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From the Principal

Kia ora Students, Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

ANZAC Commemorations

Wow-the ANZAC Day Service (held yesterday) was fantastic-it was even better than I had anticipated!!!! Congratulations to the students, I was extremely proud of you all. The tradition, formality and sense of occasion was fabulous. Special thanks to our Prime Minister and Deputy **Cullum and Alex** who were the 'Masters of Ceremonies' and the **Year 6 and 7 students** who welcomed visitors, raised the flag, recited poems, operated the music and served cups of tea. They spoke with composure and confidence and were wonderful role models and hosts for our school. Once again the Kapiti Coast Mayor, **Jenny Rowan** attended along with **Don Moselen** from the Otaki RSA. Thank you to the **Home and School** committee for organising the delicious afternoon tea and to those who baked cakes and slices. Thank you to **Tim Wilson** who played the bag pipes and the many **parents, grandparents and family members** who attended the service. I wish to also thank the previous Principals of Te Horo School – **Hugh Moore** who established this tradition and to **Gary Phillips and Rae Coley** who maintained this very special event.

On Monday the school was split into 6 'battalions' for an ANZAC activity rotation day. It was a wonderful day and the students got to learn more about the meaning of ANZAC Day through the making of yummy ANZAC biscuits, poppies, wreaths and flags. They also read stories, looked at medals, videos and asked many questions. Thank you to the many **parents and grandparents** who came along to help out.

Finally, thank you also to the **teachers** for your energy and enthusiasm in providing these interesting, hands on and memorable learning experiences for our students over the last few days!

Board of Trustees Elections

On Friday nominations for the BoT elections closed. We are thrilled to announce that the Te Horo School Board will consist of;

Paula Cull

Steve Joss

Jon McPhee

Charlie Meyer

Rebecca Thomsen

Mike Neville (Staff Rep)

Congratulations to you all and thank you for your nominations. I look forward to working with you all and continuing to develop Te Horo School as a quality school where all students experience success.

Thank you very much to **Andrew Rider and Bryce Grant** who have stood down from the Board. We appreciate your support, knowledge and energy over the past 3 years. Thank you also to **Neil Tunncliffe** who was our Returning Officer.

School Wide Curriculum Achievement Targets

Start of year student assessments have all been completed, collated, analysed and presented to the BoT in report form. We met as a staff, reviewed the data and discussed the progress and results for ALL students. From this assessment data we were able to set school wide curriculum achievement targets for 2010.

The Boards of Trustees of all state and state-integrated schools must develop a strategic and annual plan. The development of the plan and the monitoring of progress against annual targets is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees. This is the core role of the Board.

The strategic and annual plans are documented in an annually updated charter, and progress against the plans is

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

reported to our community in the Analysis of Variance report, which is part of Te Horo School's annual report.

GOALS FOR 2010

Aim: All children to achieve their priority goals to the satisfaction of their teacher, their parents and themselves. We want our children to have high levels of literacy, numeracy and inquiry skills.

Major Focus – Implementation of the revised NZ Curriculum, continuation of improving teacher effectiveness in writing. Writing was a focus of Professional Development in 2009.

2010 Achievement Goals – to be achieved and reported on by mid December 2010

That at least **80% of our students will be spelling at or above 90% accuracy with the essential spelling lists levels.**

That at least **90% of our students from Year 2 and above will be at their expected number strategy stage for addition and subtraction.**

That at least **50% of our students in Year 4 and above will achieve higher than stanine 5 in the PAT reading comprehension test.** (Baseline data is 45% Term 1 2010 –Nat Average = 40%)

For Maori students to achieve at a level similar to all other cohorts for the school in the above areas. Our Maori roll is 7% of the school population.

The charter, annual report and assessment documents are available to read in the school office foyer.

Community Curriculum Evening -12 MAY 2010

Please join us on Wednesday 12 May from 7:30pm. The aim being to help with the design and implementation of our school curriculum, inform parents on 21st century learning and to have discussions as to what is considered important for our school. The New Zealand Curriculum aims to support today's students to learn in a way that will prepare them for the world of tomorrow. It includes:

a set of common values

places more emphasis on themes relevant to today's society

contains five key competencies for students

raises the profile and status of learning a second language

raises the profile and status of statistics within mathematics

makes the Treaty of Waitangi explicit in the overview, purpose, principles and values

recognises the need for schools to work closely with communities to design relevant learning programmes.

Further info will follow in the coming weeks-pop the date in your diary.

Cross Country-Tuesday 4 May

Please join us next Tuesday after lunch (1:30pm) for the school cross country. Come along and cheer on your children who have spent the last few weeks training for this event. The Otaki inter schools event is the following week (11 May). For Years 4-7 students.

CCC-Coffee and Chat with Craig

Please come along next Wednesday morning to the staffroom at 9:00am for an informal get together-all welcome!!!!

Assemblies

Just a reminder, we have shifted our school assemblies from Thursday to Wednesday afternoons from 2.20pm. Hope to see you there. Our school music programme runs on a Thursday afternoon.

Girls Night Out

We wish everyone a great night out this evening for the 'Girls Night Out'!!! Thank you to **Kylie Morete** who has been the driving force behind this fun evening!!!!

Paid Union Meeting 12 May

NZEI Teacher's meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 12th May. The teachers will not be available to teach in the afternoon. We ask that you make arrangements for your child to be picked up at 2:00pm on this day. We are sorry for any inconvenience, but we have no say on the dates of these meetings. The bus will run at 2:00pm.

Last thoughts.....

'It is our dream that students will ...experience their classrooms as invigorating, even inspiring environments - places they look forward to going to and places they hate to leave. It is our dream that they will come to know themselves as masters of various crafts...It is our dreams that ...they will come to love the process of learning itself... by making it their own.' Paideia Schools

The Hurricanes are rising from the ashes and will roll, bowl and rissole the Chiefs!!!

Craig Vidulich
Principal

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Coming Events

4 May	School X Country
5 May	Postponement date for above
10 May	Mastermind
11 May	Otaki School's X Country
12 May	Community Meeting
14 May	Postponement date for Otaki School's X Country
	Mastermind Finals
20 May	Otaki School's Netball starts
21 May	World Vision famine
25 May	Kapiti X Country
26 May	B.O.T meeting
15 June	Otaki School's Soccer
18 June	Postponement date for above
19 June	Home & School Barn Dance
22 June	Horowhenua Music Festival
23 June	B.O.T meeting
29 June	Lower North Island X Country
2nd July	END OF TERM! Whew.
19th July	TERM 3 BEGINS.

World Vision Reminder

A reminder to get the World Vision slips back to school by email or snail or even phone please. We have had a disappointing number of returns so far and as this is our major sponsoring event I encourage you to find a way that your child can contribute. The children can choose different famines to do according to your home situation and their personal interests. eg a rice and water famine, a technology famine, a speaking famine (meaning no speaking), an eating famine (meaning no eating). Some children are sleeping in cardboard boxes to experience a small taste of deprivation. You can hold 2nd clothes garage sales at home. We are aiming high again this year as we have been a Gold Sponsor for many years now. Many thanks,
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Students of the Week



Room 1	KADYN ORCHARD	for amazing sounding out when writing his stories
Room 3	HARVEY MEYER	for amazing reading skills
	HANNAH BRUCE	for wonderful attitude and desire to improve her reading
Room 2	EZRA O'BRIEN	for writing his fabulous story independently
Room 7	ANDEANA HAKARAIA	for her help and thoughtfulness in the classroom
Room 8	CAMERON LAFRENTZ, MAIA STANDEN and TONI FITZGERALD	or their serious commitment to the ANZAC Service and the value they added by his attitude and excellence
Room 5	MONIQUE TAWHARU	for being an excellent role model during the ANZAC activities as well as demonstrating a responsible manner and using initiative in a variety of situations

CONGRATULATIONS!

School Accounts

School accounts are being emailed to parents/caregivers this week. If you do not have email a hard copy will come home with your child. Payment of these accounts would be very much appreciated.

Music fees are also due please. \$25 for terms 2 and 3. If this could be sent along to the School Office that would be great.

Thank you for your time.

School Website

Please take the time to visit the school website and explore. There are galleries to be viewed, calendars to let you know what is coming up and Board of Trustees minutes to view.

Don't forget to look at the Initiatives Register, and if there is anything that you feel would benefit the school pop in a request.

Visit www.te-horo.school.nz

Thursday Afternoon Music Programme

Well we have started for the year and mostly in fine style.

All children are now settled into their instrument class with their tutors and we look forward to two successful musical terms.

Practice is an essential part of learning an instrument and making progress so we would appreciate it if you could make sure regular practice is happening at home....3 times a week for 15 minutes is a good rule of thumb, although the older children will need more. Keyboard players can organise with me to practice at school in the lunchtime if they don't have a keyboard at home.

Can you please make sure your child brings their musical instrument to school on a Thursday, and have their plastic clearfile with them. It is so inconvenient for the tutors if students don't have them for the lesson and can hold up the progress of the class. All Year 2's are learning recorder available from the office for \$12. Clearfiles are \$2.60.

On the other side of the programme Years 5, 6 and 7 are with Lauren doing Movement and Dance with a focus on Folk Dances, and Years 2, 3 and 4 are with Craig learning Kapa Haka, something we are very excited about. These will be swapped over in Term 3. A busy afternoon.

If you have any queries please do see me at school or email me on ybarsanti@th.school.nz.

Regards

Yemma Barsanti



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Anne 021 470-308 or 364-3298"

Unfortunately I was unable to publish the photo of this wee pup, but it is very very cute.
Adele :)