



### Panui : June 2023 - Newsletter

## SAVE THE DATES!

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

- 6 & 20 June; 18 July;
- 1, 15 & 29 August,
- 12 September

#### 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

#### End of Term 2:

Friday 30th June at 2.40pm (normal time)

#### Term 3 Dates:

Monday 17th July - Friday 22nd September

#### School Matariki Celebrations

- Friday 21st July

#### Year 0-6 Orchestra Trip

- Tuesday 15th August

#### Term 3 - Teacher Only Day

(please make alternative arrangements for your children)

- Friday 18th August



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

Kia ora e te whaanau,

Teachers have been diligently writing school reports for tamariki. Remember these are "where your child is now" documents which should continue the conversation between home and school. If you were unable to attend parent conferences it is a good idea to touch base with your child/ren's teachers.

The school has successfully navigated a huge hit of COVID where many of our staff, students and community members were away from school and work. Thank you for your support in striving together for success.

This term students have been busy studying science but there have been many other awesome activities including: Harakeke Winter Sports Tournament Vs Glen Massey School; Garden to Table competition; and Transition to School. Congratulations to Harakeke and the Enviro Group who both did so well in their competitions. It was also fantastic seeing another explosion of pink at our 'Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying' event in Week 4.

Last week we also thanked and farewelled Mrs Janet Wood and Mrs Sharon McLaren with a special assembly and lunch. They were presented with cards and gifts on behalf of hubs, staff and the Board. Janet and Sharon's presence in our school will be felt but we know they have exciting times ahead. Thank you to whaanau who were able to make it along that day. It meant a lot.

We are looking forward to our Annual Planting Day down at the Awa Cycleway on Thursday 29th June. This will be our sixth year of planting natives on The Awa River Ride. Thank you in advance to our partners: Waikato District Council, City Care, Cushman Wakefield, Bluelight, Trees for Survival, and EnviroSchools and of course to Whaea Alex for organising the day.



*"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:

### Matariki Celebrations Horotiu School - Hautapu Ceremony

Horotiu School is building on the success of last years Matariki celebrations by holding another special day, one week after the official Matariki holiday. This will take place on the first Friday back from the Term 2 break - Friday 21st July. Teachers are planning with students a range of activities and learning around Matariki and it would be great if people could get up early and join us for the event. All whaanau and community are welcome to attend.

The following is the timetable for the morning:

- 6:30 Hautapu Ceremony
- 6:45 Soup Breakfast and hot chocolate (bring your keep cup)
- 7:15 Laying of the Hangi.
- 7:30 Before School Care starts - other students return home
- 12:30 Free hangi and sausage sizzle for all



### Junior Tough Girl/Guy Challenge:

We have a small team of enthusiastic competitors taking part in the Junior Tough Guy & Girl Challenge in Ngaruawahia on Wednesday (21st June). They will be taking on either 1.5km or 3km of muddy terrain and obstacle challenges before crossing the line at the end. Students may wish to dress in bright colours to make them identifiable for those on the sideline and should wear shoes and clothing they don't mind getting dirty. Most importantly parents, remember to bring a towel so kids can clean up a bit before getting into your car. The group will meet on arrival near the main stage and white tent (we'll place our bags together in there if room) and Karen will pick up the registration packs and any purchase merchandise to distribute for our team.

Good luck to the team! It's always a great event where our kids support each other in the challenge and end up with more smiles than mud on them at the end.

### Year 7/8 Ki-o-Rahi Tournament

Next Friday (23rd June) we will be hosting our annual Year 7/8 Ki-o-Rahi Tournament here at school. This is a traditional Maaori game of strategy which is much-loved by our students here and within our cluster of schools. Students from Rotokauri, Waitetuna, Te Uku, Raglan Area School, Whatawhata, Te Kowhai, Te Mata Schools make up the teams on the day. All are welcome to come along and watch. We do have a 'Have a Go' round at the end of the tournament for parents to have a go - no need to register, let us know and jump in. It's always a lot of fun.

As part of the day, Maanuka students are running a food stall. School students can pre-order drinks and meatball subs through the notices that have gone home in their bags earlier this week. **Please ensure orders are in by Wednesday 21st June to avoid your child missing out.**

### Parent Pick up - After School 2:40-3pm

Many of our families are picking up their children and staying for a quick play after school - it is great to see our facilities being used. Those children, who are being monitored by parents, please stay on the carpark side of the hall using the blue court, sand pit or playgrounds there. Kelly Club students will go into the hall or on the field side so it is easier for everyone to keep tabs on the children they are responsible for.

## School Events and Notices:

### Student Illness and Absence:

We have had a variety of sickness evident in our school recently as winter’s approached. Thank you whaanau for keeping your child home when they are unwell. Thank you for also getting them back to school when they are well again and ready to learn. We love having our students here at school and it certainly helps their learning and school interactions when students are at school every day they are able. A reminder that if your child is absent from school for illness, we do request a medical certificate on their return.

### Heads Up: Headlice are hanging around again

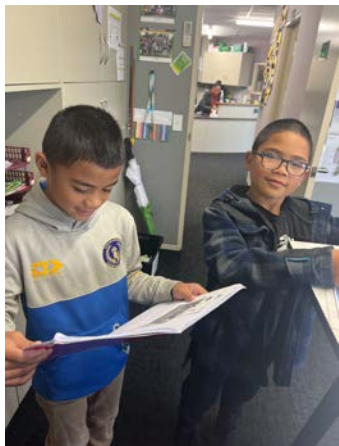
We are currently experiencing outbreaks of headlice in various hubs throughout the school. Children may have an itchy scalp, especially around the nape of the neck, crown of their head or around their ears. You may see live lice on the scalp or hard, pale grey or yellow-white eggs (nits) - they look a lot like grains of salt attached to the hair close to the scalp. Headlice don’t distinguish between people - they just love the opportunity to swing on the strands from one to another. They can often be found in clean hair. Please don’t feel embarrassed.

Although they are an annoyance and can be a frustration, they are treatable. To enable us to get on top of headlice, it’s helpful to have a team approach and we ask that all parents please check their children’s hair for signs of headlice and treat as below.

1. **Check:** Check your child(ren)’s hair regularly (weekly is a good guide).
2. **Treat:** If you find live lice or unhatched eggs, treat your child as soon as you can. Check in with the office if you need some (it is free of charge). To prevent re-infection and to fully rid the house of headlice, it is essential that all family members are treated as well as washing of all hair brushes, combs, bedding etc. Treatment is time-consuming but is worth doing right each time - both for your own child and family as well as for others.
3. **Inform:** By letting us know if headlice has been an issue for your child(ren) we can discreetly raise awareness - ie by letting others know as we are here, and also by changing what we can here at school - ensuring hats aren’t being shared etc.

### Korowai Waananga:

Kia ora e te iwi, Matua Gig is excited to announce that his whaanau is starting up Korowai waananga at Horotiu School. The first date for this is June 30th - July 1st. If you are interested in embarking on your korowai weaving journey, please [follow the link to register](#).





## Around the Hubs

### Tiitoki (Reception-Y0):

Tiitoki have been learning about bees for Science. Yesterday we had Fletcher's Dad come in who is a beekeeper and talk to us about bees. We also made ice-blocks and talked about freezing and melting.



### Pohutukawa(Year 0-1)

We have been buzzing with activity in Pohutukawa in the last couple weeks! Our tamariki learned about the life cycles, habitats, and beneficial bugs that we can find out in our gardens, They have also learned that in order to be an insect, it must have a well-defined head thorax and abdomen, and used their understanding to design their own insect art!



Recently we continued our learning of 'bugs' in a different way, learning about the chemical reaction that occurs in bugs for baking and yeast. We had a go making rēwana bread and making our own butter in class, which they enjoyed making and eating!

One of our student's dad visited our class too, to talk about beekeeping, types of bees, and how and why they collect honey and work together! Thank you to Tim Stewart for coming in to share your knowledge with us !



Reception Y0



Y0-1



Y2-3



Y3-5



Y5-6



Y7-8



### Koromiko (Year 2/3)

Koromiko have been really enjoying our Science inquiry this term. From looking at magnets, to seeing why various balls bounce and the fabrics they are made out of, to looking at how different parts of a whale and how it's blowhole works.



### Harakeke (Year 3-5)

Harakeke and Glen Massey Winter Sports exchange.



Reception Y0



Y0-1



Y2-3



Y3-5



Y5-6



Y7-8



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

Kawakawa's mathematics focus for this term is fractions, decimals and percentages. It has been great to see majority of our taura engaged and willing to add to their kete.



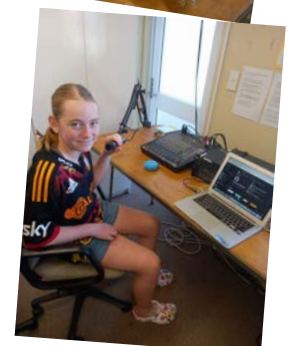
'Blooket' has been a crowd pleaser in Kawakawa. Blooket is an exciting new take on the modern classroom review games. It aims to match action with education to create the ultimate learning experience! Our taura enjoy taking Gold from each other, while reviewing content learnt in different learning areas.

Our focus for Health and Physical Education this term is large ball skills. We have been focusing on the correct technique during volleyball, basketball and soccer. Watch out... we have the next LeBron James in our akomanga!



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

Last week Maanuka students had the opportunity to showcase their leadership skills by helping Harakeke with their sports exchange with Glen Massey School. Our students helped ref and umpire, coach and manage teams, ran the kai shop and worked in the radio station. It was funny to see them work through some of the challenges that come with coaching and reffing, one student even commented "Now I know how my coach feels" lol. We think it was a very humbling experience for all who were involved. Ka mau te wehi!



**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.

### Kelly Club:

#### Before- and After-School Care

Kelly Club is 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

The Kelly Club 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. Click [here](#) to find out more or use the following link to find the July School Holiday Programme Timetable [https://kellyclub.co.nz/kelly\\_events/show\\_doc/180621](https://kellyclub.co.nz/kelly_events/show_doc/180621)

#### 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. Click on the Kellyclub link below for more information.

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

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### 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.

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