

Te Horo School

14th February 2024 Newsletter #1

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Important dates - Term Four

Thursday 15th February	Digital Safety meeting for parents 5.30-7.30, School Hall (see below for more info)
Friday 16th February	Home & School Committee Meeting - 8.45am at Ruth Pretty's, School Road
Friday 16th February	Assembly 9am
Tuesday 27th & 29th February 3.15 - 7.15pm	Learning Conversations
Wednesday 28th February	School Board Meeting - 7pm School Board room
Friday 1st March	Assembly 9am
Good Friday 29th March	School closed
Easter Monday April 1st	School closed
Tuesday April 2nd	School closed
Monday 8th April - Friday 11th April	Swimming Year 5 - 8
Last Day - Term 1	Friday 12th April
First Day - Term 2	Monday 29th April

Our current Positive Behaviour for Learning focus:

Our school is definitely a fun place to be! This term, we'll be working together to ensure it continues to be a safe and enjoyable place for all. We've also been talking about what Respect looks like at school in our different learning areas, contexts and places. What does 'respect' look/sound/feel like for your whānau at home?

Digital Safety Parent Information Evening - Thursday 15 February

The teaching staff are fortunate enough to have Anjie Webster working with them on some professional learning around the Digital Technology curriculum and Online Safety

At Te
Horo
School,
we value
the
HEART



Term 1 foci:

A sense of fun:
Our school is a safe and
enjoyable place to be.

Respect
We treat ourselves, others and
our environment with kindness to
uphold the mana of all.

Anjie will be leading a **parent information evening** on Thursday 15th February from 5:30pm - 7:00pm in our school hall. You are most welcome to attend. Please RSVP to danielle.mcmurchie@th.school.nz so that we have an indication of attendees. Please see the blurb below from Anjie with some further information about the parent information evening.

Keeping our Young People Safe Online | We've Got This!

Life online and offline for young people is a seamless experience, however, the safety of children and young people has not been at the forefront in the design of many of the spaces and sites they enjoy and engage in. The role of whānau is vital, and makes the greatest difference in how young people learn about what's needed to be safe, and how to navigate the online space.

Anjie Webster from Generation Online will be sharing information about:

- *the online landscape for our young people in Aotearoa and the opportunities, challenges and risks our young people face*
- *the Harmful Digital Communications Act and why this is important*
- *what we can do to support | positive, pragmatic ideas*
- *who can support us further*

From national research and experience as an Education Advisor, Anjie provides insightful information, pragmatic approaches and easy wins for whānau, with the focus on a positive outlook in raising caring, capable and confident young citizens, online and offline.

Anjie Webster comes from an education background, and completed her M.Ed (Hons) with a research focus on digital technologies and online spaces, and the navigation for young people around challenges and risks. She partners with Netsafe, and is also a Ministry of Education facilitator, working in schools and kura around Aotearoa.



Learning Conversations Term 1 - Goal Setting

We invite you to join us in Week 5 to set goals for your child's learning, an opportunity to set goals in Literacy, Mathematics, our THS Values and the wider curriculum. We encourage students to attend with their whānau; the conversation will focus on ways we can work together to support learning.

Dates: Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th February, 3.15-7.15pm

These can be booked now on the SkoolLoop app - please see Rachael in the Office if you need any help with this.

Water Exploration Day

What a fabulous day our 'Water Fun' day was! Students were involved in class water activities and play, science experiments and rotations, and joined with the school for the water fun afternoon. The children were all engaged in learning about water: there was so much rich learning taking place with several students popping into the office with stories of wonder and amazement. Did you know that ... statements were heard all around the school. Why does a straw look bent or broken in water, and how many drops of water can a 10 cent coin hold? It was great to see everyone having fun together to kick-off 2024, fabulous leadership from our senior students, supporting their younger school mates too. Mr Dewe wins the prize for

bravest teacher - taking on the very soapy and slippery water slide! Ka mau te wehi.



Swimming: Years 0-4



Our classes are currently developing their water confidence, water safety skills and swimming stamina. We love to have all of the children in the pool, making the most of this opportunity. Please send togs/towel/goggles for each swimming session (check with the teacher for your class' days) - every day if they want to cool off at lunch time

too! It may be cool in the morning but has often warmed up later in the day, so please send togs even if the weather seems unsuitable in the morning. If your child is/has been unwell and isn't swimming, please message the teacher .

Weetbix Tryathlon REMINDER



We are only 5 weeks away from the Palmerston North Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon.

Participants need to be entered by midnight on Tuesday 20th February to take advantage of the special Early Bird price of \$52.50 and save \$16.50 off the full price of \$69! As well as the option of having their TRYathlete pack either couriered to home or included in the School Courier delivery.

Please remember to register to the Te Horo School team as linked below:

<http://raceroster.com/events/2024/79109/palmerston-north-sanitarium-weet-bix-kids-tryathlon/register?team=563662>

Te Reo Tuatahi

Our Year 5 - 8 students are currently using an online platform called Te Teo Tuatahi for the delivery of our Te Reo and Tikanga Maori lessons.

- WEBSITE PAGE LINK: <https://tepunareomaori.co.nz/whanau-lessons/>
- PASSWORD TO ACCESS THE PAGE: t3r30m40r!

School drop off times

Can we please ask parents and caregivers to be mindful of drop off times when dropping students to school in the mornings, due to health and safety reasons (adequate supervision) students can not be on site at school prior to 8.30am (This does not include the students that catch the bus to school)

SCHOOL DOCS

<https://www.th.school.nz/our-people/school-board/>

Policies that give you the ability to feedback can be found on the link above the

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The policies under review are : parent involvement, communicating with parents, community conduct and expectations, School planning and reporting. Policies can be found via the school website at any time.



Home & School Committee

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. We will be having our first committee meeting of the year on **Friday 16th February** starting at **8.45am at Ruth Pretty's on School Road**. We look forward to welcoming new members and reconnecting with our current members. Come along and have a cuppa and let's get the discussion started on what we'd like to do to fundraise this year. This is also a great opportunity for those new to the community to connect with others and hear about what's happening at school.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Parents Cybersafety Evening Filmmaker, Author and Speaker Rob Cope, producer of the documentary "Our Kids Online" to come and give what promises to be a humorous and eye-opening evening talk to our parent community.

Tuesday 5th March 2024 7pm

Te Raukura Ki Kāpiti, Kāpiti College

The talk will cover.

- **Cyberbullying** - How bullies can reach our kids 24/7
- **Social media** - How social media is affecting the mental health in 3 out of 5 children. FOMO, depression, anxiety.
- **Gaming and the developing brain** – An oversupply of dopamine leading to dopamine deficiency, synaptic pruning, and the underdevelopment of social skills and empathy

- **Naked Selfies** - The pressure to send nudes from intermediate up through high school
- **Online predators** - The methods they use, how to spot them.
- **Online porn vs healthy sexuality** - How consuming online pornography as a child or teen can create a sexual template where violence, aggression, and dominance are seen as normal and consent can become very blurry

Solutions

- **Filters** - Which filters are best and how to install them
- **Smartphones** - How to lock down a smartphone to make it a safe phone
- **Boundaries** - How to put good boundaries in place around device use
- **3 golden rules** - The 3 golden rules that will keep your kids safe
- **Talking to your kids** - How to have difficult conversations with your kids
- **Challenging our own phone and device usage** - Reconnecting as a family.

Here is a promotional video for you to watch [Our Kids Online Parent Evening](#).

The talk will be held at **Te Raukura ki Kāpiti, Kāpiti College on Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 7pm.**

Tickets can be purchased online at Eventfinder. The \$10 ticket includes a glass of bubbles upon arrival. This is for adults only - please don't bring the students.

Sunflowers for sale 🌻

Sunflowers 🌻🌻🌻🌻🌻 will be available Thursday and Saturday this week between 2 - 4pm on Sutton Rd. Te Horo. All money raised will go to Hato Hone St. John. **\$2 donation per stem** 🌻🌻🌻

sKids After School Care – Te Horo School Hall

sKids can support your before/after and holiday care needs. To enroll and book just go to www.skids.co.nz, from the home page click on the blue parent login button which takes you to sKids AimyPlus, or go to [:https://skids.aimy.co.nz/Account/Login](https://skids.aimy.co.nz/Account/Login) If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to make contact: sonia@skids.co.nz or 027 739 1986

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