

Newsletter



27th November 2019 – Term 4, Week 7

Tēnā koutou

It appears we have hit the silly season, where things will get more and more hectic as we roll towards the end of another year.

With camp over, we are now in full **production** mode, students designing and creating costumes, Mrs Hammond painting backdrops, Miss Riches and students creating choreography and everyone learning the songs! Be aware that your children may come home requesting tops and pants for their costumes... they should be checking out our resources here at school before looking at home, so please don't go buying anything without checking with us first!

Last week was our last **whole school camp** away from school. We excitedly set off last Tuesday morning towards the east coast. We stopped in the Karangahake Gorge for morning tea, then donned our head torches and walked and climbed over the **Windows Walk**, along the paths past miners took, while digging for gold in the Gorge. It was exciting, and sometimes scary for some, as we walked through dark tunnels interspersed with "windows" to the gorge river. After the short 40 minute walk, we ate lunch, then 26 of our 32 students along with 6 parents and 2 teachers got on their **bikes** and rode through the dark **1km rail tunnel** and then along the picturesque river side track all the way to the Stamper Battery at Waikino. After a short explore we rode all the way back – 12km in all, with many complaining of sore bottoms by the time we got back. Those who didn't ride walked the tunnel and the scenic walk back to the carpark. It was then off to Waihi Beach's, Sea Esta Camp to set up and replenish ourselves, before heading to the beach for some sandcastle building or so we teachers thought... No, instead there was a massive water fight, where all students (in clothes) got soaking wet but enjoyed themselves immensely!

The next day was our **Surf Lifesaving Beach Education** day! So, lots of time on the beach playing games, but also in the clubhouse learning the 10 rules for being safe at the beach, and how to recognise a rip! Finally, after lunch it was time for getting in the waves and putting into practice what we had learnt! The cold temperature did not faze the children at all, though it was less appealing to the adults who kept our student to adult ratio within regulations! Amongst all the screaming, squealing, laughter and excitement, they all had lots of fun! We then spent the rest of the afternoon on the **beach**, sand castle building, beach combing, or relaxing while the seniors, who wanted, had **surfing** lessons... a camp highlight for some! Thanks to Nicole, Mark and George for this.

Thursday, we spent time at the **Waihi Museum** learning about the life of a miner 100 years ago....ask any student about what they learnt, they will probably tell you, miners cut off their thumbs or pinky finger to get compensation, as life was hard for some! After this visit, we went to the **Oceania Gold Mine** Education Centre, where Phil entertained us with stories, music and information about mining today! Students had fun panning and digging for gold, and using QR codes to learn about the rocks that hold gold. Then it was a picnic lunch in the park and back to school with some very tired children. It was a great camp with a good variety of activities for all!

A **big THANK-YOU** to the staff and parents for their help, transport and support over the camp time away. We had awesome participation and really appreciate the time you gave to make the camp the success it was! A **special THANK YOU** to Nicole for buying and preparing the food and Roger for the beautiful photography.

Teachers are also busy with end of year requirements completing **reports** and **sample books** that will be handed out on the 12th December.

Our **school athletics** postponement date is Thursday, **28th November**, starting at 10.30am, weather permitting. If we have to postpone again there will be no school athletics.

Congratulations to Samantha and Yannyke who have qualified for the Rural School team that will compete at the Cambridge Interschools Athletics this Friday. We wish them both good luck.

A final reminder the **last day of term is Friday 13th December**. School will close at 1.00pm.

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

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a Parent information meeting next week to discuss the change to 3 classrooms next year. Please watch emails for time and date.

DATES TO REMEMBER

28th November – Horahora Schools athletics
1st December – Christmas Parade
12th December – Final assembly and Production
13th December – Last day of term
3rd February '20 – Term 1 starts

Hi everyone, what beautiful weather we are having, summer is on its way! Well we are almost at the end of the term, wow hasn't the year flown by. The Board have some exciting news for the school for 2020, we are putting into place plans for a 3 classroom school. This will consist of a junior class with years 0 to 3, a middle room of years 3, 4 and 5, and the senior room will consist of years 6,7 and 8. This allows the different groups of children to have more age specific teaching with the benefit of very low pupil teacher ratios. There will be an information session next week, so watch for further details on this. Please make the time to attend this as it is an opportunity to answer any questions on how this will work for your child or children.

Thanks a lot. Rosie Hill BoT Chair

Kia Ora,

Good to see such a good turnout for Ag day (although it feels a long time ago now) and with the addition of the fancy dress pet which was a lot of fun, and the beautiful weather, it was a lovely day. The Dads' cake auction was a success and a good fundraiser for the school, so thank you to all who baked and supported the day. The Ag day trophies have been engraved and returned to the children. This year we noticed that 9 of the cups looked tarnished with the silver wearing off. The PTA plan on replacing these cups over the next few years, at considerable cost. To assist with this, we would like to offer the opportunity for any family in the community, to sponsor a cup. This would be much appreciated, please contact me and I will be able to assist.

Thank you to the Parents who helped at the last bbq for the year at Mitre 10. It was a fun morning and thanks to your help over the course of the three bbq's, the school raised a total of \$771.70.

Mary Scott PTA Chair

WAIHI CAMP

What a fabulous time we all had!

'Windows Walk'



Walking through the tunnel



Fun time on beach



Seniors learning to surf



We were educated on how to be safe on the beach and how to recognise rips



Waihi Museum



Digging and panning for gold!



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Waihi Camp
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
Jan 6th - 24th 2020
Waikato Diocesan School

Theme	Mon 12 Jan	Tue 13 Jan	Wed 14 Jan	Thu 15 Jan	Fri 16 Jan	Sat 17 Jan	Sun 18 Jan
Bring	Prize Money, Snacks, and Personal Items						
Waihi Shelter	Young Engineers, Young Engineers, Young Engineers						
Build	Young Engineers, Young Engineers, Young Engineers						
Bring	Prize Money, Snacks, and Personal Items						
Muffin The Pika's	Young Engineers, Young Engineers, Young Engineers						

*The above programme is subject to change!
Daily Rate \$45/Day. Weekly Rate \$275/Week. Entry by 5PM on Friday (includes transport and entry fees).
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Boys and Girls School Holiday Programmes
Tuesday, 17 December to Friday, 20 December 2019
9am - 3pm

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Full coaching will be provided by teachers from the Golf Academy. Programmes will cover full swing, putting, short game, and golf etiquette. There will be a focus on fun and games. Suitable for all levels of play. Full club provided if required. Full club needed to participate. Handicap based programme. Most children will be able to participate. Healthy lunch provided.

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