



Panui : December/Tihema 2022 - Newsletter

SAVE THE DATES!

End Of Year Dates:

2023 Hub Day:

- **Wednesday 7th December**
Parents invited to join us from 1.10pm.

School Assembly:

- Friday 2nd December

Year 8 Graduation Dinner:

- Monday 5th December 5-8pm

Year 7/8 Tech Days:

- Tuesday 6th December

In school Transition Visit:

- Wednesday 7th December

House Tug of War Competition:

- Monday 12th December

Service Awards Assembly:

- Monday 12th December @ 11am

School Prizegiving:

- Tuesday 13th December
6-7:30pm

Term 4 Finish Date:

- Wednesday 14th December
Finish - 12:30pm
(Bus running at 12:30)

Looking Ahead to 2023 :

School starts: Tuesday 31st January

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

Kia ora e te whaanau,

Only a week and a bit to go before the Christmas break. This is the last newsletter update for 2022 from the team within Horotiu. This year has been an enormous one and collectively we would like to thank you all for your support over the year.

There have been many successes:

- Refurbishment and re-opening of the Library
- Completion of the Learning Support Coordinator space
- Election of a new School Board
- Celebrations of our Matariki Hautapu Ceremony and Bike Track Opening
- Navigation of the Traffic Light System

With all of this work happening, Horotiu School has still managed to fit in a massive amount of quality teaching and learning such as: working with Sport Waikato on quality Health and P.E; implementing the new Aotearoa Histories Curriculum, staff-cooking breakfast for Dojo Rewards, Te Reo staff sessions, Athletics, Professional Development, Ag Day, three Maaori Whaanau Hui, and much much more. There are high energy levels in the school as students look forward to: Student Transition sessions, Year 8 Dinner, Water Fun Rewards, our School Service Assembly and of course, our Final Prizegiving.

Next year is shaping up to be an interesting and rewarding one for us too. We will:

- Run the School Gala again (Save the date: Sunday 2nd April!)
- Start using our Outdoor Education Continuum Plan across the school
- Use Gala funds to bring to life our landscape planning

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the Horotiu Staff, Board, and whaanau who have contributed across the school for your dedication, passion and professionalism. Your efforts don't go unnoticed and your work is appreciated.

Have a great break and fun-filled Christmas break!

"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:

Library

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Book Fair. We sold over \$3000 worth of books and this got us \$1000 worth of books for our library. Could all library books please be returned before Wednesday 7th December as the Library Advisor and myself will be doing a formal stocktake of our school library. Thank you - Mrs Crook

2023 Hub Day Visit - Wednesday 7th December

Invites have been handed out and we are all looking forward to spending the day with our 2023 students in our 2023 hubs. Teachers will be getting to know the students in the morning and all parents and/or caregivers are welcome to come into the hubs from 1.10pm.

Service Awards Assembly and End-of-Year Prizegiving:

As with other years we have two special events at the end of the year. The first is the Service Awards Assembly where we acknowledge students for leadership roles and efforts throughout the year. This is taking place on Monday 12th December at 11am. It also acts as a bit of practice for our Prizegiving and is less formal. Whaanau are welcome to attend. Our End-of-Year School Prizegiving is set for Tuesday 13th December at 6pm. This will be in a similar format as last year's with the event being a Drive-In Prizegiving. Families in cars will be parked at the back of the field and those who wish to be closer to the staging are welcome to bring a picnic blanket for their whaanau to sit on up the front.

2023 Bus

Bus tickets will remain the same price for Term 1, 2023. Due to the rising costs everywhere, the School Board are looking at sustainable options for the future. As you will be aware the Ministry of Education are concerned about the number of out-of-zone students attending our school, considering that Horotiu has a large number of housing developments within zone.

Horotiu School Uniform Items

Although we don't wear an official full uniform that students wear on a daily basis, we do still have compulsory clothing every student must have. These are to be worn for school events such as Pōwhiri, school trips and special events.

Students are expected to purchase these as soon as possible if they do not have them already. We have a powhiri in Week one of Term 1 and a whole-school trip in February where all students will be expected to be wearing these. For Work and Income help: <https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/eligibility/children/school-uniforms-and-stationery.html>

Compulsory:

- Every child must have the School Polo Shirt (\$45)
- Every child must have either the School Fleece (\$25) and/or the School Jacket (\$65)
- Every child must have a wide-brimmed hat or a cap **with** a flap on the back for Terms 1 and 4. The School Hat is available for \$18.50 should you wish for your child to wear this one.

MUST HAVE:



\$45.00

MUST HAVE ONE OR THE OTHER: (or can have both)



\$65.00



\$25.00

MUST HAVE A HAT: (Either a wide-brimmed hat or a cap with a flap over the neck).



This Horotiu School Hat is available at the Office
\$18.50

A Reminder to all our Whaanau of our Policy below:

Community Conduct Expectations

Horotiu School is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for students, staff, and visitors.

Our Code of Conduct serves as a reminder to all parents, caregivers, and school visitors that their conduct must support everyone’s emotional and physical wellbeing, and not harm it in any way.

The Code of Conduct applies:

- to all conduct, speech, and action, and includes emails, texts, phone calls, social media, or other communication
- while on school grounds or at another venue where students and/or staff are assembled for school purposes (such as a camp or sports match).

Standards of conduct

Horotiu School expects parents, caregivers, and visitors to:

- treat everyone with respect
- work together in partnership with staff for the benefit of students
- respect and adhere to our school values
- set a good example for students at all times
- follow school procedures to handle any complaints
- adhere to school policies and procedures (such as those listed below), and any legal requirements.

Examples of unsuitable conduct include:

- threats, bullying, harassment
- profanity/offensive language
- insulting, abusing, or intimidating behaviour
- racism or discrimination (e.g. based on ethnicity, religion)
- physical aggression
- deception/fraud
- damaging school property
- smoking, vaping, possessing, or using alcohol/drugs/other harmful substances on school premises or at another venue where students and/or staff are assembled for school purposes (except possession or use of alcohol in accordance with school policy)
- placing unreasonable and excessive expectations on staff time or resources
- pursuing a complaint or campaign, or making defamatory, offensive, or derogatory comments, regarding the school, its board, or any staff or students on social media or other public forums
- wearing gang insignia on the school grounds. (This is not allowed under the Prohibition of Gang Insignia legislation, and anyone wearing it will be asked to leave.)

Dealing with breaches of the Code of Conduct

How Horotiu School deals with breaches of our Code of Conduct depends on the nature of the incident and its seriousness, and the process any witness or victim of the behaviour feels most comfortable with.

For more information see the office staff and they can direct you to more details of a breach.



Around the Hubs: Tiitoki (Reception):

Tiitoki have been cooperatively weeding the garden and planting their vege seeds. We learnt about parts of the weeds and enjoyed seeing who could pull out the longest roots. We learnt about where to compost the weeds.



Around the Hubs: Koromiko (Year 0-2)

Koromiko have been learning about processed and unprocessed kai. We have organised a range of kai in order of least to most processed. We made a loaf using the leftover ingredients from our healthy breakfast earlier in the term.



Reception Y0



Y0-2



Y3-4



Y5-6



Y6-7



Y7-8



Around the Hubs: Harakeke (Year 3/4)

The Harakeke Hub have been enjoying the pool on these hot afternoons and this week have been exploring ways to demonstrate our water confidence and personal buoyancy. Together we have come up with some actions for a game called 'Ship Wreck' which is a water version of Captain's Coming. We had to use our imagination to think about what we might see if we were shipwrecked. Here is an example of some of the actions the class came up with.

Coconut - bring knees to chest and bob around the pool like a coconut.

Starfish - float on back like a starfish.

Submarine - arm extended like a periscope, body submerged.

Lightning Bolt - mess up wet hair like you've been struck by lightning.



Around the Hubs: Kawakawa (Year 5/6)



Kawakawa have been having a great time in the pool, practising a lot of floating for safety and playing some games to help with our water confidence. A couple of favourites have been Alligators and Crocodiles, Pool Volleyball, Captain's Coming and making waves in the pool and trying to float towards the end on our backs and wading the water.

All of Kawakawa students are getting prepared to make their food creations on Tuesday. We are looking forward to seeing what everyone comes up with and have some tasty treats.



Kawakawa spent most of the day on Thursday 1st December coming up with activities to spend with their families over December and made an advent calendar. They turned out great.



Reception Y0



Y0-2



Y3-4



Y5-6



Y6-7



Y7-8



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

Pohutukawa have been extremely busy trying to pack lots of learning into the last few weeks of the year. We have been inquiring about the makeup of different kai and The effects it can have on our tinana (body) and our hinengaro (mind). We have started swimming as well, which most of the students have loved. We have been focusing on different poetry styles, as well as metaphor and simile in our writing. Our progress and passion for te reo Maaori and waiata has grown. Reading has focused on predictions and presentations, which resulted in some amazing future shortland street stars emerging. Have a safe and merry xmas. Mauri ora e te whaanau.



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

In Maanuka we have been focusing on food and nutrition. Students are beginning to understand that all food is good as everything serves a different purpose. Although some kai is more nutritious and beneficial for our body, other kai brings joy and happiness and helps us to experience different cultures and create memories. Our students have also been learning about the different macro-nutrients contained in food and have created their own meal plan. We have started using Hine's Puku Scale in our classroom to help us better understand our bodies and whether or not we are eating enough in order for our bodies to function to the best of its ability.



We have also been practising water safety just in time for summer.

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.

Horotiu School Drive-In Prizegiving 2022

Join us on Tuesday 13th December, 6pm on our back field.

Watch from the comfort of your car (at the back) or walk in with whaanau and enjoy from your picnic blanket (up the front). All students will be called to sit together at the front of stage near the beginning of the ceremony. On arrival, they should remain on your picnic blanket or in your car for safety reasons.

A Service Awards ceremony will be held on Monday 12th December at 11am to recognise those who have held Leadership roles this year. Whaanau are welcome to attend - please note this doubles as a practice also so will be less formal.

Horotiu School End-of-Year Drive-In Prizegiving 2022



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, whānau cooperative and above all fun.

Birth - School Age

Multiple Sessions throughout the week
9:00 am - 12 noon

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Message from Our Public Health Nurse:

Over the past couple of years, it has sometimes been difficult to keep up-to-date with Immunisations. If you are in need of a child's 'Record of Immunisations' or you need to arrange an appointment for your child to have an immunisation, please feel free to contact our Public Health Nurse, Barbara Phillips-Walters, directly:

waea pūkoro: +64 21 2710257 | **īmēra:** Barbara.Phillips-Walters@waikatodhb.health.nz

Kelly Club News:

Kelly Club Horotiu Before & After School Care 2023 flyers should have come home with your tamati/tamariki. Click on the following links if it hasn't made its way to your hands.

[Term 1 2023 Flyer 1](#)

[Term 1 2023 Flyer 2](#)

Kelly club also offers the Kelly Sports Holiday programme which runs from Thursday 15th to Friday 23rd December 2022. Restarting again after the Christmas/New Years break on Wednesday 4th - Friday 27th January 2023. Click on the links below for more information.

[December Holiday Programme Timetable 1](#)

[January Holiday Programme Timetable 2](#)

[January Holiday Programme Timetable 3](#)

