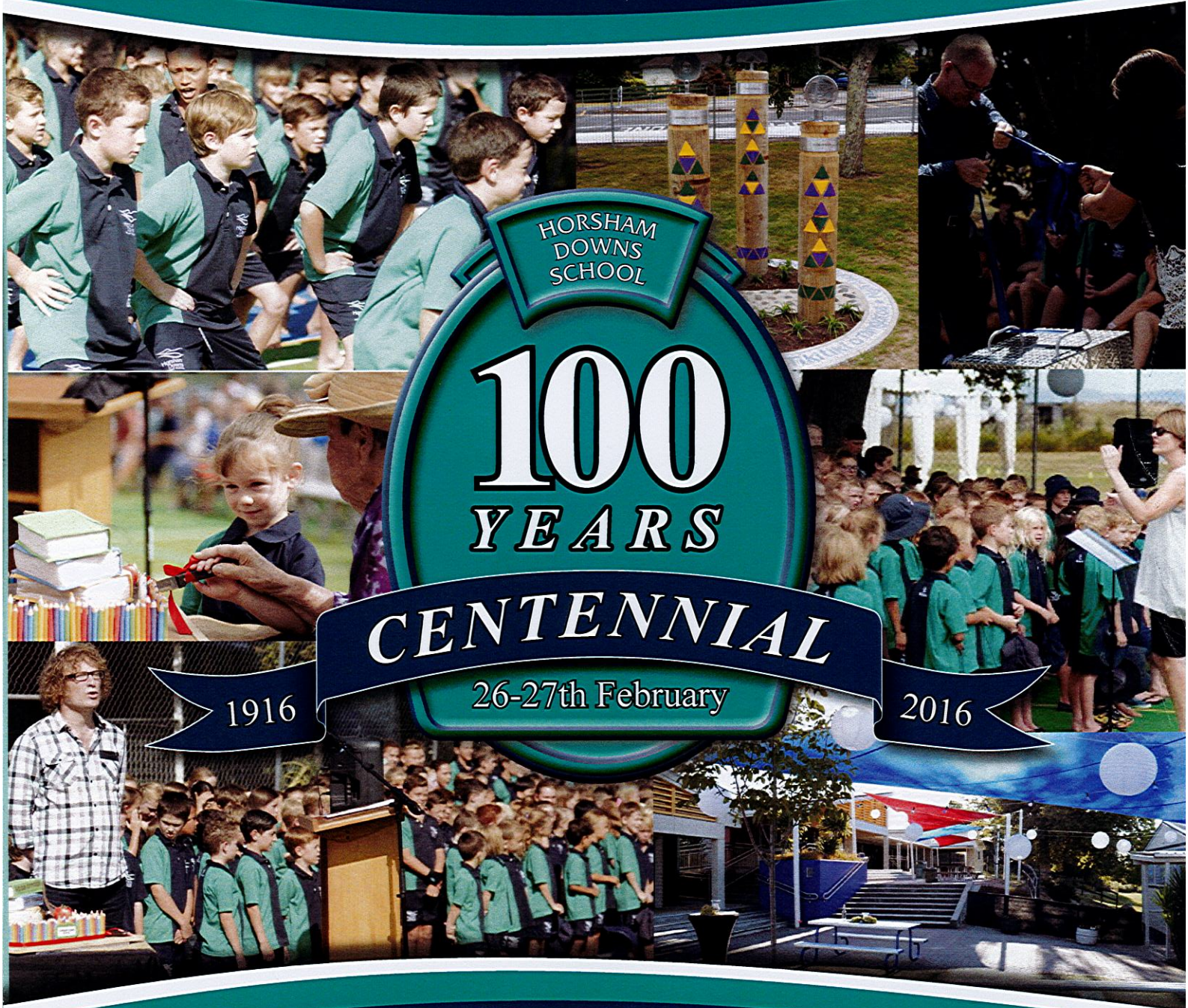


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## Dates to Remember

18/10/17

19 October	Horsham Downs School Ag. Day
23 October	Labour Day—School Closed
27 October	Kids for Kids Concert
3 November	Tima Toru Sharing Assembly
10 November	Flower Show

## A VIEW FROM THE TOP

**Welcome back** to school for the final dash to Christmas. We hope you have all had a relaxing and rewarding break over the past 2 weeks. The school term ends in only 9 more weeks, on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, so we have a packed programme of learning, sports and cultural events to keep everyone on their toes. At school, we have also been busy readying a new classroom for use, filling a container with our PE equipment and moving some teacher resources and smaller learning spaces to better accommodate our growing school roll. Our busy school programme begins with Agricultural Day on Thursday and rolls on from there – thank you in advance for your contributions, assistance with organising events and support to the efforts of our dedicated teaching staff.

**Swimming** – our pool is being readied for swimming as the weather warms. Later on this term swim-school 2 Focus will be offering ‘enhanced’ swimming lessons to those who would like to take part. This professionally provided opportunity costs just \$35 per pupil and provides a real boost above and beyond what is done as a whole class. More details of the courses will be made available in due course.

**Enrolment Survey Cont...** Thanks to those of you who have already contributed to our on-line survey to plan future enrolments. If you haven’t completed the short survey please click on the link to do so.

<https://goo.gl/forms/yff6VPP0A6cscUBB3>

It will only take 2 minutes and will help us plan out class structures in years to come. In addition, if you have had a change in circumstances and are leaving our school community next year please let us know as soon as practicable. We are currently planning our 2018 class structures so the more information we have the better. Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions around this.

**Chicken Pox** – it is here again and many children have been spotted with the virus. Please keep your child/ren away from school until they have fully recovered. Advice from The Ministry of Health includes:

### How is it spread?

The virus is spread through the air by infected people when they sneeze or cough, and by touching the chickenpox blisters then touching objects or other people. The illness starts 10–21 days after being exposed.

### Stop chickenpox spreading

Chickenpox is contagious from 1–2 days before the blisters appear. Avoid close contact with other people, stay home from work and keep children home from school and early childhood education centres for 1 week from the appearance of the rash until all blisters have dried.

Remember: chickenpox is serious for pregnant women and people who have a reduced immune response (eg, children with cancer). The chickenpox virus is spread through the air by infected people when they sneeze or cough.

Always turn away from others and use tissues when you cough or sneeze.  
Always wash your hands after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.

Chickenpox can also spread through touching the blisters and then touching objects or other people.

Wash your hands often, especially if you’re the caregiver of a child with chickenpox – and make sure they do the same. Discourage children from scratching the blisters.

For more details consult the Ministry website <http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/chickenpox>

Steve Dunsmore  
Principal

## Final Notices for Ag Day – Thursday, October 19

We are looking forward to seeing lots of you tomorrow for our annual Ag Day.

For those of you new to this event, please see the attached notice to give you an idea of what it looks like.

**Calf Stewards** - we are still needing three calf stewards to help out on Thursday. If you can help with this, please see Anna Phillips on the morning of Ag Day.

**Cake Competition** – The theme this year is Kaitiakitanga. The cake will need to be brought to the Multipurpose Room between 8.30 and 9.30am. Judging will begin after this and viewing for the school and visitors is between 10.30am and 12.30pm. If you wish to buy your cake, you will need to pay \$5 when you drop your cake off, otherwise once judging is finished it will be sold at the PA Bake Sale.

**Please see the cake competition flyer that was send home TODAY for more information**

### **FOR SALE**

Please remember to bring some money although we will have a cash-out EFT-POS facility in the Multipurpose Room.

School Recipe Books – “More Food for Thought” \$10

Centennial Mugs - \$5

### **FOOD AND DRINKS** (Run by the Horsham Downs School Parent Association Team)

Sausage in bread \$2.00

Steak sandwich with onion and bbq sauce \$3.50

Drinks – Cans \$2.00

Fruit Juice \$2.00

Water \$2.00

Cake Stall – sweets, muffins, savouries, etc from \$1.00

### **AT THE ENVIRO STAND**

Worm tea to fertilise your garden (from our school worm farm) – donation

Marmalade and Lemon Honey made with fruit from our own school orchard - \$ 3.00

Fresh eggs from our resident chooks \$3.00 for ½ dozen \$5.00 for 1 dozen

Honey Wraps - \$10

Native plants/seedlings

Raffle (Honey Wrap, Eggs, Garden Book, Seeds etc) \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00

### **SPECIAL THANKS**

We would like to thank Orange Cross for donating their time and coverage of safety in our Agricultural Day. Safety is a must and this health and safety company has gone the extra mile to put systems in place so our children are enjoying themselves for no cost. So thank you Megan and the team. Make sure if you have any questions to ask them on Thursday as they will be happy to answer any questions about Health and safety.



## **Ag Day at Horsham Downs School**

### **Thursday, October 19**

#### **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?**

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***Garden project containers*** – Your diaries have already been given to the judge when you brought them to school on Monday. Section B entrants - you will need to put your containers with your diary (these will be waiting for you) on the deck of the Multipurpose Room by 9am

***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.

***SHOES!*** – Please make sure all children have shoes as they will be walking around the field and will be close to the animals.

#### **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 (12.00 – 1.15pm), when you can spend time with them.

**ICAS MATHS 2017**

The results from our final ICAS exam are in. Well done to all students who sat ICAS Maths 2017. A special congratulations to Lynn Lee (Year 4) who received a High Distinction award. Certificates will be presented when these arrive at school.

Individual results are as follows:

Year	First Name	Last Name	Award
8	REUBEN	FRASER	Merit
8	AVERY	HANSON	Participation
8	MATTHEW	LYNCH	Credit
8	ALEX	NEWMAN-JACOBS	Participation
8	DANIEL	WILLIAMS	Distinction
7	KYLE	BARKER	Merit
7	MAGGIE	BENNETT	Credit
7	KELSEY	CASSEY	Credit
7	ALEXIS	DALY	Participation
7	NIKITA	HOEFT	Participation
7	BENJAMIN	SHUTE	Merit
7	MONIQUE	SPEDDING	Credit
7	AMITY	WATSON	Participation
7	CAMERON	WHITE	Merit
6	ISAAC	JEFFERY	Participation
6	OLIVER	SWNEY	Credit
6	NICHOLAS	WATSON	Credit
6	JAKE	WHITE	Credit
6	SARITA	WILLIAMS	Distinction
5	KADEN	ASHTON	Participation
5	JOSHUA	BARRYMORE-UDEN	Distinction
5	LEWIS	BENNETT	Participation
5	ISABELLA	CAIE	Participation
5	JACKSON	COOK	Participation
5	FLYNN	DAVIDSON	Merit
5	SOPHIA	DOL	Participation
5	ISLA	GREEN	Participation
5	MAXWELL	GURNICK	Credit
5	MAIYA	JHAVERI	Merit
5	LANIK	KADRY	Credit
5	GEMMA	LANDERS	Participation
5	ARIELLA	RILEY	Participation
4	YIRAN	JIANG	Distinction
4	MASON	JONES	Credit
4	DYARKO	KADRY	Distinction
4	LYNN	LEE	High Distinction
4	ZOIE	TORDOFF	Participation
4	COOPER	VANDERPOEL	Credit
4	RYAN	WATSON	Participation
4	SAMUEL	WILLIAMS	Credit
4	KIAN	WILSON	Credit

**Kids for Kids Choir (Years 4-8)**  
**Don't forget to buy your tickets**

Please go to the following link to buy tickets and remember that we are only performing on Friday, October 27 as there will be other Hamilton shows for other schools.

[www.eventfinda.co.nz/2017/kids-for-kids-kiwi-as-hamilton/hamilton](http://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2017/kids-for-kids-kiwi-as-hamilton/hamilton)

Thanks  
 Nicole Jones

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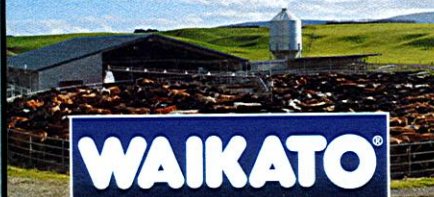
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