



# Horahora School Newsletter

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Kia ora Koutou,

What a fantastic week it's been here at Horahora School! The sun has finally decided to shine brightly, making everything feel a bit more vibrant and energetic. It's been great to see the kids out enjoying the warmer weather.

## **Exciting Housing Opportunity for a School Family**

Phil and Tracey Bax, long-time, cherished residents of Horahora, have a house available to rent from the 5th of December. This property offers three bedrooms plus a sunroom.

Phil and Tracey would ideally love to see a current or new school family move in, which would be a brilliant way to help our school roll continue to grow! If you, or someone you know, is looking for a place in our lovely community, please get in touch with Tracey directly for more details:

- Phone: 07 827 2707
- Email: mooloodan@hotmail.com

## **Rural Schools Athletics (Karakā and Rimu)**

This exciting event is next week. All details have been sent home, but we've included a permission slip in this newsletter as a reminder. Please ensure these forms are returned to the school asap. Also, keep an eye out for Ash's email regarding lunch packs for the day—if you wish to purchase one, please get your information back to Ash promptly.

## **Sunshine and Swimming**

Tawa start swimming next week. Karakā and Rimu start the week after. Please bring your togs and also remember your hats every day..

Nga Mihi

*Shannon Buckle*



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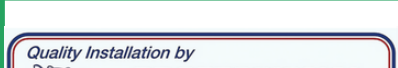
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# Ag Day

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## **Ag Day** **by Rimu Class.**

Ag Day was awesome with so much to see and do.

It was cool to see the leading of the lambs. People who brought lambs did call, follow and chase with them. The calves walk over posts, around barrels and then around standards. Both the lambs and the calves were amazing to watch.

There were also exhibits that we made, including grassheads, fairy gardens, painted rocks and cupcakes. The grassheads and fairy gardens we made at home. At school we sketched out our design for our painted rocks, then with paint pens we painted the design on to them. We also made plain cupcakes at school. Then we decorated these with M&Ms, sprinkles and icing that was provided by school. If we wanted to, we could also bring ingredients from home like fondant or lollies to decorate the cupcakes with. On Ag day the exhibits were judged and placed, from first to third.

We also had market stalls. The lolly jar was so much fun and a gamble, as you had to guess how many lollies were in the jar. The worst guess was 125. There were 627 lollies in the lolly jar! Will and Tom ended up winning with a guess of 650. The lolly jar was \$2 for 3 guesses.

The 3D prints were cool and sold well too. They were sold very quickly by Harry, Van and Finn M. It was \$1 for 3 prints, or you could get a big one for \$1. It was \$3 for a Horahora school magnet.

Then finally there was the cake auction! It was really fun & exciting. It made a great ending to the day. All the cakes looked & sounded delicious. There were even two cakes that came with specially signed hot wheels, signed by Mad Mike himself and if you didn't know, Mad Mike is a race car driver for Red Bull. There was a marvelous coffee and chocolate cake and an amazing ginger caramel cake, plus many more. You could really tell that everyone who worked on those cakes had put a lot of time and effort into them, so a special shout out to those people, as well as a huge thank you to the auctioneer, David, who made this so much fun. We hope to see you bake again next year!

Also in the way of food and drink, there were sausages, slices, sprite and juice put on by the PTA. The sausages were amazing. They were delicious, well sizzled and devoured quickly! With all that food, you needed a drink to wash it down. Hence the reason you had a handful of options.

Ag day was a fun day for all and we really hope that everyone had a great time. Many thanks to everyone for their support.

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# Athletics Day

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## Overall Placings

### 5-6 Year old Boys

**1st** - Mila  
**2nd** - Leah Su.  
**3rd** - Breanna

### 7 Year old Boys

**1st** - Ollie  
**2nd** - Simphiwe  
**3rd** - Noah

### 8 Year old Boys

**1st** - Ryder  
**2nd** - Ryan  
**3rd** - Xavier

### 9-10 Year old Boys

**1st** - Finn M  
**2nd** - Kyzah  
**3rd** - Harry

### 11+ Year old Boys

**1st** - Rudarsh & Liam  
**3rd** - FinnJ

### 5-6 Year old Girls

**1st** - Sebastian  
**2nd** - Luke  
**3rd** - Clay

### 7 Year old Girls

**1st** - Elle  
**2nd** - Leah Sw.

### 8 Year old Girls

**1st** - Georgia  
**2nd** - Layla & Addie  
**3rd** - Jedane

### 11+ Year old Girls

**1st** - Ruby

Here are some photos of our Athletics Day from Wednesday 5th November. We are so proud of our students!



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# Planting Day

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# Horahora School Kawa

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To allow  
myself and  
others to learn

To keep  
myself and  
others safe

To respect  
myself, others  
and property



## Our Shining Stars

### TAWA:

Zara Lawson  
Breanna Belle  
Simphiwe Ndlhovu  
Leah Suisted



### KARAKA:

Stevie Brett-Smith  
Ayden Ure  
Oliver Belle  
Layla Woods



### RIMU

Ruby Mounsey-McKay  
Liam Boonzaaier  
Kyzah Hemana-Paraha  
Harry Steeghs



## Kawa Kiwi Award

This week's KAWA KIWI is awarded to Vann Saywell.

Vann has a remarkable commitment to the principle of 'allowing myself and others to learn'. This was demonstrated clearly when, faced with a conflict between an external commitment and completing his classwork, he proactively finished the required tasks at home, showing respect for his own learning journey. Vann's consistent kindness, responsibility, and care for his community make him a deserving recipient of the Kawa Kiwi Award.

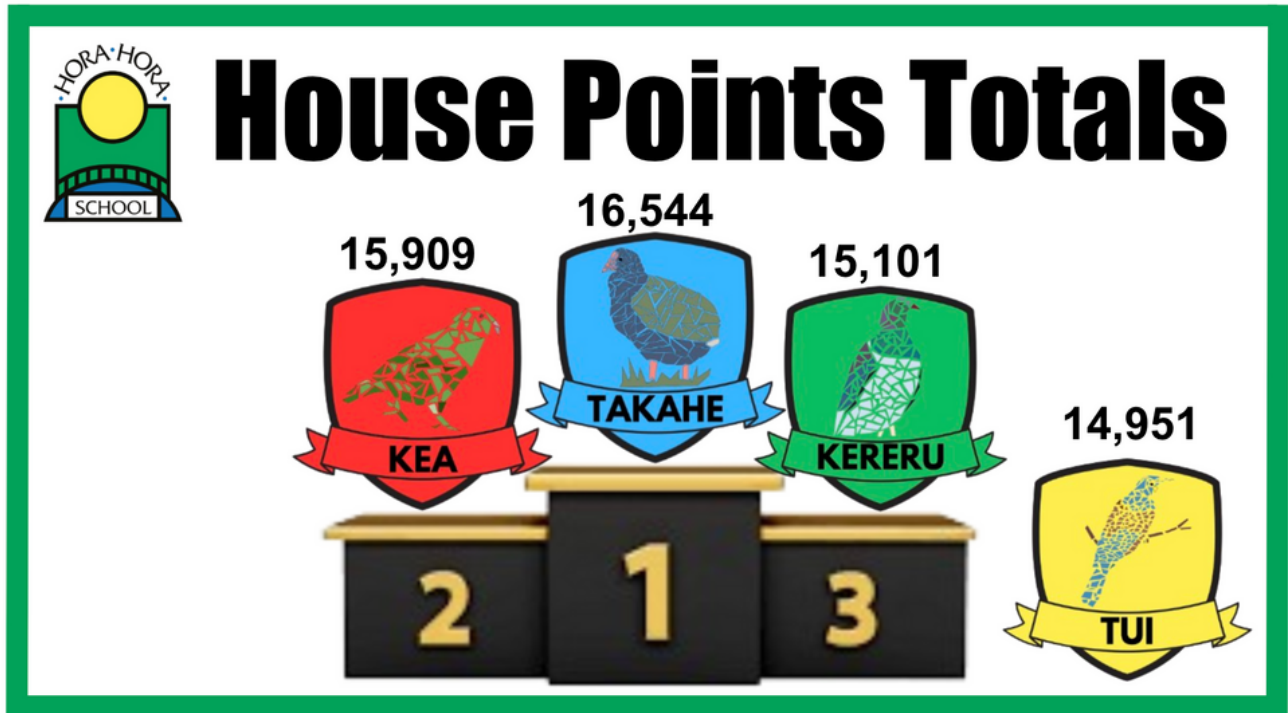


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# House Points

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The current House Points are:



**Congratulations  
Takahe!**

Winners of the House  
competition  
in Week 5 of Term  
Four.

Last Assembly's  
Winning House



**Finn J (Takahe House)  
with Rocky**

## Horahora School

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**31 October 2025**

### **Cambridge Rural Schools' Athletics Day**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Get ready for the **Cambridge Rural Schools' Athletics Day!** This year's event will be held on **Friday, November 14**, at **Cambridge Athletics Grounds, Vogel Street**. The postponement date is Thursday, November 19.

#### **Key Event Details**

- **Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.
- **Location:** Cambridge Athletics Grounds
- **Transport:** We will be taking a bus from school, departing at 9:00 a.m. and returning by 3:00 p.m. in time for regular bus routes and pick-up. Some senior students may need to travel in Mrs Buckle's car, as the bus has limited seating.
- **Cost:** Thanks to our wonderful PTA's sponsorship, the bus and event are completely **free!**
- **Parent Support:** We'd love to see you there to cheer on the athletes! If you plan to take your child directly to or from the event, please let us know beforehand. Also, be sure to sign them out on the sheet provided on the day if you leave the grounds with your child.

#### **Important Information:**

**Parking:** There is parking under the trees adjacent to SH1.

**Age Groups:** Students will compete in the age group they will be on **Thursday, 20 November**, which is the date of the Town Schools' (Interschool) Athletics. This ensures that any students selected for the Rural Team will be in the correct age group for the Interschool event.

We can't wait to see our students give it their all!

## **Programme (with approximate times):**

### **Cambridge Rural Schools Athletics 2025**

| Events               | Sprints                 | Discus*                 | Shot Put                | Vortex                  | Long Jump               | 200m                    | High Jump               | Rest Station            |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| School Running Event | Kaipaki                 | Kaipaki                 | Hora-Hora               | Karapiro                | Roto-o-Rangi            | Kaipaki                 | Te Miro                 |                         |
| 10:00 - 10:15        | Welcome                 |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| 10:15-10:40          | 8y boys                 | 8y girls                | 10y girls               | 10y boys                | 11y boys<br>11y girls   | 12y+ boys<br>12y+ girls | 9y boys                 | 9y girls                |
| 10:40-11:05          | 9y girls                | 8y boys                 | 8y girls                | 10y girls               | 10y boys                | 11y boys<br>11y girls   | 12y+ boys<br>12y+ girls | 9y boys                 |
| 11:05-11:30          | 9y boys                 | 9y girls                | 8y boys                 | 8y girls                | 10y girls               | 10y boys                | 11y boys<br>11y girls   | 12y+ boys<br>12y+ girls |
| 11:30-11:55          | 12y+ boys<br>12y+ girls | 9y boys                 | 9y girls                | 8y boys                 | 8y girls                | 10y girls               | 10y boys                | 11y boys<br>11y girls   |
| 11:55-12:20          | 11y boys<br>11y girls   | 12y+ boys<br>12y+ girls | 9y boys                 | 9y girls                | 8y boys                 | 8y girls                | 10y girls               | 10y boys                |
| 12:20-12:50          | Lunch                   |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| 12:50-1:15           | 10y boys                | 11y boys<br>11y girls   | 12y+ boys<br>12y+ girls | 9y boys                 | 9y girls                | 8y boys                 | 8y girls                | 10y girls               |
| 1:15-1:40            | 10y girls               | 10y boys                | 11y boys<br>11y girls   | 12y+ boys<br>12y+ girls | 9y boys                 | 9y girls                | 8y boys                 | 8y girls                |
| 1:40-2:05            | 8y girls                | 10y girls               | 10y boys                | 11y boys<br>11y girls   | 12y+ boys<br>12y+ girls | 9y boys                 | 9y girls                | 8y boys                 |

### **Food:**

Some healthy food options will be provided by Kaipaki School PTA on the day. Cash only.

Pre-orders for lunch packs are also an option – these will be shared with families, once the list becomes available. Otherwise, students should bring a full lunchbox and large drink of water.

Please complete the attached permission slip and return it to school before Friday 7th November. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.



Ngā mihi nui,  
Shannon Buckle

## Cambridge Rural Schools' Athletics Day Permission Slip

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission /I do not give permission (please circle) for my child to attend the Cambridge Rural Schools' Athletics Day at Cambridge Athletics Grounds on November 14th (or 19th), 2025.

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

- I intend to take my child/ren directly to the Cambridge Athletics Grounds (between 9.00–9.30am). ☐ **or:**
- My child/ren will take the bus (or Mrs Buckle's car) from school to the Cambridge Athletic Grounds. ☐
- If I take my child/ren from the grounds, I will sign them out on the sheet provided on the day. ☐

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# THE WEEK AHEAD

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## Week Six - Term Four

|                              |                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday 10 November</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mrs Williams in Karaka</li><li>• Miss K in Tawa</li></ul>                                               |
| <b>Tuesday 11 November</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mrs Williams in Karaka</li><li>• Miss K in Karaka</li><li>• Tawa - Swimming</li></ul>                   |
| <b>Wednesday 12 November</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Miss K in Rimu</li><li>• Tawa - Swimming</li></ul>                                                      |
| <b>Thursday 13 November</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Miss K in Karaka</li><li>• Mrs Steeghs in for Mrs Buckle today :)</li><li>• Mrs Jones in Tawa</li></ul> |
| <b>Friday 14 November</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Miss K in Karaka</li><li>• Rural Schools' Athletics Day</li><li>• Tawa - Swimming</li></ul>             |

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## Beyond Next Week

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### Week Six

- Rural Schools' Athletics Day - 14 November

### Week Seven

- Rural Schools' Athletics Day Postponement - 19 November
- Town Schools' Athletics Day - 20 November
- Swimming begins - Swimsafe Sessions

### Week Eight

- Year 7/8 Tech Trip - 25 November
- Whole School Zoo Trip - 27 November

### Week Nine

- Camp (Karaka and Rimu) - 2-4 December

### Week Ten

- Life Education - 8-9 December

### Week Eleven

- Reports go home - 17 December
- Prizegiving - 17 December
- Last day of Term - 18 December

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

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