



Te Horo School

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Tēna koutou! Welcome back to the new year and new decade! It was lovely to see so many smiling faces keen to begin the new year on Monday.

Welcome

Thank you to the fabulous Home & School for the wonderful morning tea they put on for our new people after the mihi whakatau on Monday. Thanks also to all of the whānau that came along to be part of the mihi whakatau and welcome our new people. It was lovely to have you all there.

Welcome to the following students and their families;

- **Lila Folster** Room 6 Year 7 & **Finn Folster** Room 3 Year 2
- **Paora Moku** Room 8 Year 4 & **Tuaata Moku** Room 10 Year 6
- **Zoë Wilson** Room 9 Year 5, **James Wilson** Room 10 Year 6, & Isaac Wilson Room 3 Year 2
- **Amaia Moeke** Room 1 Year 1
- **Felix Beach** Room 1 Year 1
- **Riley Tibbles** Room 1 Year 1
- **Jackson White** Room 1 Year 1
- **Mya-Michelle Cutler** Room 1 Year 1

We also welcomed our new staff members;

- **Summer Luscombe**, "Whāea Summer", teaching in Room 1 Year 1
- **Jo Hillier**, "Whāea Jo", teaching in Room 2 Year 1-2, Team Leader Year 1-2, Co-Learning Support Co-ordinator
- **Amelia Kirton**, "Mrs Kirton", teaching in Room 3 Year 1-2
- **Amanda Searle**, "Whāea Amanda", teaching in Room 8 Year 3-4, Team Leader Year 3 & 4
- **Josh Fielding**, "Mr Fielding", teaching in Room 10 Year 5 & 6
- **Joanna Mason**, "Jo", Teacher Aide with Rooms 9 & 10

Meet the Teacher & School Picnic

You are invited to come along on **Monday 17th February between 5:00 – 5:30pm** to your child's classroom and meet their teacher informally and have a look around the class.

Following this you are also invited to bring your own picnic and join everyone for a **"School Picnic" on the field from 5:30pm – 6:30pm.**

Upcoming Events

February 17

Monday
Meet the Teacher 5:00 – 5:30pm,
School Picnic on field (BYO) from 5:30pm.

February 21

Friday
Farewell Assembly for Mrs Neville, 2:15-2:50pm.
Farewell afternoon tea and drinks 2:50pm – 5pm in the Hall.



2020 Term Dates

Term dates are:

Term 1 10 February – 9 April

Term 2 28 April – 3 July

Term 3 20 July – 25 September

Term 4 12 October – 18 December

Home & School will have the BBQ running should you wish to purchase a sausage or two ☺

Mrs Neville's Farewell

Mrs Neville has just begun her 25th year working here at Te Horo School! She is retiring on the 27th February.

This is a big transition time for Adele (and Mike) and understandably she has mixed emotions about it. We want to be able to give everyone the opportunity to say goodbye and acknowledge the amazing work and special person she is; however, we also want to honour her request "not to make too much of a fuss". As such Adele has had a say in devising the following plans.

We want to invite you, and anyone you know who would like to come, to our special Farewell School Assembly on Friday 21st February starting at 2:15pm. The assembly will have Year 7&8, Year 5&6, Year 3&4 and Year 1&2 students making a small presentation, the Board presentation and (in Adele's words) only one speech.

We know many of you would like the opportunity to touch base with Adele before she finishes and as such we will have an informal afternoon tea and drinks in the Hall from 2:50pm till 5pm on the same day. We will put out a memory book for people to jot messages in that Adele can take away and read later on. If you have a message you would like to include and have composed it before hand, please feel free to email this through michelle.tate@th.school.nz

New Office Manager

We have appointed **Micaela Young** to the Office Manager's position. Micaela is an experienced administrator and is also on the Waikanae School PTA. Micaela is warm, bubbly, bright and very efficient.

We fell in love with her covering letter which stated;

"To me, the school office is like the kitchen in your house – the welcoming heart of a home, buzzing with industry, bustling with family and visitors, offering nourishment, a safe haven, words of encouragement and a listening ear. Of course, sometimes the bench is full of dishes, the rice has boiled over, the toaster has set off the smoke alarm and the kids won't eat their veges!"

Micaela starts with us on the 24th of February, and will be downloading as much as possible from Adele.

2020 Overview

This year our inquiry learning will be exploring the big ideas of Creativity, Sustainability & Relationships.

Term 1 inquiry learning is focused on "The Learning Community".

Mid Term 1 – Mid Term 2 inquiry learning is focused on Sustainability with Zero Waste as a major focus and developing our bush reserve as another context for learning.

Term 2 we will have our Music Programme across the school.

Mid Term 2 – Term 3 we will be working on developing skills for and then developing the ideas for and creating a whole school performance. This year

we are involving the whole school in a performance in place of the specialised productions that have taken place in recent years, Next year we will provide this opportunity through school again. Jacqui Simpson and her band of lovelies are setting up an extra-curricular Pop Up Musical Theatre opportunity for students in the Te Horo and Ōtaki community – look out for more info coming soon!

Term 4 will see us focusing on Growth, Change & Relationships, & Creative Problem Solving in the Technology, Science and Maths learning areas.

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Cellphones

We have decided that mobile phones do not need to be used by students in class and, should students bring them to school (i.e. to assist in any after school arrangements) they will be handed into their class teacher and locked away for collection at the end of the day.

Research clearly shows that the use of mobile phones during instruction time is having a detrimental effect on student achievement and is also a contributor to growing issues around young people's hearing loss.

If a child needs to call home, they can come to the Office to do this. In cases of emergency we urge you NOT to try and contact your child directly but rather contact the Office so that we are in a place to help manage the situation with your child, should this ever occur. We appreciate your support on this matter.

Final note

All of the staff here are here because they believe strongly in our vision to “Grow great learners for today and tomorrow - *Te tipu haere o ngā ākonga mo tenei ra me apopo*”. In order to achieve that we value and know that a strong partnership with whānau and school is needed. We encourage you to communicate in the first instance with your child's class teacher (or if needed the Team Leader/ Acting Assistant Principal/ Deputy Principal/ Principal) so we can all work together on making things the best they can be.

“Kaua e rangiruatia te hāpai o te hoe;
e kore tō tātaou waka e ū ki uta.”

Do not lift the paddle out of unison
or our canoe will never reach the shore.

Nga mihi nui,
Michelle Tate
Principal

HELP NEEDED!!!

We need some help in the library scanning books onto our system and checking & updating records. If you can lend a hand Leonie can train you up on the days she works (Tue – Thur) then you can come in at a time that suits during school hours after that. Please make contact with her directly if you can help out –

library@th.school.nz

Community News

sKids After School Care

sKids Te Horo is open for bookings. If you are registered with Aimy Plus please go to www.skids.co.nz, and book your care needs using the blue parent login button from the home page and your user name and password on the AimyPlus portal.

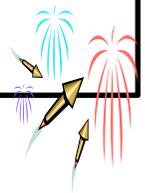
Our sKids Te Horo team is Kaya Edginton (Site Manager) and Elijah Tapine-Miller (Programme Assistant). The sKids programme operates from the the large room at the front of the new hall, we have access to the kitchen (where we will run our Foodstom Cooking programme), school grounds and the hall for special activities (like our Les Mills Born to Move programme). Our exclusive Foodstom and Les Mills programmes are all included in our fee structure. The kids will enjoy a healthy and varied afternoon tea each day. We will start with After School Care at Te Horo initially, but if there is a strong need we will open up Before School Care as well. Before School Care is available at our Otaki programme if required and we can drop off to Te Horo School each morning, we are open for drop off at sKids Otaki from 7 a.m. If you need Oscar paperwork completed by sKids please make contact (please email or phone me) so we can arrange to have this completed for your care requirements.

If you have any other questions please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

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The advertisement features the sKids logo at the top left, which includes a handprint and footprint icon and the tagline "Safe Kids In Daily Supervision". To the right is a cartoon character of a boy with red hair and a blue hat. The central focus is the "aimy PLUS" logo, with "aimy" in a large, grey, lowercase font and "PLUS" in a smaller, white, uppercase font on a blue rectangular background. Below this is the text "The sKids Parent Portal and Booking System". Further down, it lists benefits: "Convenient online booking 24/7. Accepts credit card payments." and "Quick access to all your booking and invoicing information." with a small note "Conditions apply." Below that, it says "Register now at" followed by the website "www.skids.co.nz" in a large blue font, and "Click on Parent Login." at the bottom. The background of the ad is a light blue sky with a green field and a group of diverse children walking.



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