



Panui : May 2023 - Newsletter

SAVE THE DATES!

Year 7/8 Tech Days: Tuesday

- 23 May, 6 & 20 June

Scholastic Book Orders Due In:

- Friday 26 May

King's Birthday Weekend - No School

- Monday 5th June

Transition to School: Tiitoki

- Wednesday 7th June 9-10.30am

Board Meeting

- Tuesday 13th June

Pink Shirt Day

- Friday 19th June

Junior Football Tournament @ Bremworth Park

- Friday 19th June

Junior Tough Guy & Girl

- Wednesday 21st June @ CYC,
Ngaruawahia. Register and pay
online

Year 7/8 Interschool Ki-o-Rahi Tournament @ Horotiu School

- Friday 23rd June

Awa Planting Day:

- Thursday 29th June

Term 2 Reward: School Breakfast

- Friday 30th June

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

Kia ora e te whaanau,

The Science Assembly was a perfect start to the term where Nano-girl's very own "Tornado Tammy" left our akonga engaged and enthusiastic about science by blowing up things and setting her hands on fire!

We were privileged to have Harko Brown last week teaching our tamariki, teachers and whaanau about traditional games and sharing knowledge and skills nga taonga taakoro.

We have also been busy conducting exciting science experiments in our classes and hubs, encouraging students to explore, investigate and discover. These experiments are a fantastic way for students to develop their scientific skills and to foster a love of learning. Talk to your child/ren at home and keep an eye on Dojo to see their latest hypothesis and the awesome activities they are involved with.

As we move forward into this term, we encourage our students to show our Horotiu values outside of school during their practices and games for sports they are involved in.

Long Service Award for Board Member:

David Kimber, our Horotiu School Board Presiding Member, has been awarded a 10 year long service award from the School Trustees Association. David has been on the school board since 2013 and we are so proud of him achieving this award.

You will see him in the picture with a ring of our "Memory Tree" - the totara tree that is out the front of the school.



"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 :

Staff Changes: Farewells and Congratulations

Sharon McLaren and Janet Wood - Off to Enjoy the Finer Things in Life

Sharon and Janet are two of our long-serving Learning Assistants at Horotiu School who are looking to focus on life beyond school. They have given a lot in their time here and have been key members of our team for many years. We thank them for their service, the important role they have played in our team, and within the school. We are extremely sad to see them go and wish them well in future endeavours. Of course our tamariki, whaanau and staff will want to say their goodbyes and we will look for a fun and fitting way of doing this.

Karli Fee - Off to Travel the World!

As you may have heard our Year 3-5 Teacher, Karli Fee, is heading overseas for an overseas experience. Karli's OE came to an early end during the pandemic and Horotiu School snapped up this amazing teacher. We are sad to see her go but wish her all the best for the future. An appointment process is expected to be finished in the next few weeks for the incoming teacher.

Congratulations to Mikayla Callaghan

Congratulations to Mikayla Callaghan who has been appointed to a permanent position at Horotiu School. Mikayla will continue on in Kawakawa class. Kiri Kaywood who is coming back to full time employment after some time with maternity leave will be transitioning into the Harakeke space. Matua Gig is excited about Whaea Kiri joining him full time. Mrs Rebecca Foster will also be supporting in the Harakeke space.

Welcome to our new Social Worker in Schools (SWiS): Leilani Blundell

We are pleased to welcome Leilani Blundell to our school support team. Leilani has picked up the SWiS position this term and will be working in our school on Thursdays and Fridays. She will be working with students and families as needs arise so that children can learn, grow and thrive. Here is a small introduction to Leilani below:



Tena koutou e te whanau,
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Ko Tararua raua ko Hikurangi oku maunga.
Ko Ruamahanga raua ko Waiapu oku awa.
Ko Takitimu raua ko Horouta oku waka.
Ko Te ore ore raua ko Te Rawheoro oku marae.
Ko Ngati kahungunu raua ko Ngati porou oku iwi.
Ko Ngai Tumapuhia a rangi toku Hapu.
No reira tena koutou tena koutou tena ra tatou katoa.

It is a pleasure to be able to work here at Horotiu school, alongside amazing tamariki and a team of wonderful teachers. I look forward to help support our tamariki and whanau throughout the community. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me here at school.

Nga mihi e te whanau :)
Whaea Leilani

School Events and Notices :

Parent-Teacher Meetings:

Thank you to all those whaanau who took the opportunity to come in and meet with the teachers around your child(ren)'s progress and achievement. If you were not able to make these, please make an alternate time or day to catch up with your child's teachers. We love sharing all the wonderful things they are learning and collaboratively set further goals or strategies for further growth.

Fantastic Learning and Fun with Harko Brown:

Our students, staff and whaanau were treated to some amazing learning experiences with Harko including co-operative games, physical and team challenges, weaving, kite making and dart flying.

Harko taught us about how and why each of these activities came to be and gave us food for thought as to what games and resources we could be using today to build ability, teamwork, strategy and resilience. All students were involved throughout the school - we hope they came home and shared their learning with you.



Kids Lit Quiz Success:

Last Wednesday, two teams represented Horotiu School in the Waikato Lit Quiz at Southwell School. With over 50 teams, it was a tough competition. Just like in a good story, there were happy highs and anxious tension as technical difficulties with the 'Visual' round prompted a schedule change. The boys doubled their points on the 'Fruits' round while the girls opted for 'Classics'. Some questions included: *Name three fruits the Hungry Caterpillar ate*, and *What was the name of the man who taught Oliver Twist to steal?* 1st place went to Berkley Normal Middle School and 2nd place to Marian School, who will both attend the Wellington National Final on 17 June.



School Events and Notices :

Pink Shirt Day: This Friday 19th May

Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. It's about creating a community where all people feel safe, valued and respected, regardless of difference.



This Friday we encourage whaanau, staff and students to wear pink (doesn't have to be a shirt if you don't have one) and help get the message out there. We are not collecting donations here at school but should you wish to donate, you can do so through the [Pink Shirt Day](#) link.

The money raised on Pink Shirt Day is used by the Mental Health Foundation on a number of initiatives designed to eliminate bullying including the creation of a new wellbeing programme for teenagers to be rolled out for free across all secondary schools in Aotearoa.

Funds raised also support the free resources around bullying prevention which we share with thousands of schools, workplaces and communities throughout the year, especially on Pink Shirt Day.

Meet Vika

Watch and discover the very special reason why 9-year-old Vika is taking part in Pink Shirt Day, and how you can stand with her. Vika is proud of her older brother Joseph and her younger sister Lalelei who are both autistic. She hopes, that if her brother or sister are ever bullied, there will be an Upstander around to look out for them.



Getting To and From School Safely: A Team Effort

There have been a few close calls and incidents brought to our attention this term both in our carpark and out along the road. We obviously don't want to see anybody hurt or involved in vehicle and/or pedestrian collisions so please as drivers consider the safety of others at all times.

- **In the carpark 'Kiss and Drop Zone' (8.30-9am), please follow the u-turn and drop-off process** - Be patient and do not 'leap frog' cars in front or park in the marked spaces during this time. It is important that every car drive as far around as possible (ie back to the gate facing out) to fit as many vehicles in at all times. There is a marked pedestrian space along the fenceline for all children to use to get to the gate.
- **U-turns into Kernott Road are not illegal but there have been a number of close calls with children and other vehicles recently when drivers have done this.** We suggest using the roundabout over the bridge on River Rd to turn around or to change routes and use Washer Rd as an option to bring you out onto the school side of the road.
- **Children travelling by bikes to and from school are expected to wear cycle helmets.** Safety is of the utmost importance - please ensure your child consistently does so.
- **Please only park in the allocated spaces on our roadside.** Road marked areas (ie yellow dotted lines) are there for a reason (ie bus parking, to ensure our Traffic Safety team have visibility to cross kids safely, as well as legal parking rules).
- **All pedestrians who need to cross the road are asked to cross at our Road Crossing area at the front of the office gates.** This is deemed by the Police as the safest place to cross as both pedestrians and drivers have maximum visibility. Our Road Safety team help children and whaanau get across the road safely in the afternoons. We ask all who are crossing the roads to use this as our only crossing point.



Around the Hubs

Tiitoki (Reception-Y0):

Tiitoki have been busy learning a lot of Te Reo Maaori including how to count to 13. We have also been doing a lot of science, seeing how cabbage water changes when you add an acid and base, shaking polymers out of the fluff from nappies and seeing how this holds water, exploring sound vibrations with paper cups and making volcanoes from vinegar, baking soda, food colouring and dishwashing liquid.



Pohutukawa(Year 0-1)

We have had a very busy start to our term! The tamariki have been very interested and engaged in all the activities and experiments we have done. So far, they have learned that things are either a solid, liquid or gas.



Last week they were paleontologists, having a try at excavating dinosaurs and learning about fossils.

We are currently having a go at being botanists, and have a kumara in our class that we will watch grow over the term to see how plants grow.

Pohutukawa has also been learning sign language in our room, which has been fun for the students to learn and integrate into our day.



Reception Y0



Y0-1



Y2-3



Y3-5



Y5-6



Y7-8

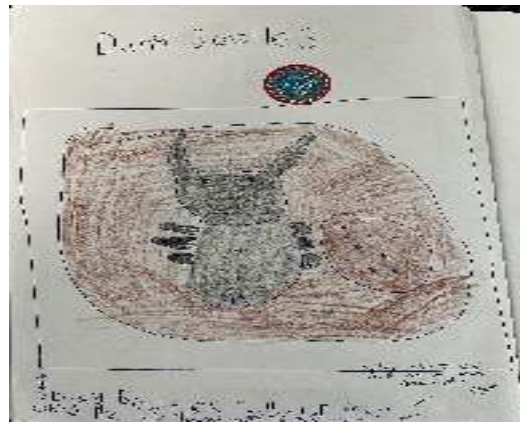
Koromiko (Year 2/3)

In Koromiko we have been looking at Physical World, Material World and Living World as some of the different parts of the Science Curriculum. Miss Sterling has been looking at temperature with her tamariki and were lucky enough to have made some jelly.



While Mrs Parker and Whaea Kiri have been in, they have been looking at the habitats in our Living World. See below for some of the tamariki's work.

On Fridays as part of our programme, Mrs Inglis takes a group for art. Over the last couple of weeks we have been looking at Autumn leaves, warm colours, and using pastels as our medium to work with.



Harakeke (Year 3-5)



How to Make a Tissue Float

Materials Needed

- Tissue
- Tape
- Ballon
- Felt tip
- Scissors
- Instructions



1. First you get a piece of tissue and draw a dotted house with a felt tip.
2. Cut out the dotted house carefully with scissors.
3. Tape the house on your table with tape.
4. Get a balloon, blow it up and tie it.
5. Rub the balloon fast on your head then slowly lower the balloon on top of the tissue (but don't actually put it on the tissue). Then the tissue will float.

- Connor Fouhy



Reception Y0



Y0-1



Y2-3



Y3-5



Y5-6



Y7-8



Kawakawa (Year 5/6):

Kawakawa have been enjoying starting our days with a bit of exercise by learning and playing soccer or volleyball this term. We have found our tamariki have been really focused when they come back in for Mathematics and ready to hit the day!

Thank you to all the parents who came to see us for Parent-Teacher interviews. It was so great to talk and learn more about your tamariki. A few common threads of conversation were about homework and how you can support your tamariki at home. At Horotiu we don't have a requirement for homework but we understand that you may want to sit down and do some learning with your children. Students each have a *Steps Web* account, a *Mathletics* account, a *Read Theory* account and an *Xtramath* account. They all know their passwords but if you would like a copy of them feel free to write us a dojo message or email us. Don't ever think that reading a book with your child isn't enough, or doing daily chores or tasks with your children isn't as important. Being at home and enjoying time with your family always supersedes homework, but we are here to support you if you want some ideas.



Maanuka (Year 7/8):

Our tamariki have settled into Term 2 really well. The Inquiry focus for the term is Science. We are looking into the Nature of Science through the Physical World and the Material World strands of the curriculum. Maanuka and Kawakawa are doing Inquiry together.

Students got to choose out of four options and were placed into groups. The options were: floating and sinking, investigating combustion in candles, kitchen chemistry and preserved food. So far working across hubs has been successful and students have enjoyed the learning.



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.

School News:

School Sores:

We have had a few cases of school sores (impetigo) being reported lately throughout the school. These are common in children and are easily spread. If your child(ren) has a sore that is not healing as you would expect, please keep a close eye on it and get medical treatment as/when needed. Children should be kept at home until the sores have dried up or at least 24 hours after antibiotics have started. Keep sores covered. Thank you for your help in addressing this issue for our children.

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.

Home Learning with Mrs Foster (Learning Support Coordinator):

I'd like to take a moment to emphasise that learning is not limited to the classroom. While we provide learning during school hours, learning can happen anywhere, at any time.

As a child grows and develops, they encounter numerous opportunities for learning outside of school. From playing games to visiting new places, every experience can teach valuable lessons. Encourage your child to explore their interests and pursue activities that engage their minds.

Here are two simple and fun activities you can try at home to help strengthen short-term memory, which is essential for retaining and processing new information.

Activity 1: Supermarket Superbrain!

1. Before leaving your house, ask your child to use their fingers to remember several grocery items, i.e. milk, bread and toothpaste.
2. Ask them to repeat the list using one finger to represent each item, i.e. 3 items, 3 fingers.
3. When you arrive at the supermarket, ask your child to recall the grocery items using their fingers as prompts.
4. Increase the number of grocery items each time you visit the supermarket.



Activity 2: What's Missing?

1. Place five or more household objects in front of your child.
2. Ask them to close their eyes.
3. Remove one of the items.
4. Ask your child to open their eyes and see if they can identify which item is missing.
 - You could also use letters, words or numbers.



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Kelly Club:

Before- and After-School Care

At Kelly Club, we're committed to caring for your kids in a happy, safe, encouraging environment where they have loads of fun and feel right at home. Our high-quality programmes are carefully designed in conjunction with the Horotiu School and community to provide the service that best suits your children. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on child protection, behaviour management techniques, first aid, art and craft, sport and cooking activities. We offer set activities each day including crafts, cooking and sports over the week during our after school care.

Holiday Programme

Our Holiday Programmes are full of exciting activities and event days that will guarantee your children have a great time! We operate every school holiday from 8:00am to 6:00pm and offer a variety of flexible timing options to meet the school communities' needs. Check out our booking website for details. Kelly Club Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive, and encouraging environment.

OSCAR Subsidies

Kelly Club is an OSCAR approved provider and complies with all of MSD's childcare requirements. Qualifying families can therefore receive WINZ subsidies towards their fees. See more information [here](#)

TO BOOK Website: <https://kellyclub.co.nz/horotiu>

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Did you know on the Horotiu School site we also have Horotiu Playcentre? It here provide early childhood education sessions where the caregivers are the first educators with the playcentre philosophy of child initiated play. Watch your child develop and gain great life skills and friendship, through positive guidance. We also provide free adult education, whanau cooperatives and more at all fun.

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