

School Calendar

- 26 August Strum Strike Blow Performance
- 2 September School finishes at 2pm**
- 4 September Whole School Learning Celebration (Team Koru), 9.10am
Cultural Festival Performance, 12.30pm
- 11 September Teacher Only Day - School closed for instruction**
- 15 September Pub Quiz (PTA)
- 21 September PTA meeting, 3.15pm, Community Rm
- 25 September Whole School Learning Celebration (Team Harakeke), 9.10am
- 25 September Term 3 ends
- 12 October Term 4 starts
- 19 October PTA meeting, 3.15pm, Community Rm
- 26 October Labour Day - school holiday**
- 31 October Bunnings Sausage Sizzle (PTA)
- 13 November Show Day - school holiday**
- 16 November PTA meeting, 3.15pm, Community Rm
- 11 December Term 4 ends (to be confirmed)



Vision/Purpose Statement

A Vibrant Inspirational Learning Community
in the Heart of the City

Our Values

Excellence	Equity	Integrity	Sense of Community
Te Ririte	Te Ririte	Ngākau Pono	Nohonga Tahitanga

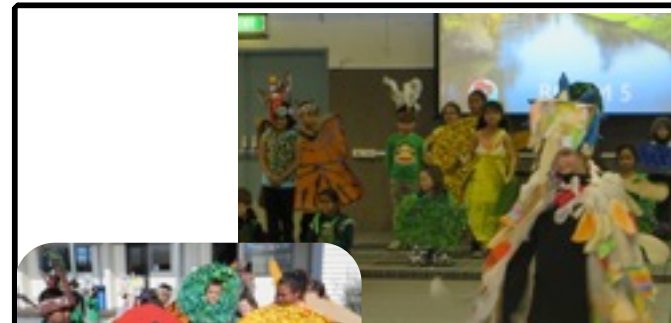
Strategic Goals

- 1 Implement the Curriculum
- 2 Raise Student Achievement
- 3 Strengthening the Learning Community

Kia ora everyone,

It is hard to believe as I write this newsletter that we are already into the second half of the term. Since our last newsletter there have been many great celebrations of learning happening around the school.

It was great to see so many families at our Wearable Arts Festival last Wednesday, the school was definitely buzzing with students being so proud to share and see other classes' performances. A few of the costumes will be displayed at our next whole school assembly if you were unable to attend last Wednesday.



We have also had another successful Cultural Learning Celebration in a number of our classrooms last week. This was the Kadayawan Festival which is the Philippines Festival of Good Harvest. A big thank you to all of the families who helped to make this happen.

So many great things have happened in the first five weeks of the term and there is so much more to look forward to. We had the PTA Disco a fortnight ago and our Wearable Arts Learning Celebration last week. We also have other major celebrations coming up: a number of our senior students are participating in The Strike, Strum, Blow Festival today at Horncastle Area and our Senior Kapahaka Group is performing at this venue next week as part of the Cultural Festival. I look forward to seeing you at one or both of these performances.

Thank you all for your continued support of our 'Vibrant and Inspirational School in the HEART of the City'. I look forward to seeing you around the school.

Regards Mike
Principal

News from Team Harakeke:

On Wednesday 19th August we had our amazing Wearable Art Celebration. Every class in the school created costumes and a performance to share with the community. In Room 6, we created our costumes based on 5 beautiful native birds, the Piwakawaka, the Tui, the Kea, the Kiwi, and the Pukeko. In groups of 4 and 5 we created one main costume, as well as masks for everyone. The students in Room 6 worked incredibly hard putting our part together for you, from research to design, creation to performance. They have all demonstrated amazing teamwork over the course of this unit, and developed all of the Learner Qualities.

Thank-you to everyone who came along and supported this event. It was a fantastic way of developing our Sense of Community.



Another awesome event for us in Team Harakeke, was the celebration of the Kadayawan Festival, held annually in the 3rd week of August in the Philippines' city of Davao, to celebrate the harvest.

To mark this festival Team Harakeke decided to have a special day in which we celebrated all things Philippines. We learnt lots of facts about The Philippines and compared going to school there to that of the New Zealand experience. In Room 5, the students made beautiful headpieces - similar to those worn in the Kadayawan Festival, In Room 6, the students designed flags that celebrated all of the different cultures in our classroom, and in Room 7, the students made colourful bandanas. In the afternoon, some amazing parents from our Filipino

community, provided a smorgasbord of tasty treats from The Philippines for us all to try. They were delicious! Thank-you so much to all that helped us out. It was yet another wonderful example of the strong Sense of Community at our school.



Kadayawan Festival



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