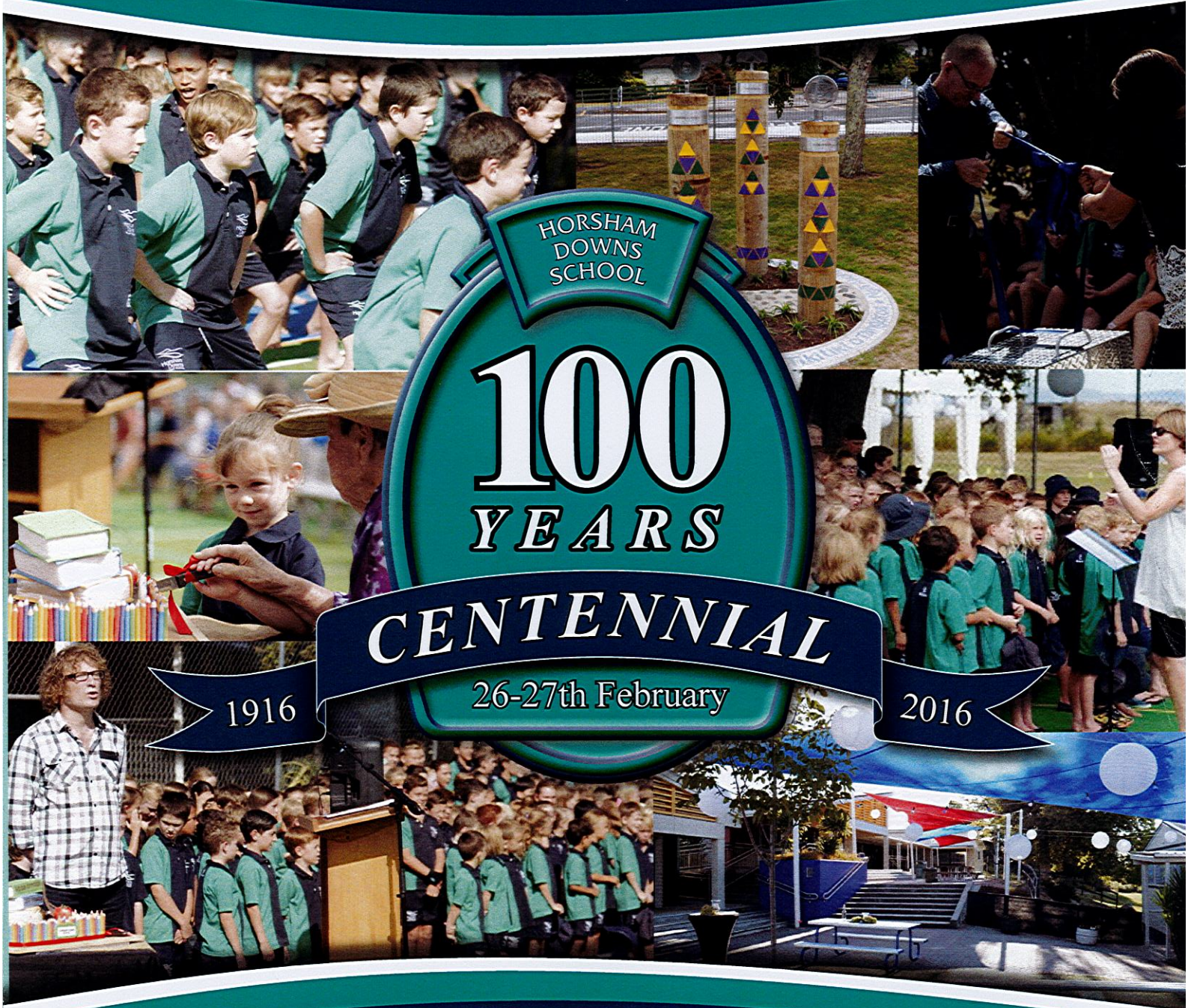




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## Dates to Remember

20/09/17

26 September	Yr 8 Immunisations
21 September	Ag Day Animal Demonstrations—2.00pm
26 September	WFPS Cross Country
29 September	Whole School Assembly
29 September	Tima Rua Dance Display—2.00pm

## A VIEW FROM THE TOP ....

### A Grand Day Out

Last Friday I had the pleasure of joining Rooms 7 & 8, on a 'Rocky Shore' day away in Raglan. All the children had a tremendous time exploring different types of shoreline and discovering some of the sea creatures they had been studying in class. We enjoyed glorious weather and the fabulous group of parents that helped with supervision got off very lightly overall. It was a terrific way to end the week; grounding classroom learning in reality makes the world of difference. Thanks to all who organised and helped out on Tima Rua's trips in recent weeks.



### Engaging our Māori Children - Invitation to School for an Informal Discussion on Realising Success as Māori

As part of our on-going review of the school charter, the Board of Trustees invites you to take part in an informal discussion to consider what success can look like at school for our children who identify as Māori. The venue is the school staff room, from 5:30pm onwards on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

Our intention is to listen to our wider whānau and integrate this point of view in our school charter, which is being prepared for 2018. It is important that we take specific account of families that identify as Māori owing to the unique bi-cultural heritage of New Zealand.

We would be delighted if you could join us for an hour or so to share your perspective with us.

Please RSVP to the school office to confirm your attendance, by e-mail [office@horshamdowns.school.nz](mailto:office@horshamdowns.school.nz) or by phone 07 829 4700.

### Fields Closed Due to Waterlogging

We are reluctantly closing our school fields for a couple of weeks due to them being waterlogged. The incessant rain has made them a quagmire and the kids are getting filthy every time they are out at playtime. We don't want to undo the grass restoration we completed a few months ago, so for the time being we will be keeping them clear. This will also give our water treatment system a chance to catch up and cope better with the tremendous amount of water that has been passing through. We expect normal service to be resumed after the school holidays and in time for Ag Day.

Steven Dunsmore  
Principal

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HORSHAM DOWNS LEARNERS

Room	Good Citizen	Self Manager	Thinking Learner
15	Max Duncan	Jayd Thompson	Cullan Townsend
14	-	-	-
1	Kayla Fleming	Fletcher Harnett	Vera Crome
2	Gloria Liu	Zaralily Bali	Ray Chi
3	-	-	-
4	Isla Sexton	Neekita Parmar	Andreas Caie
5	Natalie Smith	Ashlyn Fink	Hunter Gorrie
6	-	-	-
7	Zoie Tordoff	Miller Sturm	Cash Filipo
8	Jessica Driscoll	Caitlyn Phillips	Ryan Watson
9	Lucas Griffin	Kaden Ashton	Elizabeth Thompson
10	Vann Parry	Luca Peters	Sophia Dol
11	Jimmy Bourton	Reed Callaghan	Lily Thompson

### Horsham Downs School Sports Results

Final Hockey result for the season

HDS Warriors drew against HNS Tigers 2-2 in our pool final last Saturday. Despite the draw result, the HDS Warriors finish top of the table and remained undefeated for the season.

Well done to the team.



Last week, 8 students from years 5-8 represented Horsham Downs School at the interschool speech competitions.

Sarita Williams, Daniel Hooker, Max Gurnick and Aria Rameka competed in the Eastern Waikato Country Schools competition. Ella Vivian, Kyle Barker, Riley Jones and Alex Newman-Jacobs competed against students from schools in the Waikato Full Primary Schools cluster.

All of our students were excellent ambassadors for HDS and can be very proud of their efforts.

A special congratulations to our students who received top 3 placings:

Sarita Williams - 1st place - Y6 girls

"Racism"

Aria Rameka - 3rd place - Y5 Girls

"Handstands"

Riley Jones - 3rd place - Y8 Boys

"Autism"



## Ag Day at Horsham Downs School

### **What does Ag Day look like?**

***Children not involved with having an animal*** – These children will come to school as normal (9am – 3pm). They will be in class, often completing 'Ag Day' related activities in the morning. Once the judging on the field has finished, (usually about 11am), classes have an opportunity to walk around and look at the animals, garden projects, cake competitions and buy some lunch at the BBQ and Cake Stall. After lunch, children return to class for a short afternoon programme before going to the field for the prizegiving, which usually begins about 2.15pm (or whenever the results have been calculated).

***Children with a calf, lamb or goat*** – These children are **under the care of their parents for the day**. They arrive at school ready for judging to begin at 10am. This is usually finished by the early afternoon. Many will then stay for the prizegiving.

***Children with a chicken*** – These children are **allowed to be on the field with their chickens, provided their parents are there to supervise**. Otherwise, chickens and diaries can be left in the chicken tent when you arrive at school and students will be called from their class when the judge needs you.

***Garden Project Children*** – These children will be in class (unless they also have an animal) and will be called from their classes to meet with our judge to chat briefly about their garden project.

### **What to bring to school?**

***Cake Competition*** - If your child is entering the cake competition it will need to be brought to school and taken to the Multipurpose Room between 8.30 and 9am. Judging will begin after this and viewing for the school and visitors is between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

***Garden project containers (Section B entries)*** - will need to be put on the deck of the Multipurpose Room.

\*PLEASE NOTE – **Diaries for garden projects are to be brought to school on Monday, October 14**. They can be handed into the school office. This is to allow our judge time to read the diaries before Thursday.

***LUNCH MONEY***– Children are welcome to bring some money to buy something at the BBQ and Cake Stall. Junior children will be taken to the stall with their class, and the teacher will supervise their buying. Adults, please bring your cash too, although EFT-POS will be available.

**Are parents allowed to come to Ag Day if their child is not having an animal?**

Yes! You are more than welcome to visit. If you would like to see your child, we ask that you visit over lunchtime (12.30 – 1.30pm), when you can spend time with them.

### **Ag Day Animal Demonstrations**

Ag Day Animal Demos for Calves, Lambs and Goats to be held on Thursday September 21 at 2.30pm

To be held on the lawn in front of the office.

Any students who have one of the above on Ag Day are encouraged to come along and listen.  
Parents are most welcome.

### **Are you still wanting an animal for Ag Day?**

If there are any children that are still interested in rearing a calf for Ag Day please contact Jane on 027 282 4047. We have a number of beef calves that can be made available. Children will need to be able to come and spend time with their calves a couple of times a week.

## ICAS ENGLISH 2017

Congratulations to all students who sat the ICAS English exams this year. We had a record 43 students sitting the exam and some excellent results. A special congratulations to Joshua Barrymore-Uden (Year 5) whose High Distinction award puts him in the top 1% in NZ. Certificates will be presented when these arrive at school.

Individual results are as follows:

Year	First Name	Last Name	Award
8	LUCY	POLLARD	Credit
8	DANIEL	WILLIAMS	Credit
8	AVERY	HANSON	Credit
8	MATTHEW	LYNCH	Distinction
8	OLIVIA	DRISCOLL	Participation
8	ALEX	NEWMAN-JACOBS	Participation
8	AMELIA	WHYMAN	Participation
8	REUBEN	FRASER	Participation
8	AVA	O'NEALE	Participation
7	HANNAH	CORIN	Credit
7	ALEXIS	DALY	Credit
7	AMITY	WATSON	Credit
7	PAIGE	VANDER POEL	Distinction
7	DANICA	NEWPORT	Participation
7	SAMANTHA	DRISCOLL	Participation
6	NICHOLAS	WATSON	Credit
6	MADALYN	DAVIES	Merit
6	SARITA	WILLIAMS	Participation
6	GRACIE	CAMPBELL	Participation
6	ISAAC	JEFFERY	Participation
6	PAIGE	NEIGHBOUR	Participation
6	ABBY	FORSTER-SMITH	Participation
5	ISABELLA	CAIE	Credit
5	LUCA	DAVIDSON	Credit
5	LANIK	KADRY	Distinction
5	CHLOE	LAMB	Distinction
5	SOPHIE	WRIGHT	Distinction
5	JOSHUA	BARRYMORE-UDEN	High Distinction
5	MAXWELL	GURNICK	Merit
5	MYA	KOVALESKI	Participation
5	ARIELLA	RILEY	Participation
5	INDY	RILEY	Participation
4	KATIA	DALY	Credit
4	MASON	JONES	Credit
4	SAMUEL	WILLIAMS	Credit
4	BEN	RICHDALE	Credit
4	COOPER	VANDERPOEL	Distinction
4	LYNN	LEE	Distinction
4	DYARKO	KADRY	Distinction
4	ZOIE	TORDOFF	Merit
4	ADDISON	MCLEOD	Merit
4	CAITLYN	PHILLIPS	Merit
4	YIRAN	JIANG	Participation



Felix (Room 13) and Iris (Room 8) have recently finished doing 100 Day projects as part of an online international creativity network. Participants choose one thing to do every day for 100 days. Iris photographed, made fun for and wrote about her cat. Felix documented his experiences of being eleven years old through photos and text. Their work will be part of an exhibition of projects in Auckland on the first weekend of the school holidays.

You might like to look at some of the projects online at [www.100daysproject.co.nz](http://www.100daysproject.co.nz) 100 day projects are lots of fun, a bit of hard work, and a great way to practice and improve on anything creative – dance, writing, art, photography, music.... and to develop learning skills like persistence and planning. There were all kinds of projects happening, and not everybody who started made it all the way through to the end! Perhaps you might consider a project for 2018?



## ZIRKA CIRCUS

The circus is in town for the holidays! Zirka Circus is at the Base Hamilton from the 28/9/17 until 15/10/17. Horsham Downs School have been given some vouchers:

1x free family pass (value \$86)	Expires 1 Oct
2 half price tickets	Expires 8 Oct
15 x Child's free ticket	Expires 8 Oct

If you would like to enter the draw to win tickets, please go to the google form -link below- and put the name and room number of your oldest child at our school. Enter by 3pm this Friday, 22 September. Winners will be announced on Monday.

<https://goo.gl/forms/g2f5kCWtIRPdIK6G3>

## LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property box is full! Please check it before the end of term as it will all be going to "Clothe our Kids Waikato"

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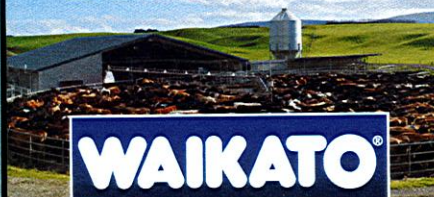
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