

Newsletter



21st March 2019 – Term 1, Week 8

Tēnā koutou

.What a sad time for New Zealand and especially Christchurch! I for one thought way down here at the bottom of the world we were safe from these horrendous events. Apparently Not! The heartening thing about these past few days has been the caring and bringing together of people from a wide range of backgrounds. We need to harness this tolerance and use it to help us all to move forward as part of the multi-cultural society NZ now is.

For our children, we have had a brief discussion on this event acknowledging their opinions and feelings and we have focused on the good that has come from it rather than any grim details. The Ministry offers support for any children who are badly affected by this event. We feel our children are coping well but if you have any concerns please contact the school for more details.

On a much more positive note, the whole school had a fabulous morning last week visiting our local marae, Pohara. We were welcomed on to the marae by some of our Mana whenua (local people) and learned about some of the protocols involved in a welcome. We were then taken into the meeting house (Rangiatea), where we learnt about the various elements of the house and their significance.

Later we listened to the story of the forming of the Waikato River and how Maungatautari got its name. It was a very informative morning and we thank Raana and Wiki so much for giving up their time to teach us about our local area. I hope this is the first of many visits for us.

It was a busy week for us with our junior Triathlon held here at school on Thursday afternoon. All students, including our 2 youngest who only started school last week, participated in the event and completed the three events.

Our senior students then participated in the Rural Schools' Triathlon at Cambridge High School on Friday. Again all our senior students participating in all 3 events completing 50, 75 or 100m swim, 1.5 or 3km bike and a 1km run. It was a challenging course and all students made me very proud with their efforts. Congratulations to all for their awesome work!

We have now turned our attention to the swimming codes readying ourselves for the Rural Schools' Swimming Sports that are being held at St Peters' School next Monday 25th March. The whole school attends this event with the juniors taking part in activities through the morning in the indoor pool and senior students competing outside. I'm sure all our students will compete with great sportsmanship and make us all proud!

The senior class are busy inquiring into the pictures, words and symbols that represent our new competencies. They are now in the midst of designing new competency boards. Look out for the new designs decorating our school over the next few weeks. After 18 months of planning, painting and attaching our bottle tops, our mural has now been hung and looks bright and colourful in its new home on the Library deck wall. Feel free to come and have a look at it! Thank you George and Eric for putting it up.

We have had notice that ERO will be visiting school in week 3 next term. The BoT and staff will be busy preparing for the visit over the next few weeks. There will be a working bee to complete some outstanding jobs in the near future. Please help out if you can... Many hands make light work.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

01 April – Town Swimming Sports

05 April - Assembly

12 April – Term 1 ends

14 June – Teachers Only Day

Last week our juniors and seniors partook in triathlon events. There was great enthusiasm shown and everyone tried very hard. Certificates will be handed out at our next assembly.



Our Pohara Marae visit was a great learning experience.



Well it has been a sobering week following the Christchurch attacks and it makes me feel incredibly privileged to live in such a special community as ours. This year ERO are visiting in May, and as a lead up to this we will be asking parents to fill out a survey about the school. I know you are all busy but I would really appreciate you taking the time out to do this. Don't forget about the School Trustee elections that will be taking place 7th June, and we will give you more information about this nearer the time. Feel free to browse the NZSTA website if you are interested in joining and have skills you think will help in the running of our awesome wee school.

Take care everyone
Rosie Hill – BoT Chairperson

Hi guys, well we are half way through the term already and still waiting for some decent rain. We have a beef and burger night on Friday 29th March. Bring your own beer or wine and enjoy a meal and a bit of a catch up with the locals. The kids will be bringing home chocolates to sell and the school gets half of the money raised, so get behind this. Take a box to work or sell them to grandparents or other family members. Remember our school is reliant on fundraising for purchasing play equipment and contributing towards the school camp. Thanks everyone
Eric Hill – PTA Chairman



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.nz



Beer & Burger Night

Horahora Community Event, All Welcome:

Hora Hora Hall
Friday the 29th March, 5.30 Onwards
Bring the family and come along for tea, a drink and catch up with friends
Burger and fries \$6.00, Fries \$2.50, Soft drink \$2.00, BYO Beer
Food on sale from 5.30-7.30
Hosted by the Hora Hora PTA
for further details contact Mary 021 209 4923

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