



Horahora School Newsletter

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Kia ora Koutou,

As Term 2 wraps up, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our parent community. Your partnership is truly invaluable and makes a significant difference in our students' educational journey. Thank you for your continued engagement, whether it's helping with homework, attending school events, or volunteering your time. We're excited to announce that we'll be welcoming a new teacher, Kimpreet Kaur, to the Karaka class on Thursdays and Fridays starting next term. You'll find an introduction to her below. Have a fantastic holiday period.

Ngaa mihi nui,
Shannon Buckle

Spotlight on Kimpreet Kaur:



Kia ora koutou! My name is Kim (Miss K), and I'm really excited to be working with your tamariki this year. I have a Bachelor of Teaching (Primary) and I'm currently studying towards a postgraduate qualification in Education. I love learning, and I bring that passion into the classroom with me every day. I love bringing energy and creativity into the classroom and enjoy making learning exciting for the students. My favourite subjects are science and maths—I especially enjoy making learning fun through exciting experiments and hands-on activities. I also love art and finding creative ways to help students express themselves. Outside of school, I'm a big fan of going to the gym and staying active. I also enjoy painting, exploring nature, and I've even tried skydiving—it was an unforgettable experience! I believe in encouraging students to take risks in their learning, try new things, and believe in themselves. Building strong relationships is important to me, and I look forward to getting to know the children and whānau.

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Message from the Chairperson

Hello parents and caregivers,

Later this year, Horahora School will be holding elections for our Board of Trustees, and we encourage all parents and caregivers to consider standing for election.

Being a trustee is a valuable way to contribute to the direction and success of our school. The Board works alongside the Principal and school leadership to ensure our children are given the best possible environment to learn and grow. While the role focuses on governance rather than day-to-day operations, it's a great opportunity to make a real difference.

Key dates to keep in mind:

- Nominations open: Thursday 18 July
- Nominations close: Tuesday 6 August
- Voting opens: Tuesday 13 August
- Election day: Wednesday 10 September

Early in Term 3, we will have the New Zealand School Boards Association (NZSBA) visit the school to give a short presentation for anyone interested in joining the board. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about what's involved and ask any questions you may have.

If you're considering standing or would like more information about the board's role and responsibilities, please don't hesitate to contact me or speak with any of our current board members. We're always happy to have a chat and share what the role involves.

There is a wealth of information available here: [Becoming a Board Member](#)

Kind regards,

Roger Laxon

Chairperson

Horahora School Board of Trustees

027 255 8168 chairperson@horahoracambridge.school.nz

School Board Elections

Every three years, all state and state-integrated schools in New Zealand hold elections for their school boards, and 2025 is an election year! Our School Board plays a vital role in the strategic direction of Horahora School. They're responsible for consulting with our community, ensuring funds are spent wisely, and upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Our board comprises five parent representatives, the Principal, and a staff representative.

Online Elections with Election Pilot

To ensure a smooth and efficient election process, our current board has appointed Election Pilot as the Returning Officer. Election Pilot has over 20 years of experience assisting schools with elections and has been the Ministry of Education's sole accredited provider for online election services since 2022. This means our upcoming election will be held online, making it easier for everyone to participate.

How to Nominate and Vote

Nomination and voting forms will be sent directly to all eligible voters via email from Election Pilot. If we don't have an email address for you, don't worry—nomination and voting papers will be sent by post, so no one misses out. These elections are conducted in accordance with the Education and Training Act 2020 and the Education (Board Elections) Regulations 2022. Please note that your name and contact details have been provided to Election Pilot to facilitate these services, as required by legislation. Election Pilot will use your information solely for Horahora School's election services and will delete your details 60 days after the election date, as mandated by law.

Key Dates and Contacts

The election date is Wednesday, September 10th. We'll keep you updated as we progress through the various stages of the election process.

If you have any questions about the election process, please contact the Returning Officer directly:

- Phone: 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369)
- Email: election@electionpilot.nz

Horahora School Kawa

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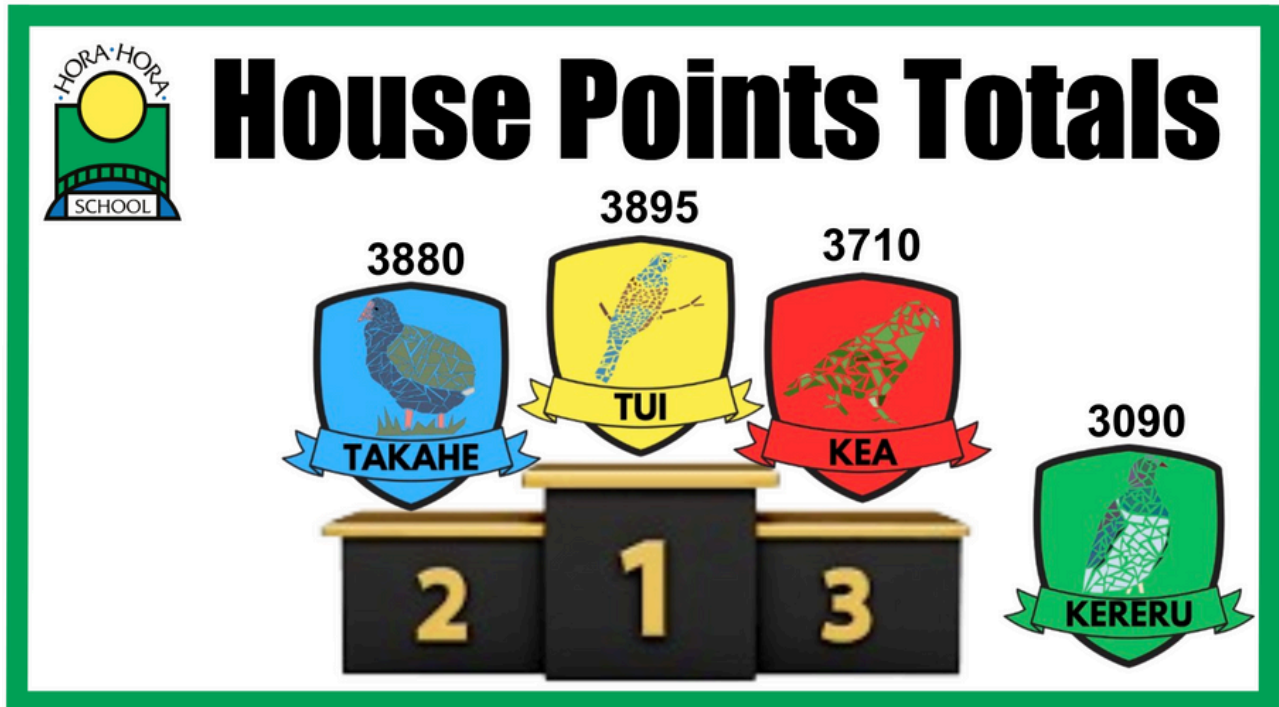
Kawa Kiwi Award

This week's KAWA KIWI is awarded to **Georgia Boyes** for consistently demonstrating exceptional empathy and support for her classmates. Her quiet, proactive assistance shows a remarkable dedication to creating a comfortable and inclusive environment for everyone.



House Points

The current House Points are:



Congratulations Tui!

Winners of the House
competition
in Week 9 of Term
Two.



Finn (Takahe House
Leader) with Rocky



Winter Illness

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK

This factsheet explains what to do if your child is sick.

SYMPTOMS

- Cough
- Fever
- Headache
- Muscle aches
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Fatigue/tiredness
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea

REMEMBER

- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Wash and dry hands thoroughly and often, to stop the spread of illness.
- Call your doctor to make an appointment, rather than just turning up.
- **Your hospital emergency department is a busy place in winter. Please save it for emergencies only.**

FOR MORE ADVICE

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V2 | Updated March 2023

Source: kidshealth.org.nz | Auckland Regional Public Health Service

WHAT TO DO

Most children fight off the infection by themselves and fever is a normal part of this.

If your child is miserable due to fever or aches and pains, you can give paracetamol to make them more comfortable. Follow the dosage instructions on the bottle. It is dangerous to give more than the recommended dose.

Cough and runny or stuffy nose by themselves are not serious.

Give your child regular fluids, and keep them at home and resting. Keep them away from others until they are well to stop the spread.

See your doctor if your child has flu-like symptoms and:

- is less than 3 months old with a fever
- has a long-lasting (chronic) condition such as heart disease, cystic fibrosis or other lung condition, asthma, diabetes, an organ transplant, cancer or leukaemia
- is 3 years or older, has a sore throat and is Māori or Pasifika. They need a swab for strep throat and treatment if positive
- doesn't seem to be improving.

See your doctor URGENTLY if your child of any age:

- is drinking less than half of their normal breastmilk or other fluid
- is having fewer than 4 wet nappies in 24 hours
- is severely irritable and is not wanting to be held
- has trouble breathing, has noisy breathing or is breathing fast
- looks very unwell and you are concerned
- has tummy pain, vomiting or diarrhoea and seems sicker than you would expect.

Dial 111 for urgent medical help if your child:

- has blue lips and tongue
- has severe difficulty breathing
- has any episodes of irregular or stopping breathing
- has a worrying rash especially one that does not go away when you press on it
- is unconscious or you can't wake them up properly.

Your child needs a COVID-19 test:

- if they are a household contact. Test daily for 5 days with a rapid antigen test (RAT) from the day the person with COVID-19 tested positive.

Please contact Healthline on 0800 611 116 for advice.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Week One - Term Three

Monday 14 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Williams in Karaka
Tuesday 15 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Williams in Karaka
Wednesday 16 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Williams in Karaka• Miss Kaur in Rimu
Thursday 17 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Miss Kaur in Karaka
Friday 18 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Miss Kaur in Karaka• Mrs Jones in various classes to support with He Rautaki release• Call for Board Nominations

Beyond Next Week

Week Two

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Week Three

- Book Character Week
- Special Person's Day - 1 August

Week Four

- Nominations for Board Elections Close - 6 August

Week Five

- Maths Week
- X-Country training begins (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays)
- Waikato Science Fair - 11 August
- BOT Meeting - 13 August
- Voting Papers issued - 13 August
- Assembly - 18 August

Week Six

- X-Country training continues

Week Seven

- Daffodil Day (Dress in Yellow, Gold coin donation) - 27 August
- Year 8 Testing CHS - 28 August
- X-Country training continues
- School X-Country - 29 August

Week Eight

- Conservation Week
- Rural Schools X-Country - 4 September
- Fathers' Day - 7 September

Week Nine

- Rotary Inter-school Speech Competition - 9 September
- Board Election Day - 10 September
- Rural Schools X-Country (Postponement) - 11 September
- Cricket Awareness Day - 12 September

Week Ten

- Te Wiki ō te Reo Māori
- Interschool X-Country - 15 September
- BoT votes counted and declared - 16 September
- Board takes office - 17 September
- BOT Meeting - 17 September
- Talk like a Pirate Day - 19 September
- Assembly - 19 September

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

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