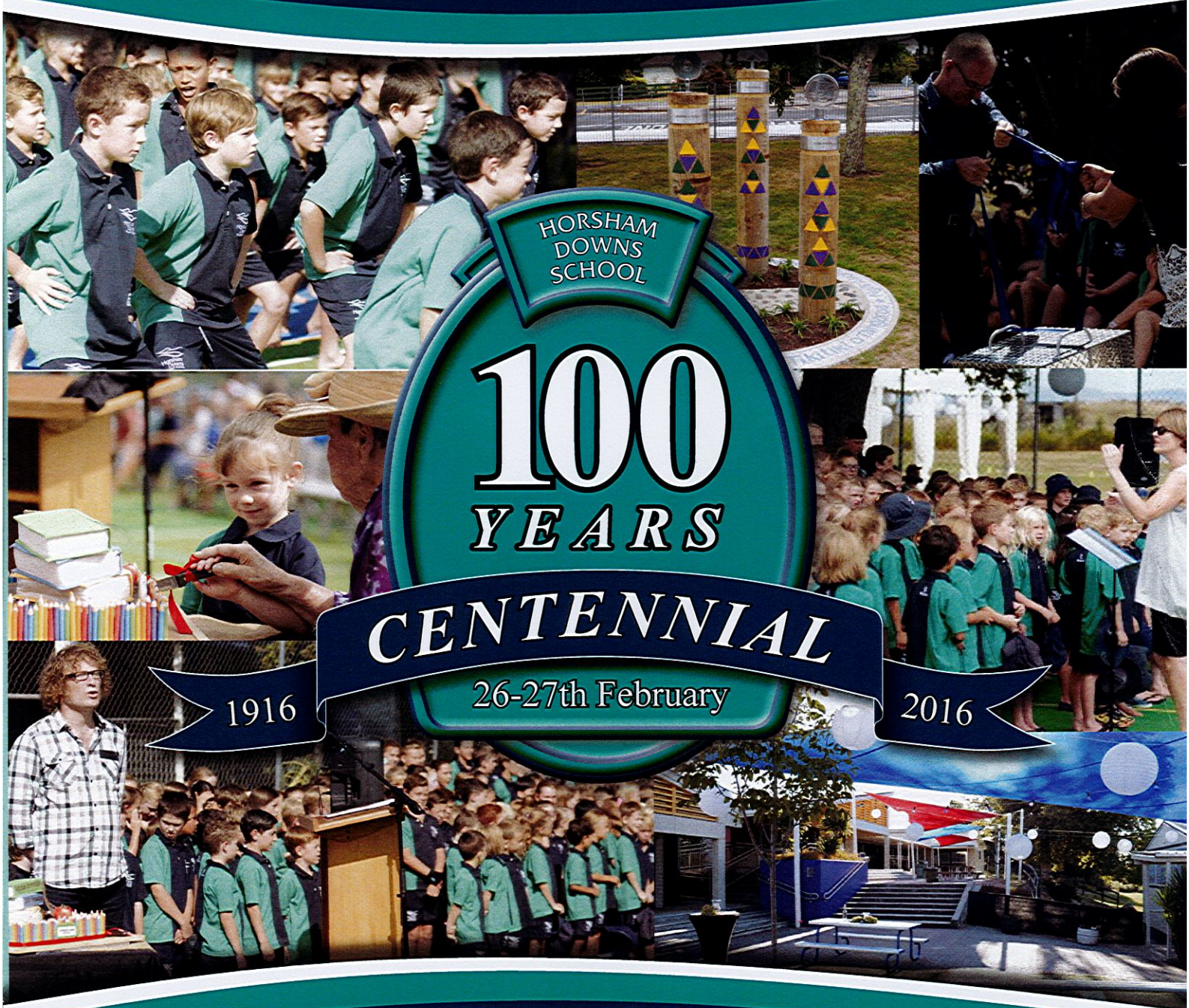


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Dates to Remember

08/11/17

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 Choir Concert, 2.15pm in the Community Hall—the Kids for Kids Choir will be performing a few songs.
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

Teaching Staff Changes for 2018

As we approach the end of the school year we have a few changes in our school staff to announce.

Firstly, we want to acknowledge the retirement of Miss Keddle from full-time teaching. Janis has been at Horsham Downs for 14 years and has served as a teacher for over 40. Janis is retiring at the end of term 4 and we wish her the very best for what will be a busy and well-earned break from the classroom.

Secondly, we want to celebrate the promotion of Mr Thompson. Mike has won a team-leader position at Vardon School. Mike has been an essential component in the Senior end of our school for 5 years and his energy and enthusiasm will be sorely missed.

Thirdly, we are saying goodbye to Mrs McLaughlin who is leaving us (for a wee while at least...) to travel and enjoy more racing challenges. Bridget is an avid runner who can enjoy the type of distances most of us can only consider when driving. We hope to see more of Bridget next year.

Finally, we will be welcoming back Leah White. Leah has been working in the UK for the past couple of years and is looking forward to rekindling her association with Horsham Downs School.

Manaakitanga.

Our school value this term is manaakitanga.

The meaning of manaakitanga is much broader than a one word or direct translation. It can be broken down into three parts: *mana-ā* -ki which loosely translates as 'the power of the word' and reminds hosts to be expressive and fluent in welcoming visitors.

Another explanation has the words *mana* / prestige and *ki te tangata* / to the people - pointing out the importance of enhancing the mana which covers the integrity, status / prestige, and power of guests.



As we approach the end of the school year we are focussing the children on acting with integrity, treating all others with respect and showing kindness. These are elements in the rich and complex meaning of manaakitanga that reflect our school values and those that we share with our school families. Thank you in anticipation of you reinforcing this at home.

Steve Dunsmore
Principal

Important: Please check attachments for information regarding Health Consultation, Swimming and 2018 Camps.

Chickens... Run!

Do you recognise those legs? Rumour has it that Mike Barker has been test driving his new power tools by building a swanky chicken palace down in our enviro-area. If it is ever finished it will be a work of art as well as a legacy bit of infrastructure to enjoy for years to come. Just confirm the timber is treated Mike..?



Horsham Downs School Parent's Association "Calendar Art" **Last orders due this Friday.**

Please use the google form to place your order, and pay either into the PA bank account or place cash payment in the purple PA box in the foyer of the office.

<https://goo.gl/forms/rNXwa9Kv3tFH4vCE3>

Please fill out a separate form for each child.

If you have any questions please contact Megan Owen at megan@orangecross.co.nz

Thank you for supporting the PA as we support the school.

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ARRIVED. PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE
IF YOU REQUIRE ONE.

THANKS



DON'T FORGET ATHLETICS SPORTS TOMORROW THURSDAY 16 NOV

Wear your school sports uniform, put on sunscreen, wear your hat and bring a water bottle. Spectators welcome.

HDS 8-13 Year Athletics Day Rotation 2017

9:10	9:25	10:15	11:05	11:55	12:15	1:05	1:55	2:45	Event
Assembly	A	E	B	Lunch	C	F	D	Relays	Discus
	C	A	E		B	D	F		High Jump
	D	C	A		F	B	E		Games
	F	D	C		A	E	B		Sprints
	B	F	D		E	A	C		Shot Put
	E	B	F		D	C	A		Long Jump

- A =** 8 Boys
B = 10-11 Boys
C = 9 Boys
D = 10-11 Girls
E = 8-9 Girls
F = 12-13 Boys & Girls



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

CURRICULUM CONSULTATION

At least every two years, Boards of Trustees are required to consult their school communities about the Health and Physical Education Curriculum being delivered at their school. The purpose of this consultation is to outline the programmes that we are proposing for the next two years and to invite comment on whether parents/carers/whanau feel these will meet the needs of our students.

An overview of the proposed programme is attached to this newsletter. Once you have read and considered this document, you are invited to respond on a google form (the link to the form is included on the programme outline).

BLOCK SWIMMING (YEAR 3-8)

This is a great opportunity for students to have one week of small group lessons with trained instructors from 2Focus. Every year, teachers comment on how much progress students make with this focussed approach. These lessons will take place in our pool during the school day in Week 8. Year 7/8 students get the added bonus of a lesson at the St Paul's pool where they can practise swimming and diving in a deeper pool. If you would like to sign your child/children up for these lessons, a letter and link to the google form is attached to this newsletter. As this is an optional opportunity, we need to know numbers for planning purposes so you need to sign up by FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER please.

(Year 0-2: your swimming lessons will be in February so don't sign up yet!)

2018 CAMPS (YEAR 4-8)

Advance notice and camp parent sign up information attached.

BOOK AMNESTY

It's that time of year again when we start tidying up our Library and Book Rooms. Please have a hunt around at home and return any Library Books and readers to the labelled box in the school office.

No questions asked.
Thank you



One of our Year 5 students, Caitlin Wright, has been competing in an event called the XRACE since she was 7 years old, and this year has become an ambassador for this. It sounds like a fantastic thing for an adult and child to do together. Caitlin would like to encourage you to think about entering this local event in February. Details are below. If you enter using the school code, you get \$10 discount. If 10 groups from our school enter, the school gets two free flags.



Hi, I'm Caitlin Wright and I'm an Ambassador for an event called XRACE. To enter XRACE you make a team of two people, one person is a child aged between 6 and 14 years old and the other an adult (Mum, Dad or family friend). XRACE is a mystery adventure race, your team completes all kinds of challenges, things like button sewing, painting, dancing, tug-of-war or Lego construction, there have also been CPR challenges and Morse code ones to complete. You don't know what challenges you will be doing until you get there on the day.

XRACE is a really fun event, I've competed in it for the past three years and it's one of my favourite things to do. You even get a medal for both you and your adult when you cross the finish line.

If you're not quite old enough to race in XRACE, there is a special event just for you called the Nippers race, this is designed for children 3-6 years old.

You can find more information about XRACE on the pamphlet that is coming home with your child today, or visit www.xrace.co.nz. If you decide to enter then use the discount code FAMILY when you enter online, and you will receive \$10 off the entry fee per family.

The Hamilton XRACE is happening on Sunday 25th February 2018 at 10am at the Waikato University.



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