29th Sept. Donuts are \$3 each and you can order for lunch or to take home, or maybe for both. Thanks in advance for supporting the Student Council and the Year 7 & 8's camp.



Ninja Valley Raffle: Camp Fundraiser:

The Year 7 & 8's were successful in their application to receive a \$100 digital voucher from Ninja Valley. They have decided to raffle this wonderful donation off, with the profits going towards their camp. Tickets will be available from Maanuka's deck all of next week, while stocks last. They are \$2 a ticket with a maximum of 100 being sold. The raffle will be drawn before the end of the term, just in time for the holidays.



School Attendance:

Whilst we fully understand the pressure that the likes of Covid-19 and its complexities have placed on the health and wellbeing of individuals and families, it is also vital that we ensure our students are in the best position in regards to their learning. The table below outlines the impact that absences can have on a child's education which, as you can imagine, is of great concern. We would like to draw all families' attention to this. Notices will be coming home to those who we have the greatest concern for in coming weeks.

Attendance Percentage equivalent	Means your child misses ...	That equals...	Which is...	Over 8 years of school your child misses...	This is equivalent to finishing Horotiu School in...
90%	1 day a fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year	Year 7
80%	1 day each week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 1 ½ years	Year 6
60%	2 day each week	60 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 3 years	Year 5
40%	3 days each week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 5 years	Year 3

Community Progressive Working Bee:

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.



Around the Hubs: Tiitoki (Reception):

Local curriculum. Tiitoki have been cleaning up the rubbish down the road which could blow into our Awa and then out to the Moana. They made posters and put them up down at the Awa to encourage people to keep our wai (waterways) clean.



Around the Hubs: Koromiko (Year 0-2)

For PE Koromiko have been developing their small ball, throwing and catching skills. We are learning the correct techniques for under and over arm throws and how to make a 'W' with our hands to get ready for catching while having plenty of fun along the way! Here are a few of our action shots!



Reception Y0



Y0-2



Y3-4



Y5-6



Y6-7



Y7-8



Around the Hubs: Harakeke (Year 3/4)

During reading and writing, Harakeke have been exploring the adaptations of some native birds before NZ was settled by man. We've learnt that since man arrived in NZ, many predators have also been introduced and this has had an ecological impact. We are looking forward to voting for our favourite native birds in the '2022 Bird of the Year' competition next month and have been busy creating some digital resources to encourage others to vote too!

Kereru

Kereru have blue, green and purple feathers.
Kereru make a loud whooshing noise when they fly.
They eat bugs, leaves, flowers and fruit from many different native and exotic trees.
They live in forests, gardens and parks.
Their nests are made from twigs.
Kereru are New Zealand native pigeon.
They live up to 20 years old.
They can grow up to 51 cm.

Penguins use their wings to help them swim.

Hoiho

Hoiho is the Maori word for penguin.
Hoiho eat medium sized fish and squid.
Penguins lifespan is around 90 years.

Wikky libby **Kea**

Before the 1870s farmers would hunt Kea for attacking sheep.
Keas size can go up to 64cm
Kea are very smart
Kea eat berries/grubs or insects
Kea live in mountains and forest areas
Kea are huge birds
Kea can weigh up to 5kg

Tui

Habitat
Tui are found where there are flowering trees
Tui usually nest in native forests
Family
Tui belong to the honeyeater family
Food
Tui will fly a long distances for their favourite food

Life span
Up to 15 years
Size
30cm in length
Weight
Up to 125g

Around the Hubs: Kawakawa (Year 5/6)



Kawakawa has still been exploring events through Aotearoa's history. Our tamariki have been fascinated with paa in the New Zealand Wars.

On two occasions we have been able to take advantage of the beautiful weather and construct our own paa outside in the sandpit.

Kawakawa were very fortunate on Friday to have Mrs Parker take us on a local field trip to visit the kumara pits in Kernott Road. We were able to make lots of connections with our learning over the term.

We have been trying some new games with the 'Movewell' resource and we have loved challenges such as 'Clock Dribble' and 'Pass the Pulse' which are pictured to the right.



Reception Y0

Y0-2

Y3-4

Y5-6

Y6-7

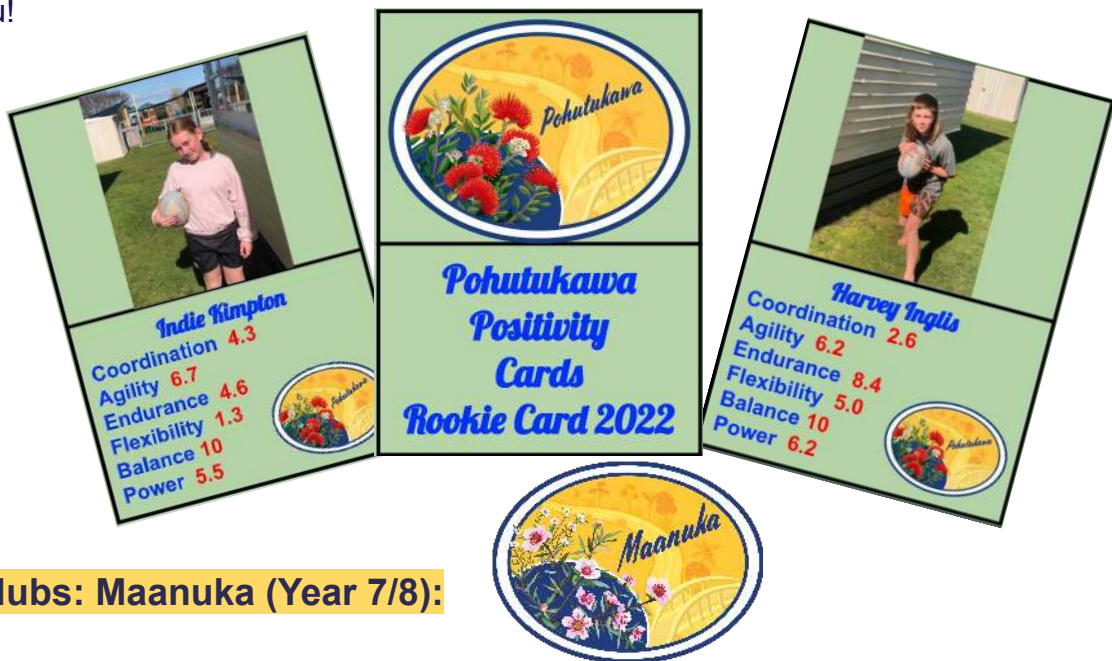
Y7-8



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

Pohutukawa has been extremely busy exploring Aotearoa New Zealand Histories over the course of the term. Taura (students) have discovered lots of interesting facts about our young nation, from Zealandia to Tangata Whenua arriving, to European colonisation and onto present day Aotearoa. We have explored a variety of feelings and emotions involved with this korero.

With the popularity of the Weetbix cards, we have integrated these into our P.E. We have tested ourselves and taura have designed games to facilitate growth in these areas. Ka rawe koutou!



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

This term we hosted the ‘Drive In Movie’ to help fundraise money for our Year 7 and 8 School Camp at Aongatete. Our tamariki who came along to watch ‘Matilda’ in their flash vehicles were able to enjoy pizza, chocolate sundaes and juices. We are very thankful to those of you who came along to support us. We managed to raise \$1,502.20 through this well-attended event. We are very lucky to have such amazing staff and whanau who helped put all of this together to create a successful afternoon.



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.

A Visual Glimpse at Horotiu School's Recent Events:



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



Primary Schools Cricket Friday Night Soft Ball Cricket

Friday nights 5.30pm @ Centennial Park
Ngaruawahia

(Corner of Ngaruawahia & Havelock Roads)

- Y3-Y5 soft ball cricket (Kiwi Cricket)
- Teams of 8
- 16 overs each
- Every player each bowls 2 overs
- Batters bat in pairs for 4 overs
- Parent manager/coach required for each team
- Starting Friday 28th October (for 6 weeks)
- Free entry & all equipment supplied
- Teams to wear school shirts


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