



# Newsletter



5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Term 4, Week 8

Tēnā koutou

We have come to the end of another year of the Horahora Herald. I hope you have enjoyed reading about our wonderful school and students, and all of our activities and learning. Today (4<sup>th</sup> December) is exactly two weeks until we break up for the summer holidays. Reports are almost completed, as are sample books, and these will both be handed out on the 14<sup>th</sup> December. As I reflect on another year coming to an end, I always feel amazed at all we have done and achieved.

We started with a **roll** of 29 students and have been up to 33, and are now back at 29 students. Over the year we have lost 11 students and gained the same number. We are very bottom heavy, with most of our students (27) Year 5 or below! This bodes well for our future, as we continue to grow, especially in the junior area.

We have seen changes in teachers, with **Mrs. Hammond** going on maternity leave early in term 3, and Mrs. Bullick coming on board as her replacement.

We have had a toilet refurbishment, and bought new computers for the senior class.

We have spent an awesome learning week in **Wellington** on our “Big City Experience,” and participated in **Rural Schools’** competitions for triathlon, swimming, winter sports, cross country and athletics.

We have performed in our production of “**The Lorax**”, celebrated **Matariki**, and are busy with our **World of Wearable Arts** at the moment.

We have learnt a lot about **Sustainability**, growing native trees and plants from seedlings through to planting them in a riparian planting on the Scott farm. We have grown vegetables in our raised gardens and enjoyed eating the produce. We have planted feijoa, apple, plum, peach, and pear trees in our newly developing orchard and have blueberries still to plant before the end of the year. We have learnt about the **problem of plastic**, within our school, our community, nationally and globally, and come up with some solutions for our own school environment.

We have worked with our **Enviro-schools’** facilitator to create a vision for our school and will be ready to put some of this into action from the beginning of next year.

We have designed and planned a bike track which will also come to fruition some time in 2019, and built a robot.

And of course, we have done a lot of teaching and **learning** within the classrooms – all students have made great progress in the core business of our day, Reading, Writing and Mathematics, and can feel proud of their achievements.

**Teachers** too, have completed their own learning through Writing PLD, a play-based learning day, the CoL teacher only day, and our CoL Inquiry groups.

At present, we are in the midst of a **Science** focused fortnight. Students have been involved in lots of hands-on activities, with learning including electricity, floating and sinking, fizzing and foaming, speed and acceleration, and through all this they have been learning about how scientists think and communicate by gathering data and using evidence.

We finish on the 17<sup>th</sup> December with a family-fun day at Finlay Park, and a final pack-up day on the 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**Please remember the buses do NOT run on the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

Finally, I would like to **thank** our dedicated **teachers** and **support staff** for all the hard work they have put in to make our school the special place it is. **Thank you** too, to all the parents and community members who have supported us through the year.

With that said, I would like to wish everyone in our school and wider community a **happy, safe, relaxing holiday**.

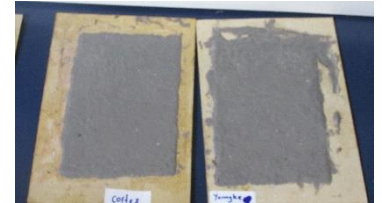
**Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year** – see you in 2019!

Regards Joanne, Sarah-Anne, Liz and Sue.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

14 December	Final assembly
17 December	Finlay Park Picnic

Our Rimu class has taken time out to learn how to make paper which coincides with our theme for the year on sustainability. It was really hands-on and all the students learnt a lot from the process used.



Hi Everyone. Another year is coming to an end. Hope to see you all at the final assembly on Friday the 14th. Otherwise on behalf of the BoT have a very Merry Christmas and safe and happy holiday. See you next year.  
Duncan  
BOT Chairman



Congratulations Samantha for coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100m sprint at the inter-schools' athletics



On Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> December our students together with Parents, Grandparents and friends all took part in the Christmas Parade through Cambridge. Everyone enjoyed the festivities.



Tawa class students very busy getting their tasks done!!



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