



# Newsletter



12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Term 1, Week 2

Tēnā koutou

Tena koutou and welcome back to a new year of exciting learning. We hope you had a relaxing and fun-filled family time over the summer break – we were greeted with big smiles and some very excited students returning on day 1.

Firstly, a big friendly welcome to our new students, Alice, Zac and Finn in Tawa, and Shandy and Gianni in Rimu. With these additions to our school, we have started with a healthy roll of 35 students. It is great to see our little school growing!

We had a gradual return to school with the long Waitangi weekend allowing for children to recharge their batteries, what with the extreme heat and the busy days. We are now into full weeks all the way to the end of term. We have lots of interesting learning planned but are mindful of the heat at the moment so are adjusting things as needed.

We have started the year with our new organisation of 3 classrooms. Mrs Hammond is in Tawa, hopefully until the end of week 5 with our Year 1 to 3 children. After week 5 Liz Clayton and Sue Bullick will share the class. This class continues with their learning through play programme, while learning the “3 R’s” and other curriculum areas in individual or group or class lessons. The middle class, Kahikatea is my class Monday to Thursday mornings. I have Year 3 to Year 5 students. We have been busy with our beginning of the year tasks but as we move into our term, we will work as a transition class allowing for a more gradual change in learning environments from our junior to the senior class. Miss Riches is now full-time and working with the senior class. Each afternoon and all day Friday, I will be in the office and children from my class move back, either to the junior (year3’s) or the senior (year 4 & 5’s) class for that time. So far, the organization is working well and children are enjoying the smaller classes.

Next week we have planned a whole school overnight camp at school. This is a camp for children and teachers only, with students working together and helping each other to achieve the goals. It is a great time to build relationships and challenge themselves. Junior students will sleep in the classrooms and seniors will camp on the field. We have organised for lots of fun activities on both days, including coding, scavenger hunt, old time relays, like egg and spoon and sack races, and a water slide. Fingers crossed for fine weather. The children are very excited about this and full of ideas about what they will organise in their house groups for dinner. Watch for further information coming out by the end of the week.

You should have received classroom newsletters this week and a term planner. If you haven’t please contact the school and we will send another home. Also if you haven’t seen Melleney about your child/ren’s stationery could you please do that as soon as possible. It is hard to set routines when some have no stationery.

We look forward to a productive and exciting year of learning.

Thank you

Joanne, Angela, Sarah-Anne and Liz.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Feb : Overnight Camp at school

4<sup>th</sup> Mar : Team Energize Leadership Day

13<sup>th</sup> Mar : Rural Schools’ Triathlon

23<sup>rd</sup> Mar : Rural Schools’ Swimming Sports

26<sup>th</sup> Mar : Grip Leadership Conference – Rimu

03<sup>rd</sup> Apr : Town Swimming Sports

Kia Ora Koutou, welcome back to our school families as you all return from your summer adventures. A warm welcome to our new students and their families, it's wonderful to have you join us. Some for the second time which is special! The school Board of trustees hope you will enjoy your year as a part of our school whanau.

2020 is an exciting year for us as a school. The implementation of three classrooms will allow for great student to teacher ratios, resulting in targeted learning taking place. Our goal this year as a Board is to see each individual child achieve their best.

This will also be supported outside of the class room with the bike track to go in, the plantation to be finished and planting allowing for children to learn through different mediums and from the world around them. As a BoT we are your voice, so feel free to chat with anyone on the BoT with ideas or concerns. We love to see our community being a part of our school. Our current Board of Trustee members are; Michelle Bartz, George Dallinger, Quinn Dallinger, Roger Laxon and myself.

So welcome and we look forward to working together this year.

Ngaa mihi  
Nicole Johannes  
Bot Chair.

Hi everyone hope you all enjoyed your summer break and are ready for 2020!

We are starting the year a person down as sadly for us, Eric Hill has left. The PTA would like to thank Eric and his family for their time, effort and energy over the years. Eric was always willing to lend a hand and be involved in every fundraising event. We wish you luck.

Looking forward, if you are keen to join the PTA PLEASE come along to our first meeting of the year, it's going to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7pm, at the school and everyone is welcome. If you are unable to attend this meeting but would still like to be part of the fun please contact myself or Bridget Dallinger.

There are many ways in which you can support the PTA, these include helping to organise an event, coming up with fundraising ideas, helping on the day, or even bring friends and family along to events. Please get involved it's a lot of fun and helps to create a great community spirit.

In the next newsletter look out for our first events and dates for the year.

Mary Scott  
Chair Horahora PTA 2020

We have a 4 bedroom house on Oreipunga Rd that will be available to rent short term from 24th February. House will be fully furnished.

Inquiries 0274908810 or 0274922917 Kirsty Prewer

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	\$.20c double sided
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	\$.80c double sided
A3 – Colour	\$.80c per copy
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## KIDS MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDES STARTING SATURDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> FEB – 4<sup>TH</sup> APR 2020

WHERE: Te Miro MTB Park, Waterworks Road, Te Miro

Approx 15 mins from both Morrinsville and Cambridge. Parking available on the Reserve.

9:45am - Meet at Main Car Park (rider briefing, group sorting and tip of the week)

10am - Group Rides leave main car park

12pm – Groups return to BBQ Area (depending on skill level you may return earlier)

- Recommended Age 8 to 15 (Adults welcome to join the ride)
- Under 8's must be accompanied by riding, walking or running adult
- Bring a drink bottle/camelbak & any medication you may need
- Bikes must be suitable for off road use & in good working order
- Helmets and shoes compulsory (No exceptions)
- No cost for the rides but donations & new members are welcome
- Stay after the ride for a sausage sizzle and drink – Cash Only
- Rides are on rain, hail or shine



Ph or Text Linley A/H for more information – 0272 363 778

Please advise if your child has any special needs so that they can be grouped with extra adult support if required

[www.temiromtbclub.co.nz](http://www.temiromtbclub.co.nz)



Young Engineers Term 1 Enrolments are now open.

e2 Young Engineers -bricks challenge and Gali-Lego are exciting programmes that will boost a student's mind in creative thinking and problem solving. Students will explore basic principles of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and get a practical experience building motorised Lego models. It's fun, its challenging, and it'll help them prepare for other educational pathways in science, physics or engineering!

Available in Rototuna. **Enrol now as spaces are limited.**

For more information or to enrol please go to our website [www.squiggle.org.nz](http://www.squiggle.org.nz) or contact Katrina on 027 909 3903.