



## SAVE THE DATES!

### School Assemblies: 1.45pm -2.30pm

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

### School Waiata:

- Friday 16 August
- Friday 6 September

### Transition to School - New Entrants

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

### Daffodil Day & Ball Run

- Friday 30 August

### Year ¾ Movewell Tournament

- Friday 6 September, Patterson Park, Nga

### BSLA Structured Literacy Hui

- Tuesday 10 September 2:45-3:15pm

### Kapa Haka Festival

- Thursday 19 September

### Year 7/8 HPV Immunisations

- Monday 23 September

### Ag Day:

- Wednesday 25 September

### School Reward Day

- Thursday 26 September



## Panui/ Newsletter: August 2024

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

Kia ora e te whaanau,

It is great to see our Horotiu aakonga back into their learning for the new term. We ended last term with a fantastic week of Matariki celebrations including: our Hautapu Ceremony, Hangi, and our 7th annual Awa Planting. Thank you to all those that helped out and joined in our early morning Hautapu Ceremony and lunch hangi to celebrate the new year. Friday at Horotiu School was like a little village or papakainga with staff, students and whaanau engaged in traditional games, arts and crafts, kite flying, preparation and eating of kai, and tuakana teina to name a few. Following that week, we held our Mara Kai Food Cooking Challenge and Reward Breakfast. Thank you to Whaea Alex and the other teachers for your efforts around these two kaupapa.

This term your tamariki will receive their reports with next steps and goals for the remainder of the year. If you have any questions, remember our kaiako/teachers are here to help and that parent/whaanau interest and involvement in student learning is proven to be a key driver in helping children really make progress.

This week we are celebrating the Cook Islands as well as the Arts: Drama, Dance, Visual and Music. Students have been out drawing with chalk on the pavement, singing, dancing and hubs/classes have visual art everywhere. Mrs Parker invited Fraser High School's Cook Island group who taught students dance and drumming. This was an amazing experience for all!

Coming up is the annual Koroneihana which is a special event for Aotearoa and of course us, as we live in the heart of Kiingitanga. Finally, good luck to those aakonga who are training for our Colour Fun Run/Cross-Country coming up and to those who choose to extend themselves by participating in the Interschool Cross-Country event later in the month. Our fun run using "The Pit" next to the back of the school will possibly be our last ever due to the development planned. A huge thank you to Michelle and Shane for their generosity in using this resource over the last 20 odd years. Parents, come along and enjoy the event with us!

Ngaa mihi, Jo

## School Events and Notices continued:

### New Arrival:

On the final day of Term 2, Whaea Mikayla Callaghan and her partner Quintony, welcomed their second daughter, Kora, into the world and Amaia officially became a big sister! Miss Callaghan has been back for a visit early this term to introduce Kora to the staff and some of our students. She is gorgeous and the whaanau are doing well.



### Thank You Mr Wood - Best Wishes for Your Retirement!

We wish Mr Wood all the best in the next chapter of his journey (life without the school bell!) as he moves into his retirement. We are grateful for Keith's involvement in our school over the many years he has been here, beginning in 2006. We held a special farewell/retirement assembly for Keith on Friday where staff and students alike, were able to acknowledge Keith and celebrate with he and Janet. We wish Mr Wood all the best and hope that he takes some time to put his feet up. We have a feeling that Janet will have a whole list of jobs that will keep Keith busy for a while too



### Chartwell Shopping 'Receipts into Resources': Horotiu School Winners of \$3000!

We were super excited to win second place in the recent 'Receipts into Resources' campaign, and even more so when the super-sized cheque was delivered to school recently. Thank you to all those who took a little extra time at Chartwell to take their receipts to the Information Desk and vote for our school. This prize money has led to the purchase of some extra school resources - sleds for our Fun Run, a Go Pro and a drone so our children and community can see our school through different perspectives. We already have a list of creative ideas to engage students with these resources.

### Ag Day:

Our annual Ag Day is being held at the end of this term on Wednesday 25th September. If your child(ren) is intending to bring a lamb, goat or calf to participate in this, your child's name needs to be registered at the Office by Friday 16 August. This will allow our team to arrange a programme for the day, organise judges and order the relevant number of ribbons etc. Keep on growing those seed potatoes and seedlings - Ag Day is the day we also compare their growth and count how many potatoes have grown (if any).

### Koroneihana: Friday 16 August: Tainui Waka Kawe Mate & Wednesday 21st August: The King's main day.

The Koroneihana is a calling together of all Maaori to discuss important issues, as well as the bringing together of a continuous and highly regarded genealogy. It is an open invitation to visitors from Aotearoa and throughout the world, to join and to celebrate the unique and important customs and traditions of Kiingitanga, and of Maaori. Thousands flock to Turangawaewae Marae in Ngaruawahia each year to take part in a huge cultural and sporting festival. Some of our tamariki will be attending the koroneihana this year to help with waitressing.

### School Photos:

Apologies have been forwarded on from Jeremy, Shot360 Photography re: missing links to the some of our sibling and individual photos. Jeremy has had a recent operation and recuperation took a little longer than expected. Jeremy has kindly extended the free shipping option to the 16th August (delivering photos as one batch to the school). Photos can be ordered after this time but you will need to pay freight costs to your home.



# **HOROTIU SCHOOL'S ANNUAL**

## **DAFFODIL DAY BALL RUN**

**FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST**

We would love your support in this event by purchasing a ball or two with all profits going to the Cancer Society.

### **HERE'S HOW IT WORKS**

Purchase an official "Daffodil Day" ball to enter the race.

We will write your name on the ball and place it in the container for your hub.

On race day the hall or turf will be set up for this annual event.

The balls will be tipped out onto the court by the official race starter.

The first balls to reach the end will win a prize and there'll also be a few spot prizes.

After the completion of the race your ball will be returned to you to keep.

### **DON'T MISS OUT! PRE ORDER NOW!**

You can purchase as many balls as you would like. They are **\$2** each.

This year they are all orange high quality ping pong balls.

Balls need to be **purchased by Thursday 29th @9am** so they can be processed and race ready for the next day.

We are also trialling a **new payment system**, the official Cancer Society website.

**Use this QR code** to take you directly to our **Horotiu School fundraising page**.

**Press Enter a different amount. Record your name, then dojo message or email [m.parker@horotiu.school.nz](mailto:m.parker@horotiu.school.nz).**

That way Mrs Parker will know who the balls are for and will ensure they are in the race.

Donations over \$5 can be tax deductible too.



**Alternatively, please give your gold coin to your hub teacher.**

**No online payments to the school can be made please.**

Another way you can support Daffodil Day is by **dressing up in daffodil colours, green, yellow and orange** on the day.

*Help us to Support Daffodil Day!*





## Around the Hubs

### Tiitoki (Reception-Y1):

Tiitoki has had a great start to the Term with lots of learning and fun as well. We have planted seeds, done some drawing, painting and clay work for our Art Week. We started learning an Irish dance with Whaea Paige and are doing some drama to the story "Where the Wild Things Are."

Last Friday we celebrated the hundredth day of the school year by learning to count to 100 in Maori, sharing items to 100, making a 100 day crown to wear and trying to cycle 100 laps of our bike track as a class. We also won the Enviro Trophy for keeping our deck so tidy. We have been learning Rakau Stick games and continued to learn our Pepeha with Whaea Marleina.

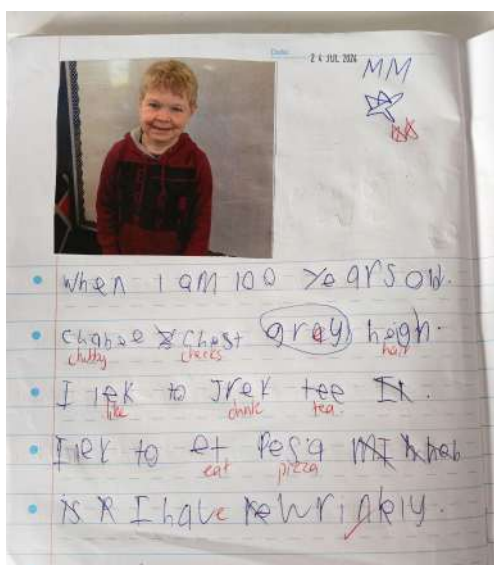


### Koromiko (Year 1-2)

This term we have continued our strand focus in mathematics of Measurement by focusing on money! We have so far looked at ordering notes and coins to understand the amounts and how we can make different values using different combinations of notes and coins.

We have been practicing our running in P.E this term to prepare for the upcoming School Colour Fun Run and to get our fitness up to help! We have been running laps of the field, playing running games and circuits.

At the start of term we also got to celebrate 100 days of school! The children did some descriptive writing on their pictures of them looking 100 years old and had some other 100-themed activities throughout the day! We are now 100 days smarter - let's see how clever we are in another 100 days!



Reception Y0



Y1-2



Y3-4



Kawakawa Y4/5  
Kawakawa Y6



Y7-8

### Harakeke (Year 3-4)



So much has been happening in and out of our akomanga (classroom) since the last newsletter. It was with smiles, hugs and cheers we welcomed back our amazing learning assistant Mrs Latif.

We have continued building our students confidence and leadership, with having two students host our Friday morning paepae (routine). Harakeke was lucky enough to have a workshop with the Fraser High School Cook Island Group, in which we were introduced to the different ura (dances) and the drums - meitaki (thanks). We have also been weaving the Arts into all of our learning in Week 3, acting out our writing to grow our literacy and performing arts knowledge.

Mauri ora e te whaanau - Whaea Kiri & Matua Gig.



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Y3-4



Kawakawa Y4/5  
Kawakawa Y6



Y7-8

**Kawakawa 4/5 (Year 4 & 5):**



One of our highlights during the week is running along the awa for cross-country practice. We do this alongside Kawakawa 6 and Maanuka, every Tuesday and Thursday. It has been great seeing everyone get out there and try their best, even when the weather hasn't been the best. This is not only improving our fitness but also getting us out into the community and allows us to use our Horotiu School Three B's when sharing our beautiful Awa cycle track with everyone.



**Kawakawa 6 (Year 6):**



Kawakawa has been diving into Art Week. This week we have been making Dragon Eyes using clay, marbles and metallic paint.

We are very excited about the paddler tennis nets that are outside our hub and are looking forward to a bit of healthy competition.

Our class are currently all training to be Peer Mediators in our kura. It will take us two weeks to get through the Cool Schools Kaupapa, discussing what conflict is and how we can constructively deal with it (a good lesson for adults too!). We hope to be out in the playground helping students solve minor friendship issues and problems by the end of the term.



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## Maanuka (Year 7/8):



This term the Maanuka Hub have been showcasing their adventurous spirits across various activities. In recent weeks, they have completed their third round of Technology, enjoyed invigorating runs along the beautiful Waikato Awa, pushing their physical limits and appreciating the natural beauty of our surroundings and embraced the rhythms of Cook Island drumming and dancing, learning new skills through this cultural tradition. It has been great to see our whole hub embracing resilience and perseverance.



## Home and School Support:


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

Kia ora,






You may have heard the words "*Structured Literacy*" in the news recently and wondered what this means for your tamariki. Here at Horotiu, we are using The Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA) from YO-4. This structured literacy approach aims to enhance the early reading, writing and oral language skills of all children. It is based on research and has been successfully trialled in many New Zealand schools. There are other structured literacy approaches, but BSLA is supported by the Ministry of Education with over 50% of NZ kura now using this approach.

Any Questions?



 We are offering a workshop for whaanau on Tuesday 10th September at 2:45pm-3:15pm for those interested in finding out more about BSLA. There will be childcare options available during this time. Come along to ask questions and gain some helpful tips for helping your child read at home.

### Here are a few reminders to support with helping your child read at home:

-  You and the rest of your whānau are an important part of your child's reading and spelling journey. Any reading that you do with your child in another language you are fluent in, will help and support your child's literacy journey.
-  Make sure reading is fun and interesting! Reading is not just about the books that come home from school. Written words are everywhere. On street signs, on the road, on packets, in magazines and on your phone!
-  Bring your child's attention to print and help them read words wherever you see them! Give your child plenty of praise for their reading and writing attempts.
-  It's not easy to learn to read and write a language, so plenty of encouragement and praise will help motivate your child to keep trying hard.
-  Lots of modelling. Show your child letters and say the sound that they make.

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## Yummy Fruit Stickers

This is the last term for collecting Yummy apple stickers. These Yummy stickers convert to school points which in turn earn us sports gear! The more stickers we collect the more, the sports gear we can order for our playground. Yummy stickers can be forwarded to the School Office.

## School Hat - Price increase

Due to the cost of freight and embroidery, we need to raise the price of school hats by \$1.50. They will now cost \$20 to purchase. A reminder that students are all required to wear a wide-brimmed hat of some sort (it's not compulsory that its a school one) in Terms 1 and 4 to play safely beneath the hot sun. School hats can be purchased from the office.

## Planting Day Success at the Awa!

At the end of Term 2, our community came together to plant 1,500 native plants along the awa, and it was a tremendous success. A huge thank you to Waikato District Council for their organisational support, City Care for delivering trees, slices, and prepping the site in the early morning, Cushman and Wakefield for providing Milo and helping hands, and the Police for their awesome BBQ trailer and top-notch barbecuing skills.

We also extend our gratitude to EnviroSchools for their support throughout the day, the Stewart whaanau for their generous koha of Harakeke, and the parent support from our school. Last but not least, a massive shout-out to our amazing 90 tamariki who did a fantastic job planting, just like they do every year! Your hard work and enthusiasm are truly inspiring. Thank you to everyone involved for making this day a memorable and impactful event for our community and environment!



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## Kelly Club:

### Before- and After-School Care

Kia ora everyone and welcome back to term 3! We are in our 4th week with lots of things happening. Welcome to our new coaches and new tamariki that have started with us this term, nau mai, haere mai. We have some fun themes this term such as Zoo normous, Stage theme and many more, which includes crast, sport games, cooking, and discovery activities.

### Holiday Programme -

Kelly Club will be running their fun and busy Holiday Programme these next school holidays in October. 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.

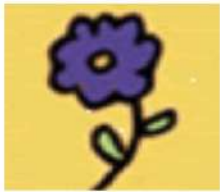
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## Looking for a Playcentre?



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

Multiple Sessions throughout the week

9.00 am - 12 noon

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