



# Newsletter



21<sup>st</sup> February 2019 – Term 1, Week 4

Tēnā koutou

Edition 2 of the Horahora Herald 2019 finds us well underway with the term and both classes hard at work learning, while trying to cope with the extreme heat we have been experiencing – thank goodness the students are able to cool off each day in our wonderful pool!

Firstly, my apologies for not extending a **warm welcome to our new students** who began the year at our school. Welcome to Libby and Olivia Laxon who join us from London, England. Welcome also to their parents Roger and Jana, Roger is an old student from our school. Welcome also to Eva who joins us from Korakonui School. Welcome too, to Kate and Sam, Eva's parents. Eva and Libby are in Rimu and Olivia in Tawa. It's wonderful to have you as part of our school and community and we hope you enjoy your time with us.

We have been busy in classes, completing **beginning of the year tasks**. Class treaties have been formulated, getting to know us tasks completed, sample book covers created and self-portraits drawn. Watch for our self-portraits to appear in our foyer!

We have also begun our **beginning of the year testing**. In the junior room this will involve running records in reading and a spelling test and/or how many words I can write in 10 minutes and a writing sample. In the senior room, we have completed an Essential List Spelling test and a writing sample, but our big week of standardized testing will occur next week. Please remember to ensure your children are well rested to ensure they are ready and focused.

Last week we had a visit from the **Community of Learners**, Te Puna o Kemereti (CoL) Leadership team. They enjoyed some time in each class and had a tour of our school as a getting to know us exercise. They then met with staff to go over our expectations and requirements for this coming year. They were enchanted by our children and felt envious of our school facilities and location. It was a good reminder for us as to how fortunate we are to work in such a lovely environment!

This week is **Library week** where we celebrate the joy of reading and books. Classes will be sharing their favourite books from the Library, having Buddy reading each day and be involved in a reading challenge. In addition, each class will update their display in the Library.

The juniors are enjoying their more **play-based learning** curriculum, having freedom to follow their interests and to explore. Groups are rotated through reading, writing and maths tasks while this "play" continues. They especially enjoy their afternoon sojourns into the plantation! They are excited about their learning and making good progress.

This week we have been fortunate to have Sally, our teacher aide, give her time to put all students through a week and possibly 2, of concentrated **swimming lessons**. Sally is a qualified swimming teacher so we are lucky to be able to take advantage of her specialized skills. These lessons will occur in 30-minute slots each day from 12.00. Please ensure your children have their togs at school each day, as swimming is part of the school curriculum. If your child is unable to swim please send a note, email to tell us why.

The Year 5 & 6 students are off to **Leadership Day** this Friday, February 22. This day will be held at the Kaipaki Domain and will involve the students in many team-building activities. It is an enjoyable day with plenty of challenges for all.

Thank you for your support

Regards Joanne, Sarah-Anne, Liz and Sue.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

**28 February** – Leadership day: Yr 5 – 8

**15 March** – Rural Schools' Triathlon Yr 4 – 8

**25 March** – Rural Schools' Swimming Sports

**01 April** – Town Swimming Sports

**12 April** – Term 1 ends

This week is 'Library Week' and all our students have been enjoying their buddy reading



**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



**CONGRATULATIONS  
 JOCK AND MOLLY**  
 For doing so well in the Hamilton Weetbix Kids TRYathlon on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> February

Photocopying & laminating services at school  
 A4-black & white: single side \$.10c, double sided \$.20c per copy  
 A4-colour: single side \$.20c, double sided \$.40c per copy  
 Laminating: \$1.00 per laminating pouch used

**Cambridge Gymnastics Club**

**Cambridge Gymnastics Club is pleased to now offer PlayGym classes:**

**Baby Gym (walking to 2.5 years)**  
**Kindy Gym (2.5 to 4 years)**

The Philosophy of PlayGym is to provide a fundamental development program that allows children to explore how their body functions through play.

Our emphasis will be on **FUN & EXPLORATION**

This program requires parent participation to be effective. Our trained coaches will work with you and your child to provide a safe and rewarding experience.

See our website for session times and enrolment details:  
[www.cambridgegymnasticsnz.co.nz](http://www.cambridgegymnasticsnz.co.nz)  
 Contact us at: [cambridgegymnasticsnz@gmail.com](mailto:cambridgegymnasticsnz@gmail.com)

**Cambridge Gymnastics Club**

**NOW IN OUR NEW PREMISES**  
 Shakespeare Street, Leamington

**CLASSES FOR ALL AGES, FROM TODDLERS TO TEENS**

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\*GFA (Gym For All) \* Tumbling  
 \*TeamGym \* GymSport Festival  
 \* BabyGym \* KindyGym \*

**RENTAL PROPERTY**

A family from our district is urgently looking for a house that allows dogs and 2 cats. 2 outside dogs and 2 cats. Excellent reference. Preferably rural and close to Horahora School. Contact Michelle on 0279100379

**GET IN TO FOOTBALL**

**REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2019 FOOTBALL SEASON**  
 REGISTER AT [MYCOMET.CO.NZ](http://MYCOMET.CO.NZ)

**HYDRATION**

**DRINKS**

Over 50% of our body is made up of water, so it is important to stay hydrated.

The best way to do this is to sip water ALL DAY, EVERY DAY.

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# Baby Sitter

Hi my names Jordan. I am 14 years old, 15 in June this year. I am very good with children and will give 100% of my attention to your kids. I am trustworthy, reliable and responsible. I am also happy to help out with simple house work, feeding pets and children's homework etc.

My Mum can drop me off and pick me up if travel is within Cambridge and surrounding areas.

Please contact me on: 02108791254 . Happy to meet you in person before babysitting or chat on the phone to see if I am suitable.

Thanks  
 Jordan

**JUNIOR FOOTBALL REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2019 WINTER SEASON ARE OPEN FOR ALL PLAYERS**  
 REGISTER ONLINE VIA OUR WEBSITE: [www.cambridgefootball.co.nz](http://www.cambridgefootball.co.nz)  
 and click on the <http://www.cambridgefootball.co.nz/2019/02/03/online-registrations-now-open/> LINK