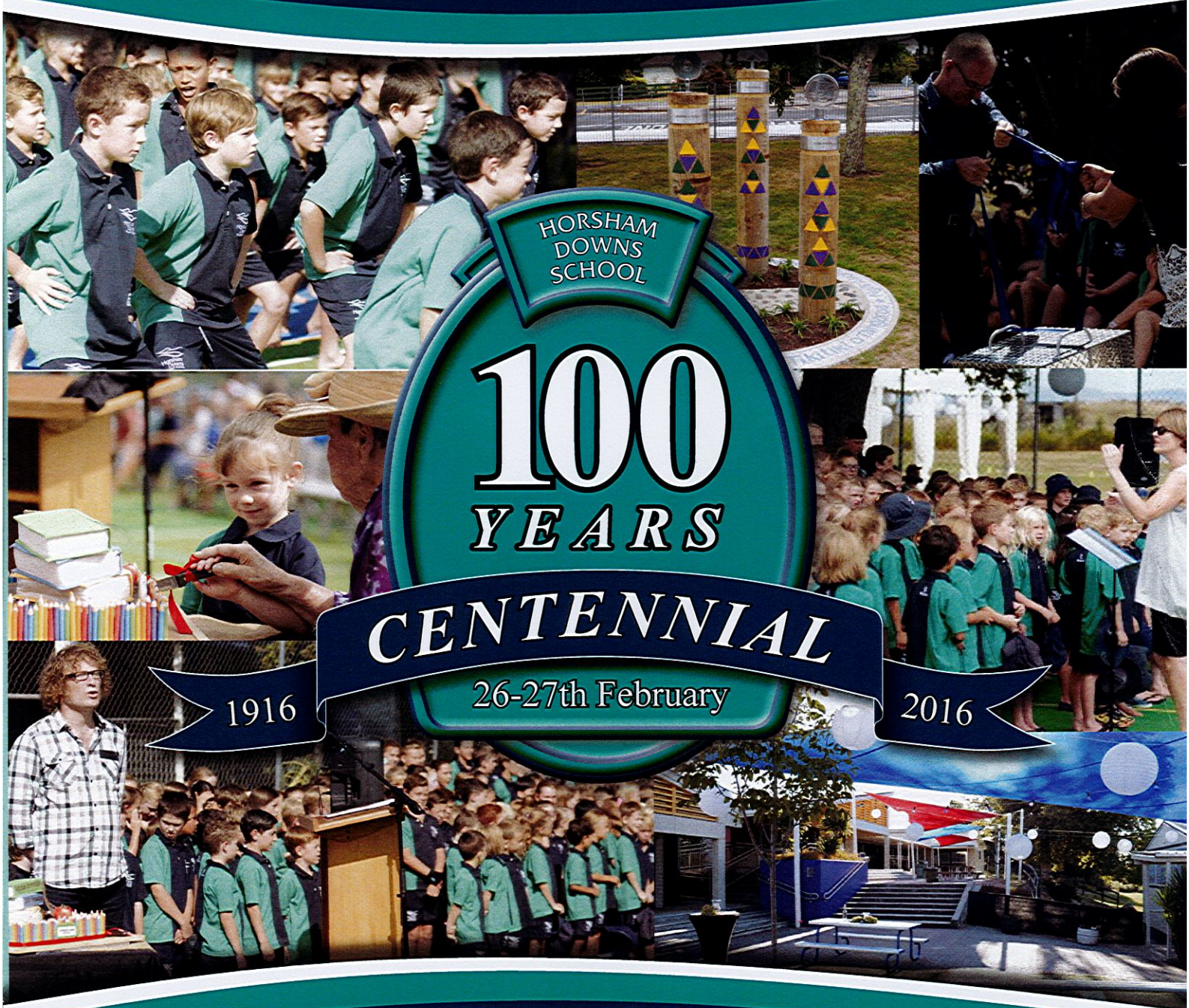


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Dates to Remember

13/12/17

15 December Prizegiving—10.30am, Community Hall

15 December Last day of 2017

7 February 2018 Term 1 begins

A VIEW FROM THE TOP.

The Final Countdown...

During our last few days of the school year we would all hope to be winding down but in fact, as you might have noticed, we are winding up! Our amazing office staff have been preparing reports, class placements, camp notices and final accounts. The teaching staff are organising Friday's festivities. Ms Watling is wrangling the Y7/8s and Mrs Poultny has been employing teachers for our classes next year.

If we have missed something, we apologise. Term 4 is the very busiest time of year in any school and the stresses are many and various. Throughout this time, we are tremendously grateful to everyone who has supported us in a class with a trip or in the staffroom with some Christmas sustenance, (usually sweet and covered in icing!) Our whole school staff really appreciate these tokens of your appreciation. Thank you!

Prize Giving – Uniforms On Please!

At our Prize Giving on Friday 15th December please remember to send your child/ren to school in their HDS uniform. We hope you can join us on the day. The event starts at 10:30am and is likely to finish around 12:30pm. You are encouraged to take children home at this point. For those spending the afternoon with us, lunch will run from 12:30pm to 1:30pm as normal. After-school-care, and some teachers, will supervise any remaining children until 3:00pm when school closes as normal.

Book Amnesty Continues

We are missing a few books. Actually, we are missing 371 books valued at \$4873. This doesn't include the many 'Ready to Read' books that our youngest students enjoy and are far too many to count... Please scour your children's bags, bedrooms and under the car seats to seek out our missing treasures. Send them back whatever the condition and just drop in the Amnesty Box in the school office or return directly to your classroom teachers. Thank you!

CAMP PARENT LETTERS

Once again, we have been blown away by the response to our request for camp parents. We had close on 90 mums or dads offering to help out at our 5 camps early next year, and unfortunately, we simply cannot take everyone. Letters have gone home with students today, letting parents know whether they are required or not. We know that some of you will be disappointed. Please know that there are many factors involved in the decision making and we hope that you will apply again next year. If you did 'miss out', we will keep your name on file and if for some reason one of the camp parents has to pull out, we may contact you.

On a practical note, it was a logistical challenge sorting the letters out for so many parents with multiple camps to consider. ***We have sent letters to all who put their names down but there may have been the odd glitch... If you do not receive one, please e-mail the school at office@horshamdowns.school.nz.***

Mr Dane McLeod – Our New Y7/8 Teacher

We are delighted to be able to announce the appointment of Mr Dane McLeod as our new Y7/8 classroom teacher. Dane will be working and collaborating closely with Ms Watling in a new 'team teaching' environment at the top of our school. We hope to be remodelling the outside area of Rooms 12/13 to provide an overflow and circulation space between the classrooms. We also know our most senior students will enjoy the new learning-dynamic at the top-end of our school next year. Welcome aboard, Dane!





Classroom Overview in 2018

Our school organisational structures have now been set for next year.

Management Team:

Steve Dunsmore- Principal

Rachel Poultney – Deputy Principal

Christine Hommel –Assistant Principal/SENCO

Linda Watling – Y7/8 Leader

Julie Herbert – Y4-6 Leader

Arihia Waikari – Y1-3 Leader

Teaching Team Structure:

Room Number	Year Level	Teacher
1	New Entrants/Y1	Mrs Liz Wills
2	Y1/2	Mrs Nicole Jones
3	Y2	Mrs Nina Tabrum
4	Y1/2	Mrs Linza Wolmarans
5	Y3	Mrs Joy Thompson
6	Y4	Miss Raelene Gaffaney
7	Y4	Mrs Julie Herbert
8	Y5	Miss Leah White
9	Y5	Mrs Vanessa Kapeli
10	Y6	Mrs Anna Henderson
11	Y6	Miss Karli Graham
12	Y7/8	Mr Dane McLeod
13	Y7/8	Ms Linda Watling
14 (old Resource Room)	Y3	Miss Arihia Waikari

On-Line Stationery Orders - Thanks for many of you who have already ordered your stationery packs from Office Max. There is a wee bit during the process that references a 'school donation' - please ignore this. Any donation to the school will be notified next year in your school requests for payment, in the usual way.

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Rubbish in 2018

We are now officially a 'Para Kore – Zero Waste' school. Our Enviro Group, under Mrs Herbert, has been working tirelessly to reduce waste in our school. Next year we will be removing rubbish bins from our school and asking children to take their left-overs home. We hope this will encourage families to adopt a 'nude food' approach to lunches and also give you a better idea of what (or not) your children eat from their lunchboxes. The idea behind this came from our amazing Student Council who were stunned at the amount of wrapping they were recycling and the amount of great food that was being discarded from the lunchboxes. It will all be coming home in 2018, so please cut down on waste wherever you can to support our goal.



Hamilton Section

12 December 2017

Osborne Road Bridge Construction Update

On Monday 19 December we will be pouring the concrete deck on the Osborne Road Bridge. This is part of the construction of the Waikato Expressway Hamilton Section.

Works will begin at 4.30am in order to avoid peak traffic hours. Approximately 35 concrete trucks will enter site from the Horsham Downs Road end. Two pumps will be set up to complete the works.

Nearby residents may notice the sound of truck engines, generators and concrete pumps on this day. There will also be light towers set up for the works.

These works will only take one day to complete. Over Christmas/New Year, earthworks will cease on statutory holidays and Sundays.

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This is a fun event, organized 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 tomorrow, Thursday, 14 December, starting at 1.40pm. Parents of finalists are welcome to come along and support their children.

Lost property

Please check the lost property before the end of term as it will be going to charity once school has finished..

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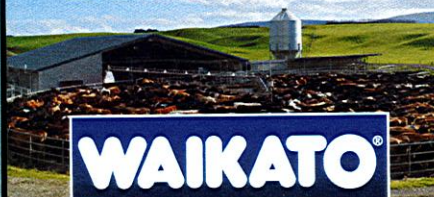
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