Te Horo School

Newsletter #17 - 4th November 2026

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ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS
Ma Te Mahi Kihai Te Korero

Important Dates - Term Four

Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th November	Year 6 Camp and Year 5 EOTC week
Tuesday 10th November	Ag Day 4pm Year 1-4 please see info shared on Seesaw/email about our Ag Day creations.
Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th November	Tākiri o te Ata - Kāpiti Schools' Kapa Haka Festival 7.30am at School Wednesday 18th. Please see info below
Friday 20th November	**Next fortnightly newsletter due
Friday 20th November	SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1PM - Bus leaves at 1.15pm
Friday 4th December	School Community Picnic 5pm
7th - 11th December	Te Horo's Got Talent
Thursday 10th December	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
Monday 14th December	Prizegiving at School 1pm
Monday 14th December	Year 8 Leavers' Dinner
Tuesday 15th December	Last Day of Term 4 - School finishes at 2.55pm



It's that time of year when things get busy. A few reminders:

- **Contact the office if you are keeping your children at home for any reason**
- **School times - unless on the bus school drop off is 8.30 - 8.55am and pick up is 2.50pm**
- **Keep checking your emails for updates on Tākiri o te Ata - week 6**

Senior Camp Success!

Our seniors have recently returned from an unforgettable camp filled with challenge, camaraderie, and fantastic memories! Students enthusiastically took

on a wide range of thrilling activities, pushing past their comfort zones on the flying kiwi, high ropes, climbing wall, mud run, rifles, rickety bridge, and the nightline jumpscares. Special Halloween activities and a cozy campfire added extra magic to our evenings.

Beyond the action, camp provided a fantastic opportunity for students to build strong social connections. Hanging out with friends and sharing cabins made for great fun, all supported by our amazing parent helpers and staff.

A huge highlight for everyone was the food—the mac and cheese and burgers were absolute hits! Students loved having a bit of freedom and well-organised schedules.

Overall, it was a wildly successful trip full of growth, smiles, and laughter. Thank you to everyone who helped make it possible!

Student Leaders 2027

After listening carefully to student feedback from our Year 5–8 surveys, discussions with and feedback from our school community we are excited to share an updated approach to our senior student leadership structure. We want to take a moment to explain the background behind this positive change and how it directly supports our tamariki and aligns with our school's vision.

Our Updated Student Leadership Structure

We will still use the traditional Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister titles, our top senior student leadership team will now consist of **three student leaders**.

This change directly reflects **Objective 2 of our Te Horo School Strategic Plan**—which emphasises developing more meaningful opportunities for tamariki to lead across the school—and supports the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum outcomes by fostering collaborative leadership, communication, and teamwork. Rather than placing a single individual in a spotlight, this model reinforces our THS

HEART values by encouraging students to lead together as a supportive, cohesive team.

Expanding Leadership Opportunities Across the School

Our student survey results made it clear that our tamariki are eager to take on more active roles in school life. We strongly believe that leadership should be widely accessible and inclusive, so we are expanding opportunities across all year levels:

- **Senior Leadership Roles:** We will offer 3 dedicated senior roles.

Courage and Empathy - Maia and Aroha

- helps create a safe environment through peer support, student feedback, buddy programmes and student council.

Fun and Joy - Gleeful Spirit

- drives school energy by organising energisers through assemblies, some lunchtimes activities and is the guiding light for events.

Respect and Tolerance - Manannkitanga

- champions inclusion, hosts powhiri, hui and some school events, guards fair play and school values.
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- **Classroom & School-Wide Voice:** We will continue with a **Student Council** made up of one representative per class. To ensure as many students as possible get the chance to lead and share their ideas, the council representatives will change each term.

Selection Process for Student Leaders

1. A thorough and collaborative selection process is in place to appoint our three student leaders. This comprehensive approach incorporates candidate presentations, student voting across all year levels, group interviews, by staff to ensure chosen leaders embody our school's HEART values.

We are genuinely excited to support our young leaders as they step into these roles and guide our school community. Further details and key dates for speeches and group interviews will be shared with families shortly.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our student leaders.

Any questions or queries please contact Steve Gadsby botchair@th.school.nz

Te Horo School Staff 2027

Role	Room No.	Year Group
Allie McHugo - Principal		
Danielle McMurchie - Deputy Principal	1	Year 7 and 8
Peter Nolan	2	Year 7 and 8
Adam Dewe	3	Year 5 and 6
Maddy West	4	Year 5 and 6
Hannah Fraser	10	Year 5 and 6
Jo Hillier	5	Year 3
Bobby Pansters	6	Year 4
Amanda Searle	7	Year 1
Wendy Keating - Deputy Principal	8	Year 2
Louise Leith	9	NE /Year 1
Support teachers Richard Bond Dave Saunders		
Office/Admin Rachael Davies Fleur Dal Din - Accounts Mandy Bruce	Office Office Library	
Teacher aides - Learning Support Jo Mason Melissa Lyall	Reuben Batten Janene Torley	
Support Staff Gail Andrews Des Flavel	Cleaner Caretaker	

2027 Stationery Packs

2027 Stationery packs for all students will be available to order through Qizzle by the end of November, please keep an eye on the newsletter, this information will also be available on the school's website.

2027 Stationery packs can be ordered online and delivered to home or school (School delivery on or around 02/02/2027) New Entrant packs will be available to order via the school office.

For more information, please email office@th.school.nz

Ngā mihi nui

A massive thank you to Lauren, a past teacher at Te Horo School and the owner of the **Moby Dickens' Book Shop**, for her incredibly generous donation of books to our school library. What a wonderful gift for our tamariki! These books will help spark imagination, inspire a love of reading and provide many opportunities for our learners to discover new stories and adventures. We are so grateful to Lauren for thinking of our kura and supporting our school community in such a special way.

Ngā mihi nui, Lauren! ❤️





Tākiri o te Ata (Week 6) - Kāpiti Schools' Kapa Haka Festival

THANK YOU to all whānau for completing our permission forms.

A newsletter has been emailed home with all of the details for the busy festival week. Please let us know if you have any queries.

Thank you helpers - we are completing schedules and will confirm this week. If you can offer some time, please email Wendy (as below).

BAKERS: We are seeking baking for Weds and Thurs - if you can provide some baking, please let Wendy know. Thank you to all who've offered treats so far!

Please drop baking to the office on Tuesday 17 Nov (for Weds sale) or Weds 18 Nov (for Thurs sale).

wendy.keating@th.school.nz amanda.searle@th.school.nz

Ngā mihi to our sponsors and supporters:













Ag Day

An Ag day information email has been sent home to parents & caregivers today, please check your emails.

This year Ag day starts at 4pm, and we require all competitors to have arrived back at school and to have registered by 3.45pm.

This is a wonderful school event and we would like to warmly invite all families to come along on the day to support our students and enjoy the afternoon.

There will be a sausage sizzle - Sausages $2.

If you have any questions or need more information please email the school office office@th.school.nz

Digital Safety Evening

Week 6: Thursday 19th November, a Digital Safety evening (free of charge) will be held at Otaki College. Rob Cope speaks frankly and openly about Digital Tech and how we can work to keep ourselves and our kids safer online. https://www.ourkidsonline.info/

New Entrants

If you have a child that will be starting school during 2027 and haven't already let us know please contact the school office. Additionally if you know local families that have preschool children, please encourage them to make contact with the school office asap. For information on out of zone places please contact the school office. Please email **office@th.school.nz**

Pull Ups for Night Time

The school has been donated a number of packets of 5 - 8 year old, 27 - 50kg boys pull ups. These are free to a good home. Please see Danielle in Room 1 or email danielle.mcmurchie@th.school.nz if you would like these. Thanks.

Manaakitia Fund

We understand that some families/whānau can struggle at times to pay for school activities. We do not want any of our students to not take part in school activities or events due to financial hardship, so we have set up the Manaakitia/ Family fund. Manaakitia is about **the action of supporting others, it is about respecting others and caring for others and collective wellbeing.**

The Manaakitia Fund is a fund where families/whānau, businesses, and the wider community can make monetary donations that are received by Te Horo School for the purpose of supporting children, and families/whānau at our school. This could be by:

- making regular donations to the Manaakitia Fund - as little as $5 a week
- ad hoc donations to the Manaakitia Fund to cover the costs of school activities for a family/whānau, such as school camps.
- Payments can be made via, Eftpos (office) or direct credit into our bank account

All incoming and outgoing donations are recorded in our accounting system. The recording includes who the donation is from, the amount, the date of the donation, and what that donation is going towards (if the donation is for a specific purpose). Receipts will be issued to people who donate funds. GST is not payable on donations, however donation tax credits can be claimed.

Please talk to the office or to Allie, if you would like to know more about the Manaakitia Fund. All discussions will be confidential.

He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata

Goodwill toward others is a precious treasure (Mead & Grove, 2004)

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in making our school surroundings safer and stress-free for everyone!

Governance Documents

For our school Policies and Procedures please go to
https://th.schooldocs.co.nz/Logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f

Username - th

Password - growing

Any questions please email office@th.school.nz

Community News

Sheep needed

We have a school family in need of a few sheep to help keep their paddocks under control. They would be well looked after and kept as pets. Please phone Nat for more information 027 2862755

















Woolworths

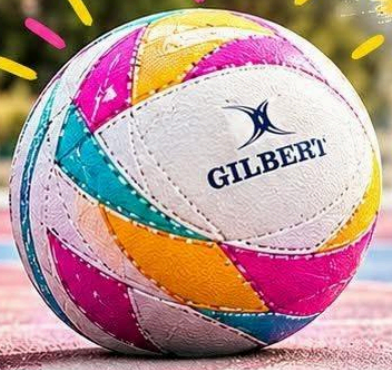
FutureFERNS

Little Players Big Dreams

YEAR 1 AND 2

TERM 4

Monday 9th November – Monday 7th December 2026



We are very excited that

Phoenix Schwalger

is joining us again in Term 4 to deliver this programme to our up and coming netballers.

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION
This programme is by individual registration – Players will be put into teams – dependant on numbers.

Register on our website under
[redacted]
www.netballkapiti.org.nz

STAR HELPER COACHES NEEDED
Each Team requires a **STAR HELPER COACH** (per 5-6 children) who will assist in supervising and coaching a team.

Can you please offer your time to coach one of our little teams?

STAR HELPERS can be: Teachers, Parents, Caregivers, Older siblings at Secondary school or anyone interested in developing young players.

COST
for the 5 week programme is

$40.00

ANY QUESTIONS?
Please email Sue on
admin@netballkapiti.org.nz

Netball Käpiti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SAVE THE DATE!
6TH DECEMBER 2026
TE HORO
CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK
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Please bring a named $5 gift for your child/ren attending.
6TH DECEMBER 2026
11AM - 2PM
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New
AFTERSCHOOL
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at The Shed Project Maker's Whare
Hyde Park, Te Horo
Tuesdays
from 20th October - 15th December
Time
3:30pm - 5pm
age
5yrs -12yrs
$25
per session
The Shed Project work with 200 individuals from the disabled sector to afterschool classes, homeschool classes and holiday programs, providing an awesome team of experience tutors supporting all ages from children to seniors.
We are well resourced for a variety of creative activities eg: Arts and Crafts, Woodwork, Pottery, Felting and Cardmaking.
If this sounds like you please contact
susan@shedproject.co.nz
to show your interest.
Numbers are limited.
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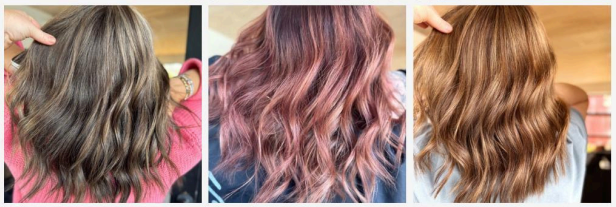

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