

Newsletter



19th June 2019 – Term 2, Week 8

Tēnā koutou

What an amazing week it has been here for us.

Firstly, I must thank Mary and the PTA team for hosting an amazing event at school on Sunday. **The Frazzled Kiwi Adventure race** brought over 500 people to our school to compete in this event. The race was organised by someone outside of school, but it gave us a great fundraising opportunity. Those who took part in the race will vouch that it was a challenging but fun activity able to be enjoyed by all ages, so I'm sure we will see even more locals participating next year! Thanks also to people in the community, who gave up time to help the PTA with marshalling and helping with the preparation and sale of the food. It just goes to show what a great community we have here in Horahora! To everyone who helped in any way, thank you so much. The school's students will benefit from the funds raised as they go towards our school camps and extra resources.

Teachers attended a CoL-wide **Teacher only day** on Friday 14th June, along with staff and support staff from 11 other schools and 3 ECE around Cambridge. We had amazing speakers in Nathan Wallis (Child Development expert), James Anderson (Growth Mindset expert), Judge Andrew Beacroft (Children's Commissioner), the Education spokesperson for Waikato Tainui, and Paula Rawiri (Director of Education, Waikato). It was a great day of learning for us all. Angela, Sarah-Anne and I were also fortunate to go on a bus tour with Mana whenua to learn about the significant areas around Cambridge for Maori. It was an enlightening trip and as we follow our inquiry about our maunga, we will share this knowledge with our students.

On Wednesday 12th June we visited the **MEIT Education Centre** at Pukeatua. We spent the morning at the Education Centre learning about the pests that have been eradicated within the enclosure and how they monitor and keep it pest free. Then we ventured into the southern enclosure. Unfortunately, the rain got heavier and heavier and we had to pull out. We will be re-visiting the Sanctuary once Tali, the educator, finds an available spot and when the weather is kinder. The children were excited to learn more about the maunga and enjoyed the time we had. We look forward to returning and learning more about this taonga on our doorstep!

The Rural Schools' Winter Sports day for the year 4 – 6's is on this Friday, weather permitting. The students will participate in 6 modified winter sports games over the day in mixed teams of students from across the rural schools. This is usually a fun day for the participants, with them getting to know and playing alongside other students from other schools.

Next week we move into our annual **Matariki celebrations**. We have planned some fun activities around the theme of Matariki and will come together as a school from late morning each day to work together on the various tasks. This is a great time to use our citizenship competency (sharing & working together) and tuakana teina (learning from each other). We will finish our celebrations with a shared lunch and assembly on Thursday July 04. It will be a great way to finish the term!

A heads-up..... we are being hit with a lot of sickness at the moment – a rather nasty flu-like sickness and a nasty tummy bug. We have had almost one third of our children away each day over the past week!

Thank you to our Parents who voted in our recent Board of Trustees election. Congratulations to those who have been elected.

Finally, I would like to thank **Duncan** for his service to the school as a member and chairperson of the school board of trustees over the past 3+ years. I know he will continue to be a supportive parent but as he has now resigned, I would like to acknowledge his hard work and dedication to our school. Your work has been much appreciated by me, the staff and wider school community. Thank you again.

Thank you for your support.

Joanne, Angela, Sarah-Anne and Liz.

**Thank you Roger Laxon
for this great photo**



DATES TO REMEMBER

21 June – Winter Sports Day Yr 4 – 8
26 June – Parent interviews
04 July – Matariki Assembly
05 July – Last day of school

Hi everyone

The results of the trustee elections are through and I would like to congratulate Michelle Bartz on being elected onto the school board. A MASSIVE thank you to Duncan Scott for the 3 and a bit years that he was on the board, including Chairperson position last year. The following Parent Trustees were re-elected; Nichole Johannes, George Dallinger, Quinn Dallinger, and myself. Joanne remains on the board as Principal and Sarah-Anne as staff representative. Thank you to all Parents who took the time to vote, your opinion is really important to us.

Rosie Hill
BoT Chair

Hi guys

A big thank you to everyone that helped out with marshalling and food for the Frazzled Kiwi Adventure Race, we raised the grand total of \$2553 which will go towards the school camp. I would like to ask the dairy farmers to consider rearing a calf to be sold at the end of the year, with proceeds going to the school. If you are new to the area and want to know more about it, give me a ring on 0272847701. You are all welcome to the Beer and Burger night that starts at 5.30pm this Friday in the Hora Hora Hall. It's a good opportunity for new families in the area, and the rest of the community, to get together before calving starts.

Thanks
Eric Hill
PTA Chair

PTA EVENT

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO
BEER & BURGER NIGHT**
ON THE 21ST JUNE AT
HORA HORA HALL
FROM 5.30 pm
WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE
YOU ALL!



FRAZZLED KIWI ADVENTURE RACE



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

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