

Newsletter



7th February 2019 – Term 1, Week 2

Tēnā koutou

Welcome to the first Horahora Herald for the 2019 school year. We have started with two short weeks – a great way to ease both the staff and children into the busyness of the year, especially in the extreme heat we have been experiencing!

Welcome back to Angela Hammond, who has returned from Maternity leave. I know there were many students excited to see her back! Our remaining staff is as before with Sarah-Anne Riches and I sharing the senior room, Liz Clayton teaching Tawa on Fridays, Melleney in the office, and Sally, our teacher aide. We welcome Kate Church this year to the staff as an additional teacher aide.

We have started the year with 27 students but with 2 unexpected extras to come in mid-March and 5 new entrants by July, we are looking quite healthy.

Staff worked in the holidays spending time planning for the continued changes we are implementing to the way we teach. We also of course, spent time planning the curriculum etc, to start our year. Increasing student agency and play-based learning is our forward focus for the year. We will continue to take this slowly as we set more and more of this in place. We will also be involved in some professional development throughout the year that focusses on these. To this end all staff attended a Play-based Learning course last Saturday and gained many insights into this way of teaching. Play-based learning will feature more in the junior class but will also have a place within the senior class.

Our overarching theme for this year is **Our Local area**, its history, its stories, its geographical aspects and animal life, and its people. Our initial focus is on *our school* and then on our *maunga*, **Maungatautari**. We are excited to have the opportunity to learn more about our area and will be tapping into local people's knowledge and skills as much as we can.

Thank you to all parents, who have ensured we have had a good start in classrooms with **stationery** supplied and/or purchased from school. It is very helpful for teachers trying to implement expectations if all students have their books ready to go!

We have a few **EOTC happenings** this term, mostly for Rimu but two also involving Tawa.

February 28 – Leadership day for Years 5 – 8 at the Karapiro Domain.

March 15 – Rural Schools' Triathlon for Years 4 – 8 at Cambridge High School. We will be asking for bikes to be at school for the 2 weeks prior to this event for practice.

March 25 – Rural Schools' Swimming Sports for all students at St Peters Private. Juniors will compete in the indoor pool and seniors outside in the bigger, deeper pool.

Finally, a quick reminder... we **welcome parents** to talk to teachers at any time if you have any concerns or questions. If you are curious about what happens in the classroom, you are welcome to come in and sit in on a session or even a whole day. However, if you need more than 10 minutes, please arrange a meeting time. Mornings are a busy time when teachers are generally busy getting ready for their teaching day.

Regards Joanne, Sarah-Anne, Liz and Sue.

DATES TO REMEMBER

28 February – Leadership day: Yr 5 – 8

15 March – Rural Schools' Triathlon Yr 4 – 8

25 March – Rural Schools' Swimming Sports

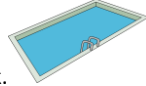
Hello Everyone. Welcome back to another year. I hope you all had a great holiday and made it through the heat wave. A special welcome to our new students and families. Great to see some old faces returning to our fantastic School. Please be aware of the on-going tree removal, this will take some time but there is method in our madness.
 Regards Duncan
 BoT 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.nz

A huge THANK YOU to the Parents of our School for looking after the swimming pool during the Christmas break.



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

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

TAWA CLASS

Students had a fun morning exploring our plantation where they used their imagination by building fires and huts and using all the bits and pieces lying around. We certainly have engineers in the making!!

