



Horohoro School

Kia Kaha, Kia Manawanui

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Wednesday, 13th of August 2025

Kia ora e te whānau,

Term Three has been very busy and I apologise for the lateness in this panui. Our organisation and panui in regards to our schools haerenga ki Whakapapa has taken precedence over everything else, but I am back with a number of exciting developments, upcoming events, and important dates to share with you.

✨ **New Carpet in All Classrooms**

Over the recent break, we had **brand-new carpet laid in every classroom** across the kura. This has made our learning spaces feel warmer, quieter, and more comfortable for our tamariki. The soft underfoot feel is especially appreciated during the colder months, and the improved sound absorption is already making a big difference to our learning environment.

🪵 **New Deck Between Pokaitu and Hinengawari**

We are thrilled to share that a **beautiful new deck** has been built between **Pokaitu and Hinengawari**. This new space provides a safe, sheltered, and versatile area for our tamariki to gather, work, and play. It will also be a wonderful spot for small group learning, outdoor reading, and whānau catch-ups before and after school.

This addition has not only improved the functionality of our kura, but also helps strengthen the sense of connection between our learning spaces. A big mihi to our project managers Karen and Egbert from RDT Pacific and our builders JBD Builders. You worked tirelessly to bring this project to life – your mahi will be enjoyed by generations of tamariki to come.

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Farewell and Welcome – Board of Trustees

To our exiting board members, Hemi Waerea, Emma Acton and Raiha Katene – thank you for your unwavering dedication, countless hours of service, and the wisdom you have shared. Your leadership has helped shape the path of our kura, ensuring our tamariki and whānau are supported, valued, and inspired. You leave behind a legacy of commitment, vision, and aroha that will be felt for years to come. We are deeply grateful for your mahi and the heart you have poured into our community.

To our new board members, Ngahuia Corbett and Tali Tonu'u – nau mai, haere mai! We welcome you with open arms and excitement for the journey ahead. Your voices, skills, and perspectives will be invaluable as we continue to nurture our tamariki, strengthen our connections, and uphold the values that guide us. Together, we look forward to building on the foundations laid before us, embracing opportunities, and facing challenges with courage and unity.

He waka eke noa – we are all in this waka together. Thank you to those who have served, and a warm welcome to those joining our voyage.

As of 13th of September 2025 our board representatives are as follows:

Ngahuia Corbett

Reina Hapi

Tali Tonu'u

Staff representative

Rachell Wheeler

Tough Guy, Tough Gal Challenge – Week 6

Tough Guy, Tough Gal Challenge on Tuesday the 19th of August. This exciting event is all about determination, teamwork, and having fun in the mud! Tamariki should be prepared for a muddy, wet day, so please make sure they have **a full change of clothes and a towel** packed. We will be leaving school as soon as the grey van has completed its second pick up for the morning.

Sports Day at Ngakuru – Week 7

We are looking forward to a fantastic day of inter-school sports at **Ngakuru School** on **Friday 29th August**. This is a great opportunity for our tamariki to participate in friendly competition, show sportsmanship, and connect with students from other kura in our area.

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We **urgently need parent helpers to transport tamariki** to and from the event. If you can assist, please contact your child's kaiako by **Friday 23rd August** so we can finalise transport arrangement.

Big Mihi – Fundraising Heroes

A huge **ngā mihi nui** to all of the amazing parents who took part in our **fundraiser at Pak'nSave** to ensure our tamariki can head to the snow this year. Your time, effort, and energy have made this trip possible, and we are so grateful for your support.

Another special mention to **Te Rina** for organising a **hamper raffle** for our kids – your dedication and generosity have gone above and beyond. Our kura is truly blessed to have such committed and caring whānau standing behind our tamariki.

Haerenga ki Whakapapa – Week 9

We are excited to confirm our **haerenga (school trip) to Whakapapa Ski Field** will take place from **Wednesday the 10th – Friday the 12th of September**. This trip will be a wonderful opportunity for our tamariki to connect with the natural environment, explore our unique landscapes, and deepen their understanding of our cultural heritage and history.

Thank you to those whānau members who have returned their child's permission slips. If you have lost your permission slip please contact your child's teacher and we will send a new panui home asap.

- All parent helpers who volunteered will be contacted shortly to confirm their involvement.
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Jack Te Nahu Speech Competition – Week 10

Our annual Jack Te Nahu Speech Competition will take place on **Thursday 18th of September** at the Ngakuru Community Hall at 7pm.

Ngā mihi – Ngā kaiako.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Important dates:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 19th of August - Tough Guy, Tough Gal</p>

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