

Newsletter

27th February 2024-Term 1 Week 5

Kia Ora Koutou,

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2024

Joanne Synge is away this term enjoying a well earned sabbatical. This term I, Kirsty Steeghs, will be covering Joanne's absence as the relieving principal. For most of you, I have been a familiar face in both the school and local farming community. It is a pleasure to be part of the team again once more!

We have had a very busy but settled start to the year.

Our Year 6 and 8 students have started at their science extension programme. This is held at Cambridge Primary School every Wednesday and involves working with Angela Hay who is a specialist science teacher. The students are really thriving with the hands-on observations of chemical reactions and learning different elements on the Periodic table.

We are working closely with Lauren from the House of Science. Each term we have different science equipment delivered to school and Lauren works with us to develop our students' knowledge. Our first concept for the term relates to scientific concepts about water, like different states of matter, the water cycle, and evaporation.

Last week, we visited Finlay Park, this was linked to our NZ history curriculum. The students and teachers enjoyed a day out with Joe. He gave us a good overview of the different ways power can be generated, and the issues and history that led to the decommissioning of the Hora Hora power station.

Ignite started the year with an in-school concert, which we all really enjoyed! Our Thursday music lessons are now up and running.

Callum from ASB came into our school to extend students financial literacy, something that the students in Rimu have become very familiar with because of their previous learning with Banqer.

Our leadership positions have been allocated. All Rimu students submitted an application and CV, and I was impressed with the drive shown by students to lead the school. Thank you to Constable Kathryn for helping to train our new bus monitors!

Snow Chubb is again kindly running a Tech Arts programme each week for our Year 7 and 8 students. The students learn so much from this opportunity, we are so grateful for his help and expertise.

Thank you to those parents who were able to come along for our Meet the Teacher evening. If you were unable to attend but wish to come in and have a look around, you are most welcome!

Last of all, a massive thank you to the people involved in our new flying fox and bike track. This includes Duncan, Jack, Jock and Lottie Scott, George Dallinger and Snow Chubb (flying fox), Mark Andree-Wiltens (bike track), and also Curin Contractors who placed the flying fox poles. The students are really enjoying the new equipment!

We appreciate the ongoing support of our lovely little school, it really is the best place to be!

Kirsty, Chantal, Michael, Sara, Leonie, Kate and Ash

A warm welcome to our students, parents, caregivers, teachers, and staff as we kick off the first term of this year.

This term, we are excited to implement our new Strategic Plan with a strong focus on literacy, numeracy and community engagement aimed at enhancing the learning experience for our students. Our wonderful teachers and staff have been working hard in preparation for this term. A special thanks to Kirsty Steeghs our relieving Principal for a seamless transition while Joanne is on sabbatical. Kirsty is focusing on our Strategic Plan implementation including the community feedback around communication and organisation so we hope you are seeing some improvements in those areas. The school board is committed to fostering a strong sense of community among our students, parents, caregivers and staff. Throughout the year, we will organise various events and activities to encourage active participation and collaboration.

One of our Strategic Goals is School Culture and Behaviour Management. We have implemented a new Behaviour Management Plan and the Board has approved the implementation of Pause, Breath, Smile a program for developing positive mind health skills that will support young people to be confident and connected, actively involved, life-long learners. You can find more information at pausebreathesmile.nz Our Strategic Plan will be available on our website shortly.

The Board would like to thank Curin Contractors, Snow Chubb and the Scott family for our new flying fox. Mark at Beacon Hill Contracting for our new bike track. Having facilities like these to make school an exciting place to come and learn is such a benefit to Hora Hora and we are very appreciative of our community support in this area.

Wishing you all a fantastic Term 1.

Roger Laxon, Horahora School Board of Trustees Presiding Member

Hi everyone, welcome back for another great year for Hora Hora school. As you all would have noticed we have got our flying fox up. A big thank you to Duncan Scott who organised this and to all those involved with the building of it. Special thanks to Snow Chubb for all your hard work and to Curin Contractors for donating the poles and placing them.

Keep an eye out for our flyer coming soon with information on our annual Hare Hunt which will be held 12-14th of April.

If anyone is interested in becoming a PTA member please let me know, all welcome.

Have a great term,

Thanks Mary-Ellen



Entries or Questions to Duncan Scott 0275002374

Hosted by the Horahora PTA:

Its Back for 2024

The Horahora Hare Hunt

Hunt from 6pm Friday 12th April

Weigh in 11am-12pm Sunday 14th April

Weight in and Prizegiving at Scotts woolshed 107 Scott Road
Food and drinks available (Cash only)

*Prizes for Overall points and Heaviest weights Possum Rabbit Hare and most
Turkeys/peacocks combined Silent Auctions and More
* Kids best costume

BABY SITTING AVAILABLE!

Hi everyone,

My name is Yannyke, I'm 14 years old. I have lived in Hora Hora with my mum and my siblings for 8 years and I went to Hora Hora school for 7 years. I'm looking for work as a baby sitter. I do have some experience with looking after young children, I also have quite a lot of experience with cooking and cleaning. I am honest, reliable and hardworking. If you're interested please contact me on 02108756814 for more information.

