



Panui : February 2023 - Newsletter

SAVE THE DATES!

Whaanau Hui:

- Second Monday of every term
Term 1: Monday 13th Feb
All welcome

Year 7/8 Tech Days: Tuesday

- 14 Feb, 28 Feb,
- 14 March, 28 March

Gala Planning Meeting - for all interested in helping to prepare for the event:

- Wednesday 15th Feb 2.45pm

RNZAF Band Concert:

- Thursday 23rd Feb @
Clarence St Theatre (by bus)

Year 3/4 'Get Set Go' Interschool Tabloids:

- Friday 24th Feb @ Horotiu

Outdoor Experience Week:

- Monday 6th - Friday 10th March
- Various programmes and experiences for various hubs

Waka Kopapa Training Dates :

- **Training:** Thurs 9th and Friday 10th March (TBC)
- **Regatta Race Days:** Wed 15th and Thurs 16th February

NZEI Paid Union Meeting for Teachers to attend:

- Wednesday 1st March
1pm-2.40pm (students to be picked up at 12.30 if possible)

Horotiu School Gala Day:

- Sunday 2nd April 9am-1pm (all hands on deck please)

School Assemblies:

- Friday 17 Feb, 3rd March,
17 March **1.50-2.30pm**

Term Dates:

Term 1: Tues 31 Jan - Thurs 6th April
Term 2: Mon 24 April - Fri 30 July
Term 3: Mon 17 July - Fri 22 Sept
Term 4: Mon 9 Oct - Fri 15 December

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

Kia ora e te whaanau,

It is my pleasure to welcome you back to another exciting school year. I hope you had a wonderful summer (albeit a little challenging weatherwise) and are ready to dive back into learning and growth. Our dedicated staff took a break with family and friends and returned refreshed to prepare for your return. We are eager to see all the great things that will be accomplished this year.

Our students have returned to school with smiles, keen to come together with friends and staff. They have settled well into their respective hubs and are quickly coming together as engaged and successful learning teams for 2023.

We have a number of exciting initiatives and programmes planned, including new strategies and resources to engage learners and enhance learning. Some of these are our:

- Horotiu School Gala (Sunday 2nd April - we need as many whaanau as possible to make this event a success please).
- Whole school trip: Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) Band Concert @ Clarence St (Thursday 23rd February, gold coin donation)
- Year 3/4 'Get Set Go' Inter-school Tabloid Sports hosting by us at Horotiu (Friday 24th February)
- Outdoor Experience Week: Monday 6th - Friday 10 March. Hubs will be involved in a variety of experiences.
- Y5-8 Senior Swimming Sports (Monday 6th March @ Ngaruawahia Pools) with reps competing in the Interschool event (Monday 20th March)
- Waka Kopapa Regatta (15th and 16th March)

Let's continue to work together in making this school year the best one yet. We look forward to supporting each and every student with their personal and academic growth.

Kia pai too raa! Have a great day! - Jo

"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 and Events :

Horotiu School Gala & Initial Meeting for Volunteers:

It's that time of year again when we need to start planning for our major fundraising event of the year, our Annual School Gala. The date for this is set down for Sunday 2nd April, 9am-1pm (please note this in your diary and underline it 😊). Later in the term we will be calling on all Horotiu School families to join our school staff to help make the day a success. And as the saying goes, more hands make light work.



To get us started right now though, we would appreciate anyone keen to be involved with the planning group to **please attend our initial Gala Planning Meeting in the staffroom on Wednesday 15th February at 2.45pm.** We will discuss how the Gala works, what we need help with and note down any new ideas/suggestions.

Royal New Zealand Air Force Band Concert: Please send along a gold coin donation

Last year we were able to secure a fantastic opportunity for our whole school to attend an educational, high-energy concert by Te Taaarangi - the NZRAF Band. This will take place on Thursday 23rd February at 11am. Students will be travelling as a school group by bus with teachers. The cost per student is a gold coin donation. Please forward this donation to classroom teachers for collection. Students need to wear their school tshirt and suitable footwear. We will have morning tea before leaving and enjoy lunch on our return.

The band will share their love of music and introduce tamariki to a wide range of musical styles. The concert will include everything from classical music through to pop and movie tunes, and include the famed resident drum line and RNZAF Band vocalists.

Year 3/4 ‘Get Set Go!’ Tabloids:

This is the first Inter-school event of the year for our sporting and cultural cluster. Usually this is a Year 1/2 event but has been changed to a Year 3/4 event being held and hosted by our school. More information will come about this from the Harakeke teachers as the day approaches but we do suggest booking it into your calendars, particularly if your child(ren) is in Year 3/4 and you want to come along and support.

Outdoor Experience Week: Week 6

Classes across the school are set to take part in our ‘Outdoor Experience Week’ from Monday 6th - Friday 10th March. As a school we want our students to be able to explore and experience learning beyond the classroom walls and the school gate in what is known as EOTC - Education Outside the Classroom. As part of our EOTC Continuum we have four areas that we want our students to experience over the course of their time at Horotiu School. These are:

1. **Water Safety** (Awa). Physical Education programme use the school pool to develop stroke and Water Safety awareness.
2. **Environment/Wellbeing** - Flora & Fauna and Food & Nutrition
3. **Walking/Tramping Hikoi**
4. **Biking/Riding**

Our 7 & 8 hub, Maanuka, is heading off to camp in Term 4, however all hubs from Tiitoki (Reception) to Kawakawa (Year 5/6) will run an outdoor experience programme in Week 6, Term 1.

School News & Updates:

Hubs are Humming!

Our students have quickly settled into their hubs, making the most of their learning time and getting back to our school routines. Thanks to those whaanau who attend the ‘Meet the Teacher’ sessions on Tuesday evening - it’s so great to have the opportunity to catch up with you kanohi-kanohi, face to face. Information shared by each hub have been forwarded out to all families so that those who were unable to attend still know what’s happening for their child(ren) in the relevant hub.

Swimming Sessions:

Term One always has a large focus on water activities, including daily swimming sessions for each of the hubs - we are very grateful to have our own school pool, making this possible. It is therefore critical that all students bring their togs every day in preparation for this. Please be aware that our swimming sessions are not about students swimming endless lengths as some may expect. They are about developing confidence in the water, growing an awareness of water safety, enjoying physical education activities and games within the water, as well as having a whole lot of fun! Students already have been using life jackets in the pool and floating, collecting ping pong balls as quickly as they can in team challenges, and building rafts out of buoyant equipment. If your child is not swimming, they really are missing out, and it is part of the school curriculum. Please support teachers in ensuring your child brings their togs each day.



Learning Support Coordinator (LSC):

We welcome Rebecca Foster into her new role here at Horotiu School. You will be familiar with Rebecca as she has been a teacher in our school over the past 3 years and has just picked up the position of our Learning Support Coordinator. We know that Rebecca brings lots of experience and enthusiasm to this role, helping to ensure that student needs are met. Here’s a quick introduction (or re-introduction as the case may be) from Rebecca:

Kia ora, Horotiu Community.

I’m excited about my new role as Learning Support Coordinator. Over the past three years, I have come to know many of you and am pleased to continue working within a supportive kura where we all strive together for success. Prior to working at Horotiu, I taught at Primary and Junior High schools in Hamilton, South Korea and London. My specialist subject is English and I am passionate about Visual Art and Sport. In my spare time, I enjoy holidays at Waihi Beach, beekeeping and gaming with my two sons. I also play netball for Suburbs. This year, my goal is to build a strong community where every individual can grow and develop to their full potential. I feel privileged to have this opportunity where I can help support students, teachers and whaanau at our kura. I look forward to meeting and working with you - Rebecca



School News & Updates:

Let's Connect: Class Dojo:

Class Dojo is an integral tool we use here for communication that connects home and school together. We would love to have every family connected on Dojo. If you are not connected with Class Dojo or are having issues in any way please let your hub teachers know so that we can get you connected. We use it to send individual messages (ie to whaanau about their child's day and/or successes), class notices to hubs of students and whole school notices when needed. Please know that Class Dojo is free - **there is no need to purchase any 'extra benefits'** that Dojo may offer.

School Calendar: Log in and check out our school dates!

Hopefully you are familiar with our school website <https://www.horotiu.school.nz/>. This should be a helpful point of call for any information you are looking for, including our calendar for upcoming events and dates. You may find it helpful to bookmark this link as a favourite site for quick and easy reference: <https://www.horotiu.school.nz/calendar>

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.

School T-Shirts, Fleeces, Jackets

How wonderful our school looked at our first pōwhiri of the year all dressed in our school tshirts. We encourage your child(ren) to wear our school tshirt whenever we have a special occasion, school event or whenever they are representing our school. It brings us together as one, helps to make our students identifiable and brings a sense of shared belonging. Details are below if you still need to order items.

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

'Striving Together for Success' Newsletter:





HOROTIU SCHOOL GALA



**SUNDAY
2ND APRIL 2023**

9am - 1pm



- QUICK FIRE RAFFLES •
- RIDES • SILENT AUCTIONS •
- MYSTERY ENVELOPES • GAMES •
- KAPA HAKA • ENTERTAINMENT •
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE & KAI •
- STALLS • RIDES •
- AND MORE! •



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Striving Together for Success in All That We Do:

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.

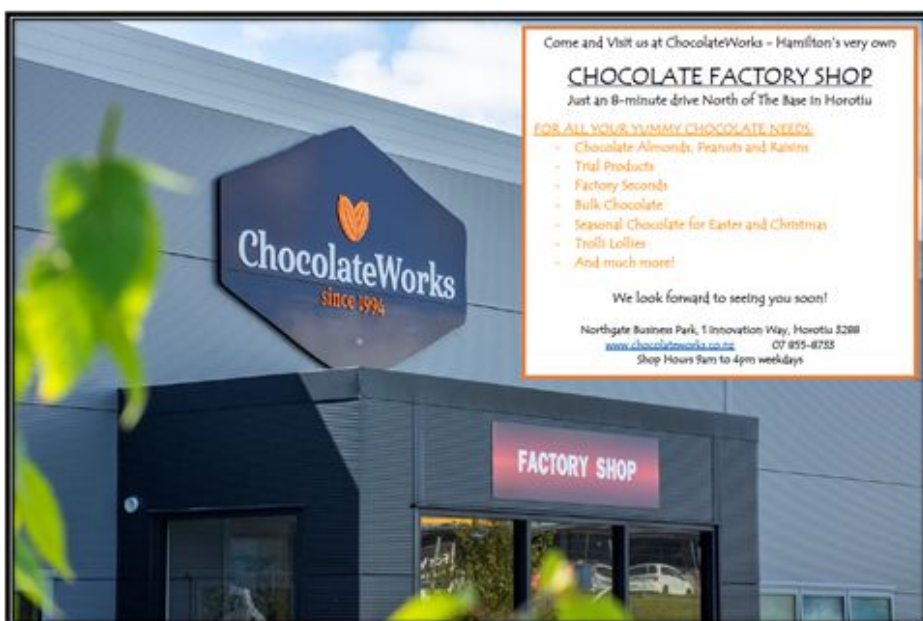
Kelly Club News:

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](#)

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