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From the Principal

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Just a short piece from me this week and I am preparing for the room 8 camp into Otaki Forks. The students can't wait and by the time you are reading this they will be right into the exciting camp activities of river crossing, bush bashing, swimming in the cool waters, completing a scary night line rope course through the bush, tramping, sleeping in tents and having an awesome time!!! Next week's newsletter will continue with some of these exciting stories!

Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister 2010

Two weeks ago the students from Rooms 7,8 and 5 voted to see who would be the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister for Te Horo School. This is a long standing tradition and is a much anticipated event. All of the Year 7 students, minus Rebecca and Jackson who were last year's winners, presented a brief candidates speech. They were then 'grilled' by the teachers and students by being asked a few more questions as to why they should be chosen. Once complete a secret vote was held and the winners were announced at the following assembly. It was a tense, yet exciting wait as the names were called out. Congratulations to Cullum Wyatt/Watson Prime Minister and Alex Boag Deputy Prime Minister.

Well done boys, enjoy your year and the opportunities which you will be presented with!!!!

National Standards

We have received a number of forms back from the NZPF survey. Some people did not agree with the wording and tone of the survey. On the flip side the survey has created a lot of discussion. Education is something that we have all experienced and have strong opinions on. A similar debate was had at the Otaki/Kapiti Principals meeting on Friday. We will be discussing National Standards at the BOT meeting this week and have dedicated staff meeting times to the issue. Thank you for your feedback.

Last thoughts.....

What a great weekend for Wellington sport, especially the Phoenix! Many of our children attended the game on Sunday and were keen to share their experience with friends. It is wonderful for soccer (football) to have 25,000 screaming fans attend a club game in New Zealand.

'Learning power comprises both literacy and numeracy, and is ultimately more fundamental than either of them.' Guy Claxton in 'Wise -Up'

Students of the Week



- Room 1 **JOHN WILSON** for amazing thinking in Maths.
Room 3 **MATTHEW BIRD** for great improvement in Story Writing.
Room 2 **KIRSTEN BEDFORD** for huge efforts in all areas of Language.
Room 5 **JACKSON THOMPSON** for being a focused and responsible learner; a polite and friendly class member; and for having the confidence to share his opinions with the class.
Room 7 **JACOB KRUGER** for amazing contributions to our Literacy discussions.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mission Statement: *To be the school of choice for all primary aged children in the Te Horo and wider community.*

School News

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

You will have noticed children wearing this very smart attire, so if you are interested in purchasing a uniform please contact Shelley FitzGerald on 04 2932632 or Adele in the School Office. There will not be another order placed for this term, so be in quick. Shelly will be available next Monday in Room 6 for you to see her about a fitting for the correct size.

SCHOOL SHOW

On Monday 1 March the show 'The Power of One' will be performing at school. This show is an anti-bullying show and is tied in with our Health units this term. This is the first show for the year and the cost is \$4 per pupil. If you haven't paid the one off show payment of \$15 per child then you will need to send along \$4 please to cover the cost of this show.

WELCOME to **Darel Brewster** to Room 2, **Teegin-Jorge Ravenwood** to Room 3 and **River Voz** to Room 5. We wish you and your families all the very best during your time at Te Horo School. Our roll now sits at **126**.

From the Home and School

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Coming Events

23-25 February	Room 8 Orientation Camp Otaki Gorge
1 March	Term 1 show Power of One—2 shows 1:20 and 2:05pm in the school hall
3 March	Haruatai swimming 1:10-2:30pm World Maths Day
5 March	Haruatai swimming 1:10-2:30pm
10 March	Haruatai swimming 1:10-2:30pm
12 March	Haruatai swimming 1:10-2:30pm
17 March	Senior Swimming Sports at Haruatai 12:40-2:30pm
25 March	Theme Day-Beach
1 April	TERM ONE ENDS!
19 April	TERM 2 BEGINS
11 May	Otaki School's Cross Country
14 May	Postponement date for Cross Country
20 May-12 Aug	Netball starts for a 10 week season
15 June	Otaki School's Soccer
18 June	Postponement date for Soccer
2 July	TERM TWO ENDS!
Term 3 heads up	
19 July	TERM 3 BEGINS
24 August	Otaki School's Rippa Rugby
27 August	Postponement date for Rippa Rugby
24 September	TERM 3 ENDS
Term 4 heads up	
11 October	TERM FOUR BEGINS
19 October	Otaki School's Touch
22 October	Postponement date for Touch
16 November	Otaki School's Athletics
19 November	Postponement date for Athletics
17 December	TERM FOUR ENDS!

POLO: SAVILE CUP

hosted by the Rangitikei Polo Club

Thursday 4 March: Polo followed by dinner country style (provided by Te Horo Home and School Association)

We are feeding polo players, grooms and anyone else who wants to come for a meal. A team from the committee is going up to cater this event running from 6pm.

Finals Day: Sunday 6 March - 8 matches from 10am to late afternoon. For a fun day out come up to

Tangimoana (see below for directions) and enjoy a day watching the polo. Te Horo Home and School Association are running a cake and dessert stall serving cakes and slices, waffles and fruit, ice blocks, cold drinks, coffee and glasses of bubbly.

Committee - please note the change of day - NOW

Sunday! (Sorry, but the organisers have changed things around so that this looks like the best day for us to be there - and it will be a great day to catch the polo action too)

We'd love some baking for the weekend please so if you can make luscious cakes or slices for this fundraising event, please email Jacqui on jacqui@nztiles.co.nz or call 364 6134. This is traditionally one of our great ways to raise money and we value the baking talents within our community.

Baking will need to be dropped at the School Office on Friday 5 March if they are things that will keep alright till Sunday eg. slices, or we can arrange a delivery point for Sunday morning. If you deliver them uncut, then we can cut and sell individual pieces as we need them.

We also need some helpers for Sunday - who can spend an hour or two on the stall and enjoy the polo the rest of the time. So if you think this sounds like a good family day out and you can give us some time, get in touch.

And we also need:

Large baskets or platters we can borrow for the Thursday evening.

Someone who would like to organise some lucky dips for the kids for Sunday (involves some shopping and wrapping)

Tangimoana is about 50 minutes north of Te Horo, past Levin, Foxton, through Himitangi, along the straight for about 11kms and then a left turn into Rosina Road which will be signposted.

For further information about any of this do contact Jacqui - Jacqui on jacqui@nztiles.co.nz or call me on 364 6134.

Firewood for sale – dry pine, shed stored - \$80 cubic metre delivered locally. Phone Mike on 3643661

CHILDRENS AFTERSCHOOL POTTERY CLASSES - TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR TERM 1 AND 2. We have vacancies in our Thursday sessions starting next week 4th March. At present our Monday sessions are full, but encourage you to put your name on my waiting list for cancellations. Details of the classes are as follows - Monday or Thursday 3.30-5.00pm.

4 classes \$25.00 inclusive of clay and firing (subsidised)

Sessions include coiling, slab or pinch pots and glazing

Children will make at least 1 or 2 items in each class

Approx 12 children per class at Otaki Pottery Club (back of Otaki College)

Parent helpers welcome to stay and learn

8 years and older, (children under 8years will be considered if a parent stays to help)

Limited spaces available but can be put on a waiting list. Contact Michelle Retimana 04 905 8298.

Kid's TRYathlon Sunday 7 March 2010 at the Horowhenua Community Trust Domain and Levin Aquatic Centre, cnr Salisbury and Queen Street, Levin. Distances 5-7 yrs start time 9:05am, run 250m, cycle 1 lap, swim 2 lengths of the learner pool. 8-10 yrs—start time 9:05am, run 800m, cycle 4 laps, swim 3 lengths of the main pool (75m), 11-13 yrs start time 1250m, cycle 8 laps, swim 6 lengths of the main pool (150m) Pick up a registration form from the School Office, Levin Aquatic centre, McDonald's Levin or Sport Horowhenua or visit www.sporthorowhenua.org.nz.

Rotary Club of Kapiti will be conducting a Run for Fun day on SATURDAY 7 MARCH 2010.

The run will be held at Paraparaumu Beach starting from the creek beside the Paraparaumu Boating Club, south along the sand. Up to and including 6 year olds: 7 to 10 year olds: 11 and over. Entry fee is \$3.00. You can send in your entry to the school office to be registered. You still have time to register. Registrations available in the School Office.

Waikanae AFC (Soccer Club) – Club Open Day Jnr & Snr Registrations is on 07 March 2010 at Jim Cooke Park from 10am - 1pm. There will be a sausage sizzle, fun skill activities for the kids, club merchandise, 1 x raffle of a Signed All Whites Shirt & 1 x raffle of a Signed Phoenix Shirt. So come on down sign up, bring your boots and have some fun, grab a sausage and a few raffles. Any enquires please ph Snr 027 445 5848 Jrn 027 4033 492

2010 JUNIOR CLUB REGISTRATION AND WEIGH DETAILS

The Rugby Season is upon us, so take your son/ daughter along to a local Club to Join a team, make new friends, learn new skills and most of all HAVE SOME FUN!!!

Athletic RFC:

Athletic Clubrooms, Bartholomew Rd, Levin

Thursday 25th February 6pm

Saturday 27th February 10.00am

Thursday 4th March 6pm

Levin COB:

COB Clubrooms, Levin Domain

Thursday 25th February 6pm

Levin Wanderers:

Wanderers Clubrooms, Levin Domain

Friday 26th February 6pm

Saturday 27th February 10.00am

NB: Please bring your child's birth certificate along for registration confirmation

HOOP CLUB - LEVIN FREE OPEN DAY

Saturday 6th March 2010 10:30am til noon

Horowhenua Events Centre- Sports Stadium

Come along and join in the fun and excitement of

Basketball with American and Kapiti Pro

Basketballer, Angelo Robinson.

Regular session will be Mondays after school, starting soon.

Ages 5-18. Anyone interested in assisting coach,

please contact Jacqui Kerins 367 3080 or 021 931 003

FOR SALE

Yamaha 80cc Motor bike 1985-87 model. \$500 ono. Please phone 364 3918 if you are interested.

A sweet pea voucher worth **\$50** to spend on clothing by 24 May is for sale for **\$20**. If interested please phone Amy on 3642060.

Tear off...

Monday 1 March show 'The Power of One' \$4.00 per pupil.
Please find enclosed \$_____ to cover my child/ren attending the term 1 show.

Name(s): _____