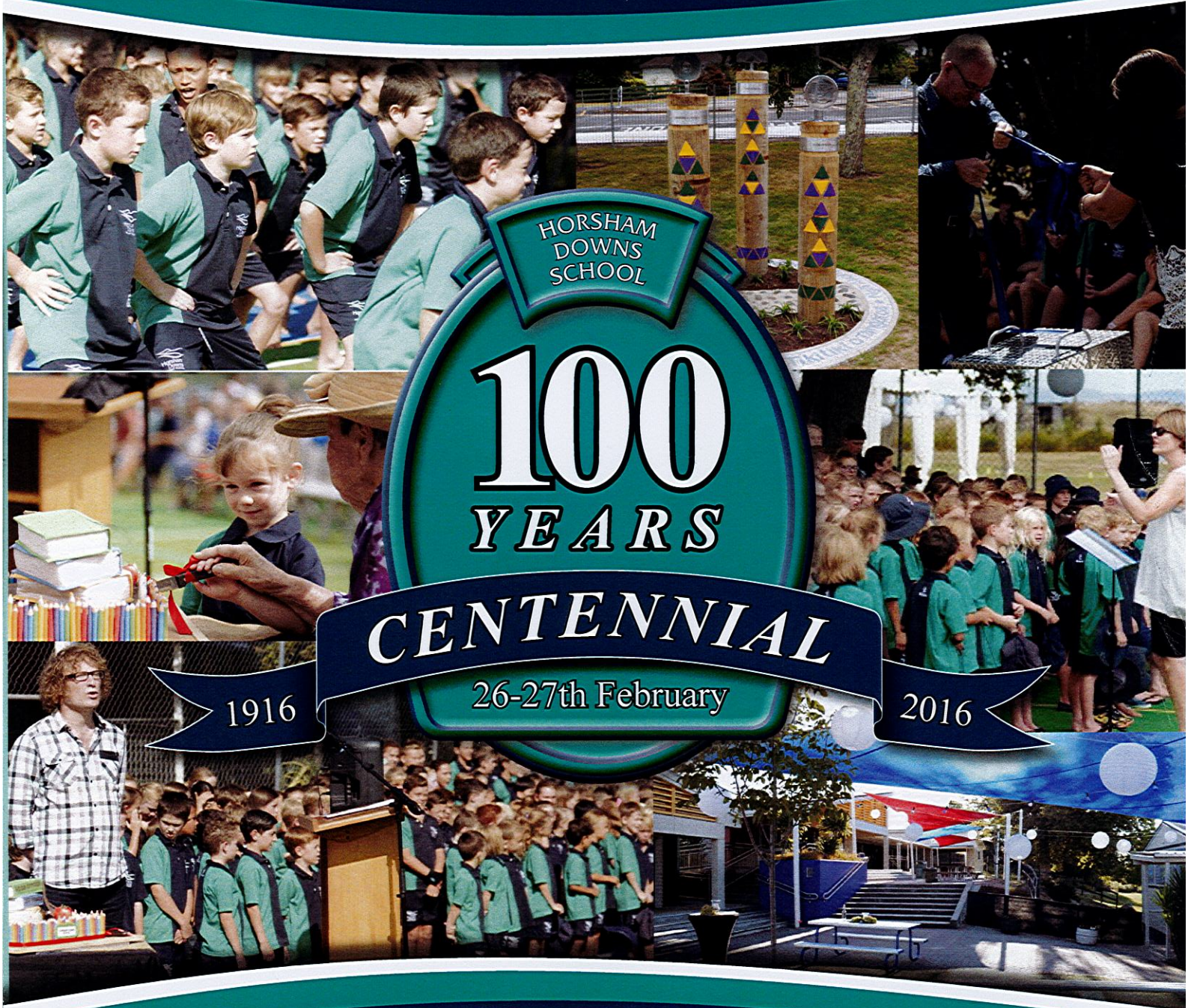




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10 November	Flower Show
16 November	HDS Athletics Sports—8yrs and over (PPD 21/11)
17 November	Tima Tahi Sharing Assembly
20 November	HDS Athletics Sports—5-7 Yrs (PPD 22/11)
24 November	Tima Rua Sharing Assembly
28 November	EWCS Athletics

Dates To Diarise

Friday 8 December	Final Assembly 9.00am - Hall
Friday 15 December	Prizegiving 10.30am—Hall
Last day of 2017	15 December

A VIEW FROM THE TOP**Welcome to Mrs Sacha Penny – our New Office Administrator**

You may have noticed a new face in the school office this week. We want to extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Sacha Penny who will be running the 'back-office' administration for our school. Sacha is married to husband Henry and has 2 beautiful girls aged 2 and 5. We look forward to getting to know Sacha – she has hit the ground running and is in the school office with Raewyn Mon-Thu 8:30am to 1:30pm.

Class Placements 2018

We are currently starting the process of organising our class structures for 2018.

As you will be aware this is quite a challenge for any school; in deciding the make-up of each class we have taken into account very many factors to ensure that each child receives the optimum opportunity that our school can offer.

Our prime consideration is the educational needs of each child; however, we also consider friendship issues, gender balance, age and maturity of groups within any class. Many children have a specific perception of, or preference for, a teacher they expect to have in the following year. This may be due to a family tradition of enjoying the same teacher over time in a certain year level for a number of children in one family. The organisational requirements of the school, and the fact that some teachers move roles inside and outside of our school, means some children may be disappointed.

We understand that children and families at our school get very familiar with our stable teaching staff but changes in the staff structure are inevitable. It must also be remembered that as the years of schooling progress, children are exposed to a wide variety of teachers and teaching styles, throughout primary school, at high school and beyond. In the same vein, some children may not have been placed in the same class as their 'best friend' but this alone cannot be considered reason enough to change class.

We continue to receive unexpected enrolments and this also impacts on class planning. As such our 'plan' will not be finalised until late in this term.

We will be sharing the class placements for 2018 with you in the last week of the term when our plans are finalised, together with the end-of-year-reports.

Term Dates for 2018

Term 1	7 Feb-13 Apr
Term 2	30 Apr-6 Jul
Term 3	23 Jul- 28 Sep
Term 4	15 Oct-19/20 Dec (TBC)

OUR NEW STOCK OF SCHOOL
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YOU REQUIRE ONE.



THANKS

Steve Dunsmore
Principal

Important: Please check following pages for information regarding Block Swimming and 2018 Camps.

8 November, 2017

BLOCK SWIMMING LESSONS 2017

We believe that, as we live in a country where water plays a major role in recreational activities, it is vital that we give our students a good grounding in aquatic skills. We see the use of outside providers as a valuable supplement to our school swimming programmes. For the past few years we have used the coaches from 2FOCUS for block courses and have been impressed at the progress students make during this intensive programme. Lessons take place in our pool, during the school day.



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- Efficient time management.

The cost of the programme will be \$35 per student in Years 3-6 and \$40 Years 7-8 (this is due to one of the sessions being held at the St Pauls swimming pool to work on diving and turning, and includes bus fare).

Swim week for Years 3-6 (Rooms 5-11) will be Mon 4- Thurs 7 December, + Mon 11 December

Swim week for Years 7-8 (Rooms 12-13) will be Mon 4- Fri 8 December.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity and sign your child/children up for this year's block course, please follow the link to the google form below and the fee will be added to your account.

PLEASE NOTE: In order to arrange groups and timetables, it is vital that we have confirmed numbers by FRIDAY 24 November.

Link to google form <https://goo.gl/forms/skanHKs5G8Hze8TD2>

Special note: YEARS 0-2

Students, who are in Years 0-2 (Rooms 1,2,3,4,14,15) at present, will have their swim week 24 February- 2 March 2018. (Payment for these classes will be due in February).



Parents of students in Years 0-7

If your circumstances have changed, and your child/children will not be returning to Horsham Downs School in 2018, can you email the office to let us know asap. It really helps us with our forward planning. Thanks.

Email office@horshamdowns.school.nz

8 November, 2017

CAMPS 2018– YEAR 4-8

This letter is to give you advance notice of our Y4-8 camps coming up in term 1 next year. At HDS we have a cumulative outdoor programme that we believe supports our goals of :

A. Personal and physical challenge.

B. Awareness of the environment and safety in the outdoors.

C. Team work.

As in previous years, we also organise our camp parents before the end of the year. This enables parents to organise time off work if necessary and allows us to sort responsibilities, ratios etc.

CAMP DATES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

NB: Please do not pay for camps until the student info packs are sent out in Term 1.

We can offer payment plans and/or hardship assistance. More details next year.

Year 4 Pirongia 28 Feb-1 March or 1-2 March*

A secure but challenging first camp experience; the programme includes orienteering, confidence course, team building, problem solving, rock climbing wall, flying fox and the tramp to Ruapane Trig. Instructors supervise the rock climbing and flying fox.

Contribution towards the cost \$85.

Year 5 Pauanui 21-23 February

This is our sea-based camp. The programme includes a beach education programme at the Waihi Surf

Life Saving Club, kayaks on the estuary with instructors and equipment from The Boat Shed, tramping, orienteering and beach art.

Contribution towards the cost \$180

Year 6 Pauanui 19-21 February

This is our sea-based camp. The programme includes a beach education programme at the Whangamata Surf

Life Saving Club, kayaks on the estuary with instructors and equipment from The Boat Shed, tramping, orienteering and beach art.

Contribution towards the cost \$180

Year 7/8 Aongatete 27 Feb-2 March

Set in the foothills of the Kaimai ranges, this camp offers great learning opportunities centred around the NZ bush.

The students will be involved in the following range of outdoor pursuits- tramping above the bush line, river rock pool swimming, rock wall climbing (indoor venue), archery, orienteering, team problem challenges, outdoor cooking, tenting. The 4 day camp also includes a day at Waimarino Adventure Park.

Contribution towards the cost \$200.

*PLEASE NOTE: The Year 4 camp is split over three days i.e. half will attend 28 Feb-1 March, the other half 1st and 2nd March. As the classes are not finalised yet, we cannot tell you the exact date your child will be going at this stage.

PARENT HELPERS

We are always greatly appreciative of the support we get in this area and usually have more parents offer than can be accommodated. Each camp has a defined number of spaces for parents and this is built into the budget so that there is no cost for camp parents.

Please complete the google form (link below) to indicate your availability. Responses must be received by FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER. If you cannot access the form, please contact the school office at

office@horshamdowns.school.nz

You will be notified of the camp parent teams before the end of the term.

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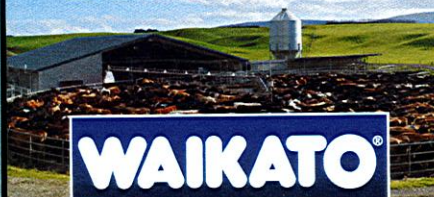
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