



# Horahora School

## Newsletter

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Kia ora Koutou,

As Term One 2025 draws to a close, we reflect on what has been an incredibly busy and exciting period here at Horahora School! The term has been packed with fantastic opportunities for our students to learn, grow, and shine. We've celebrated some wonderful achievements, from the enthusiastic participation in our swimming sports and the inspiring leadership displayed at our Leadership Day, to the energetic efforts at the TRYathlon and the experience of Tawa's Open Day. It's been a joy to witness our tamariki embracing these diverse activities with such enthusiasm.

Looking ahead to Term Two, we have a couple of staffing updates to share. In Karaka, we will continue to see Mrs Williams on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, and we are thrilled to have Mrs Steeghs rejoin our team, teaching in Karaka on Thursdays and Fridays. We know her return will be a wonderful addition to our kura. We continue to keep Mr Fawcett in our thoughts and are awaiting his doctor's clearance for his return. In the meantime, we are very fortunate to have Mrs Ivamy continuing her fantastic work in Rimu, ensuring a smooth transition and consistent learning environment for our students.

Finally, a quick reminder regarding lost property. We have recently reorganised this area, and all unclaimed items are now located under the shelter at the front of the office. Please take a moment to check through the collection and take home anything that belongs to your child/ren.

We extend our warmest wishes to you all for a restful and enjoyable holiday break. May this time be filled with quality moments spent with your whānau. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another term of learning and growth.

Ngaa mihi nui,  
Shannon Buckle

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# Tawa's Open Day

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In week seven, Tawa had an Open Day. We welcomed a number of families and their children into our school for the morning. The students of Tawa wrote an acrostic poem detailing the experience.

## An Open Day Acrostic Poem

Written collaboratively by the students of Tawa

**O**ur Tawa class welcomes,  
**P**arents, preschoolers, and whanau,  
**E**veryone joined in the fun with Ellie Elephant,  
**N**ew friends were made.  
**D**ecorating the cookies with gummy snakes,  
**A**round the table we all ate together,  
**Y**um, yum, yum, we had lots of fun!



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# Swimming Sports

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Swimming sports was very fun and awesome. The event was held at St Peter's School in Cambridge. Everyone had an amazing day and everyone that participated earned house points. We met a lot of new people and made new friends.

The swimming strokes we did were freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and there was a fun butterfly event. There was also a medley and a freestyle relay. Unfortunately we could not do the medley and the parents vs kids race because we were out of time. Luckily, we could do the freestyle relay and it was pretty cool to see how much we had improved at our swimming. The event was just for fun, but everyone did amazingly well. You had the option to dive off the block or the pool side, or you could start in the pool. It was very tiring, but everyone had a good time and enjoyed themselves.

There was a marshalling area where we would get called up to. There were chairs to sit on while you waited for your race. The chairs were burning hot. It was a very hot day and a good day to host the event. There were a lot of parents that helped out who we would like to thank. Everyone had a BLAST!

**Written by Liam and Rudarsh - Rimu**

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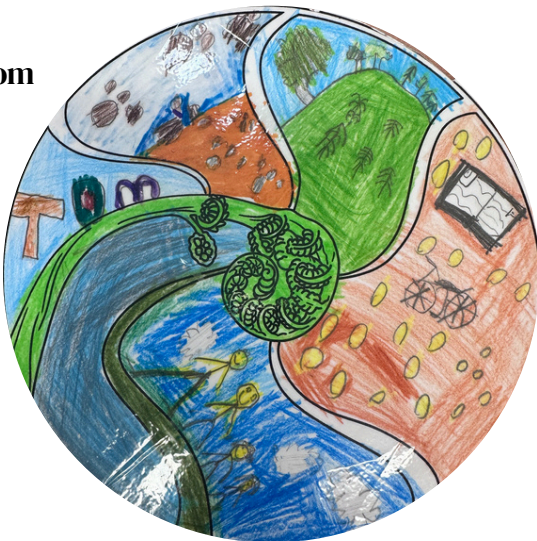
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# Pepeha

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Karaka have been working on their pepeha this term, including a 'visual pepeha'. A pepeha is a formal Maaori introduction that articulates an individual's connections to their ancestral lands, waterways, significant landmarks, and whaanau (family). For our families within this rural New Zealand school context, understanding and sharing their pepeha serves as a powerful means of establishing identity, belonging, and whakapapa (genealogy). It fosters a deeper appreciation for their heritage and its intrinsic link to the local environment, strengthening the collective identity of our school community and enriching our understanding of the diverse backgrounds that contribute to its unique character.

**Tom**



**Jedanezy**



**Layla**



**Elliott**



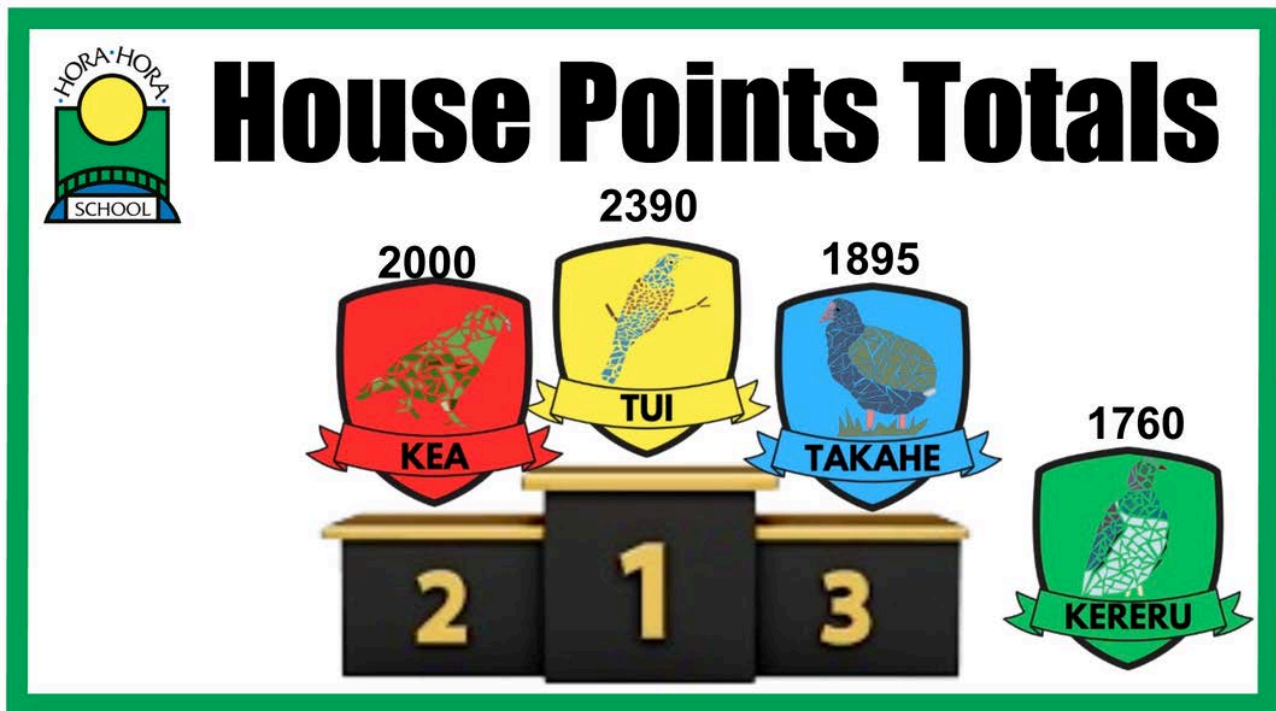
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# House Points

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This term House Points have been awarded to students based on their responsibilities of allowing themselves and other to learn, keeping themselves and others safe and respecting themselves, others and property. Students have also earned points for participating in school events such as the Swimming Sports and TRYathlon. The winning House at Assembly is awarded ROCKY. Kea was the winning House group in Week Five, and students took turns looking after Rocky. Below is an image of Rocky enjoying his adventures on Lake Tarawera with the Steeghs boys.

**The current House Points are:**



## **Congratulations Tui!**

Winners of the House competition in Week 10 of Term One.





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# Parent Teacher Association

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We want to take a moment to extend our deepest gratitude to our amazing Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for their incredible contributions to our school this term! This dedicated group of parents has been working tirelessly behind the scenes, making a real difference for all our tamariki.

We've all enjoyed the delicious sausage sizzles and juices that the PTA has so generously organised for students across the school throughout the term. These tasty treats have been a wonderful way to bring smiles to faces and fuel our busy learners!

Beyond the yummy food, the PTA also spearheaded an absolutely amazing working bee earlier this term. The turnout was fantastic, and the collective effort to clear and sort things around the school was nothing short of mammoth! Thanks to their hard work and dedication, our school environment is looking even better for our students.

Let's not forget the hugely successful Horahora Hare Hunt that the PTA recently organised. This fantastic community event not only provided some fun and friendly competition and championed sustainability, but also raised an incredible \$4500 for our school! This significant sum will go directly towards enhancing the learning experiences, environments and resources for our students.

Our PTA is a truly dedicated group of parents who are passionate about making a difference for our kids. Their hard work and fundraising efforts directly contribute to making our school a better place. We are immensely thankful for the money they have already put back into our school this year, which has allowed us to purchase valuable resources such as a 3D printer, IT software to keep our kids safe online and much more!

From all the staff and students at Horahora School, thank you, PTA, for your incredible dedication and hard work! We truly appreciate everything you do.



Photos from the Horahora Hare Hunt

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# School Photos

## PHOTO DAY COMING SOON



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## Class Photos \$17 each



## Photo Day

### Hora Hora School

### Thursday 1st

### May





# THE WEEK AHEAD

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## Week One - Term Two

<b>Monday 28 April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mrs Williams in Karaka</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday 29 April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mrs Williams in Karaka</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday 30 April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mrs Williams in Karaka</li></ul>
<b>Thursday 1 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mrs Steeghs in Karaka</li><li>• School Photos</li></ul>
<b>Friday 2 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mrs Steeghs in Karaka</li><li>• Vision and Hearing Testing</li><li>• Library for all classes</li></ul>

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## Beyond Next Week

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### Week Two

- Mothers' Day - 11 May

### Week Three

- Teacher only Day - 12 May
- PTA AGM - 14 May
- Pink Shirt Day - 16 May

### Week Four

- BoT Meeting - 21 May
- Assembly 2.15pm - 23 May

### Week Five

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### Week Six

- King's Birthday - 2 June
  - Rural School's Winter Sport Day
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