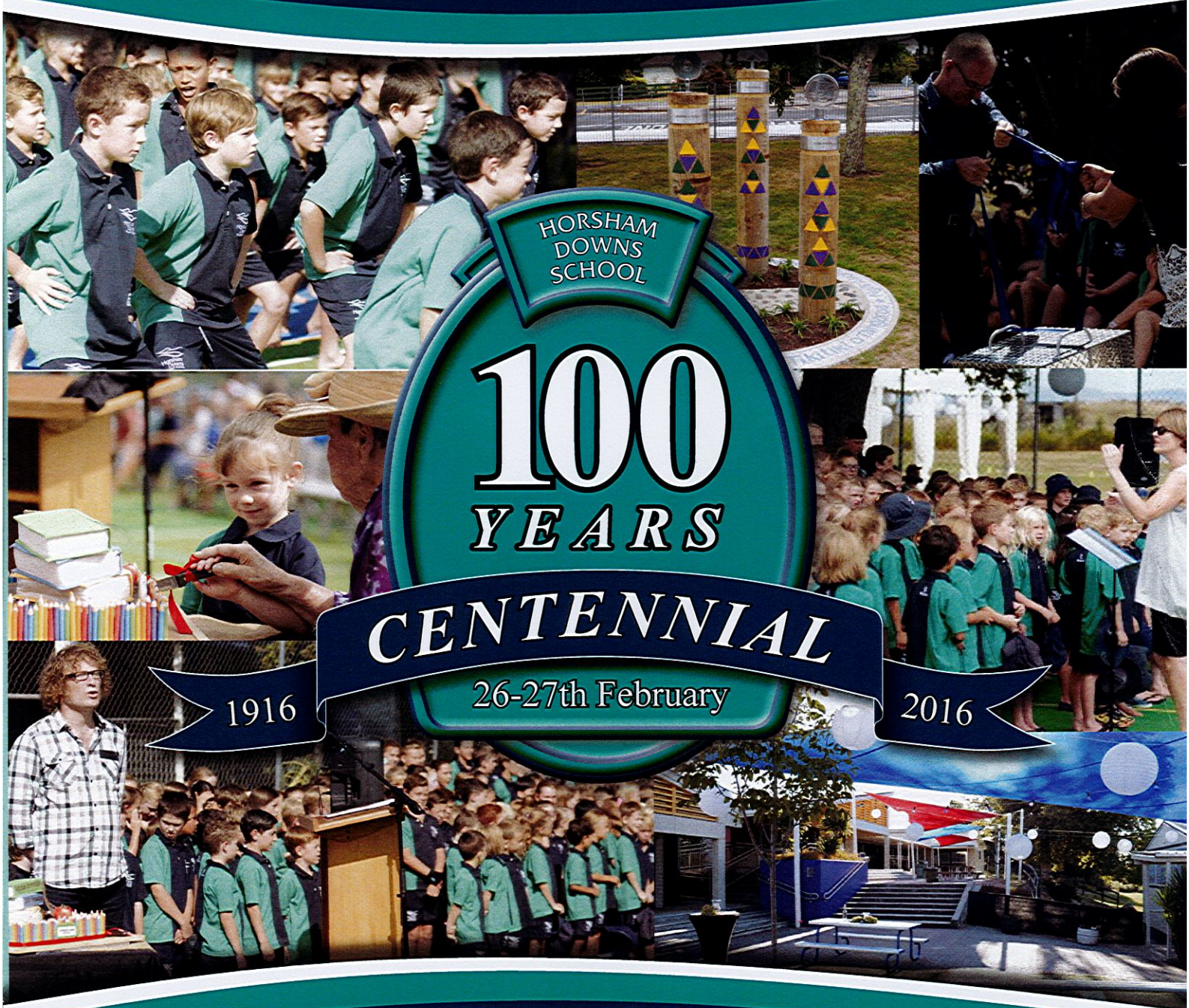


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7 April	Tima Toru (Rms 9-13) Sharing Assembly
13 April	Presentation of HDS Swimming Champions—Age 8-12
14 April	Whole School Assembly
	Presentation of EWCS Certificates
	Easter—Good Friday

**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,

**A Great Gala Enjoyed By All**

Last Friday evening the School Gala took place and was a great success. Under the leadership of our Parents' Association, the whole school community came together for some relaxed fun and entertainment. Having arranged for some reasonable weather, the turnout for the event exceeded our expectations. The parent helpers, teachers and children excitedly manned their stalls, food was served and music filtered through the crowds. The Gala provided a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and mingle in a way that just isn't possible at the 3:00pm rush. Many thanks to everyone who committed time, energy and expertise to pull the whole evening together. My particular thanks must go to Megan Owen for her boundless energy over the past few weeks and Nicole Jones for supporting the efforts of the teachers - the results speak for themselves!

**Saving the Planet – One Sheet of Paper at a Time...**

As you may remember from previous newsletters we are in the process of 'going electronic' with many of our newsletter and notices. This serves the dual purpose of greatly reducing print costs and office time, whilst making the process of communicating with you all more efficient. At the beginning of next term, we will be e-mailing out a .pdf of our newsletter as well as putting it up on our school website.

Some of you in our community may have changed e-mail address since enrolment or wish to have the newsletter mailed to more than one address. If this is the case please contact Raewyn in the school office on her NEW e-mail address [office@horshamdowns.school.nz](mailto:office@horshamdowns.school.nz). Your new details will be added to our distribution list. For a few weeks early next term, black and white hard-copy newsletters will be available from the school office on request during this transition phase.

**Final Swimming Meet**

Congratulations to the many swimmers who represented our school magnificently yesterday at the Eastern Waikato Country School swimming sports at Te Rapa pools. Following hard-on-the-heels of our Y4-Y8 school swimming sports in Huntly, Mr Thompson and Mrs Poultney worked tirelessly to ensure a fantastic event for hundreds of children in our rural cluster. On your behalf, I'd like to acknowledge their dedication and hard work to ensure the children enjoyed a positive experience at a high level of competition. At the end of a hugely busy term, their ability, together with the many parent volunteers, to pull together the resources and organisation to enable the event to take place is a testament to their professionalism. Thank you on behalf of the school swimmers and our country cluster.

Special congratulations go to Matthew Dawbin and Alex Newman-Jacobs who won the Senior Championship Trophies for 2017.

Steve Dunsmore  
Principal



## ICAS COMPETITIONS 2017

Each year, teachers use February assessment data to nominate students for the ICAS competitions in English, maths, spelling, science and writing. These are external exams which give an extension opportunity for students to be challenged in areas they have demonstrated strength in.

Invitation letters were sent home earlier this week to students who were nominated. If your child did not receive a letter but you would like them to sit one or more of these exams, please contact the office for a letter. There is a cost per exam which must be paid at the time of registering (English, Maths, Science \$10.00, Spelling \$12.00, Writing \$21.00).

Registrations must be received at school by WED 12 APRIL.

Any queries please see Rachel Poultney.

Fun at the Gala



## COMMUNITY CORNER—COMMUNITY BASED EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS



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26th and 27th April 9 - 3, \$160, ages 9-13

#### 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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**18<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

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

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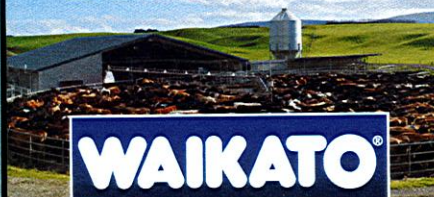
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