



SAVE THE DATES!

The Amazing Race:

(Selected teams from Y5/6 and Y7/8)

- Wednesday 25 October (Friday 27 Oct pp)

Year 7/8 Tech Days: Tuesday fortnightly

- 24 October, 7 & 21 November, 5 December

Whole School Assembly

- Friday 3 & 24 November and 8 December

Year 2 Te Uku Tabloid Sports:

- Friday 27 October (no postponement day)

Gumboot Friday:

- Friday 3 November

School Athletics Day:

- Thursday 9 November (Friday 10th pp)

School Swimming starts: Send kids with togs

- Monday 13 November

Year 6/7 Student Leadership Interviews for 2024:

- Thursday 16 November

Teacher Only Day:

- Friday 17 November
Please make alternate arrangements for your children

Interschool Athletics Day:

- Thursday 23 November

Road Wardens Waterworld Trip:

- Friday 24 November

Maanuka Year 7/8 Camp:

- Monday 27 - Thursday 30 November

Whole School 'Future Hub' Day:

- Wednesday 6 December

Year 8 Dinner: Monday 11 December

Major Reward Day: Wednesday 13 December

EOY Service Awards Assembly:

- Thursday 14 December 9am

Whole School Drive in Prizegiving:

- Thursday 14 December 6pm

End of Term 4:

- Friday 15th December 12.30pm

Start of Term 1, 2023:

- Tuesday 30 January 2024

Panui/ Newsletter: October 2023

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

Kia ora e te whaanau,

Nau mai haere mai to Wiki Toru panui. I trust you had the opportunity to spend some time relaxing and catching up with friends and family over the holiday break. The year has flown by as we are now into our fourth and final term. We have an action-packed term ahead of us but already had *Horotiu Chorus*, Flower Show and class trips. It was awesome to see so many students taking up the opportunity to 'get creative' and enter their exhibits at the Flower Show.

Over the holiday break we've been busy with some property upgrades at school including: new trafficable clearlite, and the hall production lighting upgrade. We are also in the process of getting the pool ready, upgrading the waka enclosure so it is a usable resource area, adding our outdoor classroom space (glass/hot house) and getting the BBQ area ready for the summer (maybe early 2024).

We are very lucky to provide our tamariki with a well-resourced school and work hard to keep it functional, clean and attractive. Please help us keep it tidy over the weekend breaks too.

With the end of the year around the corner, can I please ask that any new enrolments for 2024 are completed urgently; our staffing and funding is based on enrolments and it is important that we can provide Te Mahau (MoE) with accurate figures. Although we have a zone, sometimes there are out-of-zone spaces available.

Ngaa mihi, Jo Wright

Support Your Favourite Team This Friday!

With the final games of the Rugby World Cup on this weekend, we thought it would be great to show our support for our national rugby team the All Blacks, or of course for some of our whaanau, their national team, the Springboks! Dress in black, green/gold this Friday and show your support for what will be a fantastic game!



The All Blacks Captain, Sam Cane, lives locally and recently donated some of his All Black and Chiefs kit to Horotiu School. This has been framed and stands pride in place in our school foyer. It's a great reminder of how far personal determination, effort and resilience can take us if we are passionate about what we do and strive together for success.

School Notices:

Professional Development for Teachers: Putting Ourselves in our Learners' Shoes

Ever wondered what our teachers do when there is a term break? The answer to that is a bit of everything! Catching up on school tasks, planning for the term(s) ahead, attending professional development hui, doing all the appointments for their own whaanau that they've left until they have more flexible time ... and the list goes on!

In the last term break, we did something super special though. All of our teaching team participated in a two-day Journey Camp biking along the awa cycleway from Mangakino to Whakamaru and then to Atiamuri (a total of almost 40kms). We wanted to bring our learning to life like we love to do for our students and engage in EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom). We grew our learning about cycling, camp cooking, outdoor survival skills, tents and how we can identify and use our native plants (particularly those who our hubs are named after). It was an amazing experience for us all as we learned together, challenged ourselves and succeeded as a team - striving together for success. Our professional development opportunities never go to waste.



Teacher Only Day:

We are constantly developing ourselves as teachers so we can bring back new knowledge for our students. On **Friday 17th November we will be holding a Teacher Only Day** so staff can be involved in professional development around the NZ Curriculum Refresh. **We ask that all families please make alternate arrangements for their children that day as there will be no staff on-site at school.**

School Photos:

Shot 360 is working on our school photos as we speak. We are expecting to receive the order forms from the photographer this week. Every child will receive one of these with their own online link to their photos. Photos need to be ordered and paid for online by 17 November. Photos will be delivered to school to be handed out to students in Friday 8th December (Week 9).

Calling Back All Prizegiving Trophies Please

If you have one of our school trophies at home or know someone who has, please can you forward them back to the office asap so we can prepare for this year's end-of-year prizegiving event.

Before School Drop-Offs: We have a number of students who are arriving to school well before the 8.30am bell. Just a reminder that students should be dropped off from 8.30am (no earlier) unless they are booked into Kelly Club Before School Care.

Role-modelling Safe Road Safety: We ask all adults who are dropping off, picking up students and/or walking them home from school to please cross using our school pedestrian crossing (particularly when our Road Warden team are out on duty after school) and also not to park on the yellow dotted lines outside of our school. The yellow dotted lines are there for a legal reason and mostly for maintaining visibility and safety for all road users and pedestrians (many whom are our students and whaanau). We also appreciate all those families who are using the 'Kiss and Drop Zone' in the mornings - waiting patiently to drop off their children at 8.30am and not driving around and past others in the queue.

School Events and Notices:

Congratulations to all 'Chorus' participants:

What an amazing atmosphere we had on Wednesday night at 'Chorus' Well done to all of those who got up on stage to perform: Harvey Inglis, Theo Beere, Cooper Wright, Arden Woledge, David Allen, Bryn Kimpton, Joseph Daniel, Sherry Waters, Rangiahua Gray-King, Te Kawiti Gray-King, Hannah Beere, Skyla Dilloway, Demi Graham, Sophia Parata, Ayden Grace & Tama Walters.



A special congratulations to David Allen who performed Bruno Mars' 'Count on Me' and took out first place by both the judges and as people's choice. It was a stellar performance!

We were very grateful to have had ex-Katchafire band member, Jamie Ferguson and Marilee Matenga, music teacher from Fairfield College come along to judge our acts. Thanks to all of those who came along to support and made this night enjoyable for everyone.



Flower Show:



It was great to hold our annual Flower Show again this year. Thank you to all the whaanau who came and helped tamariki with the flower show.

The tamariki put on a great exhibition of creativity and colour and we had lots of whaanau viewing this after school.

Ag Day:

Last term our school held our Annual Ag Day on our back field. This continues to grow in numbers each year with 14 children and their respective lambs and calves this year. It was a beautiful day perfect for the animals and it also encouraged our classes to come out and meet them too. Competitors worked hard with their animals to raise over recent months to train them to be the best they could be. All their hard work paid off in many different ways which was wonderful to see. Congratulations to all involved and a special thank you to Helen Sorensen for all her mahi to prepare the day and also to the judges for their support on the day.





Around the Hubs

Tiitoki (Reception-Y0):

Tiitoki have been picking up rubbish that may go into our waterways. They picked up 3 bags of rubbish between our school and the Awa. They recycled it into the correct containers back at school. They will be making posters about this and going back to the Awa soon to put them up.



Pohutukawa(Year 0-1)

We have dived right back into Term 4 learning about how much vehicles have changed as part of our technology. As part of this learning, we were also able to have a go riding some Pennyfarthings at school - Thanks for organising this Mrs Parker! The tamariki definitely noticed the difference between these and modern bikes!

As part of our technology, last week we learned how computers talk! This is called Binary Coding, and we had a go at learning what each letter is to make a picture, which helped us to write our names in code!



Reception Y0



Y0-1



Y2-3



Y3-5



Y5-6



Y7-8

Koromiko (Year 2/3)

Koromiko have been getting stuck into mahi with so many exciting things happening. We really enjoyed having some of our whaanau come in and help us during the Flower Show and watch the judging of our potatoes.



We have also started our Technology unit, learning about how it has advanced over time. As part of our Art, our tamariki have been creating stained glass murals and some have been creating their papier maché puppet that will be used to do a play later on this term.

We have also been very grateful for the beautiful weather allowing us to get out and practise for Athletics Day.



Harakeke (Year 3-5)

It has been an energetic start to Term 4, with tamariki settling back into school routines and expectations from the first day - Ka mau te wehi ki a koutou! We have had our bucket potatoes dug up and judged (unfortunately for Mr Wright, some were rather yucky) but most had grown awesomely. We have had flower show day as well, with lots of whaanau coming in to aawhina (help) our tamariki. Lastly we have begun training towards school Athletics in week 5. Keep on smashing it Harakeke!



We would love to celebrate the amazing success our students have had in spelling, with some progressing more than a year in just six months! Our *StepsWeb* programme has been a huge part of this growth - get on board the *StepsWeb* waka whaanau.

Mauri ora, Whaea Kiri and Matua Gig.



Reception Y0



Y0-1



Y2-3



Y3-5



Y5-6



Y7-8



Kawakawa (Year 5/6):

WOW! What an exciting and busy start to Term 4 in Kawakawa. We were fortunate enough to have the Penny Farthings for a morning. The kids thoroughly enjoyed going back to the 1870s and being able to steer with your feet.

Mrs Parker brought in different artefacts that she has collected to create an in class museum. This was fantastic inspiration for our taura to hook them into our new Inquiry Topic, Technology. Some of our favourite Items were the view masters, phones, sewing machine and a typewriter. We are now using our researching skills to describe and explain the Evolution of Technology in a chosen artefact. Who knows... we might have a future entrepreneur in the making.



Maanuka (Year 7/8):

It's been a busy start to Term 4 from getting creative for the annual Flower Show, riding Penny Farthing bikes and for some tamariki visiting Kawhia to learn about waka navigation and marine biology, Term 4 is not slowing down with the Amazing Race, Athletics Day and Camp fast approaching. Please remember to fill in the camp medical and dietary google form so that we can finalise our camp details.



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.

Home and School Support:

Home Learning with Mrs Foster (Learning Support Coordinator - LSC)

Daily Exercise for Learning

Exercise isn't just about keeping our bodies fit and healthy; it also impacts our brain and our ability to learn new things. Here are five reasons why exercise should be on every child's daily timetable.



1. **Enhanced Brain Function:** Exercise increases blood flow and oxygen to the brain, which helps improve brain function. This means better memory, attention, and problem-solving abilities.
2. **Stress Reduction and Improved Mood:** Regular physical activity reduces stress hormones like cortisol and releases endorphins, the "feel-good" chemicals in our brains.
Lower stress levels + a positive mood = productive learning!
3. **Increased Productivity and Creativity:** Physical activity can boost productivity by helping you stay focused and energised. It can also enhance attention, concentration and imagination.
4. **Better Sleep:** Exercise can improve the quality of sleep. Adequate rest is vital for learning and memory consolidation, allowing the brain to process and store information effectively.
5. **Neuroplasticity:** Regular exercise can enhance neuroplasticity, the brain's ability to reorganise and adapt. This means that it can be easier to acquire new skills and knowledge.



Encouraging daily exercise can generate good habits in young learners. Children are more likely to maintain a healthy lifestyle as they grow, which includes a balanced approach to education and physical activity.

Incorporating daily exercise into your routine, whether through walking, jogging, sports, or other physical activities, assists with learning potential.

So, don't forget to break a sweat; your brain will thank you for it!

School Attendance: Every Day Matters



The Ministry of Education (MOE) is working hard with NZ schools to improve school attendance. Below are some messages and resources for parents from the MOE about the guidelines and expectations for NZ families and schools. The start of Term 4 is a timely reminder to everyone about how important it is to maintain regular attendance for all children so they are able to be successful at school and make steady progress. Lateness also has a significant impact for students, it's often a barrier for children to make a calm, positive start to the day. Being early: 8.30am is the perfect time for your child to arrive and unpack their belongings, check in with their teacher, meet up with their friends and have a stretch outside so they can settle in for a great day. Class sessions start at 9am.

Midway through this year, the MOE created School Support Attendance Officers who visit schools and audits our attendance data each term. Our Attendance Officer is Sandra Jeffrey and her role is to provide us with guidelines around students/families with low attendance.



Just a reminder: Our Fields are Not for Dogs

Our fields are for children to enjoy playing on, running on, lying around on in the sun. They are not a dog-exercise area. Please refrain from bringing dogs on-site.

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'Striving Together for Success' Newsletter:

A Glimpse At Term 4 So Far:



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.

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.

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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.

Birth - School Age

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