



The Hororata Flyer

Hororata Primary School's Official Newsletter (19/02/2019)

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Diary Alert

TERM ONE 2019 BEGAN

MONDAY 28 January 2019

- * **MALVERN TRIATHLON**
Thursday 21 February
 - * **WEET-BIX TRYATHLON**
Sunday 24 February (Christchurch)
 - * **CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY**
Friday 1 March
 - * **HORORATA SWIMMING SPORTS**
Wednesday 6 March
 - * **HORORATA DOATHLON**
Wednesday 13 March
 - * **MALVERN SPORT SPECTACULAR (YR 3-4)**
Thursday 14 March
 - * **ELGREGOE**
Friday 15 March (Greendale)
 - * **MALVERN SWIMMING**
Tuesday 19 March (Rolleston)
 - * **PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION**
Tuesday 19 March (Rolleston)
 - * **CANTERBURY DUATHLON**
Monday 25 March (Rupuna)
 - * **CANTERBURY SWIMMING**
Thursday 4 April
 - * **150TH JUBILEE COMMITTEE MEETING**
Thursday 4 April
 - * **HORORATA AUTUMN FESTIVAL**
Friday 12 April
- END OF TERM ONE 2019**
Friday 12 April 2019

THANK YOU TO HOLLY

Ex pupil, Holly Kimber visited our school last week and over 4 days helped children on their way with water safety. Holly is gainfully employed at the Canterbury Swim School and if you would like to keep up with lessons on their site please contact them direct.

Newsflash...

MALVERN TRIATHLON

This Thursday, 21 February 2019, proudly hosted by Mr G (school Principal). The event is for Yrs 4, 5 and 6 only. Do come along to encourage our children compete against other Malvern Schools. There will be swimming, running and cycling. This will lead onto the Canterbury Primary Schools' event which is held at Pegasus at the end of the year.



STEAM EDUCATION

Last week we were able to make a start on the tidying up of the school horticulture section. Our Piwakawaka children embraced the challenge of the big tidy up and pulled weeds with abandon. Kea then followed, taking their turn and then Kakapo. Thank you to our aspiring gardeners.

BUDDING CPW LTD PERSONNEL

The watering cans have been in operation since the beginning of our school year. The children, also from Piwakawaka, have been filling their child size watering cans and keeping the tomatoes and strawberries going. Needless to say the cherry tomatoes and strawberries have been gobbled up.



...AND MORE...

Listening into the lesson was most enlightening. Children learned the facts about the plants and the Root system. They were also extremely quick off the mark with identifying weeds. You are most welcome to come along and be part of our garden. Pop in and talk to Miss Raybould or Mrs Foster. Both of them are passionate gardeners themselves which all pays off.

THANK YOU TO...

Our parents and caregivers who have named their Children's clothes, especially now that we are swimming. Also what wonderful helpers you are proving to be in the classrooms and at the pool. You are all very much appreciated and we enjoy your friendliness around the school.



Principal's Corner



Kia ora Koutou

Quote of the week... 'You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great' - Zig Ziglar

Active Culture...

School Swimming... Well done to Malcom Lang and his team for getting the school pool up and running. His efforts have enabled our children to swim each day and take advantage of the Holly, Mathew and Ricardo our Swimming Coaches from the Canterbury Swim School.

Please ensure your child has their togs every day next week, despite what the weather looks like outside your kitchen window

Learning Culture...

Discovery Learning... In recent weeks it has been brought to my attention that members of our learning community are confused over what the Discovery Learning actually is at our school. It appears that the success of our calf rearing unit in late 2017, has created the common misconception that Discovery Learning is about raising animals and growing plants... let's reset that thinking! During your child's time at school they will develop a range of skills and capabilities (key competencies) that will help them to do well in life. The world is different these days. It's an exciting time for children to grow up in... the jobs our five years today will do when they leave school, haven't even been invented yet! It's not enough for children to just keep learning more facts about the world they live in. Children need to learn how to learn, how to think for themselves, think alongside others, and be motivated to keep on learning throughout their lives - so that they can do well in their world.

Children today need to know more than just numbers, words and facts. They need to be good at thinking; managing themselves; relating to others and participating and contributing in society. We refer to these skills as Key Competencies or for the older Mums and Dads, essential skills.

Although these skills are very important to us here at Hororata, they are often forgotten or only touched on at other schools. The strength of Discovery Learning is that it makes deliberate connections between what children are learning and these important skills, so that our children are not only knowledgeable, but also have the skills to use and share what they know.

Discovery Learning is not a topic/subject (noun) like calves, chickens or plants, it is how we teach (verb)... **a way of teaching and learning.** As Storytelling is the way we teach and learn Writing in our school, Discovery is the way we integrate and teach all the other important learning areas in the curriculum.

Discovery Learning is delivered through **hands-on learning experiences** that include elements of STEAM, Tinkering, and Developmental or for the well versed Constructivism. Learning experiences give children the opportunity to solve every day problems in real-world situations by **Thinking outside the box**.

Don't worry, we haven't thrown out Reading, Writing and Mathematics with the bath water, as these are all important tools your children needs to be flexible, creative and innovative. The ability to read, write and count helps children unlock the world around them.

Now all that said, there will be the odd calf, chicken or aubergine grown at our school **as part of** the Discovery Learning Programme. They provide us with interesting real world learning experiences for our children to practice the skills and capabilities necessary for life. There will also be hours of fun learning how bicycles work, how hot air balloons stay a drift in the sky, how birds fly, how bee communities survive and how native plants reproduce to name a few. These are referred to as Learning Arcs/Themes.

It would be easy to look at the empty calf paddock or tunnel house and say that nothing is happening here, but like the school pool or high jump mat in the sports shed these resources are used when needed to complement the learning theme of the day. The variety within our Discovery Programme means that we may not use these resources all year around, but we will call on them when needed.

Finally, we have learned that Discovery Learning is not common in New Zealand and that there are no beaten tracks for us to follow; We have learned that it would be easy to give up and follow the other sheep; We have learned that this kind of change does not happen overnight and that for it to work well in our school there are a lot of things that need to change and we have learned that the change we want to achieve is akin to changing a farm from sheep to dairying... it's not as simple as just putting cows in the front paddock.

We are proud of the achievements we have made in the past eighteen months. We have a long way to go and we know that the road ahead is uncharted. Our hope is that the teachers of the future will remember our school as pioneers in education and that our students will truly benefit from learning in this way.

Ngā mihi nui

Marty Gameson (Principal - Tumuaki)

Teacher Feature



Piwakawaka (Yrs 0-1) Miss Raybould

Hi everyone.

Just a reminder about swimming. We are lucky enough to have swimming instructors for the next couple of weeks, so we should be swimming everyday. It would be very helpful if all their clothes could be named. We have a few tops and shorts not named at the moment and although everyone is told to put their clothes into their bags as they get changed, some do still get muddled up.

Julia

Kea (Yrs 2-3-4) Mrs Foster

Hello Everyone

What a busy few week weeks we have with starting our "What's for lunch" programme, swimming lessons and trying to fit everything into our day. You will have seen some reading books going home and this week I will endeavour to build on that. To stat this week we have the Life Education Trust visiting. We are swimming every day please pop your child's swimming togs in so they can go swimming. Thank you

Jenni

Kakapo (Yrs 3-4-5) Ms Cullen

Kia ora koutou

Week 4 is upon us and this term is just speeding along.

We are busy in Kakapo starting to build our library igloo so keep those 2 litre containers coming.

Our homework programme will start at the end of this week and our reading programme is in full swing. Please make sure reading folders come everyday. We will have library on Friday so library folders would be great so we can keep our books in good condition.

On Wednesday mornings we will have news and if the kids would like to bring something along to share that is great they just need to keep it in they're bags and keep them safe.

Keep those toilet rolls coming. Thank you to all the families for getting on Seesaw we might make my record numbers this year. If you need help with logging in please let me know and I can help.

Ka kite ano **Amanda**

Tui (Yrs 4-6) Mr Heyworth

Hello Everyone.

So soon into the year and so much done already. The class is settling into our routines, taking responsibility for being ready to learn, and letting others learn. Last week we began using a daily basic facts practice where the students are challenging themselves to beat their personal best, first in score, then in time. We also began using a resource booklet that uses maths, map and language skills that will become part of their group rotation work. The resource allows the students to work collaboratively while learning about the continents and some of the animals found on them.

Our Year 6's attended a Physical Activities Leaders in Schools (PALS) training course on Thursday last week, then our class were exemplary at the Top Team challenge at Glentunnel School on Friday.

Swimming, and training for the upcoming triathlon are underway. Please remind your children to bring their togs each day.

Thanks **Steve Heyworth**

What's for Lunch? (Piwakawaka & Kea Classrooms)

*Our school is participating in the What's for Lunch? Food of the Week programme this year. Next week children will be learning about **tomatoes**. Tomatoes are good for your skin, eyes, blood and immune system.*

For more information visit:

<http://www.whatsforlunch.co.nz/parent-newsletter-sign/>



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The School Canteen **THURSDAYS**

American Hot Dog	\$2.00
Mince Savouries	\$1.00
Cookie Time	\$1.00
Chicken Savouries	\$1.00 each

Please ensure orders are written on an envelope and handed into the school office prior to the start on Canteen morning.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 19 March 2019 here at the school 7.30pm
(Hoiho Classroom)

Please come along and support the Parent Teacher Association in their endeavours. PTA members work very hard with fundraising work to supply the extras for our school.

Apologies and Agenda Items to Sara at sasmcrae@hotmail.com

And more... This year the PTA are asking that all parents sell **hot cross buns and pizzas**, see attached forms. Please ask family, neighbours and friends for orders and collect the money from them. From all accounts they are delicious bakery products.

The Pizzas are 20x20 and sound very tasty. This is instead of the cheese rolls that have been made by parents in the past and the PTA are certain it is a much easier simpler option with a delicious product as the end result.

Orders in please by 22 March 2019. No late orders accepted.
Beck Smith will put up a \$ 50 petrol voucher for most sold.

The Bank Account for the Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BoT)

Triennial Elections this year (June 2019)

Please put your hand up to be counted. Please call into the school office and speak with Principal Mr G who will advise you of Board members responsibilities and guidelines to help you with any queries you may have. Current Board members may also offer assistance.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 28 March 2019 and this is also a good way to see the Board in action and a great learning curb.

The Board members are also members of the New Zealand Schools Trustee Association who have an excellent web site with plenty of good advice which you are able to research.

It is a rewarding Board to serve on and your efforts will be well worth your while. Please consider standing. We had two parents observing at our February meeting and we hope for more.



HORORATA KEAS

Hororata Keas would like to welcome new children to join our group for 2019. Keas is for girls and boys ages 5-8 years. As a Kea you will meet new friends, interact with nature and learn to share through co-operation and teamwork.

Hororata Keas gather at the Scout Den in the Hororata Domain once a week on a Tuesday afternoon from 4pm - 5pm.

Fees are \$60 per term and an initial fee of \$50 for a welcome pack.

You are welcome to come along for a free one-month trial.

For more information, you can visit us on Facebook at fb.me/hororatakeas or contact Ingrid Harris by email - quercus147@orcon.net.nz or phone - 318 6867

HORORATA PLAYCENTRE IS OPEN!

It's been a warm start to the new year and, as always, our tamariki are enjoying the outdoors. Water is a popular choice of play with it's never ending learning possibilities... how it moves, what it moves, what floats, what sinks. . . Come visit our relaxed atmosphere for 0-6 year olds on Monday's and Friday's, 9.30-12.30.

HORORATA YEAR 6 STUDENTS

We are about to order your Year 6 fleecy hoodies. The PTA have generously approved to fund these for you again for 2019.

They are mainly black with gold insets. The PTA would like to see the Rata and Hororata Primary School embroidered on the front of these with the children's Christian name on the back in gold.

Could you please advise me directly to the school office on the size that you would like for your child please. These are, as mentioned, at no cost to you so sizes in please as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.



Spot Light **Kea**

I have enjoyed swimming lessons with Holly, it has been so much fun. **Rodley**

I like going on the tramp because I can do flips and I also enjoyed making the Mrs Fee hats. **Jake**

So far this year I am enjoying playing the games in Kea and going swimming even though swimming is a little scary.

Tarannum

I enjoy jumping in the swimming pool. I also like playing the games in Kea. **Jeyloe**

I love playing with the toy cars in Kea because we can rescue cars when they are stuck. **Dinu**

I like being in Kea because it is so fun because I can play and move my name up the tree. I also like the trampoline and swimming. **Alex**

I like being at Hororata School, everyone is friendly. I like swimming and my teacher. **Matik**

I like it when I can playing with my friends at break. I also like doing handwriting and writing about Mrs McFee. **Indi**

I like swimming because it is so much fun. I also like Mrs Fosters toys in Kea especially the dressing up doll. **Elix**

I like swimming because it is fun. I also like having Mrs Foster as my teacher as she is nice to me. **Isabel**

So far I have enjoyed pulling out the weeds from the tunnel house. I like playing with all the games in Kea especially the felt board. **Priya**

I like doing learning and doing maths especially the basic facts. I also loved making the Mrs McFee hats and doing the cards for Valentines Day. **Kayden**

I have enjoyed going on the writing table because I can draw and write lots of things. I also liked taking Hetti home and being the boss. **Amelie**

I like going in the swimming pool, especially when we jump in and Holly catches us. I like playing games in Kea, they are fun especially Mrs Fosters material doll. **Bella**

I like Mrs Foster being my teacher because she is nice. I liked painting Mrs McFee hat, I love it. **Haila**

Mrs Foster gives fun stuff to do everyday. I like doing my handwriting and I love doing art. **Patricia**

I like going to school. I like reading books. **Lunice**

So far this year I am enjoying swimming because we jump into the pool. I also like to doing art because I love painting. **Ava**



McDONALD's 2019 YOUTH DUATHLON

When: Sunday 7 April

Where: South Hagley Park, Christchurch

Who: 7-10 Years: Run 1 km, Cycle 4km, Run 500M

11-15 Years: Run 2 km, Cycle 8km, Run 1km

McDonald's 2019 Youth Duathlon is organised by the Rotary Club of Garden City Christchurch, to promote the development of healthy, fun-loving and well-adjusted young people.

This run and cycle event is held at South Hagley Park from beside the Netball Centre, for individuals aged 7 to 15 years, with the emphasis more on participation than competition.

Certificates, Medals, Gift Packs & Prizes will be given to all registered entrants who take part. Plenty of spot prizes so you do not have to be a place getter and you could win one of two Avanti mountain bikes and helmets.

Before the event make sure that your cycle is in a roadworthy and safe condition. You could have them tested at your local cycle shop.

As one of the event sponsors, Avanti Plus Fleet Cycles, corner Colombo and St Asaph Streets Christchurch (p377 1666) will be this for free.

You may practice on the course at South Hagley Park.

See course map at www.mcdonaldsduathlon.co.nz plus further info can be gained from this web site.

Your confirmation of entry will be mailed or sent by email to you with more information about the event and final instructions.

Remember, you MUST bring your entry confirmation to the event or you may not be able to participate.

Entries close Friday 22 March 2019

Entries are limited.

Cost \$ 20 pp.

