

Ko Rāpare te ra rua tekau ma toru o Whiringa-ā-rangi: Thursday 23 November 2017

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Festival on the Field is on tomorrow evening. Food (sausage sizzle, hot dogs, hangi, spiders and 'things to do' (face painting, slime making, splash attacks ...) will be available from 5.30 pm onwards and the entertainment will start at 6.00 pm. Many of your children are looking forward to sharing their 'items' and work with you - we even have an art exhibition this year!

Senior Kapa Haka will be the first performers and we would like them all to be here at 5.30 pm and go straight to Room 3. Children who are in the items below need to be over by the stage area (Room 18) just before their item or they could miss out!!!

Kapa Haka Snr	6.00pm
Natalie - Solo Singer	6.15pm
Kapa Haka junior	6.20pm
Room 12: Dance	6.30pm
School Band: Two Songs	6.45pm
Team 14: Bucket Filling	7.00pm
Pasifika Group Patepate, Aue aue	7.10pm
Kiribati Dance Group	7.20pm
North Hip Hoppers	7.30pm
Christmas Choir	7.40pm



Makers session in Room 5. This term many of our teachers have given up an extra part of their lunchtime to have activities to help our children. As well as a HUGE range of different sports, we have had makers clubs, sculpture and mine craft. It is lovely to see big and little people working together. It's amazing what a cardboard box can be!



A Tui stopped in to say 'hello'. Well spotted Mr Prior.

Cohort Entry: What is it and what is the fuss?

Cohort entry means that IF a community decides it is appropriate, children from 5-6 years of age will ALL start at the beginning or half way through a term. This possible change to enrolment has been enabled by the amendments to the Education Act made by the last government.

Cohort entry means that children could start as a group rather than when they turn five.

There are many conflicting ideas as to the merits of the policy which need to 'fit' with the philosophy of a school and the needs of the community.

Some schools in our wider area are adopting this policy but at this stage we are not looking at it.

Implementation requires lots of talking with our Early Childhood providers and you the parent community so we will be waiting to even begin talking until the new year.

Horowhenua Choir Festival

Tickets for the Christmas edition of the Horowhenua Choir Festival are available from the office now. Adults \$5, Children \$2 each. The musical event will be choirs from various schools performing a selection of Christmas songs on Tuesday 5 December, 7.00 pm at Horowhenua College Hall.

Colour Fun Run

WOW – over \$4000.00 was raised in the Colour Fun run last week. This is staggering generosity by you 'our community' supporting your children! Thank you ALL so much!!!

U Turns Are Not Helpful!

Our road patrollers have asked me to pass on to you that they have some concerns about the way 'the adults are driving' when dropping off and picking up children before and after school. They have seen MANY incidences of people doing 'u turns' on Weraroa Road in front of the school. Please people, help our children to do their job (and keep your children safe) by driving safely!

Band Jam

On Wednesday our school band went down to 'Band Jam' at Te Horo School to perform (for the VERY first time) with other schools who have bands. Most of the other schools had Year 7 and 8 students and we turned up with students from Year 3, 5 and 6. Katie (drums) Lily (vocals and guitar), Jahzarria (bass), Miriam (keyboards), Te Ata (vocal and kazoo!), Imogen (vocals), Millie (ukulele and vocals) and Arianna (ukulele and vocals) played two songs in public for the VERY first time. They performed in front of about 200 people and I was so proud of them. They got the jitters BUT kept going through 'Lean on Me' and 'Yacketty Yack'. Their performance is on our Facebook page and they will play again this Friday.



Levin North Band getting plugged in to play!

Fundfinders Projects

Next year Fundfinders have asked us to prepare a wish list of things that we need to fundraise to do. Top of the list will be to give our hall a serious make over and unfortunately, this is not covered by Ministry of Education money.

We would love to paint and decorate the interior (Fundfinders have already provided new chairs and curtains) but we would also like to redo the hall kitchen. More and more of our teachers are including cooking in their learning programmes and we need another space!

One of the schools I recently visited had refurbished their hall kitchen and all of the 'labour' was donated by members of the school community. Builders, electricians, painters, joiners and willing helpers did all the **work for free** while the 'stuff' was bought by the fundraising group (at a reduced cost from friendly suppliers) which got me to thinking??? I know this is a big ask BUT are there any trades people out there in our community who would be willing to help us to do a makeover in our hall? If this sounds like you, please drop your name in to the school office and I KNOW someone will be in touch next year.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES SCHOOL FUNDRAISER 2017

A cartoon illustration of a red Santa Claus character with a white beard and hat, standing next to several buckets of 'Christmas Cookies'. The buckets are labeled with different flavors: 'Apricot Chocolate Chip', 'Gluten Free Chocolate Chip', 'Cranberry White Chocolate', 'Chocolate Chip', and 'Salted Caramel Chocolate Chip'. The buckets are decorated with festive illustrations of cookies and Santa Claus.

Apricot Chocolate Chip

Gluten Free Chocolate Chip

Cranberry White Chocolate

Chocolate Chip

Salted Caramel Chocolate Chip

All 2L Buckets \$16
Gluten Free 1L \$15

The more we SELL the more we EARN for OUR SCHOOL!

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