



# Newsletter



26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Term 1, Week 4

Tēnā koutou

We hope everyone is coping with these **hot days** and keeping cool where possible. At school we ensure the children are wearing their hats outside and kept in the shade when they do not. We have also allowed the children to retreat inside especially over the lunchtime to keep them out of the fiercest sun. It is great to have this hot weather but can also be sapping to our students' energy levels, so programmes are tailored to this with each class swimming in the afternoon.

We are well up and running now and are deep into our **beginning of the year testing**. Year 3 to 5 students have nearly completed their Essential Lists spelling test and all students have completed Basic facts tests. Next week Year 4 – 8 students will sit their standardized tests while Tawa students have had running records in Reading and Maths assessments completed along with everyone doing a writing sample. Teachers will collate this data and track progress all year from this point.

On a lighter note, we held our **overnight camp** at school last week. We had 33/35 students stay overnight and all 35 students participate in the 2 full days' of activities. Children had an awesome time and enjoyed the variety of activities. They cooked their meals themselves and ate very well...almost gourmet style, I think. I feel very proud of the way all children participated and watched out for each other over the two days... its what being in a small school is all about! Thank you to the parents who helped with putting up the tents and to all who supplied baking and fruit for morning tea, etc. We have been finishing them all off this week! Watch for Camp writing and some photos to appear in page 2 of this newsletter and for more photos to appear on the school Facebook page and the website.

On Thursday morning, 27<sup>th</sup> February, we will be visiting **Takapoto Estate** to again watch some of the show jumping that has been taking place over the past week. The children are very excited about the prospect. Thank you also to Takapoto for giving us the opportunity to raise some money by helping to get the grounds ready for this event. Your generous donation is very much appreciated and the children are very excited about the prospect of getting a say in what we buy with some of the money.

A big thank you to Eric Hill for taking time out during the school holidays to erect the **shade cover** over the sandpit. It has been great over these past weeks with the searing sun!

Thank you also to Selina Eason from Cambridge Photo and Print for the donation of a **bookmaker**. It will certainly be a useful tool for both staff and students.

The weeks are beginning to get busy with several **EOTC events** over the next few weeks. Next week, 5<sup>th</sup> March, Rimu will attend the Project Energise Leadership day at Karapiro Domain. The following week, 13<sup>th</sup> March we have the Rural Schools' Triathlon for Years 4 – 8 at Cambridge High School and on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March we have the Rural Schools' Swimming Sports at St Peters Private.

To assist with training for the triathlon we ask that all children bring their **bikes to school** next week. We will have a 2 week "Wheels week" at school and ask that you pick all bikes up on the 13<sup>th</sup> March. Children must have a helmet and covered shoes to ride at school.

**Angela** goes on leave this week for the imminent arrival of baby number 3. Liz Clayton will take-over for the next week and in week 6 will begin job sharing with Sue Bullick. We wish Angela well and hope all goes smoothly. We look forward to welcoming her back in late August.

Thank you very much to FIT Gym and other local businesses for donating funds to assist with school start-up costs. We received \$75 from the funds and have put it towards some Library books.



Finally, a heads up. Over this year we will have **4 Teacher Only Days** in term time. These have been set to coincide with most schools in Cambridge and to give parents and children the opportunity to take a long weekend break. The first was 7<sup>th</sup> February, then 12<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> June and 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Please mark these dates in your calendar. Teachers will be working non-contact days on these days.

Fingers crossed for **more rain** soon.....

Thank you.

Joanne Synge, Angela Hammond, Sarah-Anne Riches and Liz Clayton

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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



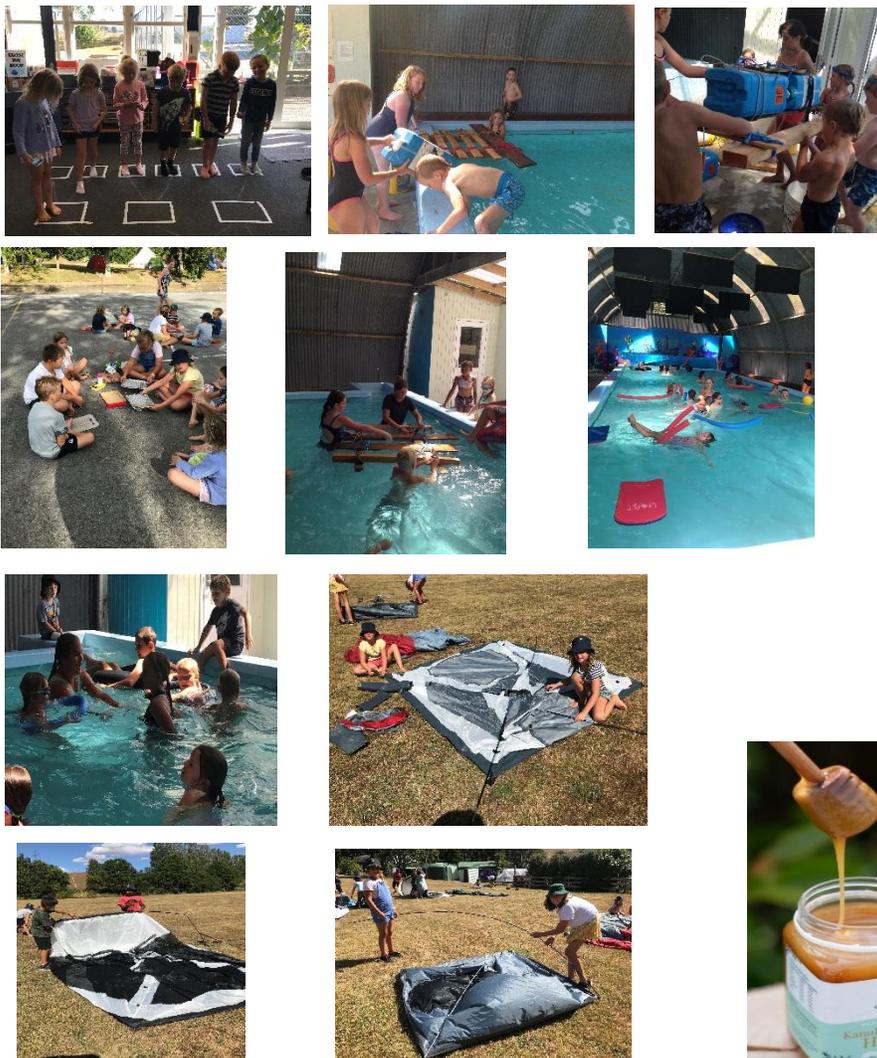
**Farewell to Sally.**

We would like to thank Sally, who finished at the end of last year after 24 years of loyal service due to a change in our school organisation in 2020. She has been an amazing supporter of our school and has given many more hours than she was paid for, to our school, and more importantly, she has helped many students over the years achieve their potential with her hard work and dedication. Sally has a heart of gold and always wanted every child at our school to have equal opportunities. She worked hard to ensure this was a reality for all. The Horahora School Staff, parents and Board of Trustees wish to sincerely thank Sally for all her dedicated work over these years and wish her all the very best but also look forward to catching up regularly.

Kia Ora, the PTA had its first meeting for the year last week with fundraising for the year well and truly underway. The first events for this term are a movie night and the hare hunt. Please support these events where possible. The movie night is on the 1<sup>st</sup> April at Tivoil cinema in Cambridge and, we will be watching Peanut Butter Falcon. The second event is the hare hunt which will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April (please see flyer for details). A new addition is the honey promotion which Sarah has organised, so look out for Tui Honey as 20% of the sale purchase will go to the school. The PTA has had an amazing start with the opportunity to help at Takapoto Estate. The kids had a fun morning and the PTA got to raise funds as well. Another big thank you is to our local farmers who supplied a calf for the calf raising scheme at the end of last year. It raised a massive \$3800.00 which was an incredible boost to our bank balance. We will be collecting again later this year. The money raised to date and through the next events will go towards subsidising ski camp and a playground upgrade.  
Mary Scott  
PTA Chair

What a great time we all had at our overnight camp at school!

We had great challenges, building rafts, cooking food, swimming and so much more.....



# The Unofficial Horahora Hare Hunt

Fundraiser Competition

Hunt from 6 pm Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
Weigh in 12 pm - 1:30 pm Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April



For more information or an entry form contact  
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Or George 0274897705

Horahora PTA Movie Night  
1<sup>st</sup> April



Get a group of girls together and come along to the movies Tivoli Cinema Cambridge, \$25pp supper on arrival, movie and spot prizes included. Movie starts at 8, supper from 7.30. Please pay online account number 12-3268-0101658-00 name as reference and number of tickets.

Thank you



**Money for Honey!**

Our friends at Tui Bees Honey are helping us to fundraise for our school camp and playground upgrade but we need your help too! Simply purchase any selection of honey, select our school from the drop down list at the checkout and our school receives 20%  
Thank you for supporting us!