

Newsletter

29th November 2024 -Term 4 Week 7

Kia Ora Families and Hora Hora Community,



It is lovely to be back at my favourite school following Joanne's well deserved retirement. As usual, it is straight to business. There is always so much happening in a school, and Term 4 certainly makes no exception.

Firstly, we have appointed our new principal. Shannon Buckle is joining us from Berkley Middle School. She has a huge amount of knowledge, experience and enthusiasm. I think she will really make an impact here, which makes me very excited for the next chapter in Hora Hora's journey.



At the start of the term, we had our Ag Day. One of the highlights was the annual Dad's cake auction which was certainly well supported!

This term we have been preparing for Athletics. On Friday Karaka and Rimu enjoyed a day at the Rural School Athletics Day.



Congratulations to our top performers - Willa, Ardash, Rudarsh, Eboni, Finn M and Eva who received a number of placings on the day.

We had a visit from Spaceward Bound which was really interesting (even for the teachers!). I learned that water boils at lower temperatures at higher altitudes and lower air pressures. This means that at the top of Mount Everest, water boils at 70 degrees celsius. On Mars, it can boil at a temperature lower than 0 degrees celsius, which means if

there were water on Mars, it would try to boil AND freeze at the same time!

One of the most enjoyed things this term has been the arrival of Lucy, Hilda and Linda, our hatchlings. The students were fascinated, using a light to see the development inside and watching some of the hatching process. It was also really exciting to arrive at school and hear the eggs chirping before they had hatched.



Thank you to Cameron Transport for donating and delivering mulch for our outdoor classroom, and Maria and Bridget for their massive efforts in the outdoor garden. A huge thank you to the PTA for their endless support to our school, whether that is new resources, furniture, or providing opportunities - it makes a huge difference. Mary-Ellen, Duncan and Cathy are soon to step down from the PTA as their children move on to the next stage of schooling. We really appreciate the years of service they have offered in their time here.

Our school will finish for the year at 12pm on Wednesday December 18th. We have a number of senior students heading off to the next chapter in their schooling so there will be a big farewell at our final assembly on December 17th, we hope to see you there!

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

SOFTBALL AND CAROLS

Horahora School Field
Tuesday 17th December. From 6pm

Get your good Xmas jumpers on & join us for a community game of softball, followed by carols.
All wellcome!

PRIZE for best dressed family

BYO drinks/picnic.
Sausage sizzle & ice cream
Carols from around 8pm



Dates to remember:

Tuesday December 17th 10:00 am: Final Assembly, In the Hall.

Wednesday December 18th: Last day of school, finishing at 12:00 pm. The bus will be running.

Term 4 Starts: Monday February 3rd 2025