



SAVE THE DATES!

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 Public Holiday Observed

Major Reward Breakfast

- Friday 5th July

School Assemblies: 1.45pm -2.30pm

- Friday 5 July
- Friday 2 & 23 August
- Friday 13 & 27 September

Last Day of Term 2

- Friday 5th July

Term 3 starts

- Monday 22 July

School Powhiri

- Monday 22 July

Year 7/8 Tech Dates for Term 3

- Thursday 25th-Tuesday 30th July

School Waiata:

- Friday 16 August
- Friday 6 September

Transition to School - New Entrants

- Wednesday 21 August 9-11am
- Thursday 24 October 9-11am

Join us to Feed the Stars
HAUTAPU CEREMONY

Thursday 27 June

6.30-7.30am

School Field

Panui/ Newsletter: June 2024

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

Kia ora e te whaanau,

It has been an incredibly productive and vibrant term at Horotiu School, with many highlights that showcase the engagement and achievements of our community. Your participation at parent interviews during Week 4 was invaluable, as it strengthens the partnership between home and school, ultimately supporting the learning and development of our tamariki.

The Teacher Only Day provided our kaiako with a fantastic opportunity for professional development. They immersed themselves in new curriculum learning strategies and pedagogical techniques, which will undoubtedly enrich the educational experiences of our students.

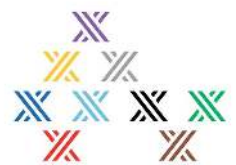
I was fortunate enough to witness some of our young rangatahi stepping up as leaders at the Young Leaders Day and then again at the Cluster Year 3 and 4 Winter Sports. Their enthusiasm, ideas, and leadership skills were inspiring and bode well for the future of our school community.

Sporting activities have been in full swing, with our students actively participating in various interschool events. Whether it was Ki-o-Rahi, soccer, rugby, or netball, our students displayed excellent sportsmanship and teamwork - with the key focus for the day being *wairua pai - good spirit*. These events are not only fun but also foster leadership opportunities and connection outside of our kura.

As we continue to strive for excellence, let us remember the wisdom in the whakatauki: "He waka eke noa" – We are all in this together. Together, we can navigate through challenges and celebrate our successes.

Ngaa mihi nui,

Jo Wright



Mānawatia
a Matariki

School Events and Notices continued:

Year 3/4 Sports Day with Glen Massey and Ngaruawahia Primary Schools

Our Year 3 and 4 Sports Day was a fantastic event filled with excitement and camaraderie. The day featured a range of sports, including Netball, Modified Touch, and Football. Each game was a display of skill and teamwork, with students eagerly participating and cheering each other on. The spirit of sportsmanship, or "wairua pai," was evident throughout the day, as everyone showed respect and support for their peers, regardless of the outcome.

Year 7/8 Interschool Ki-o-Rahi Tournament

Horotiu School hosted the annual Ki-o-Rahi Tournament for our Western Rural Cluster. This is always a well-attended day which focuses on friendship, fairplay and strategic challenge and competition. We are always very grateful for the support we receive in the form of referees where our former students return to school for the day to help us out.

Matariki Celebrations:

This week we celebrate Matariki and all that it brings. Matariki is known as the Māori New Year in Te Ao Māori (the Māori world view). Closely connected with the maramataka (the Māori lunar calendar), the reappearance of the Matariki stars in the early morning sky brings the past year to a close and marks the beginning of the new year.

Mātauranga Māori (ancestral knowledge and wisdom) is at the heart of celebrations of the Matariki public holiday and it will be a time for;

- Remembrance – Honouring those we have lost since the last rising of Matariki
- Celebrating the present – Gathering together to give thanks for what we have
- Looking to the future – Looking forward to the promise of a new year.

Historically, the stars of Matariki were also closely tied to planting, harvesting and hunting. If the stars appeared clear and bright, it signified an abundant season ahead.

We will be celebrating Matariki with a range of activities and special moments. These include planting our bucket potatoes (and growing these until Ag Day next term when we will bring them back to school and count how many we managed to grow); planting at the Awa on Tuesday (for our senior students), Matariki classroom art and activities, and ‘Feeding the Stars’ at our Hautapu Ceremony on Thursday at 6.30am (back field - students to return home or go to Kelly Club at 7.30am). We will be laying a hangi on this day also to share with our community at 12.30pm. A sausage sizzle will also be provided to all students. All free of charge and whaanau are welcome to attend.

Thank you Downers, ‘Rally the Troops’ Initiative!

We are grateful for the donated time and resources Downers donated to us recently. They spent a few afternoons preparing the waka enclosure for turf, making the concrete pad for our friendship bench and placing stepping stones in the Native Grove. We would also like to thank Ian Inglis for his guidance and overseeing the project.

You may have seen Ian working around our school at various times over the past few months (or most likely you haven’t seen him as he’s often here on weekends or during breaks) helping us out with some of the building and maintenance jobs that help to improve our school spaces.

Thanks Ian for all your efforts. We love what you do!



School Events and Notices:

From the Horotiu School Board

The Horotiu School Board is excited to announce new investments in our school, including winter planting of fruit trees and native plants, replacing the turf of the green court, and adding an extra changing room for the school pool. These initiatives stem from your suggestions via school surveys—thank you for your input! We are listening and taking action. Additionally, we are dedicating time to investigate several other important kaupapa raised over the past three years. Your voices are vital in shaping our school's future.

Ngaa mihi nui, Horotiu School Board

School Photos

These have now been taken and the photos are currently being processed and organised by the Shot360 Photography team. As soon as we have the links for your child(ren)'s photos we'll forward them out for you to order online. We have been told to expect the printed orders in August.

Are your Contact Details Up-to-Date?

With so much illness around as we head into the winter season, it's a timely reminder to ensure the details we currently have for contacting you are up-to-date. If you've changed your phone number, home and or family details, please let us know.

Dojo is our widest-reaching school community platform for general communication - if your notification settings are switched off you may miss alerts for updates such as our recent power outage.

We plan pro-actively for emergencies, disasters and crises so that we are ready and prepared. In the event of emergency, we will forward communication out through your current contact details (ie phone and email).

One that we have practiced for recently are lockdowns. Lockdowns can be called for a number of reasons when it is safer to keep our students and staff inside. These may include :

- environmental factors such as leaking gas, weather bomb
- external factors such as a swarm of bees, a roaming dog, a person(s) showing threatening behaviour
- 111 Emergency situations (which involve Police and/or Emergency Services)

During a lockdown, all those on-site are required to stay inside and all staff, students and visitors must follow the direction of authorities and emergency services to minimise the risk to people at school. We will communicate to parents (via phone and/or email) that the school are in lockdown. Rest assured, all care will be taken to keep our school community safe and calm during such instances and the school will let parents know when and where they are able to collect their children. Please note: No-one (including parents and whaanau outside of school) are able to enter the school grounds/buildings until the 'all clear' is given. More details can be read here on our [Lockdown and Shelter in Place Policy](#)



Around the Hubs

Tiitoki (Reception-Y1):

Kia ora e te whaanau. Tiitoki have been having lots of different oral language experiences which have included learning about dog safety where Waikato district council came in and taught us to always ask the owner first before patting a dog and if a dog's on its own, leave it alone. We also had St John's ambulance come in and teach our class basic first aid. They really enjoyed bandaging up each other!



Koromiko (Year 1-2)

This term we have been looking at Measurement for Mathematics. Our tamariki started off the term using bricks and their hands and feet to find length and height of objects around our classroom. We took this learning outside to measure around the school!

Recently Whaea Alex enlisted us and our expertise to help measure the plants that are heading to the Awa for the planting on Tuesday. The tamariki enjoyed checking the plants with rulers to make sure they were the right height! Any that were not tall enough will be staying at school to have a bit more time to grow.



Reception Y0



Y1-2



Y3-4



Y3-4



Kawakawa Y5
Kawakawa Y6



Y7-8

Pohutukawa (Year 3/4)



Our tamariki have been working hard all term, focusing on all areas of the curriculum. Because of their hard mahi, we were able to celebrate our successes by having an art and craft day. Students made box forts, did some amazing drawings and paintings all while spending quality time with one another before we head off to our new hubs for the remaining of the year.



Harakeke (Year 3-4)



Kia ora e te whaanau,

We have had a very busy term two so far! A new tradition in Harakeke is every Friday, the class votes for two people to host our paepae, and they become Matua Gig and Whaea Kiri for the morning. This has been awesome to help build our future leaders. There have been loads of exciting events happening. We had our Year 3 and 4 Sports Day which was a huge success. Some of our tamariki competed in Junior Tough Guy/Gal Challenge. We also reached our Dojo point goal of 3000 points, so we celebrated with an "80's Glow in the Dark Disco".

We are looking forward to our Year 3's from Pohutukawa joining us next term.

Ngaa mihi,
Matua Gig and Whaea Kiri



Reception Y0



Y1-2



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Y7-8



Kawakawa 5 (Year 5):

Over the last few weeks our focus for Physical Education has been paddle tennis. The tamariki have loved learning the different rules and appropriate strokes to use. We have now started our tournament where they are in teams of three and each round they have a designated ref. It has been great to see the tamariki show respect to 'our refs' and show excellent sportsmanship.



We were fortunate enough to have Mrs Parker in our akomanga and using her creative cranium, she helped us create our amazing Tupuaarangi Matariki Art. Under Miss Callaghan's guidance the students went through a process of creating their background with water colours and leaves. As these were drying, they chose a bird and collaged on top of it using different coloured/textures of papers. We can't wait to share them all with you when they are displayed in the hall for Matariki.



Kawakawa 6 (Year 6):

Our inquiry focus this term has been on the history of Aotearoa. Kawakawa 6 was fascinated with the Paa that Maaori used to defend the British. We tried to replicate them and use their examples to create our own Paa in the school sandpit.



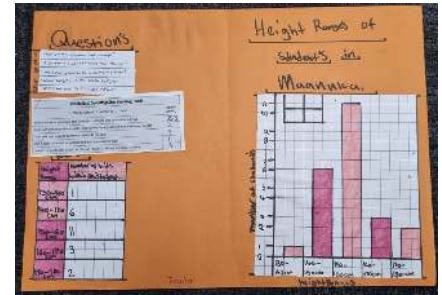
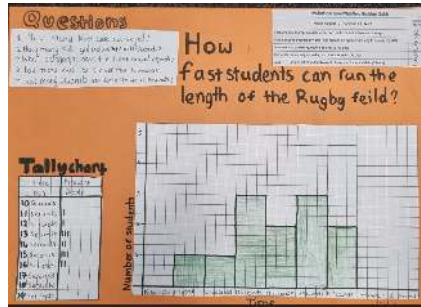
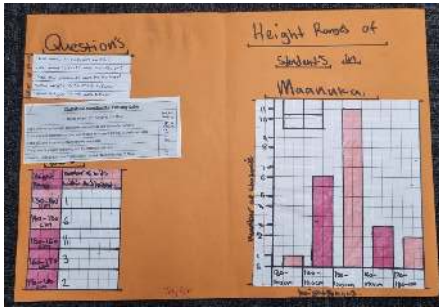
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Maanuka (Year 7/8):

Statistical Analysis - In the Maanuka Hub, tamariki have been developing important skills in understanding and working with data. They have been busy planning statistical investigations by thinking about interesting issues or experiments, and then collecting the appropriate data for their inquiries. They have also learnt to choose and construct quality data displays, such as frequency tables, bar charts, and histograms, to effectively communicate the significant features of their measurement data. These activities have encouraged student agency, and fostered critical thinking and analytical skills.



Matariki Art - Waiti (Maia) is connected to freshwater: springs, streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands, and the plants and animals that live in freshwater. Waiti is comprised of two words wai (water) and ti which means sweet. Come in and see our Matariki Art. This started as a literacy visualising task from our class novel we are currently reading. We based our art on Paneiraira - the tuna in the story *Nine Girls* by Stacy Gregg. We've had lots of fun using different mediums and working collaboratively to create our final art pieces that also represent Waiti.

Transition to High School: Year 8 Information

Open Days for various high schools are starting to take place around the area. If your child is a Year 8 student, we suggest touching base with your high school(s) of choice to go in and get a feel for the school and all that it offers. We have been sent the Fairfield College dates below - all schools have their own information and transition events. Check out the High School websites for details.

FAIRFIELD COLLEGE

2025 INFORMATION EVENING & OPEN DAY

INFORMATION EVENING - ALL YEAR LEVELS
 Thursday 23rd July 2024
 5:00pm - 7:00pm
 All year levels are invited to attend an evening with Fairfield College Senior Leadership Staff and teachers providing an overview of Fairfield College.

SCHOOL TOURS
 Monday 29th August 10:00am - 11:00am
 Monday 2nd September 10:00am - 11:00am
 Monday 8th September 10:00am - 11:00am

YEAR 8 OPEN DAY
 Friday 16th November 2024
 9:00am - 1:00pm

All of these events are held in accordance with the school's COVID-19 protocols. All attendees must wear their masks and hand sanitise. All attendees must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. All attendees must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. All attendees must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

www.fairfield.school.nz

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Junior Tough Guy and Girl Challenge

Last Wednesday 21 of our students attended the Junior Tough Guy and Girl Challenge at CYC Camp at Ngaruawahia. It was a very muddy experience with over 1000 students from across the Waikato, participating on the day. There were plenty of smiles however and lots of working together to complete the mud run. Well done team! Here's a few pics of the day:



Chartwell Resources for Schools:

Please keep taking your Chartwell Shopping receipts to the information desk to add points for Horotiu School.

We are currently leading the competition so have a real chance of winning cash for school. Make sure you mention this to family and friends too.

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It's as easy as 1,2,3:

- 1 From 10 June – 7 July, **shop at Chartwell Shopping Centre** (including Woolworths!).
- 2 Take your receipt/s to Customer Service on Level 2, on the day of purchase, to vote for your chosen school.
- 3 Track your school's progress at chartwellshopping.co.nz.

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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 -

Kelly Club will be running their fun and busy Holiday Programme these July school holidays. Our days will be busy with activities ranging from fort building to 4 corner soccer. Book online at <https://kellyclub.co.nz/> and enter Horotiu as your school. Kelly Club staff look forward to seeing your kids there. Any questions - pop in and see the team at KellyClub.

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>

Phone: 07 8399017

Email: horotiu@kellyclub.co.nz

Facebook: @KellyClubHorotiu

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

Multiple Sessions throughout the week

9.00 am - 12 noon

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For more information

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Email: horotiu@playcentre.org.nz



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