



Newsletter

Week 7—Term 1, 2020

Kia ora Whanau

Our Vision is “Making our dreams a reality. Moemoetia te moemoea, engari whakatinanahia.”

The next three weeks will be a busy time for us all, as we prepare for camp and also as we make preparations to keep our whanau safe from the Coronavirus.

Coronavirus

There is a lot of misinformation and paranoia out in the public arena regarding the Coronavirus. Please note the following:

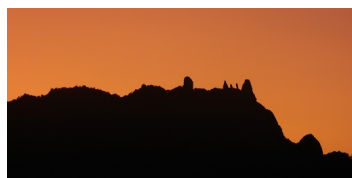
- (1) There are no cases in Te Tai Tokerau at the moment, but at some stage there probably will be.
- (2) Coronavirus is not as dangerous to children as it is for adults.
- (3) We are following the best advice from the Ministry of Education and the DHB and this is updated daily.
- (4) Children have been taught and are reminded daily about hygiene and washing hands. Soap and water are still the best.
- (5) If your child has a cough or snuffle, keep them at home until it goes.
- (6) Our Camp is still going ahead and we are following guidelines from the Ministry of Education.
- (7) Please ensure we are aware if your child has any respiratory problems or health conditions.
- (8) If we don't hongi, kiss or shake your hands that too is the guidelines we are following.
- (9) Don't panic. Yes,

Coronavirus is serious but so is the flu (500 people a year die on average in NZ from the ordinary flu). No one has died in NZ from Coronavirus yet, (10) At present no NZ schools have closed because of the Corona Virus, and they will not close unless a student in the school has tested positive with the virus. At Te Horo School, it is business as usual.

WPSSA Swim Champs Cancelled

Today would have been the WPSSA Swimming Championships at Whangarei Intermediate. The decision to cancel this event was made in accordance with the Ministry of Health guidelines, that recommended postponing or cancelling any event involving 500 people or more.

We are disappointed for our four students, Tourian, Priya, Levi and Reina who qualified for this event.



Camp Permission slips and Health Forms

These were issued yesterday. One form must be completed for each student. Please return these to school as soon as possible.

Camp Parent Helpers

We are seeking Camp helpers who can come and support / run Camp

activities. Please complete the form indicating your availability.

Camp helpers must be Police Vetted, and these forms will be sent home when we receive the Parent Helper slip back. Helpers that came on the Auckland Camp in December do not have to be police vetted again.

Teacher Only Day Monday 23 March

The Board of Trustees has made provision in each school term for one Teacher Only Day. This enables staff to upskill, receive professional development or work to develop classroom programmes and resources.

School will be closed for instruction on Monday 23 March for Years 1-6 students. Years 7 & 8 students have Technology and this will still be on.

Teachers and staff will be at school, however, Years 1-6 students must remain home. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes.

Brandt Shortland

Te Horo School staff and students would like to acknowledge His Honour, Judge Brandt Shortland. Although his Mihi Whakatau and Swearing-In Ceremony at Tau Henare Marae has been cancelled, we want to recognise the importance of Brandt's achievement to the law profession of Northland, and of course to Te Orewai and Ngati Hine.

Thank you also to Brandt and Moana, who dropped off kai to the school on Monday.

Dates to Remember

BOT Meeting 3pm	20 Mar
Teacher Only Day. School closed for Years 1-6	23 Mar
Years 7 & 8 Technology	23 Mar
Camp Manaia	25-27 Mar
Otangarei School Cultural Festival	27 Mar
Artist's Visit & Workshop	3 Apr
Sport Northland Visit—Paora Simon	6 Apr
Last Day of Term	9 Apr
Easter Friday School Closed. School Holidays	10 Apr

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students:

Excellence Awards

- Tourian Pira-Waa
- Nelson Rakich
- Wiremu Henare
- Alice Rakich

Effort Awards

- Levi Dunn
- Samuel Parore

Principal Awards

- Chance Rapana
- Makoia Tipene
- Te Rina Niha
- Tawhai Rakich

Books in Homes Awards

- Tivinia Peita
- Kaufo'ou Huihui-Neho
- Te Rina Niha
- Ruamahau Ranui
- Aria-Jade Peita

Nga mihi mahana.
Sandra Toapuho
Principal