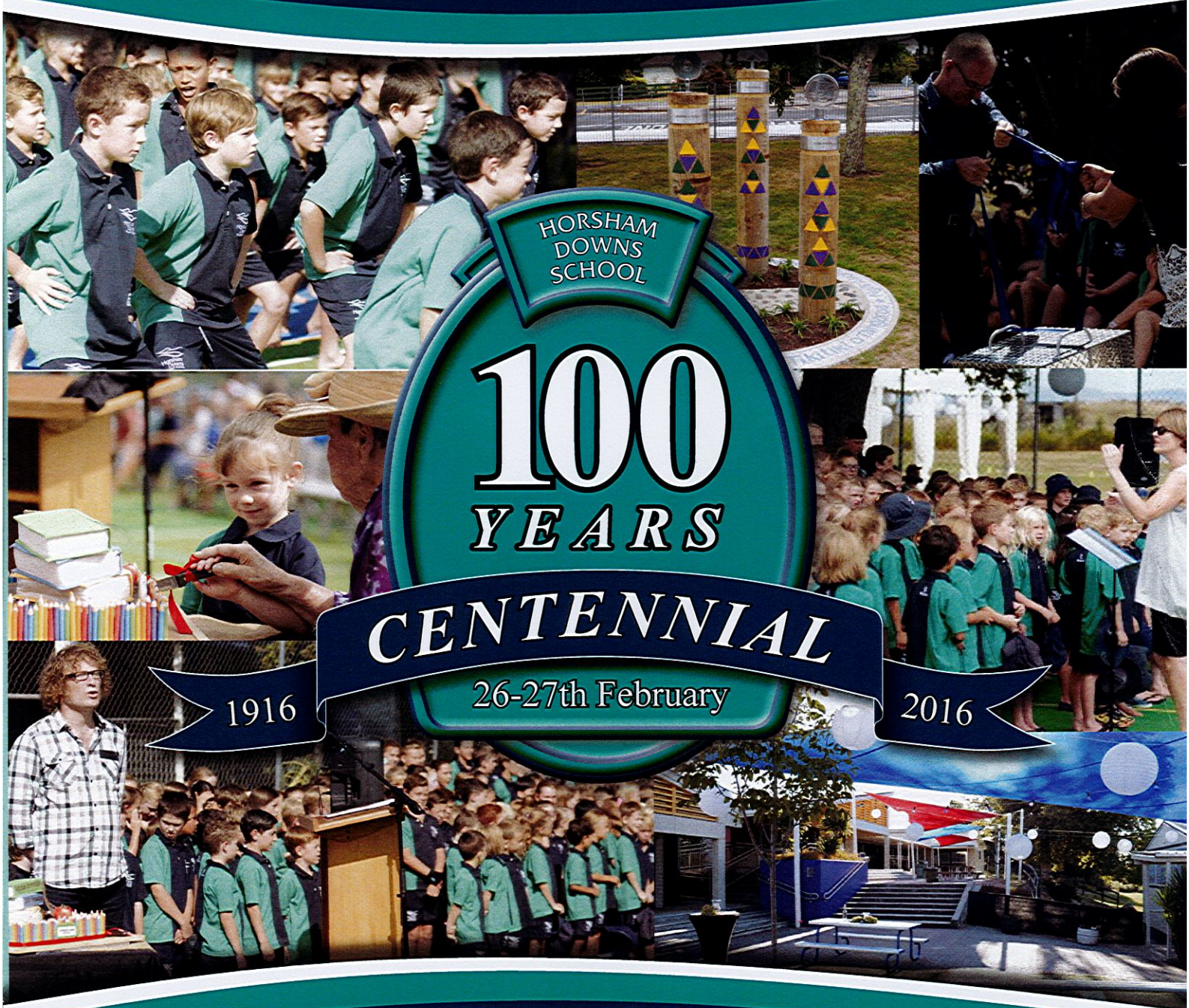




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Dates to Remember

07/12/17

8 December Final Assembly—9.00am, Community Hall
15 December Prizegiving—10.30am, Community Hall

15 December Last day of 2017
7 February 2018 Term 1 begins

A VIEW FROM THE TOP.

We are nearly there... but not quite!

With less than 2 weeks left of the school year, the pace of events here is not slowing. Around the school there is much activity and preparation for our final assembly this coming Friday, 8th December, and Prize-giving on Friday 15 December, our last day at school. We hope you can join us celebrating the achievements of the children across our school and fare-welling our Y8 students.

END OF YEAR INFORMATION

FINAL WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Friday 8 December 9am

The students who have been participating in the William Pike Challenge Award will be hosting our final assembly for 2017. They will be sharing the amazing experiences they have had this year and will be presented with their awards. We will also have an item from the guitar group. HDS service awards will be presented to librarians, enviro team members, jump jam leaders, house captains, IT monitors and student councillors. Please join us as we celebrate a successful year.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

On Monday 11 December, we will be sending home important documentation. School reports will be issued together with class placements for 2018 and information about stationery, uniforms and Term dates. In addition, a paper copy of your school accounts/request for payment will be enclosed. Please settle any outstanding amounts next week to keep our accountants happy and the school books in order. Many thanks in anticipation of your assistance with this.

PRIZEGIVING – Friday 15 December 10.30am -12.30pm

Mark this date in your diary and join us as we celebrate a successful year and farewell our Year 8 students who are leaving to attend High School in 2018. Class award certificates in our Horsham Downs Learner categories (Thinking Learner, Self Manager and Good Citizen) are presented. The senior (Year 8) cups are presented and a presentation is made to the Year 8 leavers. Parents/caregivers of students receiving awards will be notified in Week 8.

You are reminded that all students are expected to wear their sports/cultural uniform shirts to prizegiving. If you are attending prizegiving, you may take your child home afterwards; please let the relevant teachers know.

OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS IN 2018

During 2017 we have been faced with some challenges in finding classroom spaces for all our enrolled children. In 2018, we will be starting with 14 classrooms, the most the school has ever started with. The Board of Trustees has determined that, currently, there are no spaces for out-of-zone enrolments during Term 1, 2018. This situation is under constant review and any changes will be notified to our community in our school newsletters.

Steve Dunsmore
Principal



This is a fun event, organised completely by the student council. Over the past couple of weeks, they have been busy holding auditions, and the final is being held in the hall next Thursday, 14 December, starting at 1.40pm. Parents of finalists are welcome to come along and support their children.

Candy Canes and Chocolates.

At this time of year many children are starting to get excited about the upcoming Christmas Holidays. So are the school staff! In recent years there has been a tendency for children to give Christmas cards to friends which often include sweets, particularly candy canes. Whilst we don't want to appear as the 'Grinch', Horsham Downs School doesn't want to encourage gifting sweets around the school. You can imagine the number of candy canes being consumed or traded! As a school working towards 'para kora' (zero waste) we are also increasingly aware of the litter the innumerable sweets leave around our environment. We wish all children and families to enjoy the festivities of the season - but please don't encourage your children to share sugary treats around the school – there will be plenty of time for all that after 15 December.

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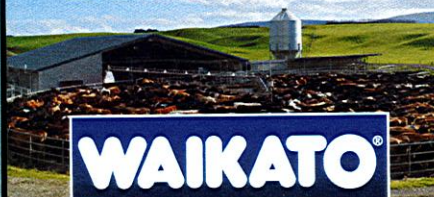
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