



# Newsletter



11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – Term 3, Week 8

Tēnā koutou

Again we seem to be flying fast towards the end of the term. We have had a busy fortnight with Book Week, grandparents assembly and our school and rural schools' cross country. Congratulations to every student for their participation in all events and congratulations to Samantha, Libby, Taylon and Darren, who will represent the Rural Schools' team at the Cambridge Interschools' Cross Country this Friday.

Today, we welcomed **Angela** back after a prolonged absence due to one of her sons being very ill and spending time in hospital. We are very pleased to see her back at school but also to know that her son is well on the way to recovery. Thanks also to Liz for stepping in and ensuring there was little or no disruption to the running of Tawa.

Our second round of **Electives** has one more week to go....the students have really enjoyed the different challenges and activities they have been able to participate in. Thank you to Eric and Kate for helping out at Electives and to the staff for the awesome activities the students have been part of.

On **Thursday 29th August** we had a great morning beginning with book Character dress-up day, followed by Grandparents reading with students, then shared morning tea assembly and finally our school cross country. Thank you to all those parents, grandparents and friends who attended and supported our children. They loved sharing the different activities and learning with you all!

Our **Rural Schools' Cross Country** was held in inclement weather last Friday, 06 September. It was a cold day with the occasional nasty shower which made things challenging at times but all students who participated can feel proud of their achievement in completing this challenging race.

All students have now presented their **speeches** with Rimu's being completed last week and Tawa's today. It is a big thing to stand up and speak in front of your peers and all students have done this despite the butterflies and nerves so congratulations to all and again it is an achievement to be very proud of. It was a close fought thing in the senior room, well done to Ella, who will represent our school at the Cambridge Primary Schools' Speech competition next week.

A couple of weeks ago we received 2 apple trees, a peacharine tree, a raspberry cane and a nectarine tree free from the Avis Leeson Trust. These have been planted in our **orchard** area behind Rimu and the Library. We now have an impressive orchard with 10 fruit trees, 2 feijoas and the raspberry plant. We look forward to collecting and eating these in the next few years.

Thank you to **Alex, our enviro-schools facilitator** for collecting and delivering these plants. It is with some sadness that we say goodbye to Alex as she has been moved to be responsible for other areas of the Waikato. Alex has been an amazing resource for us in our enviro-schools' journey so far and we will miss her enthusiasm in helping our students become more aware of how to be more sustainable in our daily lives.

Finally I have some very **big thank you's** to say..... to Maryanne Eason.... Thank you for your work this year with our students building, and setting **pest traps**, disposing of the caught pests and then setting bait tracking stations for us to monitor the pests we have within our school environment. The children are very enthusiastic about the learning involved and its practical aspects. All traps, tracking stations and bait are supplied by Mitchell Plaw at Takapoto Estate and we thank him very much for his on-going generosity with this project.

Thank you also to Kate Findlay who came down to school to offer her expertise in helping us develop our native plant area and **outdoor classroom** in our old plantation . We value your knowledge and advice and thank you for helping us get started.

Finally, thank you to Robyn also from Takapoto Estate for organising a trailer load of Dalton's potting mix to top up our **enviro gardens** free of charge, for organising people to spread the mix (including Kate F ) and for working with the children to plant new carrot seeds, broccoli plants and strawberries.... The gardens are looking amazing!

We thank all three of these women for their generosity of time, knowledge and equipment to help make our students more aware of pests, vegetable gardening and native plants and for making our enviro areas so much better.

Thank you for your support. Joanne, Angela, Sarah-Anne and Liz.

Hi everyone! Did you know that the PTA has in its possession a signed Rugby ball from Dan Carter? He signed this ball for Horahora school and even had a few kicks with it! Thanks to Roger Laxon for organising this. We are waiting for the right event to auction the ball off. We will keep you posted on when this will happen.

Just a reminder to all Dads to get your aprons on and get cooking. If you are new to the community every year on Ag day we have a Dads' cake auction. This is a fun event and sees good money raised for the school, so thank you in advance to the Dads who go to the effort and bring a cake along to Ag day.

I hope that the lamb and calf training is going well. Please, just a reminder that the animal that your child enters for Ag day needs to have been reared and trained by your child. If you have devastating circumstances leading up to Ag day with your child's Ag day pet, please feel free to contact Joanne or myself so we can talk through alternative options for the day.

Our next PTA meeting is on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. If you feel you would like to join the team please come along.

Mary Scott  
PTA Chair

**WELL DONE** to all our students who participated in our school cross country – all the hard training, weeks before the event, certainly paid off!



**HORAHORA PLAYCENTRE**

Horahora playcentre would like to welcome all new families to the district.... come along for a free session to see what we're about, meet some other locals and enjoy a relaxed cuppa whilst your children can play & explore. We would love to see some new faces! We are open every Wednesday during term from 9am-11.30. Follow us on facebook or contact Michelle Bartz 021 024 63236 or email [horahora.cambridge@playcentre.org](mailto:horahora.cambridge@playcentre.org)

Our students had great fun dressing up as their favourite book character



What excitement when our students came across a possum in one of the traps, that have been very kindly donated from Takapoto Estate. Thank you Maryann for disposing of the caught pests.

Thank you to all the Grandparents for your support at our reading time, assembly and cross country day. We know your grandchildren love to share their learning with you.



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