

Newsletter



7th March 2019 – Term 1, Week 6

Tēnā koutou

Another 2 weeks have flown by and we are almost halfway through the term...it is amazing how the time ticks on!

The Year 5 & 6's had a wonderful day at **Leadership Day** on the 22nd February, despite the intermittent cold and heavy showers, which kept us wet most of the day! The girls showed perseverance, participating in every activity, sharing leadership, and working together. I was proud of their positive attitudes, and they completed all activities with diligence. Lots of our Competencies were on show that day! Well done girls!

Last week we were fortunate to spend a morning at Takapoto Estate watching the show-jumping. We also had a tour around the farm and saw where some of the pest traps were. This was a very informative morning, enjoyed by all. Thank you to Sam for showing us around, and to Mitch and Kate for hosting us, and for quenching our thirst with cold bottles of water, it was a great experience for all. I mention the pest traps as Mary-Anne from Takapoto Estate, will be working with the senior students to supply, build and set pest traps around the school to help the students learn about caring for our environment and how to manage pests we have within the school surroundings and how they affect the native plants and birds. This will be an on-going project we are really excited about and we thank Mitch for his sponsorship of this project.

Over the past year staff, BoT, and students have been revamping our school competencies – these were completed in term 3, 2018 and introduced to parents at an assembly. You will see these in our foyer, as well as in the classrooms. Senior students are now researching, designing and eventually repainting the competency murals that are displayed around our school.

To go with these competencies, we have developed a model for learning, the picture of which is shown below.



The **soil** represents the four dimensions of well-being present in our community that form the rich foundation in which our school and students can flourish.

The **roots** represent the values that underpins how the staff at Horahora School engage with their students.

The **tree** represents the student, growing with the support of the birds, into a well-balanced graduate student, with strong foundations and roots to sustain and nourish them.

The **birds** represent the “experts” that guide the student to develop and embody the school competencies.

Kura, (year 6) and **Kaha**, (year 8)

represent our graduates as they leave Horahora School to head out into the world equipped with all they need to be *self-confident learners who can make a difference to their world.*

We are very proud of this work and are using it as part of our planning. The full model is a model for the staff and BoT. The model the students will see and be able to talk about will not have the words within the roots or soil. We will be implementing this model through the year and you will see pictorial versions of this around the school as the year progresses.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

06 March – Assembly 2.25PM

15 March – Rural Schools’ Triathlon Yr 4 – 8

25 March – Rural Schools’ Swimming Sports

01 April – Town Swimming Sports

12 April – Term 1 ends

14 June – Teachers Only Day

On Thursday 28th February the whole school was treated to a visit to Takapoto Estate where the Manager – Sam - showed us around the estate and we were able to watch the show-jumping.



Hi everyone. I feel very privileged to take over the chairperson role of the Board of Trustees. A big thank you to Duncan for his hard work, you have left big shoes to fill! This year we have the Board of Trustee elections in May. If you are unsure what it is about have a look on the NZSTA website. There is a programme they are running called Korari that anyone can attend. If you would like to apply for a Trustee position please see Melleney for the forms. It is a great way to have input into the direction of our amazing school.

Rosie Hill
BoT Chair

Kōrari

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Kōrari - a programme that provides you with governance training to help you understand the role of school boards of trustees.
For more information contact us on 0800 793 435.



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.nz



Beer & Burger Night

Horahora Community Event, All Welcome:

Hora Hora Hall
Friday the 29th March, 5.30 Onwards
Bring the family and come along for tea, a drink and catch up with friends
Burger and fries \$6.00, Fries \$2.50, Soft drink \$2.00, BYO Beer
Food on sale from 5.30-7.30
Hosted by the Hora Hora PTA
for further details contact Mary 021 209 4923

Photocopying & laminating services at school
A4-black & white: single side \$.10c, double sided \$.20c per copy
A4-colour: single side \$.20c, double sided \$.40c per copy
Laminating: \$1.00 per laminating pouch used

CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY GARDEN

2 VOGEL ST. CAMBRIDGE

Family Fun Open Day

Sunday 24th March

9am to 2pm

Tour of garden, Sales Table, Eggshell stomp, Paint a Bee, Sausages Sizzle and Drinks, Raffles galore, Face Painting, Ice Cream Truck, Bubbles etc.



Bring the family, have fun and learn how the Community Garden works and support our fundraising please.

Adventure Outdoors- School Holiday Camp

Based in Pauanui with pick up points throughout Waikato. We will be surfing, snorkelling, Hot Water beach & Cathedral cove, fishing, tramping and much more. Our camps aim to teach kids about bush and water safety through immersing them in high interest activities with qualified and experienced staff.
April 15th - 18th, OSCAR available, \$425, 8-14 yr olds, book at www.edventure.co.nz

RENTAL PROPERTY



A family from our district is urgently looking for a house that allows animals. 2 outside dogs and 2 cats. Excellent reference. Preferably rural and close to Horahora School. Contact Michelle on 0279100379

FLAVOURED WATER

Filling a bottle or jug with water, adding ice, seasonal fruit, vegetables and/or herbs like mint is a healthy and tasty way to help keep our bodies hydrated.

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