

Newsletter



28th August 2019 – Term 3, Week 6

Tēnā koutou

We are now over half way through the term and enjoying **Book week**, sharing our love of books and reading, buddy reading and looking more closely at books and book characters. It's a nice change from our daily school programme and a great time for our older students to interact and support our students more than they usually do.

Early last term we had a visit from **ERO**, the Education Review Office. *The purpose of ERO's external evaluations is to give parents, whānau and the wider school community assurance about the quality of education children and young people receive.* We had 2 and sometimes 3 reviewers in our school over a full four days with them looking at all aspects of our school, including compliance. They worked predominantly with me, but also with the teachers, and observing in class, and interviewed the Board of Trustees, parents and students.

After the four days, they spent some time collating their findings into a report that will soon become a public document available on their website.

Some comments in the report include *"The school is achieving excellent and equitable outcomes for most students. The school's data from 2018 shows that most students achieved at or above expected levels in reading and mathematics and the large majority of students are achieving these levels in writing."*

"Teachers respond well to the learning needs of all students. Students at-risk of not achieving are clearly identified through a range of appropriate assessment information. Individualised planning and support is in place to effectively accelerate learning for these students."

"Warm and affirming relationships between teachers and students contribute to calm and settled environments for learning."

"A rich curriculum effectively engages students in authentic contexts for learning. Strong features of the school's localised curriculum are environmental awareness and rural school traditions."

"Opportunities for students to develop leadership skills support effective tuakana/teina relationships. School values are well embedded and contribute to positive learning and behaviour across the school."

We are happy to report that ERO's overall evaluation judgement was that they found our school's performance in achieving valued outcomes for its students to be "well placed." This is the highest performance level given by ERO and tells us that our school does not need to be visited again for 3 – 5 years. We, at school, are very proud of this achievement.

We start our second round of four-week **Electives** today with students taking on a new challenge in either sewing, cooking, cardboard construction, papier machè or drama. Students have been enjoying the challenges and are proud of what they made. No doubt you have seen or enjoyed some of their products. The papier machè birds are adorning our entrance foyer so please look for them when you come into school.

Congratulations to all students who participated in **winter sports** this season. I am sure they have all learnt specific skills to their chosen sport as well as learning the value of participation and teamwork. Summer sports will be coming up next term with the Cambridge Cricket Association doing taster sessions here at school on 30th October and welcoming students to join teams on Friday nights at the town square. Athletics, miniball and cycling are also available then.

This **Thursday 29th August** will be a big morning at school, beginning with book Character dress-up day, followed at 9.45am with Grandparents morning reading with students. We will then share morning tea before sharing our term's learning so far this term and then competing in our school cross country, weather permitting. It will be a jam-packed morning but one I'm sure will be enjoyed by all.

Our **Rural Schools' Cross Country** will be held at Karapiro Domain the following Friday (06 September). All students will participate in this event.

All students have written their **speeches** and are now practising them ready for presentation during week 7. Rimu's students' speeches are scored by teachers and a student and the winning student will represent our school at the Cambridge Primary Schools' Speech Competition at Cambridge East School on 18th September.

Tawa students' speeches are presented to their peers and give them great experience in speaking in front of others.

A huge THANK YOU to those Parents who have given up their time to 'man' the BBQ table at Mitre10 on the Saturdays they have been scheduled on. Your support in these fundraising events are much appreciated.

Thank you for your support.

Joanne, Angela, Sarah-Anne and Liz.

DATES TO REMEMBER

26-30 Aug – Book Week
29 Aug – School Cross Country
30 Aug – Kapa Haka Festival
2-5 Sept – Speech Presentation Week
6 Sept – Rural Schools' Cross Country

Hi everyone. Well it's the last week of winter, spring is on its way with its longer hours of daylight and warmer days. Today I would like to give a MASSIVE thank you to Joanne and the team regarding the schools finalised 2019 ERO report. In summary it says our school is well placed regarding meeting the objective of ensuring all of our children fully reach their learning potential. We are so lucky to have such a talented and dedicated teaching and support staff. They also acknowledged our close knit community and the amazing role the parents play in supporting the school. Well done HORAHORA keep up the good work!
Thanks so much
Rosie Hill - BoT Chair

Hi everyone.
Spring is nearly here! At Horahora School what does the Parent teacher association PTA do? We are a group of parents and one teacher, who meet up 2-3 times a term and organise fundraising and community events. This is to help raise funds for the school with the aim of making the school an amazing place for our children. This year to date the PTA have had several events and the earnings from these events have gone towards a new sand pit, resources for the learning through play programme and will assist in the up and coming school camp. Horahora is lucky (due to our size) to have amazing camps like the Wellington experience and a ski camp, which involves the whole school. What incredible memories for our children!
Thank you to all the farmers who are raising a calf for the school or if you are able to raise a calf please contact Eric Hill 0272847701. Eric will collect the calves in September. This is much appreciated and is a great fundraiser for the school.
Thank you
Mary Scott - PTA Chair



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

Looking for a job?
Pencarrow Racing, situated on Finlay Road, Maungatautari, are looking for someone to work with their team. Experience with horses is preferred but not necessary. We are offering full or part-time employment. Please contact Julia 021401856 or email iulz_ritchie@hotmail.com.

Some of the finished products from the first round of electives – GREAT WORK!



HUMMUS AND VEGE STICKS

Ingredients:
1 can chickpeas
2 tbsp olive oil
1 clove garlic
¼ cup water
juice of 1 lemon

Drain chickpeas and put into blender with olive oil, lemon juice, garlic and water. Blend well. Add more water if needed. Season with salt and pepper. Serve with vege sticks or grainy crackers.

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