

Newsletter



22nd May 2019 – Term 2, Week 4

Tēnā koutou

It has been a busy fortnight and we have achieved many things.....

You will see that we have a big new sandpit next to the junior classroom allowing for supervised exploration during class time. The children painted and helped place the tyres we have had donated. These will all have a handprint on each tyre designating ownership. Each child will then choose what flowers/plants they wish to plant in their tyre and be expected to help look after them. A way to show citizenship in caring for our school.

You will also see that our Competency Boards have been repainted and put up. This is the result of an Inquiry carried out by Rimu students where they looked into the words, symbols and pictures that represented their chosen competencies. They then designed and painted the boards with their designs. They are colourful and a great representation of our competencies.

We have many thank you's to make this week.

Thank you firstly to all those parents who have given their time to complete property jobs around our school. With no caretaker, it falls to the Board and school parents to complete these jobs. Your hard work is appreciated and the school is looking spic and span after the tidy up.

Thank you also to Eric who has built us a big storage box for our new sandpit, helped us place the tyres for the new children's garden beside the sandpit and donated and put soil in the tyres, with the help of some eager students.

Thank you to Mark for supplying and putting the large amount of sand into the new sandpit.

Thank you to the parents and Board members who came and spoke to ERO last week. They enjoyed hearing what you had to say and gained a good insight into our school.

Lastly, thank you to my wonderful staff for the exemplary service they continue to do for our students. It is a pleasure to work with such a dedicated, hard-working team.

School photos were taken last week. Proof photos will be distributed soon asking for orders for those who wish to purchase.

We are now looking forward to learning new things about our local area as we focus on this as our inquiry for this term. We hope to visit the Maungatautari Ecological Trust Education programme at the southern enclosure in the near future. We have also begun planning for our whole school camp at the end of the year but more on this in later newsletters.

Teachers, as part of their teacher only day (June 14th), will take part in a bus tour conducted by our local mana Whenua visiting places in our local area that are significant in their history. It will be an interesting trip and we relish the chance to learn and share our local history with our students.

Winter Sports has begun and we have many of our students taking part.... Future Ferns, Ripper Rugby, Touch Rugby and Tackle rugby are all sports where we are in combined teams with Karapiro or Kaipaki Schools. We are lucky to have our own Horahora Magic Netball team again this year. They are now competing in the Year 5 competition and are enjoying the step up to full rules games. It is great to see so many students taking part in these team sports.

Finally, on another note, yesterday (Monday 20th) we found a full bottle of beer on our court beneath one of the netball hoops. This is not the first time staff or children have found partially full or empty alcohol bottles around the school, including some broken ones. We are happy that the community feel they are able to visit our school and use the grounds but could you please be careful to take your bottles away with you, or at least dispose them in our wheelie bin. Thank you for your help in this!

Finally, a reminder that on the 14th June, school will be closed for a CoL Teacher Only day.

Thank you for your support.

Joanne, Angela, Sarah-Anne and Liz.

DATES TO REMEMBER

29 May – Teacher Strike

05 June - Assembly

14 June – Teachers Only Day

Hi everyone. Well I am glad to say we received a very positive report from our ERO visit last week, with just a few small areas to work on. A MASSIVE thank you to Joanne and the team as it was a full on and stressful time for them. Thanks also to any parents who made time to come in and talk with the ERO assessors. It's good to know our awesome little school is on the right track with our change to play based learning and increased student agency. At the end of this week we will know how many nominations we have for the Trustee elections. We have 5 positions for parent trustees and if we have more than 5 nominees we will need to proceed to a voting election. We will keep you informed of the outcome.

Thanks heaps
Rosie Hill
BoT Chair

Hi guys. Thanks to the kids who helped with the Targa Rally "pit stop" last week. We raised a cool \$265, not bad for a couple of hours work. Well we have the Adventure race coming up on Sunday 16th June. We need people to act as marshals, please contact Mary Scott if you think you can help. There is also another Beef and Burger night on 21st June, and this is to welcome in new people in the area. Come along and bring a few beers and have a relaxing night before calving starts.

See you all soon
Eric Hill
PTA Chair

HORAHORA MAGIC NETBALL TEAM PLAYED AGAINST HAUTAPU SCHOOL ON SATURDAY, 18TH MAY. WELL DONE MADDISON VAN DER VALK FOR PLAYER OF THE DAY



Our students from Yr 5 – 6 attended the Young Leaders Day at the Claudelands Event Centre on Tuesday, 14th May. They had a great day and learnt a lot.



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

MATARIKI

STARS

Matariki is the Maori name for the cluster of stars visible during June/July. There are two versions of Matariki. One being that the cluster has 7 stars and another where there are 9 stars that light up the sky.

Developed by Sport Walkato 2019

The Following Event "The Frazzled Kiwi, Adventure Race" is a fun family event on: **16th June** Location: Horahora School field

Tickets available via Facebook page Frazzled Kiwi
This is hosted by Horahora PTA please support this event any way you can. Please enter the event and share with as many friends and family as possible or if you are available on that day to assist with sale of food or Marshall please contact Mary Scott 021 209 4923.



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