

# Helensville Primary School

## NEWSLETTER



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

I have both awful and vivid memories of my first school *inspection* (back when dinosaurs had only recently become extinct) and that is exactly what it was called. Inspectors dressed in stuffy tweed jackets with corduroy elbow patches visited schools and seemed to thrive on the sense of dread they brought with them.

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Aim High - Arohia Ake

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10TH AUGUST 2016

It was particularly unlucky that I was only weeks into my teaching career when the much-feared inspectors were scheduled to scrutinize the school where I was working. This is how it went:

- The two male inspectors arrived at our school
- They had a mysterious meeting with the principal
- They visited each classroom in the school once in the course of the week
- They didn't ever come into the staffroom, nor did they mix with staff in any way whatsoever
- The school grapevine quickly spread word that the younger of the inspectors was the ever-so-slightly more reasonable option
- I hoped like crazy that the younger inspector would be the one who descended on my junior classroom

On the fourth day of the 'visit', by which time my blood pressure was off the charts and my nerves were like overstretched rubber bands, an inspector finally arrived in my classroom. To my horror I saw that it was the *older* one. He sat at my desk without saying a word and checked every detail in my planning. He also watched me teach. At two points during his visit the inspector called a child up to the desk.

The first child selected was possibly the shyest

child I have ever taught. Over the course of the year I was able to build a special bond with this sweet boy, but he wasn't going to have a bar of talking to a stranger. I strained to hear the conversation, which went something like this:

Inspector (lifting a random coloured pencil out of a container on my desk): *What colour is this pencil?*

Child: Complete and utter silence, which didn't mean he didn't know the answer, of course, merely that he wasn't prepared to engage with a stranger. At all.

Inspector: *Go back to your desk.*

I was pretty sure that hadn't gone well. Sometime later in the classroom visit the inspector summoned a second victim. I was somewhat relieved, since this second boy was genuinely gifted: as a *five-year-old* he had bored both the class and myself to tears when delivering a speech on how electricity works, not because it wasn't a good speech, but because it was too technical and complex for any of us to follow.

Inspector: *What's the answer to this?* (He'd written a basic maths question on a piece of paper).

This boy who *thrived* on sharing his vast knowledge with anyone who would listen, proceeded to not only answer the question, but

to go into a very complicated explanation as to how he'd worked it out and why the answer was in fact what it was. He went on and on and on and on... until the inspector finally interrupted him and told him to return to his work.

When the inspector exited my classroom he left a note on my desk with two comments:

- Teach all of the children their colours - they should know them by now
- Don't push them too hard in Maths - they are only juniors

I'm not kidding.

For someone just starting her teaching career, the experience was quite disheartening. I was assured by the principal that this was just what inspectors did. They came in, they found at least two things to criticise in every classroom, and they left. His advice was, *'Take no notice of anything they say.'*

I'm pleased to say that things have changed markedly over the years. Inspections have turned into reviews, and the process has become far more collaborative and as a result, highly valuable. Next week we welcome the Education Review Office to our school. The team will be led by Ann Northover - I'm fairly certain she won't be arriving in a tweed jacket with corduroy elbow patches!

We look forward to showing ERO through our classrooms where they will speak with teachers, students and whanau, not examine or test them, but have real conversations about their learning.

We welcome the opportunity to celebrate all that makes Helensville School so special and to receive input from these experts in school review. We will combine their external review with the ongoing internal review we continually carry out.

ERO's catch cry is: *Ko te Tamaiti te Pūtake o te Kaupapa - The Child - the Heart of the Matter.* We couldn't agree more that this is why schools exist: to provide excellent learning for every child, who is indeed at the heart of all we do. At Helensville School, we know what it is to be a learner.

Kia Manawanui

Be Stout-hearted

Kia Kaha

Be Strong

Eileen Brunton



A copy of our school's 2015 Annual Report and Financial Statements, including aggregate student achievement data, has recently been returned by our auditor and is available in the school office. This can be read within school office hours.

## Coming up...

25th August 2016

- Cross County Years 0 - 4

22nd - 26th August 2016

- North Island Ski Champs Years 7/8

25th August 2016

- Maori and Pasifika Girls' Celebration

29th Aug - 2nd Sept 2016

- North Island Ski Champs Years 1-6



If your child needs to leave school early, please remember to collect and sign them out from the school office

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 3 2016

11th August	Life Focus Y5-Y8
12th August	HPS Cross Country Y5-Y8
15th—19th Aug	Education Review Office at Helensville Primary School
16th August	'The Perfect Gift' show and workshop
17th August	Library visit for Kapa haka group and two Lower Middle classes
18th August	Library visit for Pasifika Group and remaining Lower Middle classes
19th August	Kaipara Cross Country Y5-8
22nd—26th August	North Island Ski Champs Years 7/8
24th August	Helensville netball team photos from 10am
25th August	Maori Girls Celebration evening
29th Aug—2nd Sept	North Island Ski Champs Years 1-6
30th August	Norwest Cross Country Years 5-8
01st September	Farewell assembly for Mrs Brunton 1:30pm
5th Sept—9th Sept	AIMS
8th September	Rippa Years 3-6 Riverhead
15 November	Mini-Mastermind fundraiser



## Amazing achievement!

Tarek Colson in Rm 20 is the first student to earn a **Gold** certificate in Mathletics. Congratulations Tarek!

## Life focus

For Upper Middle and Seniors

11th and the 18th August

Please let your child's teacher know, if you do not want your child to attend.



The Board of Trustees of Helensville Primary School would like to invite our school community to attend a farewell assembly for Mrs Brunton on

**Thursday 1st September at 1.30pm**

Followed by an afternoon tea for parents and other members of the community to say their farewells, in the school hall until 4.00pm

## Welcome

A very warm welcome to our new students and their families:

Aoi, Jaxon, Cooper, Duce, Mikaira and Erin

It's lovely to have you at our wonderful school.

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# Room 6 have celebrated 100 days at school



Look at what we collected...



# Hine Maia Celebration

*Māori and Pasifika Girls' Celebration*



Invitation to all whanau to come along and hear from our Māori and Pasifika girls about their learning, see their work on display and celebrate their many successes and achievements.



Thursday 25th August 2016

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Food provided (no need to RSVP)



# Room 19 have been working hard training for the cross country!



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# HPS CROSS COUNTRY

The Upper Middle and Senior School (Years 5-8) cross country will now be on **Friday 12th August**. Classes will leave school to walk down to Rautawhiri Park at 11:10am. Below are some of the details you need about the event.

Approximate Time	Year Group	Distance
11:45 am	Year 5 Girls	2000m
	Year 5 Boys	2000m
12:15 pm	Year 6 Girls	2500m
	Year 6 Boys	2500m
12:45 pm	Year 7 Girls	3000m
	Year 7 Boys	3000m
1:15 pm	Year 8 Girls	3500m
	Year 8 Boys	3500m
1:40 pm	Clean-up / pack up	

Your child will need to come to school in full uniform but will also need:

- Suitable clothing to run in, if possible a t-shirt or sweat shirt in their house colour
- Shoes to walk down to the event. This is a must.
- Food and water for the day (morning tea will be eaten at school to reduce litter)

**Sausage sizzle  
and drinks will  
be available to  
purchase.  
\$2 each**



## AG DAY 2016

We are a term away from our school's biggest fundraising event of the year, Ag Day!

The Home and School Committee are on the lookout for prizes for our hugely popular **Mega Raffle**. If you have any contacts at all (family, friends, neighbours, businesses you frequent) **please** ask them (beg them!) for a donation on our behalf. Contact our Home and School representatives, Reagan 027 493 4808 or Alison 021 248 1620 if you need an official request on letterhead.

Email: [homeandschool@helensville.school.nz](mailto:homeandschool@helensville.school.nz)

Animals born between **1st July and 30th September** inclusive, and fully cared for and fed by the student, will be eligible to enter into our large animal competition (lambs, calves, kid goats.) See Miss Tracey Buchanan in Room 1 if you would like more specific information around this. She will be asking to see competitors later in the term. Let the office know if you are on the lookout for a lamb, we often have farmers calling to offer them to us.



Helensville Library is kindly offering a Maori and Pasifika 'experience' for our Lower Middle Team, Kapa haka and Pasifika groups.

- Wednesday 17th for Kapa haka and Rooms 20,21
- Thursday 18th for Pasifika and Rooms 18,19.

Students will be walking down to the library. Please ensure your child has suitable footwear.



# COMMUNITY NEWS



## IGNITE KIDS GROUP

7 to 12 year olds

Friday, August 12th 2016

3:00pm to 4:30pm

Helensville Community Church

Behind the Hospice shop on Mill Road

Afternoon tea

Games and talk

Please ask your parents to pick you up at 4:30pm. Come and have fun and enjoy getting to know each other.

## RAUTAWHIRI PARK PAVILION OPEN DAY

Sunday 18 September 2-4pm

Hosted by Helensville Tennis, Lions Club of Helensville, Kaipara Netball Centre, Kaipara Junior Touch and Helensville Athletics. An opportunity to have a go, join up or just have a look. Fundraising afternoon tea, barbeque and raffles available.

For any further information call Gaylene on 021 753 380 or email [helensvilletennis@gmail.com](mailto:helensvilletennis@gmail.com)

## EXERCISE IN DISGUISE

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## End of Season Disco

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2016  
at Helensville Rugby Club

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## CRAZY HAIR THEME

...DRINKS, SAUSAGE SIZZLE, GLOW-STICKS AND LOLLIES

Year 1-4: 5pm - 6:30pm

Year 5-8: 7pm - 8:30pm

Tickets \$5

## Lions "Pop-up" Childrens/Teens Book Sale

Saturday 17 September  
10am to 2pm



St Josephs Catholic Church Hall  
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Saturday 20th August, 10am—2pm

Saturday 22nd October, 10am—2pm

Saturday 10th December, 10am—2pm

Venue: Te Whare Oranga o Parakai,

Te Moau Ave, Parakai

Contact : Sharon Zand 09 818 6834

[sharonz@lifewise.org.nz](mailto:sharonz@lifewise.org.nz)

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THURSDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER  
7-9PM

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Cost: \$20.00

TICKETS MUST BE BOOKED

Email: [carolyn@kidslink.co.nz](mailto:carolyn@kidslink.co.nz)

Reference: Teenagers Rodney

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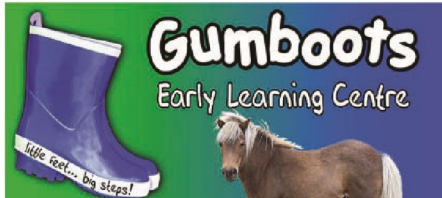
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# School lunches are back! Starting Friday.

We would like to welcome Kalindi Drummond.



## Helensville Primary Lunch Menu

Available: Monday, Wednesday & Friday



Mince Savoury	\$1.50
Large Sausage Roll	\$2.00
Sandwich - Ham, Marmite or Jam	\$2.00
Bacon & Egg Pie	\$2.50
Hotdog with Sauce & Mustard	\$2.50
Lasagne Topper	\$2.50
Mac & Cheese	\$3.00
Salad Roll	\$3.00
Ham & Salad Roll	\$4.00
Nachos with sour cream	\$3.50
Sushi (6 pieces)	\$4.00

Teriyaki Chicken, Smoked Salmon  
or Pineapple & Cream Cheese

Fresh Seasonal Fruit	\$1.00
Jumbo Cookie of the Day	\$1.00
Homemade Muffin of the Day	\$1.50
Yoghurt	\$1.50
Real Fruit Jelly (no added sugar)	\$2.00
Fruit Salad	\$2.00
Water	\$2.00

### Meal Packs....

1.... Morning Tea & Brainfood	\$3.00
Snack Bar, Raisins, Pack of Cookies & Fruit	
2... <b>ADD A SANDWICH</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
3... Sushi or a Sausage Roll	
Pack of popcorn, Jelly & a piece of fruit	\$6.00



Lunches can be ordered in the Hall from 8.30 in the morning on lunch days.  
Or place your order in a clearly named envelope with the correct amount of money in the box in class on lunch days.