



# Horahora School

## NEWSFLASH

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	Friday 2 May 2025	
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## It's Good to be Back!

Kia ora koutou whaanau,

Welcome back to school! It's been wonderful having all our tamariki back in the classrooms this week, and we've loved hearing about their holiday adventures.

A special welcome to Luna-May, who has joined our Tawa class this week. Luna-May is 5 years old and enjoys playing on the trampoline, making new friends and playing on the playground.

We say a fond farewell to Lhor this week as his whaanau moves out of the area. Haere ra Lhor, we will miss you!

This term promises lots of engaging learning opportunities. You can find details about what each class has planned in the letters from teachers on the following pages of this newsflash.

Next week, we're excited to start our Launchpad programme (more information on the next page). This will run at lunchtime on Mondays. If you'd like your child to participate, please complete this [Google Form](#) or ask Ash in the office for a paper copy. The programme will be led by Leonie Pothan and James Cooper. Furthermore, we will be starting our Pizza Reading Challenge next week. Class teachers will send information home about how this will work in their individual classes.

A friendly reminder to please return your child's Sample Book if you haven't already. If possible, please add a comment. For our Tawa whaanau, please also remember to complete the questionnaire at the front of the book.

With the wetter weather now upon us, please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate footwear. Crocs in particular, can be quite slippery on our vinyl floors, and we want to keep all our students safe from falls and injuries.

We're looking forward to a positive and productive term ahead, working together to support all our students.

Ngaa Mihi,

*Shannon Buckle*

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# Kia ora!

## We are Launchpad

**Launchpad is a not-for-profit organisation that presents Christian Values Education in primary schools under the name **Launchpad Champions**.**

Our Launchpad Champions Programme is a weekly 30-minute lesson that encourages tamariki to make positive life choices and grow their sense of mana, self-worth and character. The programme is delivered in a fun and interactive manner.

Our lessons include stories from the Bible that are relevant to our tamariki combined with values set out by the Ministry of Education in the New Zealand School curriculum. Some values covered are excellence, inquiry, curiosity, community, participation and integrity.

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## We teach positive values

**Many of our lessons are taught using illustrative Bible stories, well-known role models and NZ history stories. The **Launchpad Champions** programme teaches tamariki values like:**

- What it means to be a good friend
- Being brave and doing the right thing
- Respect
- Self-control
- Making good choices and helping others
- Doing your best and asking for help
- Forgiveness
- Self-discipline and perseverance
- Working together and partnership

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# School Photos

## PHOTO DAY

## Yesterday



### Pack 1

1 copy  
8 x 10 inch

**\$22**

### Pack 2

4 copies  
6x4 inch

**\$24**

### Pack 3

3 copies  
5x7 inch

**\$25**

### Pack 4

1 copy 8x10, 1 copy 5x7,  
1 postcard print,  
2 x Wallet size photos

**\$26**

### Pack 5

1 copy 8x10,  
2 copies 5x7

**\$27**

**\*Please note packs cannot be split across multiple images\***

## Class Photos \$17 each



## Photo Day

## Hora Hora School

## Proofs coming out soon





# TAWA Class Newsletter

## Term 2, 2025



Kia Ora Koutou, Nau mai hoki mau

Welcome back, everyone!

Kia Ora and welcome to Term 2. I hope that everyone had a relaxing and refreshing break. I had a great break with family.

We welcome Luna-May to Tawa's class, bringing our total to 11 students.

We're starting the term with our Anzac Day learning.

We are preparing for Mother's Day and learning about Pink Shirt Day. Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness. It's about creating a community where everyone feels safe, valued, and respected.

King's Birthday Celebration – Tawa Class We are excited to celebrate the King's Birthday on Friday 30th May! Tawa class are invited to dress up as Princes, Princesses, Kings, or Queens for the day. Our special celebration plans will be revealed soon — watch this space!

Matariki Celebration Week 8 and week 9. We have been learning about Matariki and its importance through stories, art, and classroom activities. We are excited to celebrate together at our Whānau Celebration in Week 9 — more details will be shared in our News Flash!

Hells Reading Challenge

This newsletter includes an explanation of the goals and expectations. Earning a Pizza is voluntary, but all students are expected to complete the reading challenge. Please send the reading log to school every day.

These events and more are recorded on the attached term outline and are explained in more detail below. Further information about upcoming events will be sent through the News Flash, the School App, and our school website. Please keep an eye out for updates and changes.



Hats and sunscreen are optional in Term 2

Water bottles to keep children hydrated is recommended.

Please bring warm clothes for cold days. Layer up.

### Homework

While we have a no homework policy at school, reading books and some activities in home books will be sent home this term. There will be reading books every day, from either guided reading with me or from fluency boxes. It is totally normal for the same

book to come home for weeks on end. This is completely normal as we work on our loop fluency in reading. Practicing the letter names and sounds of the alphabet will assist with increasing reading skills.



#### Maths:

This term, Phase 1 learners will continue their maths journey with PR1ME Mathematics, aligned with the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum. The new maths curriculum focuses on helping students notice patterns, connect ideas, solve problems, and explain their thinking, building deep understanding rather than memorising facts.

Our students will explore numbers to 10 — learning to count, recognise, and order numbers, and beginning early addition and subtraction through fun, hands-on activities. They will also work with shapes, sort objects, and learn to notice patterns in their environment.

We will build on these ideas, working with numbers to 20, developing part-whole thinking, making tens to solve problems, and introducing early ideas of multiplication and division with equal groups. They will also measure, compare lengths, and use everyday maths in real-world contexts.

Throughout the term, learners will be encouraged to talk about their thinking, work together to solve problems, and find different ways to explain and check their ideas.

Literacy: This term, we are excited to continue our Structured Literacy journey using

the iDeal

programme. Our focus will include developing spelling strategies such as short vowel sounds, open and closed syllables, the Flossy Rule, and Magic E. Reading lessons will closely link to our spelling learning, emphasizing building fluency and accuracy.

Students will bring home weekly spelling words to practise and reinforce the strategies we are learning. Please return spelling books daily. In addition, students will bring home readers to help develop their fluency — these may include books that have not always been read with the teacher first. Games may also be sent home from time to time further to support literacy development in a fun and engaging way.



We will also explore parts of speech, including nouns, verbs, adjectives, and more. Our comprehension activities will help deepen understanding and support all areas of literacy development. As always, our programme is aligned with the refreshed New Zealand English Curriculum, with a strong focus on oral language, reading, writing, and spelling. We look forward to seeing our learners continue to grow and succeed!

#### Reading

We will continue to have a focused shared book, allowing us to explore the nuances of written and oral text. During the term, there will be lots of interactive exposure to shared reading. Guided reading sessions will happen weekly, with lessons geared toward each child's reading needs.

We will have a Poem most Fridays. Poems are read aloud, repeated often, and shared in groups, developing listening skills.

Tawa visits the library every Friday to choose their books and class books to enjoy. The senior class also buddy read with the Tawa class.

### Writing



Writing will be encouraged through discussions, provocations, and the sharing of ideas. In the first 4 weeks, we will focus on writing about Anzac Day, Mother's Day, and Pink Shirt Day by learning how to Grow a friend. Further Writing will come from Shared Books, Our Inquiry on NZ birds, and Structured Literacy.

This overview is what we intend to teach this term. Incidental teaching may mean abandoning plans. Flexibility is an essential requirement of teaching and learning!

I feel that home and school communication is of high importance. Because you are integral to your child's education, I encourage you to tell me anything you think is important. The best way to contact me is through email or the school office. If you would like to talk in person, I can schedule appointments before or after school. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Nga Mihi nui ki a kooutoou

Whaea Chantal



# Karaka Class Newsletter

## Term 2 2025

Welcome back to term 2 in Karaka. We are looking forward to an action packed term of learning 😊

### How our week will work

Monday to Wednesday Mrs Williams will be teaching all day in the Karaka space, Thursday and Friday Mrs Steeghs will be teaching all day in Karaka. Both teachers will be covering aspects of Literacy including reading, writing and spelling as well as following the Prime Maths sequence as our main learning tool for Mathematics.

### Home Learning

A reminder all students should try to read to someone each day, we will be taking part in the pizza/reading challenge again this term, more details to follow. Spelling lists with words from the previous week are sent home each week for students to work on reviewing at home.

### Main Topics to be covered this term

**Number:** Addition and subtraction will be the main number focus this term along with times tables.

**Strand:** Measurement

**Writing:** Writing structures for informative writing

**Reading:** decoding skills, comprehension, vocabulary

**Spelling:** floss rule, soft g, soft c, ck vs k, ch vs tch, ar, 3 sounds of ed and double the consonant rule.

**Science:** Forest Health and Wonderful Wai

**Art:** Anzac art, use of dye, sketching

Music: learn to identify elements of music through focused listening **PE:** Winter Sports/Matariki **Technology:** becoming familiar with email, google docs, how to find things in their drive and google classroom.

**Te Reo:** Whaanau/Matariki

**Aotearoa Histories:** Local Stories

**Class Novel:** Wild Robot Escapes

### Things to remember:

- Library day (Friday)
- Bookbags (with home learning notebooks) every day

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me in the first instance via email [swilliams@horahoracambridge.school.nz](mailto:swilliams@horahoracambridge.school.nz) or pop in to see me before or after school, Monday to Wednesday. Mrs Steeghs can be contacted on [ksteeghs@horahoracambridge.school.nz](mailto:ksteeghs@horahoracambridge.school.nz), for any queries that come up on a Thursday or Friday. If your query relates to both of us please feel free to include us both in the email.

NB: If you are emailing the office about something concerning your child, it would be appreciated if you could also copy Kirsty and I into the email so we are in the loop too, Thank you in advance for this :)

Sara Williams and Kirsty Steeghs

Karaka Class Teachers

Kia Ora Koutou



Welcome to Term 2. I hope that you've had a wonderful break with your children over the holiday period. It seemed to come and go very quickly! I am very happy to continue teaching in Rimu Class until Mr Fawcett returns from medical leave and will be in Rimu class all day, Monday to Friday, this term.

In class this term we will continue to focus on Structured Literacy, incorporating Spelling, Reading and Writing. Maths will again see us following a very structured path that will be focussed on Number and also Geometry, Statistics and Problem Solving. We will continue to study "Guardians of Change," examining our whenua from the viewpoint of Kaitiakitanga and Sustainability. Plus, we will work on our Te Reo Maori and be involved in our winter sports and the arts.

This is a plan of what I hope to achieve. Please bear with me, if for some reason beyond my control, we need to alter this.

Finally, I am looking forward to continuing to work with your children. If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact me via email: [jivamy@horahoracambridge.school.nz](mailto:jivamy@horahoracambridge.school.nz), or pop in before or after school. I am also happy to make appointments before or after school, if you need to discuss something in detail.

Ngā manaakitanga



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# THE WEEK AHEAD

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## Week Two - Term Two

<b>Monday 5 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mrs Williams in Karaka</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday 6 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mrs Williams in Karaka</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday 7 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mrs Williams in Karaka</li></ul>
<b>Thursday 8 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mrs Steeghs in Karaka</li></ul>
<b>Friday 9 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mrs Steeghs in Karaka</li><li>• Library for all classes</li><li>• Some teachers out for half a day at professional learning - school runs as normal</li><li>• Mrs Jones in Tawa Blocks 1&amp;2, Mrs Jones in Rimu Blocks 3&amp;4</li></ul>

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## Beyond Next Week

### 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 - 6 June

### Week Seven

- Reports go home - 12 June
  - Teacher only Day - 13 June
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### Week Eight

- Learning Celebrations (formerly parent teacher interviews) - 18 June
- Matariki 20 June

### Week Nine

- BOT Meeting - 25 June
- Matariki Assembly - 25 June

[Click here to view our School Calendar](#)