



Hororata Primary School

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Parent Teacher Association

Principal's Report – September '22

Student Achievement

Active Culture...

Our Active Culture encourages our children to **make responsible choices for how they use their free time.**

- **Malvern Winter Tournament...** On Tuesday 16 August 2022, forty-eight (48) Year 3-6 akonga/students from our school ventured to Darfield to compete in the annual Malvern Winter Tournament. Hororata entered teams in all four sports offered. Once again the Hororata teams competed exceptionally well bringing credit to themselves and our school and achieving some notable success: Senior Hockey – HPS Hot Sticks (1st); Junior Football – HPS Heroes (2nd) and Senior Netball – HPS Hoons (4th). Congratulations to Lunice, Trinity, Ty and Benson, who were selected for Malvern teams to compete at the Canterbury Winter Tournament later this month.
- **Carving out success...** Students from Hororata Primary School competed in the Local Derby Ski Races at Porter Heights on Wednesday 12 September 2022. Although we didn't make the podium this year, Jono, Sam, Elias and Pippa, did represent our school with PRIDE, show a real 'Can DO' attitude and turned some heads on the slopes. A BIG shout out to Sebastian, Chris and Andrew who managed our team on the day.
- **Hororata DoAthlon...** Unfortunately, the Hororata Domain is undergoing a lot of remedial work at present, due damage caused by the recent storms in our area. This has mucked up our plans to hold the Hororata DoAthlon in early September. We are currently working on a 'back-up plan' to either relocate and/or postpone the event until later in the term or early Term Four.
- **Learning the fundamentals...** Despite the cancellation of many local and regional sports due to COVID and weather, our school forged ahead with school-based visits from Canterbury Country Cricket and the Canterbury Hockey, who both ran instructional sessions for our children this term.

Upcoming Events...

Subject	Location	Date
CANTERBURY - Winter Tournament	Christchurch	Thu 15/09/2022
CURRICULUM - Korfball	Hororata	Fri 16/09/2022
CURRICULUM - Korfball	Hororata	Fri 23/09/2022
CANTERBURY - Duathlon	Ruapuna	Mon 26/09/2022
CURRICULUM - Korfball	Hororata	Fri 30/09/2022

Learning Culture...

Our Learning Culture encourages our children to **'Think outside the box'**; to use flexibility, creativity, innovation, and wisdom to solve every day problems.

- **Speech & Poetry Competition...** The Hororata Speech and Poetry Competition were held in June. Including amusing renditions of well-known nursery rhymes; entertaining poetry and speeches about flight, the competition served as the conclusion of school's first semester Inquiry theme, 'Up, Up & Away'. Congratulations to Ava Halley, Muskaan Johal, Chevelle Wright, Tarra Asibal, Dinu Mudiyansele and Lilly Oliver-Albon who were selected to represent our school at the Malvern Speech & Poetry Competition and a BIG shout out to Muskaan, who placed second in the Year Two section.
- **Parent Teacher Conferences...** The latest round of Parent Teacher Conferences, postponed from earlier this term due to COVID, were held in Week Five (last week). Unusually, we had a very low turn-out this time around with less than 20% of school families popping down for a catch-up with our teachers.
Now we could take the low turnout in one of two ways, either everyone is happy with how things are going at the moment and the school reports said it all OR you guys are super busy with work, COVID, and the Winter bugs... the jury is out!
- **You've got the Power...** Hororata akonga/students joined with their peers from Greendale in August, to enjoy a performance by Elgregoe (Greg Britt). Using Tricks, ventriloquism, puppets, parrots, songs, poems, amazing illusions, children enjoyed a brilliant show teaching positive behaviour and actions, with a strong stop bullying message.
- **Positive Puberty Programme...** As part of the NZ Health & Physical Education Curriculum we have partnered with our friends at Greendale School to engage Nest Consulting to deliver their 'Positive Puberty Plus©' programme for our Parents and Year 5-6 akonga/students. An online parent information workshop was run via Zoom on Tuesday 30 August 2022. Sadly, the workshop only attracted two parents, which is surprising given the sensitivity of the topic covered and the relevance it has in the lives of all of our akonga.

- **Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)...** As reported previously planning for the senior EOTC event in Wellington has been stifled by the availability of suitable accommodation and flights for our group. I am pleased to report that we have now secured accommodation at the Hotel Waterloo in central Wellington and flights with Jetstar.

Unfortunately, for us to lock in flights and place to stay, we have had to move the camp out to the last week of term. This will see us departing Christchurch on the afternoon of Sunday 11 December and returning on the evening of Wednesday 14 December 2022. We are now frantically trying to change pre-booked activities in Wellington and reassess the availability of parent volunteers.

These changes also buy us a little more time to fundraise for this event. At this point we have secured sufficient funds to cover flights, accommodation and food. We are now working on the activities costs for our 54 strong group of campers.

Upcoming Events...

Subject	Location	Date
HORORATA - Maths Matters Festival	Hororata	Thu 08/09/2022
MALVERN - CantaMath	Glentunnel Community Hall	Thu 08/09/2022
MALVERN Kahui Ako - eSports	Darfield High School	Tue 12/09/2022
CURRICULUM - Court Theatre	Glentunnel Hall	Mon 19/09/2022
HORORATA - Jnr Syndicate Assembly Item	Hororata	Fri 23/09/2022

Quality Teaching and Learning

Personnel...

- **Staff Changes...** At the end of Term Two we received a resignation from Jess Hanham-Carter from both her Reading Recovery and Teacher Aide positions at our school. Jess chose to pursue a position in a classroom of her own and plans to undertake relieving work in the interim.

To fill Jess' shoes we extended Sara Irving's teacher aide hours to accommodate the learning support hours in Piwakawaka and seconded Julia Raybould to fill the Reading Recovery position. This sees Julia stepping out of her classroom in the afternoons (Mon – Thu) and with Amy stepping up to cover Julia's absence. Amy continues her special education duties during our Community Time sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays.

- **Staff Resignation...** I have received a resignation from Mairin Borlase from her teaching position in Tui class at our school. Mairin has chosen to pursue a teaching position in Australia and will be leaving us at the end of Term Three (end of her current contract). An appointment process is currently underway and should be finalised within the next few weeks.

Professional Development...

Staff at our school are currently participating in a range of professional learning and development opportunities, to improve teaching, learning and well-being. Focus areas are highlighted below:

School Based

- Te Ahu o te Reo Māori
- Mathematics & Statistics
- Structured Literacy
- Reading Recovery

MALVERN Kahui Ako

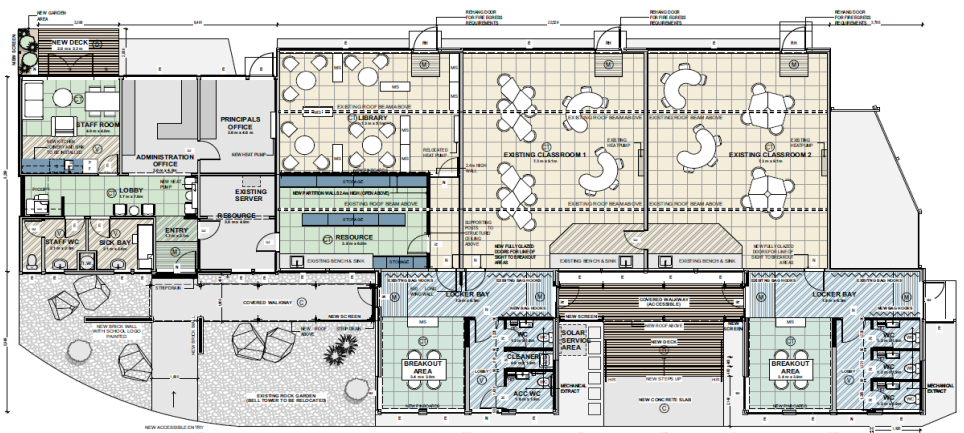
- Digital Fluency
- Cultural Competency
- NZIWR (Hauora & Wellbeing)

Learning Environment

Capital | Maintenance Works Projects

The following table details the Capital Works Project schedule for our school during 2022-23.

Description	Status
➤ School Swimming Pool...	Incomplete
- Electric pool heating Pool Cover Changing rooms Pool environment	
➤ ILE Upgrade...	Incomplete



- **Property Development...**
 - Fence the Northern boundary of the school incl. tree cleanup, new access gates Complete
 - Design and install new school signage incl. new classroom space signs Incomplete
 - Install security lighting at front of school incl. carpark Incomplete
- **ICT Upgrade**
 - Upgrade school Wi-Fi network Complete
 - SmartNet Switch to Google Drive (Cloud) Complete
 - Replace end-of-lease school photocopier Complete
 - Replace end-of-lease media screens in our classrooms, Incomplete
 - Upgrade audio/visual equipment incl. PA System Upgrade, new media screen in Green Room, TV mount for Hoiho Incomplete
 - Replace end-of-lease Chromebooks Incomplete
 - Replace out dated iPads Incomplete



Future Works

- New heating, lighting, insulation, carpet
- Solar power upgrade
- Complete bus bay development

Administration

School Dates

The following dates have been set for the 2022 school year.

Term	Start date	End date	Description
1	Monday 31 January	Thursday 14 April	11 weeks (106 half-days)
2	Monday 2 May	Friday 8 July	10 weeks (96 half-days)
3	Monday 25 July	Friday 30 September	10 weeks (98 half days)
4	Monday 17 October	Friday 16 December	9 weeks (84 half days)

Primary, intermediate and special schools should be open for instruction for **384 half days** in 2022 and closed on the following days: **Waitangi Day** (observed) - Mon 7 Feb; **Good Friday** - Fri 15 Apr; **Queen's Birthday** - Mon 6 Jun; **Matariki** - Fri 24 Jun; **Labour Day** - Mon 24 Oct; **Canterbury Anniversary Day** - Fri 11 Nov; **TOD** – Fri 23 Mar; Fri 9 Sep; Thu 10 Nov

- **Policy Review Cycle...** Our school uses SchoolDocs as a means of maintaining school policies. SchoolDocs gives all stakeholders an opportunity to contribute to the Review Schedule. This term we are reviewing the **Student Wellbeing and Safety** and **Staff Wellbeing and Safety** sections. These sections sit under the **Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy**, which will be reviewed at the end of the year.

Full Review Schedule: [https://hororata.schooldocs.co.nz/2022 Review Schedule.pdf](https://hororata.schooldocs.co.nz/2022%20Review%20Schedule.pdf)

Below are some useful guidelines for what to do now:

Login Details	Who should use login?	What can they access?	How to log in
Community Username: hororata Password: hororata	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board members • School staff • Parents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your SchoolDocs site 	1. Go to schooldocs.co.nz 2. Click Search for your school . 3. Start typing the school's name and select it from the dropdown list. 4. Enter your community username and password.

Anyone who can't use the online review tool, can use this **Policy Review form** at the following link

[https://hororata.schooldocs.co.nz/Policy Review Form.pdf](https://hororata.schooldocs.co.nz/Policy%20Review%20Form.pdf)

- **School Roll...** The School Roll as at Monday 5 September 2022 is 89 incl. Pukeko – 11, Piwakawaka – 16, Kea – 21, Kakapo – 19, Tui – 22, Families – 63.

	Yr. 0	Yr. 1	Yr. 2	Yr. 3	Yr. 4	Yr. 5	Yr. 6
Male	8	4	5	6	10	7	6
Female	11	4	3	7	4	10	4
	19	8	8	13	14	17	10
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