

## 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024-Term 1 Week 9

Kia Ora Koutou,

School is humming along beautifully. We have had such a busy term, with lots of learning and opportunities that have kept us all very busy!

On Friday, many of our students competed in the Rural Schools Swimming Sports day at St. Peters. Hora Hora had a clear win in the final school relay, and we achieved many placings through the day. I was very impressed with the

swimming talent within our small school, and even more so, the sportsmanship.

One of the best parts of my day is receiving a visit from Tawa students to receive a

Principal award sticker. Whaea Chantal has so many hard working learners in her classroom, and it is nice to be able to see their efforts and progress through the term.

The Year 7 and 8 students attended the GRIP

leadership conference in Rotorua, and all of Rimu attended the Rural Schools Leadership Day in Cambridge. This has been very valuable, as our students have a lot of opportunity to develop their leadership skills in such a small school.

The Hora Hora Playgroup came to visit Tawa, and they are going to continue with these visits each term. We loved having them visit our school and we look forward to seeing

them again soon.

Our Year 7 and 8 students visited the Putaruru Timber Museum with Snow Chubb and Mr Fawcett. They were also able to see a working sawmill, and learned so much about the history of timber in New Zealand.

Waipa DC came to school to talk to our school about water conservation. This was a good fit to some of our recent science learning on water, the water cycle, and different states of matter.

And last of all, here are some pictures of our students busy and engaged in the classroom. Rimu is loving their current learning with Writer's Toolbox. Karaka is firing away with their structured literacy. The student's in Tawa are loving Whaea Chantal's exciting learning ideas.











This is already my last newsletter in my short time here at Hora Hora. I want to say a big thank you to the staff, BoT and families who have been so kind and supportive to me throughout the term. I have really enjoyed this opportunity to once again be a part of this great little school and community.

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





Another community Quiz night, make a team, ring ya mates and share it around! Contact Ingrid Laxon via txt or email to book your table!

Horahora Community Hall, 6pm 11th May. Email: horahorahall@gmail.com or txt Ingrid 0278272003

Hi Everyone, the PTA would like to welcome our newest member Michelle Saywell . Thank you Michelle for joining us.

A big thank you to the garden ladies from Takapoto Estate for your continued donation of funds that has helped us with a number of projects over the last couple of years. It is very much appreciated.

Don't forget we have the Hora Hora Hare Hunt coming up on 12-14 April. If you would like to enter a team please contact Duncan Scott 0275002374.

Thank you to our sponsors for this event - Sanctuary Mountain, Findlay Livestock, AC Petfoods, Beacon Hill Contracting, Farm Source, Open Country, Swaps, Shooter Ready, FIL, Giltraps, Cambridge Vets, Roger Laxon, D&J Scott.

We have some great prizes as well as loads of awesome things in our silent auction up for grabs . Hope to see you there.

Have a wonderful Easter Break,

Thanks Mary-Ellen

Are you passionate about education and dedicated to making a positive impact in your community?

The Hora Hora School Board of Trustees will be holding a by-election for an additional member. We are looking for someone to bring further skills and knowledge to our current passionate board team.

## Responsibilities:

- Collaborate with fellow board members to establish and implement policies that promote educational excellence and student success.
- Provide oversight and guidance on budgetary matters to ensure fiscal responsibility and resource allocation for the benefit of students, teachers, and staff.
- Advocate for the needs and priorities of students, parents, and the community, fostering an
  inclusive and supportive learning environment.
- Engage with stakeholders, including parents, teachers, administrators, and community members, to address concerns and gather input on key educational issues.
- Attend monthly board meetings, workshops, and community events to stay informed and involved in decision-making processes.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in, we will be open for nominations in the coming weeks. It will be announced via email and our Facebook page.

If you have any questions about the role and responsibilities feel free to give me a call.

Roger Laxon - Hora Hora School Board of Trustees Presiding Member 0272558168

