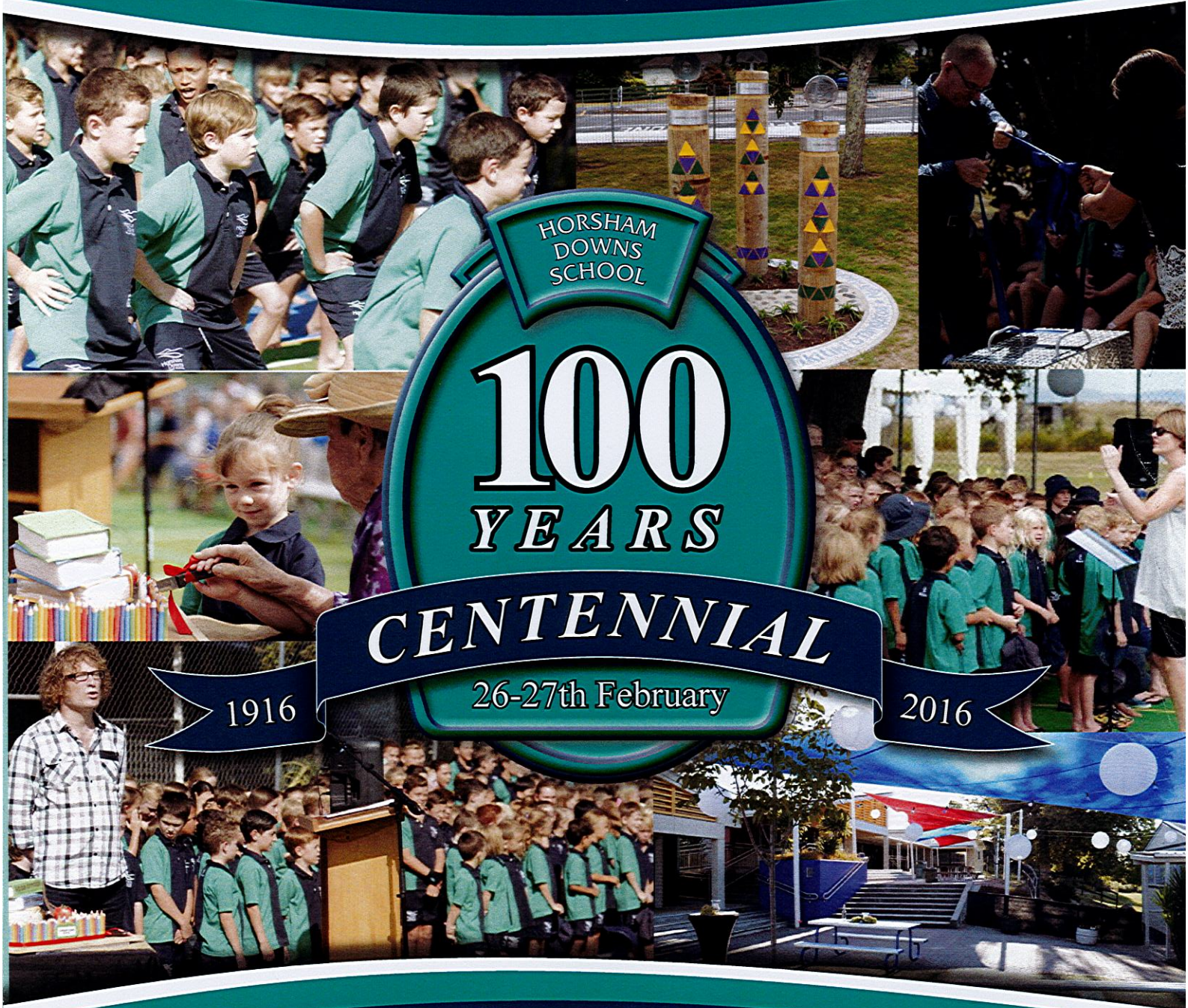


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31 March	Parents Association—Twilight Gala
4 April	EWCS Swimming—9yr and up
7 April	Tima Toru (Rms 9-13) Sharing Assembly
13 April	Whole School Assembly
14 April	Easter—Good Friday

**TERM DATES FOR 2017**

Term 1	31 January to 13 April	Term 2	1 May to 7 July
Term 3	24 July to 29 September	Term 4	16 October to 15 December

**A View From The Top...**

Dear Parents, Carers and Whānau,

**Fantastic Swimming Sports in Huntly**

Last week we had the opportunity to enjoy the Y4-Y8 swimming sports at Huntly. The event is a considerable organisational feat and both Michael and Rachel spent many hours planning the proceedings, refining race order and participants, before finally running a fantastic event throughout the day. Our swimmers were sometimes nervous and a few discovered 25m is a wee bit further than it looks! All the teachers were very impressed with the determination of the children to 'do your best' and support each other. Of course, the school was well supported by our amazing parent volunteers who helped with the racing, judging and production of certificates. Without your on-going support, we wouldn't be able to run events such as this so on behalf of the children and school staff many thanks for your efforts on the day.

Our final major swimming event is the Eastern Waikato Interschools, which is highly competitive, and will be held at Te Rapa pools on Tuesday 4th April. We hope to see many of you there to support the children who are racing. (See notice below)

**The Board of Trustees Welcomes a New Member**

Following the recent consultation process, our Board of Trustees is pleased to confirm that Jane Ganley has been selected as a parent representative. We welcome Jane and thank her for stepping up to fill the governance role that is vital to the on-going success of our school.

Steve Dunsmore  
Principal

This year Mrs Davies and Miss Graham are entering a Year 7/8 team into the Jump Jam Challenge competition. This competition is a competitive inter-school event that provides an opportunity for schools to showcase their students in the artistry of Jump Jam at a National level.



Mrs Davies and Miss Graham would like to thank all of the students who auditioned. They were extremely impressed with the hard work, dedication and positive attitude demonstrated by everyone who took part and you should all be proud of your efforts.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for the Year 7/8 Jump Jam Challenge team: Lily Anderson, Hayley Dawbin, Jordan Pycraft, Alex Newman-Jacobs, Maggie Bennett, Nikita Hoeft, Jayda Summers, Sienna Casey, Avery Hanson, Madeleine Wills, Kelsey Cassey and Kiana Rameka.

**EWCSA Swimming Sports—Tuesday 4 April**

Following the HDS Swimming Sports, swimmers have been selected to participate in the interschool competition next Tuesday. The criteria for selection are:

1. Aged 9+ years
2. Can swim 15m unaided in any 2 strokes

Students selected will have received a notice today. Students not attending will have a classroom programme at school.

**LOST TOGS**

With all the fun had by all during class swimming, a pair of pink togs (named) have been misplaced. If you have accidentally taken these home can you please return them to Hannah Roberts in Room 9 or hand them into the office.

Thanks

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HORSHAM DOWNS LEARNERS

Room	Good Citizen	Self Manager	Thinking Learner
1	Jett Franks	Sophie Bateup	Taylor Mosen
2	Tayen Ashton	Arna Kovaleski	Te Iwi Awhi
3			
4	Conner Rolton	Boe Franks	Jennifer Wenham
5	Cullen Parata	Su-Hee Woo	Noah McConnell
6	Francis Bennett	Isabelle Stockdale	Sophie Ambercrombie
7	Reid McConnell	Francesca Peters	Cooper Vanderpoel
8	Ryan Watson	Samuel Williams	Jessica Driscoll
9	Indiana Riley	Sean Lee	Elizabeth Thompson
10			
11	Georgia Pollard	Lily Thompson	Tayla Windley

## COMMUNITY CORNER—COMMUNITY BASED EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS

### School holiday Art Classes

#### PAINTING

Working with acrylic kids will complete a canvas inspired by their own subject matter. Classes are small so there is plenty of opportunity to learn new skills and techniques as well as freedom to play with paint. All materials provided.  
26th and 27th April 9 -3, \$160

#### CRAFT DAY

A day of crafting with lots of materials and ideas provided as well as freedom to create whatever they like  
Friday 28th April 9 -3, ages 5+ \$50

Classes held in my home studio on Reynolds road Horsham Downs

Contact Julie Whyman 0276008096



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#### Project Open Day

**Saturday 1 April, 10.00am to 3.00pm**

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### April Holiday Art Workshops

Get creative, learn new skills and have fun at Escape & Create Art Workshops.

**Ages: 5-13**

**Dates:** 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017

**Time:** 8:45am – 3:15pm

**Cost:** \$40 /child/day

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**CONTACT:** Nikki Thompson

021 143 9023

#### Holiday Programmes your kids will love

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For those parents and caregivers that have busy schedules, our programmes run from 7:30am - 5:30pm

Programmes dates are April 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 24th, 26th, 27th, 28th

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