



### Panui : March 2023 - Newsletter

## SAVE THE DATES!

#### Year 7/8 Tech Days: Tuesday

- 28 March, 9 & 23 May, 6 & 20 June

#### Transition to School: Tiitoki

- Tuesday 28th March 9-10.30am

#### Pool Closes: 31 March 2023

#### Gala Donation Drop-Offs:

Monday 27th March 8.30am -2.40pm  
Tuesday 28th March 8.30am -6pm  
Wednesday 29th March 8.30am -2.40pm

#### Horotiu School Gala Day:

- Sunday 2nd April 9am-1pm  
(all hands on deck please)  
Enter your name on the roster here:  
<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/zbu82>

#### Term 1 Major Reward:

- Thursday 6th April

#### ANZAC Service:

- Thursday 6th April 2pm

#### Term 2:

#### Teacher Only Day: Curriculum Refresh

- Monday 24 April

#### ANZAC Day: Tuesday 25th April

#### Term 2 starts for students:

- Wednesday 26th April

#### Powhiri: Friday 28 April

#### Tuesday 9th May: **SAVE THE DATE:**

Schoolwide invite to attend Nga Taonga Taakaro: Hako Brown (come and learn about traditional Maaori games and have some fun!)

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

Kia ora e te whaanau,

And so we come towards the end of Term 1, 2023. A reminder to whaanau that we are starting back on Wednesday 26th April, after ANZAC Day. We will be celebrating ANZAC day as a school this coming Thursday 6th April at 1:50pm - all welcome.

I've been excited about 2023 being a year to get back to normal but I will say again, there is no such thing as normal in a school setting. We've had plenty of interruptions but this in turn has created plenty of learning with our wonderful staff and community showing their flexibility and ability to Strive Together for Success.

Among my favourites this term are: being involved with Waka Kopapa at Turangawaewae, taking the whole school to the NZRAF Band at Clarence Street Theatre, having a week of camp and outdoor activities across the school, and seeing our awesome aakonga learning in and outside of the classroom and school.

Term 2's learning focus is around science and we are kicking this learning off with an exciting Super Hero Assembly on Friday 28th April at 1:15pm. Nanogirl's own "Debbiesaurus" will be running this. Make sure you keep your eyes peeled for parent-teacher interviews in Week 4 of Term 2.

Our Gala is all on this weekend. It's always a busy day but also lots of fun. It is great to see our community come together for the benefit of our children.

Thank you also to those families who have offered an hour or so of their time on Sunday at the Gala. If you have yet to book in a time please do so through this link <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/zbu82>. We do need parent volunteers to help throughout the day and the more involved, the less everyone has to do. It's also hugely appreciated that people turn up to their relevant time slot on time, meaning the previous person can also go and have a look around with their whaanau.

*"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 Events and Notices :

### Horotiu School Gala:

The Gala is quickly approaching! There have been lots of things happening behind the scenes to bring it all together. Thank you to all those families who have been donating to the cause, sending in jars of goodies, wrapped lucky dip items, grocery items.

This week we are collecting:

- Kids' theme only garage sale items (bikes, scooters, games, toys and the occasional kids' furniture) as well as general clothing. All donations must be excellent condition, in working order and complete. These can be dropped off Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday between 8.30am-3pm.
- Clothing for all ages (mens, womens, childrens). Please also ensure these are clean and in great condition. These can be dropped off Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday between 8.30am-3pm.
- Easter Eggs - to add to the Easter Raffles (by Friday)
- Baking, Sweets and Preserves (can be brought directly to the stall on Sunday morning or dropped off at school on Saturday between 10am-12noon. Please ensure all baking, sweets and preserves are labelled.
- We will be posting the roster for the day at the end of the week (via Dojo). Fingers crossed it will be full by then and everyone can be sure of their times and stalls.
- We encourage people to bring cash on the day to purchase tickets. We use tickets as our main currency on Gala Day. There will be three ticket stations where these can be purchased - One ticket = \$1. Buy 10 (for \$10) and get one free!

### 2023 Bus Tickets

Bus tickets have remained the same price for a number of years. Due to the rising costs everywhere, the School Board have increased the price of bus tickets to \$20 per ticket (\$2 per ride). Prices will increase at the start of Term 2 (Wednesday 26th April). Any tickets purchased this term can continue to be used.

**Save the Date: Harko Brown: Ngaa Taonga Takaro** (traditional Maaori games and activities) Harko Brown is a leader in traditional Maaori games who works with schools and communities throughout New Zealand. Last year Karen, Antonia and Alex were lucky enough to attend some of Harko's fantastic workshops which are so relevant, engaging, practical and fun for our students and staff alike. Harko is a trained teacher who is coming in to work alongside our staff and students over two days - 9th and 10th May. We have also asked Harko to run an evening workshop for all and any of our families to attend. This will take place on Tuesday 9th May from 7pm-9pm. **We encourage all parents to book this evening in on your calendar so you can enjoy the awesome learning that our students too will be involved in. It's a lot of fantastic, relevant learning and lots of fun!**



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### Horotiu School Policy

Horotiu School uses SchoolDocs as a system for making policies and procedures easily accessible for all. It is a comprehensive system that ensures policies and procedures follow best practice and are on a regular review cycle.

Our community is very welcome to view Schooldocs and at times will require input for review. To have a look:

- Go to <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/Home/SchoolLogin>
- Click Search for Horotiu School.
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### Horotiu School Health Education Consultation

The Horotiu School Board are looking at feedback about the draft Health Education Statement. If you would like to feedback about this please click the link below.

<https://forms.gle/FXdVmJDhARcr3Dtp9>

### Horotiu School Support Services:

We have a few new people who have joined our support team this year. In Term 2, we will be welcoming our new Social Worker in Schools (SWiS), Leilani Blundell. Social Workers in Schools are trained professionals who work in partnership with families and schools so children can learn, grow and thrive.



We also welcome Harriet Hokai ('Haz'), Harley Raihi and Te Arohanui Mangu ('TA') to our team. They will be working as Kaiaawhina to support families and students with attendance.

Quick introduction:

*We are a highly motivated and caring team that wants the best for our rangatahi. We come with more than 36 years of combined teaching experience and currently have two team members that are part of a mentoring programme. We are here to provide support for young people, whaanau and the kura. We want to see children succeed and we believe that this can be achieved through regular attendance at school.*

### Whaanau Hui - Key Dates for 2023

Calling all parents, whaanau, and community members that have tamariki that identify as Maaori. As part of our obligations to Te Tirirti o Waitangi, Horotiu School runs a termly hui to meet, discuss and wananga about the best possible outcomes for our aakonga. Attending these hui ensure you are involved with key kaupapa around school and future plans for all. Our Term 2 date is open to all our community with Harko Brown - Tuesday 9th May 7-9pm. Term 3: Monday 24th July - 7-9pm. Term 4: Tuesday 10th October - 7-9pm.



## Around the Hubs

### Tiitoki (Reception-Y0):

Lots of fun activities during Outdoor education week. Making bird feeders and a bush walk to Pukemokemoke just to name a couple.



### Pohutukawa(Year 0-1)

We have had a very busy start to the year, with the tamariki settling well into routines and expectations of Pohutukawa. During our EOTC week, we joined Tiitoki on our walk up Mount Pukemokemoke, and a small group took on the extra challenge to make it right up to the lookout! The Burma trail was almost a favourite for our kids as well. We also went for a hiikoi down to the awa and learned about how we can look after it, being safe, and learning about the river sevens too, Thank you to Whaea Marleina for teaching us about the awa and the parents who were able to join us for our hiikoi!



Reception Y0



Y0-1



Y2-3



Y3-5



Y5-6



Y7-8

### Koromiko (Year 2/3)

During EOTC week, our students enjoyed the new opportunities that we were able to provide for our tamariki, such as Water Safety, Bush Walk to Pukemokemoke, exploring with tents, and making a camp lunch. We are very thankful for everyone who contributed their time to this experience and we know that the students enjoyed being outdoors and gaining knowledge and skills beyond the classroom.



### Harakeke (Year 3-5)

The Harakeke Outdoor Experience was oodles of fun for our taura this term! We enjoyed the Hakarimata Rail Trail and Cascades waterfall, a bike ride along the awa, making and racing rafts in the school pool, and a late night game of spotlight. A huge thank you to whaanau that contributed to making this happen!



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**Kawakawa (Year 5/6):**



We have been doing something a little different in Kawakawa in Week 8. We have been learning about having a budget and using Google sheets to help us to automatically calculate our expenses so we don't have to add things up one by one.

So far we have had to design a weekly meal plan for family of four, purchase a house as well as all of the accessories that are needed in a house, as well as have a budget of \$200 for a whole year to purchase all the clothes that we need from scratch. We have learned that it is not easy as it sounds and that if you buy a pair of crocs for \$90, that there isn't much left for important things like underwear!

The students have worked so well collaboratively and we hope that there are some fascinating conversations going on at home too, about how much things actually cost! If your child logs into their google account from home, they will be able to show you the work that they have produced so far.

**Maanuka (Year 7/8):**



Maanuka had a blast on Friday 24th March at Lake Puketirini. We were lucky enough to have Brian Connelly from POET - Perry Outdoor Education Trust, bring his paddleboards down and teach us how to use them. We were also lucky to have David Kimber bring down his boat to tow us on the back. We all had great fun and hope to do more activities like this to help build confidence and resilience in preparation for camp in Term 4. Thank you to Brian and Dave, and also to our parent volunteers.



**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](mailto:office@horotiu.school.nz) or via text on 027 829 9010.

**School News:**

**Waka Kopapa**

Some of our year 5 to 8 tamariki were selected to participate in the annual Turangawaewae Waka Kopapa Regatta on Friday 17th March. All teams were able to race in the finals and a few of our teams even placed in the top 3. Our two year 5 and 6 boys teams both came first and second in their final. It was awesome to be back out on the awa after a couple of years of not being able to have the regatta due to covid. We all had a great day celebrating waka kopapa!





# HOROTIU SCHOOL GALA



**SUNDAY  
2ND APRIL 2023**

**9am - 1pm**

YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT

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[April-2023- HP-Timetable](#)

**Social Media:**

Please be aware that Horotiu School do not endorse or affiliate with any social media pages outside of the Horotiu School Gala Facebook page. Class Dojo is our primary platform for online communication with our school whaanau.

**Looking for a Playcentre?**



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