

Te Horo School

#Newsletter #16 - 15th October 2025

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Important Dates - Term Four

NZ Shakeout	Tomorrow!! Thursday 16 October (12.15 drill at THS)
Year 7 & 8 Technology - Term 4	Tuesday 14th - Thursday 16th of October
Home & School Meeting	Friday 17th October at 3pm - In the School Hall - All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend. For More information please contact Dayna homeandschoolchair@th.school.nz
School Photos	21st & 22nd October - More information bellow
Labour Day	Monday 27th October -- School Closed
School Board Meeting	Thursday 30th October - In the school Boardroom. For more information please email Steve Gadsby botchair@th.school.nz
Year 8 camp & Year 7 EOTC Week	Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st October
Year 6 camp & Year 5 EOTC Week	5th - 7th November
Takiri o te Ata - Kapa Haka Festival	13th & 14 November
Waikanae Pools	End of Year Celebration - all welcome - More info to come later Wednesday 10th December 10.15-1.45
Choir excursions	Christmas Singing @ Coastlands and Charles Fleming Retirement Village Friday 12th December 10-3pm
Last day Term 4	Tuesday 16th December at 2.50pm - Full Day at school

Mastermind Success

On Tuesday morning three nervous groups, with their brains full of words and book characters, headed to the Mastermind Competition at Paraparaumu Library. They had to answer 80 questions based on 13 books.

Our Year 5 and 6 team (Korin, Georgia, Pippy, Kyra and Ella) came third in their competition and scored very well, having read some tricky books for their age group. We had two Year 7 and 8 teams enter and we placed both first (Emma-Jean, Lucy, Ada, Effie, Olive) and second (Aiden, Neve, Charlie, Yulisa and Livi) in the Senior Competition.

These amazing results were down to the hard work and many meetings the students attended to study their books.

Well done to all of the students involved. You made our school proud. Special mention to Emma-Jean for singing a beautiful waiata in front of the students, parents and teachers at the library.



Sun Hats

Students must wear a wide brimmed hat for all outside activities during the summer terms (1 & 4). For new students to our kura, our wonderful Home and School committee very kindly supply each new student with a school hat on enrolment.

If your child does happen to misplace their hat, and it isn't able to be located, it is possible to purchase a replacement hat at the school office for \$15 (Payment is to Home & School). Alternatively students are welcome to bring one from home but we please ask that it is a bucket-style hat. Sorry, no caps. It is helpful to leave hats at school overnight for ongoing success.



Shakeout!

Tomorrow at 12.15, our kura will be practising our earthquake response skills alongside thousands of people across Aotearoa.

This is also a great opportunity to have a conversation at home about how you respond to an earthquake or natural emergency.

Nga mihi nui

A very big thank you (again) to the wonderful Mike Coolen who helped us last term with his Truck & Bobcat to clear the bamboo from our fence line. Mike is a great friend to Te Horo school, often coming to help us without any prompting and we are extremely grateful for his kindness. Nga mihi nui Mike!

Planning for 2026 Enrolments – Te Horo School

Planning is now underway for the 2026 school year. If you are a family living within the Te Horo School zone and have a child who will be starting school during 2026 or early 2027, please contact the school office for more information.

We now offer an online enrolment form on our school website – simply click the link below to begin the process:

 [Online Enrolment Form](#)

For out-of-zone families, please note that there is currently no planned ballot for entry to Te Horo School for 2026. If you are interested in enrolling your child, we encourage you to get in touch with the school office directly for further details. Thank you!

Strike Info - Thursday 23rd of October

Te Horo School will be closed on the day of the strike - 23rd October 2025.

We ask parents and caregivers to make alternative arrangements for childcare on this day.

Funzone have advised us that they are available to provide care on the day - Please phone 04 2984287 ext 1 for more information. We understand the disruption this may cause and appreciate your understanding as teachers and support staff stand together to seek meaningful change for the benefit of students and the education system as a whole.

Art for Kolkata Assembly - 2pm Thursday 16th October

Kia ora e te whānau

You are welcome to attend a special assembly for our visitors from Kolkata. Our classes have been working hard to prepare artwork to decorate classrooms in Kolkata which have nothing more than newspaper on the walls.

Students will be presenting the artwork and giving the background stories that go with it.

We would love to see whānau there.

School Photos - Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd October

Tuesday 21st October	Wednesday 22nd October
9:30am Room 5 Class & Individual Photos	Room 4 Class & Individual Photos
10am Room 6 Class & Individual Photos	Room 3 Class & Individual Photos
10:40am Morning Tea	Morning Tea
11am Room 1 Class and Individual Photos	Staff Photo
11:30am Room 2 Class and Individual Photos	Room 9 Class & Individual Photos
12pm Year 8 Photo	Sibling Photos
12:30pm Lunch	Lunch
1:20pm Room 7 Class & Individual Photos	Sibling Photos
1:50pm Room 8 Class and Individual Photos	Sibling Photos

To register for sibling photos please email the school office - [Office THS](#)

School Hours - Reminder to Parents and Caregivers

We kindly remind all parents and caregivers that students should **not be dropped off at school before 8:30am** on school days. Additionally, all students must be **collected promptly at the 2:50pm bell** each afternoon.

Recently, we have had a number of students on the school grounds without supervision, which raises **important health and safety concerns**.

We understand that unforeseen circumstances or emergencies may occasionally arise. In such cases, please **contact the school office** as soon as possible to keep us informed.

Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe.

Mask Making in Room 1 and Room 2

The Year 7 & 8s had a fabulous time making their masks for their AG night art. This was a real lesson in courage having your friend place plaster bandage all over your face and then patience waiting for it to dry. Mr Nolan and Mrs McMurchie congratulate all the students for their courage and patience. The next step is to turn them into beautiful flowers - but this will happen after we have been to camp and had our EOTC week. Watch this space!



Pizza Fridays are Back for Term 4!!!

Pizza Orders (Fundraising for End of Year Events) - Orders need to be placed at the school office on Thursday mornings by 9am - 1 piece of Pizza \$3 or 2 pieces for \$5. Cash only please, in an envelope with your name, room number & choice of pizza. Pizza options are Cheese, Hawaiian, Ham & Cheese & Pepperoni. Thank you for your support!!

Please note:

No orders for Year 8 in Week 4 as this is Camp week

No orders for Year 6 in Week 5 as this is Camp week

No orders for Kapahaka Hui Group or Year 5 - 8s in Week 6 as this is Takiri o te Ata

No orders for Choir in Week 10 as they will be on a singing trip

Construction Technology

The student council would like to finish painting the wooded surround for the senior playground in Term 4 using paint kindly donated by Dulux. If you have any unwanted undercoat or paint brushes that need a new home please drop off at the school office. We are also trying to build up our construction tool kit, therefore any unneeded wood work related hand or power tools screws or nails are always appreciated and can also be left at the school office, along with usable sample paint pots.

Garden Club

We have a dedicated group of junior students who attend garden club each week. Many of whom have small garden plots. If you have unwanted flower or vegetable seeds or seedlings that you would like to donate, please leave at the school office.

We are also having to replace some of our raised garden bed surrounds. If anyone has left over wooden planks 1m or longer and would like to donate them for this cause, these can be left down the right hand side school drive next to the red school bins. Thank you.

Year 8 End of Year Activities Fundraiser

Nestle's has kindly donated a large box of goodies as a raffle prize to help fundraise for the end of year Year 8 activities, to help reduce costs. Tickets will be coming home with Year 8 students this week to sell or can be purchased at \$2 per ticket at the office. All support in the sale of these tickets is greatly appreciated.

The raffle will be drawn at the school Hui on Friday 7th November and the winner will be notified for pick up or delivery. Good Luck Everyone and thank you for your support.



TE HORO HOME & SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

This Friday 17th October at 3pm, In the School Hall. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

For more information please contact Dayna homeandschoolchair@th.school.nz

Community Notices

Te Horo Community Emergency Hub Meeting

Venue - Te Horo Hall.

Date - Thursday 6 Nov 7 – 9 pm.

Open to all of the community,

Agenda - Updates on the Hub, access including Key Contacts, the Kapiti CD25 Exercise, Hub communications (WiFi, radios, and this email list), Hub Guide update needed, Emergency Animal Welfare, next Te Horo Hub Exercise (Te Horo Beach isolated by flood waters with after-school bus trapped there), the new Te Horo Hub Coordinator.

PLEASE RSVP if you intend to come.

Tennis coaching for beginner children in term 4

Fun, active and very supportive lessons. \$55 for a 7 week course at Ōtaki Sports Club. For ages 6-10.

All equipment provided. Tennis NZ accredited coach. Mondays 3.30pm for ages 6-7 and Tuesdays 3.15pm for 8 years upwards. Places are limited.

To book in, contact Adam on 027 286 9820 or tennis@otakisportsclub.co.nz

<https://www.facebook.com/otakisports/posts/1249387563656214>

Te Horo Garden Trail – 15 & 16 November 2025

Explore beyond the garden gates in our beautiful district during the Te Horo Garden Trail over the weekend of 15 and 16 November. The Trail is a fun way to support the Te Horo Hall restoration and a chance to see 15 stunning local gardens.

Tickets are on sale now for \$35 for both days. Buy yours online at www.tehorohall.org.nz or at one of the following garden centres:

Te Horo Garden Centre, Harrisons (Pekapeka) The Depot (Ohau) Watsons (Otaki) Palmers (Plimmerton)

Tickets will not be needed to go to the garden-inspired market being held at the Te Horo Hall in conjunction with the Trail. Stalls will sell plants, pre-loved garden books and tools, arts and crafts and refreshments.

The Hall Committee is looking for volunteers for duties at the Hall and at gardens. If you can spare time – it doesn't have to be all-day or all-weekend – contact Judy Wood on Ph 027 499 6096.



Ask for a handout for more info!

Hosted by Kapiti Fly Fishing Club

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