



# HOROTIU SCHOOL

Te Kura o Horotiu

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## SAVE THE DATES!

### Scholastic/ Book Club Orders close

- Thursday 16th May

### Year 0-4 Interschool Football Tournament

- Friday 17th May

### School Assembly and Pink Shirt Day

- Friday 17th May 1.45pm

### Parent Teacher Conferences

- Monday 20 May 1-6pm & Tuesday 21 May 3-5pm

### School Photos

- Tuesday 22nd May

### School Waiata

- Friday 24 May 2pm

### Transition to School - New Entrants

- Thursday 30th May 9-10:30am

### Teacher Only Day - Please make alternate arrangements

- Friday 31st May

### King's Birthday Holiday - No School

- Monday 3rd June

### Y3/4 Sports Day at Glen Massey

- Friday 7th June

### School Assembly

- Friday 14th June 1:50pm

### Tough Guy/Gal Challenge

- Wednesday 19 June (for those whom have registered)

### Interschool Ki o Rahi Tournament

- Friday 21 June @ Horotiu School

### Matariki Week of Celebrations

- 24th-27th June  
Monday 24th June Bucket Potato Planting  
Tuesday 25th June Awa Planting  
Thursday 27 June Hautapu Ceremony
- Friday 28th - Matariki Holiday Observed

### School Assembly

- Friday 5 July 1.45

### Last Day of Term 3

- Friday 5th July

### Tech Dates for Term 3

- 25th-30th July

## Panui/ Newsletter: May 2024

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

Kia ora e te whaanau,

The six priorities, Erica Stanford, the Minister for Education, recently announced are:

- Establishing a knowledge-rich curriculum grounded in the science of learning.
- Implementing evidence-based instruction in early literacy (Te reo Matatini) and mathematics (pāngarau).
- Implementing consistent modes of monitoring student progress and achievement.
- Developing the workforce of the future, including leadership development pathways (and initial teacher education).
- Targeting effective learning support interventions for students with additional needs.
- Using high-performing data and evidence to inform decision-making.

These priorities are nothing new for Horotiu School. The Horotiu Curriculum places emphasis on Numeracy and Literacy, Maaori achieving educational success as Maaori - offering opportunities to promote re-indigenisation embedded in our ropu by reconnecting Maaori akonga to Te Ao Maaori, Matauranga and Te Whare Tapa Rima. Teaching programmes are focused, up-to-date and promote the acceleration of progress for all.

Renowned researchers and educationalist such as John Hattie have found that strong relationships between home and school produce higher progress in the long run. In saying this, be sure to book in a time for a parent/caregiver interview on Monday 20th or Tuesday 21st May with your child's teacher. This is a good chance to look over the school report that came home at the end of last term and decide on a plan moving forward to support your child in their development and learning.

Finally make sure you have put our local area's Teacher Only Day on Friday 31st May in your calendars and have a wonderful four-day weekend with your children for King's Birthday.

Ngaa mihi nui  
Jo Wright

## School Events and Notices:

### Parent-Teacher Interviews: Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st May.

These are an opportunity for whaanau to come and discuss how school is going for their child(ren). It's a great way for our home and school teams to connect and reflect on areas of success for the child, possible challenges and/or next steps. **On Monday sessions will run from 1pm-6pm and on Tuesday from 3pm - 5pm.** They run for 12 minutes each across the school. **It would be appreciated (but not compulsory) if families are in the position to pick up their child(ren) early from 1pm on Monday, to do so.** Obviously all teaching staff will be involved in interviews and there will only be a small team left to supervise students remaining at school. All and any support is much appreciated.

We encourage all parents to make a time to meet with our team - it really does strengthen the connections between home and school. Here is the link:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/j2pw7>. If you have any issues with this, please feel free to phone the school office and they'll get you booked in. It's appreciated by all when people are on-time to sessions.

### School Photos

These are set for Wednesday 22nd May. There is an opportunity for students to have their photos with school siblings - please ensure you fill in a 'Sibling Form' to ensure these are taken. The 'Sibling Form' has been forwarded home to school siblings on Tuesday and anyone with pre-school siblings who didn't receive one can pick a form up at the office. Photos with pre-school siblings are likely to be taken first up at the beginning of the day, just before 9am. Photos will be taken of all classes and students and links to see these will be forwarded home to parents after photo day.

### Class Changes Term 3 - Pohutukawa, Harakeke and Kawakawa 5

Miss Callaghan will be leaving at the end of Term 2 for parental leave. Miss Stirling will transition into Kawakawa 5 with her nine Year 4's to make a Year 4/5 composite class of approximately 27 students. The remaining 13 Year 3's from Pohutukawa will transition to Harakeke with Whaea Kiri and Matua Gig. These Year 3 students have been working regularly with this cohort and so are familiar with the teachers and their peers.

The transition will take place on the Monday of Week 10 (1st July) so students have the final week of Term 2 to get used to their new spaces and teachers while Miss Callaghan is still at school. We wish Miss Callaghan and her partner, Quintony, all the best on the arrival. Exciting times ahead for them and Amaia (the new big sister) as their whaanau expands.

### Transition to High School and Open Days

Not only is transition from pre-school to primary school and from hub to hub extremely important, so too is the transition from being in a full primary school to attending a high school. Maanuka Hub is already working with the Year 8s to ensure they will flourish at their chosen school as a Year 9 in 2025. On Wednesday 15th May, Maanuka attended an Open Day at Ngaruawahia High School. Not only was this an awesome opportunity for the majority of our students whom enrol there, but is also extremely valuable for all students Years 7 & 8 to gain a first hand experience in the life of a high school student.

Parents, please play your part in helping your Year 8 child successfully transition to high school by finding out when the Open Days are for your chosen school(s). These can start early in the year, some of which have already been held. I would also recommend parents of Year 7 children to be thinking about this also, perhaps even attending an Open Day this year to help with your decision-making.

## School Events and Notices continued:

### Attendance

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school. As we enter Term 2 of 2024, every day of school matters. You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent for a day or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. According to our Government, family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, talk to us! Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school and building a culture that fosters excellent attendance by having:

- School staff who have strong relationships with students and whaanau.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your whaanau for who they are, where they come from and who they want to be.
- A school community that does everything to make sure students are at school, and they are participating, and progressing in their education.

### Horotiu School's ANZAC Service/Ngaruawahia Civic Service

Rain did not stop Horotiu School commemorating the ANZAC's last term. The holidays also did not stop us attending the Ngaruawahia ANZAC Civic Service and laying our school wreaths at the cenotaph. Well done to all, from every pupil making a poppy for their class wreath, standing in the rain to MC our service or to lower the flag, to wearing your school shirts with pride as you laid our wreaths at The Point. Ka pai to the staff who were extremely creative with their hub wreaths this year.



### Kids' Lit Quiz

*What happened to Cinderella at midnight? What is the name of a popular picture book with insect holes? Who was Snoopy's owner? What date is Harry Potter's birthday?*

These were some of the questions asked by Quizmaster Wayne Mills at this year's Lit Quiz. Our Horotiu crew of four faced 55 teams from 32 schools across the Waikato. Some of the categories included: *Clocks, Insects, Nights, Magic, Horses* and *Noises*. Eslet, Lily, Scarlett and Olivia decided to double points on the *Horses* round which was also the visual round for the evening. The team had fun representing our kura and did us proud. The Lit Quiz started in Hamilton 33 years ago with the aim of nurturing lifelong readers. We hope to see it continue for many years to come.





## Around the Hubs

### Tiitoki (Reception-Y1):

Welcome to the new tamariki that have already started this term in Tiitoki class. We have been busy learning soccer skills, doing collage work of NZ history, lots of reading, writing and maths. We were very excited when our class caterpillar transformed into a chrysalis over the holidays and then hatched into a butterfly on Tuesday. We watched it dry its wings and then let it go.



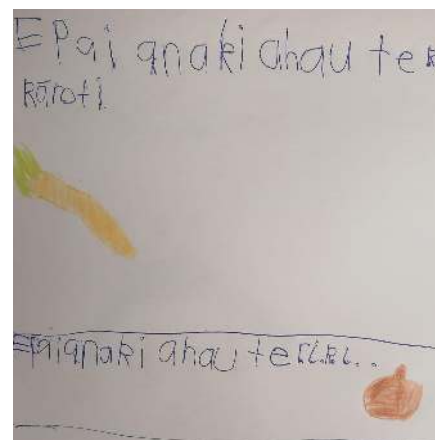
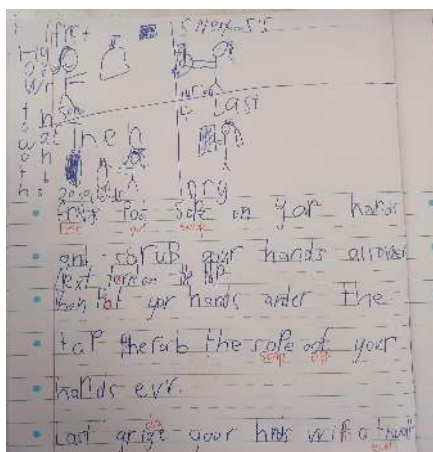
### Koromiko (Year 1-2)



Koromiko has had a busy start to the term already!

Our inquiry this term is around the Maara Kai challenge that some of the hubs are participating in, where we are aiming to use produce grown in our school beds or at home and use them to make a healthy snack or meal. So far we have learned about hygiene around preparing food and the parts of plants, to begin understanding where our food comes from. This learning has also informed other areas of learning.

In writing the tamariki have written instructions as part of our procedural writing focus, on how to wash your hands, and we have been learning the Maaori kupu for hua whenua (vegetables).



Reception Y0



Y1-2



Y3-4



Y3-4



Kawakawa Y5  
Kawakawa Y6



Y7-8

**Pohutukawa (Year 3/4)**



Our tamariki have settled back in nicely after the Term 1 break.

One of our highlights in Pohutukawa over the last couple of weeks have been doing persuasive writing. Students have been given opportunities to voice their opinion about different topics and learn how to debate by ensuring they have their main points to back up their ideas.

Our students have also really enjoyed having the opportunity to learn about different artist styles during art time. Here are some photos of our Pop Art:



**Harakeke (Year 3-4)**

Harakeke tamariki have returned to school and quickly settled back into routines. We have been making the most of the beautiful crisp weather and getting outside when we can. Our Year 4's were lucky enough to attend the Fraser High Production at Clarence St Theatre which was an amazing experience.

Also a happy belated Mother's Day to all of our amazing whaanau. Here's to a busy and fantastic term ahead!



Reception Y0



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Y3-4



Y3-4



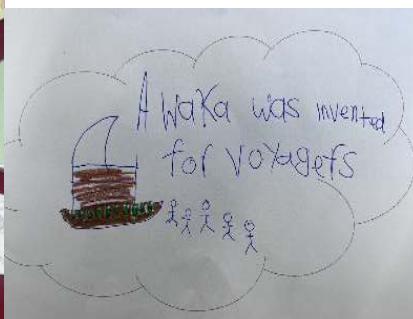
Kawakawa Y5  
Kawakawa Y6



Y7-8

### Kawakawa 5 (Year 5):

This term our Inquiry focus is Aotearoa History. Each week we are focusing on significant events that have had huge impacts on how we live our lives today. Tamariki have enjoyed consolidating their learning by adding to our wall display timeline each week.



Basketball has been our focus for Physical Education. We have been learning the correct technique for passing, dribbling and shooting. Over the last few days we have had our mini basketball tournament to showcase everything that has been taught. Who knows... there may be a NBA player in the making!



### Kawakawa 6 (Year 6):

This term we each have our next steps from our school reports on our desks so that we know what to focus on to improve. We are also working on managing our time well during reading by have a number of activities to complete in one week during reading time.

These include 30 minutes of silent reading, 20 StepsWeb activities, 1 ReadTheory activity, 1 reading comprehension card, 2 reading strategy worksheets (a new one each week) and 1 thought bubble summarising their learning for the week from Aotearoa Histories.

We have been practising basketball skills in Kawakawa 6. We really enjoyed kick starting our sessions with a lesson from James who runs Jump Ball Academy.



### Are your Contact Details Up-to-Date?

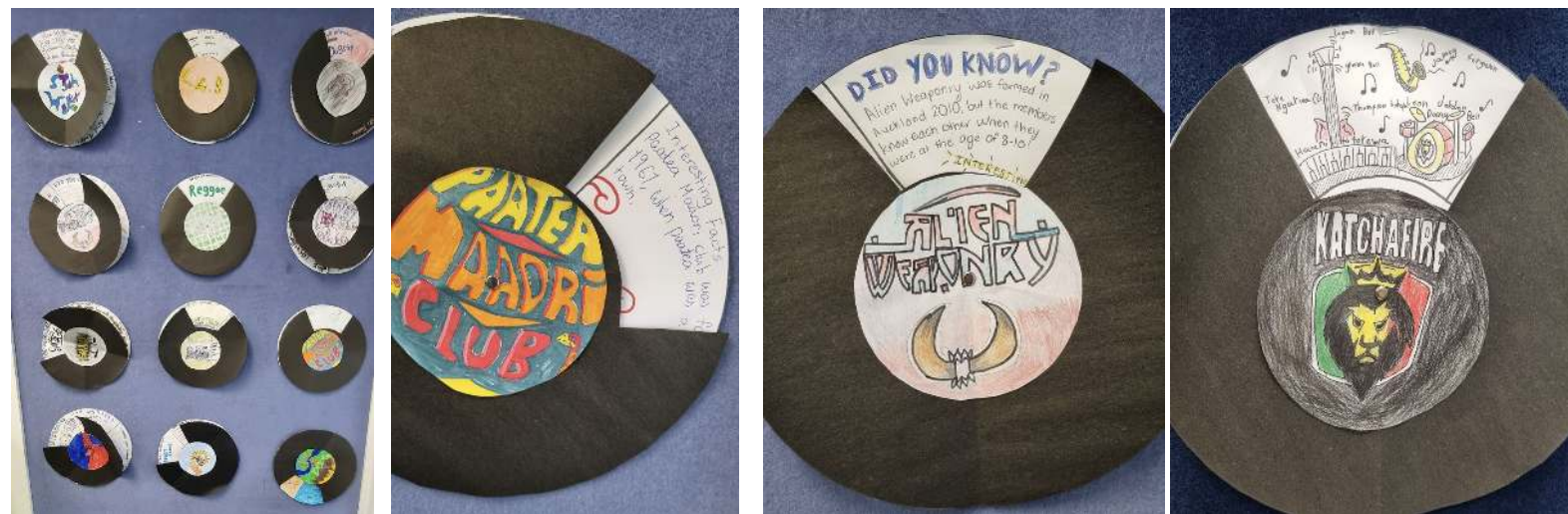
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**Maanuka (Year 7/8):**

**Students honour legacies of past artists while celebrating the diversity of New Zealand music.**

It's New Zealand Music Month and Maanuka students have been immersed in literacy and math intertwined with the vibrant sounds of Kiwi tunes. They have explored the biographies of iconic New Zealand musicians and crafted records as a publishing tool for their research.



Glimpses of the Year 7/8 Transition to High School Visit held by Ngaruawahia High School:



**Does your child know how to tell the time?**

Across the school, our data is telling us that many children do not know how to read the time, especially with an analogue clock (one with hands). This is probably due to the fact that we are in a digital age and they only have to ask google.

Having clocks on the walls at home talking about time can help your child immensely. Kawakawa 6 is having great success with a clock bought from Temu (like the one pictured) that scaffolds the learner.



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## 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. The high-quality programmes are carefully designed in conjunction with the Horotiu School and community to provide the service that best suits your children. The 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. Kelly Club offers set activities each day including crafts, cooking and sports over the week during our after school care.

### Holiday Programme - April 2024

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 period 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. Click [here](#) for the April 2024 holiday programme information.

### 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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Links: [April School Holiday Programme flyer](#)  
[April 2024 School Holiday Programme Timetable](#)

## 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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