



Horahora School Newsletter

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Kia ora Koutou,

Welcome to this edition of our school newsletter. We have a few important updates to share with you.

First, your feedback is crucial! We're beginning the revisioning process for 2026 and would greatly appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey [linked here](#). Your responses will help us shape the future of our school.

We also want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who participated in our recent working bee. Thanks to your hard work, the school grounds are looking absolutely fantastic!

This newsletter also marks a bittersweet moment as we say farewell to Mr. Fawcett. We want to express our sincere gratitude for the nearly four years he has dedicated to Horahora School. We wish him a very happy retirement. Mr Fawcett's kindness, sense of humour and knowledge will be missed by the students and staff. We also warmly welcome back Mrs June Ivamy, who will be taking over the Rimu class in Term 4.

Ag Day is happening on the first Thursday of next term. A newsletter came home with your children yesterday about this, please read and action the content, in preparation for a successful Ag day for all!

Please note that the teachers' union, the NZEI has set a strike date due to lack of government support with our contract negotiations. The strike will be on October 23rd - our school will be closed on this day.

Finally, a heads-up for our Karaka and Rimu families: students will have the exciting opportunity to attend a three-day camp at Finlay Park later in Term Four. More specific details will be sent out about this next term.

Ngā mihi nui,
Shannon Buckle

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Rural Schools' Cross Country

Week eight this term was the Rural Schools' Cross Country. Our students did a fabulous job of representing themselves and Horahora School.

Overall Placings

Official placings for 1st to 6th were received for 8 Year olds through to 11 Year olds, due to this cohort being able to compete in the Town Schools' Cross Country event (Interschools). Three of our students placed.

Yohan Yanez - 3rd place - 8 year old girls

Finn Johannes - 4th place - 11 year old boys

Zac Ramsay - 5th place - 11 year old boys

Congratulations to these amazing students!

Yohan and Zac also competed in the Town Schools' Cross Country on Monday 15 September. They can be proud of their accomplishment at this event.



**Farewell Yohan we
wish you well at
your new school. We
will miss you!**




Rural Schools' Cross Country

Here are some photos of our Rural Schools' Cross Country event. What a spectacular day!



Te Wiki ō Te Reo Māori




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HOUSE CHALLENGE

During the week of **15 - 19 September**, Horahora are running a series of daily class challenges to celebrate Māori Language Week.


Prizes will be given to the winning class/student of each challenge and house points will be awarded.


Work as a class and submit your entries to **by the deadline** each day to be eligible for entry.



KERERU


KEA

Karawhiua!


TUI


TAKAHE



Ngā Wero ō Te Rā (The Challenge of the Day)

Monday 15 September COVER IT IN KUPU	216	205	234	275
Tuesday 16 September COLOURING COMPETITION	430	360	240	270
Wednesday 17 September PAPER, SCISSORS, ROCK	250	80	140	250
Thursday 18 September GIMKIT	420	260	520	500
Friday 19 September CREATIVE KUPU	170	210	140	170
TOTAL POINTS	1486	1015	1274	1465

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori



Congratulations to **KERERU**, our winning House for Te Wiki o te Reo Māori!



Horahora School Kawa

To allow
myself and
others to learn

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Our Shining Stars

TAWA:

Leah Swanepoel
Mila Swanepoel
Elle Hendl
Lhor Bailey



KARAKA:

Will Dallinger
Jedane Baybayan
Layla Woods



RIMU

Rudarsh Bhan
Finn Mortby



Kawa Kiwi Award

This week's KAWA KIWI is awarded to Layla Woods. Layla is incredibly kind to everyone. Her kindness isn't just a small thing; she actively looks for ways to help her classmates. Not only that, but she has an amazing way of knowing when her teacher needs a hand, almost before being asked. She is a shining example of respect for her school and for everyone in it.

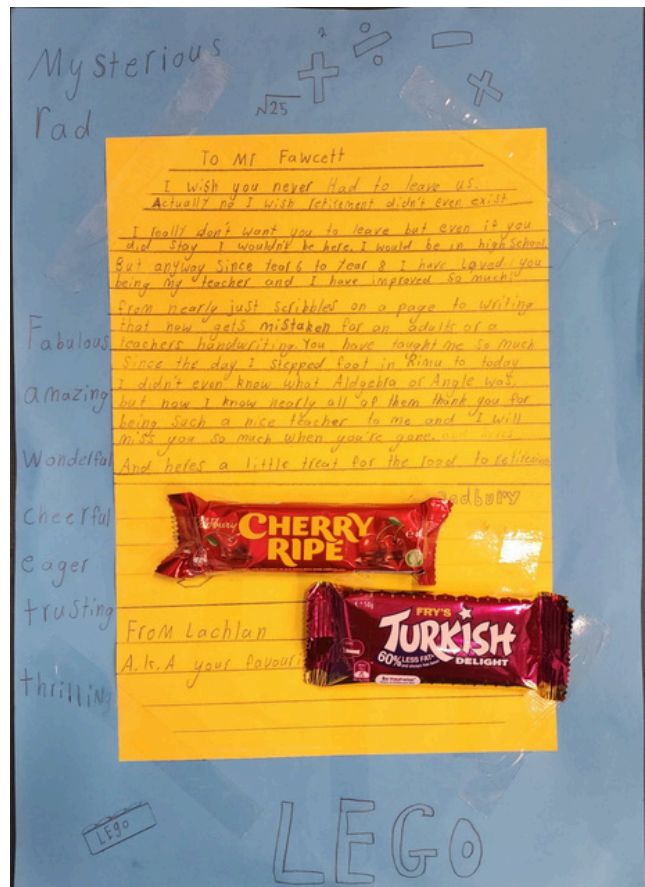


Farewell Mr Fawcett



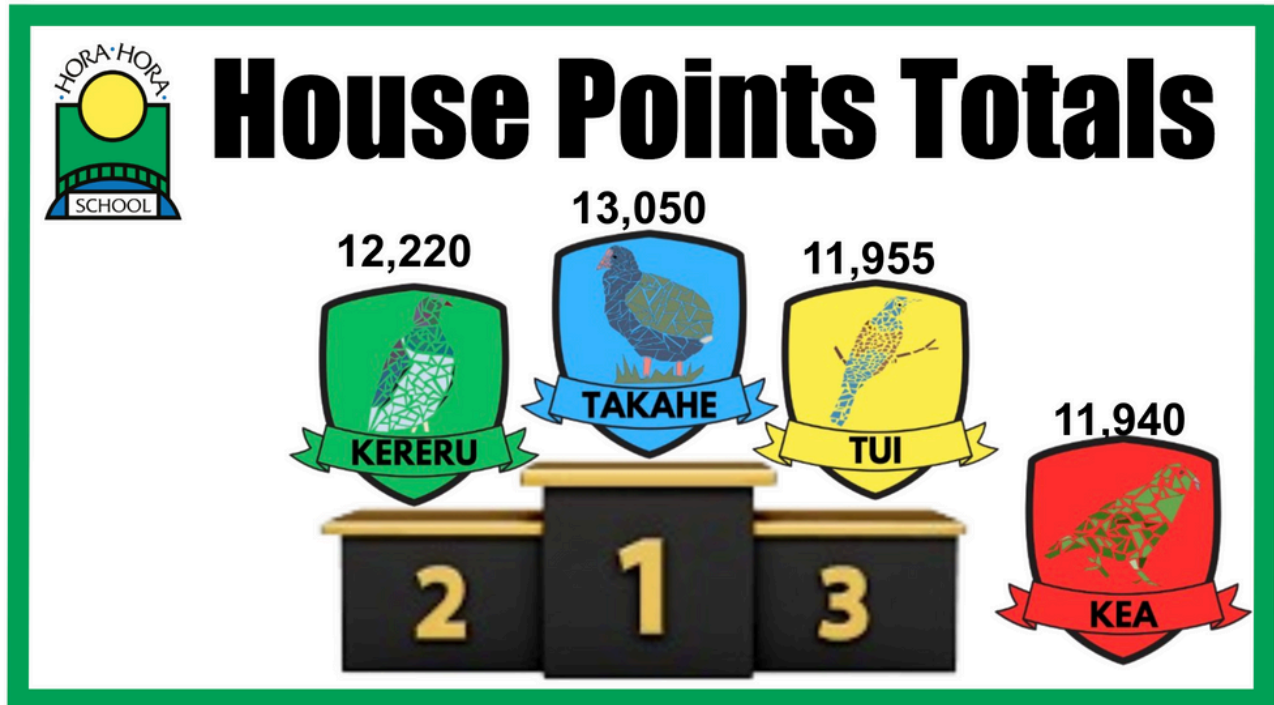
flowers bloom, trees sway,
a normal day you may say;
but that is not the case.
Today is the day the day
Mr Fawcett. Goodbyes are said,
even some tears are shed. I
remember his first day though
like it was yesterday. The covid
masks that were worn, the
new friendships that were born.
Though the classroom may change
the memories stay, your lessons
have guided us along the way.
you ~~taught~~ taught us well until the
job was done, now off you go
but don't forget we were the
best class you ever met.

From Shelby



House Points

The current House Points are:



**Congratulations
Takahe!**

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

Last Assembly's
Winning House



Liam Boonzaaier (Takahe House)
with Rocky

FINLAY PARK CAMP INVITES...

Your kids (ages 8–13) to join us at Finlay Park Adventure Camp for an unforgettable holiday experience!

When: Sunday 28th September – Thursday 2nd October

Special Price: Now only \$170 (use coupon code HORAHOA when you register)

Who: Available to local school families only (second week camp)

What's in store?

Get ready for days packed with fun and adventure, including:

- Go-carts
- Animal survival
- Bush cooking
- Shooting & archery
- Boating
- Hot & cold slides + pools
- Delicious meals
- Western Carnival !



[Register @ Finlaypark.co.nz](https://finlaypark.co.nz)

This is a week your kids won't forget—full of friendship, adventure, and amazing memories.

Register today.

(choose Week 2 and enter coupon code **HORAHOA** for your discount).

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Sunday 19 Oct 2025
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THE WEEK AHEAD

Week One - Term Four

Monday 6 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Williams in Karaka• Mrs Ivamy in Rimu
Tuesday 7 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Williams in Karaka• Mrs Ivamy in Rimu
Wednesday 8 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Williams in Karaka• Mrs Ivamy in Rimu
Thursday 9 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Miss Kaur in Karaka• Mrs Ivamy in Rimu• Ag Day
Friday 10 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Miss Kaur in Karaka• Mrs Ivamy in Rimu

Beyond Next Week

Week Two

- HPV Immunisations - 16 October
- NZ Shakeout - Earthquake Drill - 16 October

Week Three

- Group Day - 21 October
- Primary Teacher's Strike Day - 23 October
- Planting Day - 24 October

Week Four

- Labour Day - 27 October
- Board Meeting - 29 October
- A & P Show - 31 October

Week Five

- Athletics Day - 5 November
- Planting Day Postponement - 6 November
- Assembly - 7 November

Week Six

- Rural Schools' Athletics Day - 15 November

Week Seven

- Rural Schools' Athletics Day Postponement - 19 November
- Town Schools' Athletics Day - 20 November

Week Eight

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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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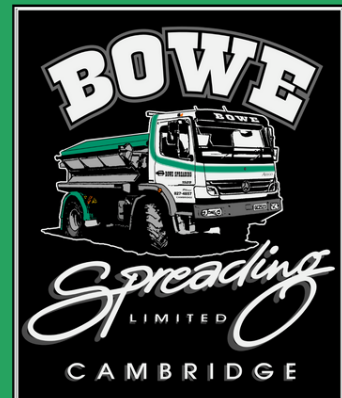
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