

Helensville Primary School

NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

*A nation's culture resides in the hearts and
in the soul of its people.*

-Mahatma Gandhi

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This week sees our second group of international students for 2017 depart for home. The experiences they have shared while staying with families in our community and at HPS will provide life long memories for all involved.

How rewarding it has been to see both our students and our visitors flourish in the sharing of our cultures and languages. The benefits these cultural exchanges and sharing brings to us all can never really be measured, as it is held in our hearts and minds. Many years later it could also be reflected in our values, actions and understanding of cultural diversity.



Quotes from our students in regard to the international visitors:

- "I love having them in our classroom because they teach us new things about other countries and it's real".
- "It's fun talking with them and learning how to say words in their language".
- "We get to help them learn English and they teach us Chinese".
- "We learn things about the country they live in and how lucky we are in New Zealand and HPS".
- "They don't have the same things we have and that's really interesting".
- "They get to do real Kiwi things like play on the trampoline and run in the mud".

"STRENGTH
LIES IN
DIFFERENCES,
NOT IN
SIMILARITIES"

Cultural diversity is one of eight principles in The New Zealand Curriculum that provide a foundation for schools' decision making. It calls for schools and teachers to affirm students' different cultural identities, and incorporate their cultural contexts into our teaching and learning programmes.

We are a linguistically and culturally diverse nation and students need to acquire knowledge, skills, and attitudes that equip them for life in a multi-cultural world. Teaching for cultural diversity involves helping students understand and respect diverse viewpoints, values, customs, and languages and we do this in a

range of contexts in our classrooms, assemblies and cultural group opportunities.

Our international student visitors contribute greatly to this knowledge and learning.

Research shows that students learn best when their cultures and languages are recognised and reflected in school and classroom curricula. In a 2012 ERO report, it describes how the cultural diversity principle can be enacted in school and classroom curriculum. They discovered that schools and classrooms where cultural diversity was acknowledged and celebrated had better educational outcomes.

At HPS we pride ourselves on the following:

- Teachers are aware of students' different cultural identities
- Students' cultural contexts are incorporated into teaching and learning programmes and into the classroom environment
- Staff provide practical opportunities for all students to be proud and share their languages and cultures through cultural groups, special events, and school festivals that celebrate cultural difference
- All students experience learning contexts from multiple cultures
- There are clear expectations in our schools' charter for celebration of diversity, stating the right of all children to feel culturally safe
- Our bilingual identity is highly valued at HPS
- Curriculum reflects our cultural diversity and values the histories and traditions of all its people

We appreciate and acknowledge all the cultural differences that make up this amazing Helensville community. You as parents and caregivers are the children's first educators, so family and cultural perspectives set the scene for their future learning. If you have any specific skills or knowledge from a cultural perspective that you could share with us, we would welcome this as part of our learning community.



*Ehara taku toa i te toa
takitahi engari he toa
takimano*

*My strength is not that of an
individual but that of the
collective*

Deborah Heasman - Principal

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 3 2017

18th August	Kaipara Cross Country
21st -25th August	Ski competition Years 7-8
23rd August	Netball team photos
28th August - 1st September	Ski competition Years 1-6
24th August	Daffodil day - Come dressed in yellow with a gold coin donation for Cancer Society
5th September	Hanging basket demonstration 12:30pm outside the hall
7th September	Auckland Cross Country
8th September	Kaipara Netball prizegiving
8th September	Mufti-day - Wear Red Mufti for Red Nose Day - Fundraiser for Cure Kids - Gold coin donation
11th September - 15th September	AIMS Games
19th September	Helensville School Netball prizegiving
25th - 28th September	School production
29th September	Last day of Term 3
16th October	First day of Term 4
23rd October	Labour day - no school today
27th October	Ag Day



A very warm welcome our new students Cooper, Zarya, Tehira and their families. We look forward to showing them all our school has to offer.

Good luck to our Year 7 and 8 ski teams, who will be competing at the North Island Primary School Ski Champs next week. We



look forward to hearing how they go.

Our Years 1-6 will be going the following week.



***Mathletics
Awards***
Congratulations

to Molly, Paige, Ashley and David who have all received a gold award in Mathletics!



Book Amnesty

Have a look around at home for any books that belong to our school.

1000 house points for every book that is brought back.



HPS Daffodil Day

Thursday 24th August 2017

Wear as much yellow as you can and bring a gold coin donation.

Helensville Primary School Year 0 - 4 Cross-Country Event

Our Year 0-4 cross country is coming up on **Friday 25th August** (with a save date of Monday 28th August). Lower middle classes will leave school to walk down to Rautawhiri Park at 10:00am. A bus will be provided to transport Year 1 & 2 students to Rautawhiri Park and back to school.

Approximate Time	Year Group
11:00 am	Year 4 Girls
	Year 4 Boys
11:30 am	Year 3 Girls
	Year 3 Boys
12:00 pm	Year 2 Girls
	Year 2 Boys
12:30 pm	Year 1 Girls
	Year 1 Boys
1:00 pm	Year 0 Girls & Boys
1:15 pm	Pack up and clean 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. **Shoes for running are optional for our school race**
- Food and water for the day
- Change of clothing and plastic bag for dirty clothes / warm clothing / rain jacket, in case of wet weather
- Any medication (labelled and handed to class teacher)

If the weather appears to be unsuitable on the day, please check the school's website after 9:30am and it will tell you if the event is still on.

The AIMS Team are running a sausage sizzle with drinks and sausages for sale (\$2) on the day. Students may purchase these at an appropriate time.

Kia hiwa rā



"Kaipara moana takahuri waka, whakarerea wahine". This is a well-known whakatauki or proverb from our area. It refers to our dangerous harbour. What else is this proverb depicting? Have a go at researching different whakatauki.



HPS Ag Day 27th October 2017

Check out our Farm Club with Miss Buchanan on Tuesday lunch times, in Room 1

Students entering large animals:

Competitors must care for and feed the animals themselves from one week of birth onward. All animals must be born between 1st July and 30th September, inclusive.

Ag Day booklets will be sent home and placed on the school website towards the end of this term.

Any questions about large animals, please see Miss Tracey Buchanan in Room 1 or email her traceyb@helensville.school.nz



ARE YOU SMARTER THAN THE AVERAGE 'AT STANDARD' YEAR 8?

Remember: No calculators, no dictionaries and no web searches. Let's see what you've got...

Collective Nouns

Choose the correct collective noun to fill each space

cluster	gallery	bunch	swarm	A _____ of bees
pod	pack	plague	pride	A _____ of lions
hanging	faculty	group	gang	A _____ of teachers
company	flock	host	pod	A _____ of birds
panel	cluster	warren	company	A _____ of rabbits

Which word means **nearly the same** as the word in **bold**?

muffled: stifled, confused, clear, exhaust

considerate: join, listen, kind, believe

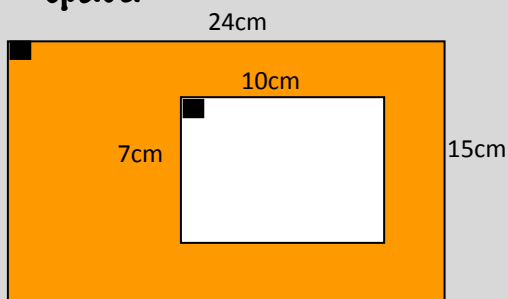
selfless: unselfish, alone, greedy, helpful

imitate: pester, mimic, annoy, mislead

What are the first five multiples of 6?

List all the factors of 81.

Calculate the area of the orange space.



Simplify these expressions completely.

(a). $2a + 5a = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

(b). $16ab - 7ab + ab = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

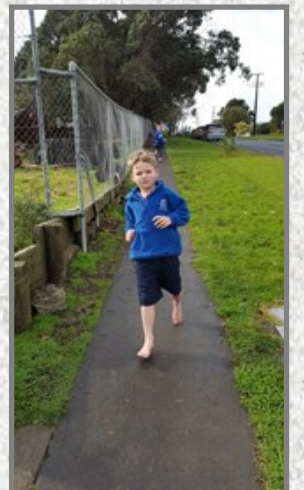
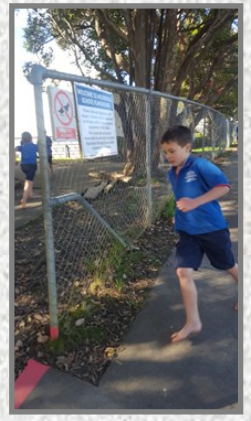
(c). $7m + 3n - 2m + n = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Ron has to drive 18.5 kilometres to meet his friend. He gets a flat tyre after two-fifths of the trip. How far did he drive before he got a flat tyre?

Write $\frac{1}{8}$ as a decimal.
Calculate 40% of \$85.

Answers on a later page

ROOM 19 ARE HAVING A BLAST TRAINING FOR CROSS COUNTRY!!



Farewell to our International Students

Special thanks to all our homestay families who have looked after our visitors.



Answers to ARE YOU SMARTER THAN THE AVERAGE 'AT STANDARD' YEAR 8?

Bees = swarm
Lions = pride
Teachers = faculty
Birds = flock
Rabbits = warren

Muffled = stifled
Considerate = kind
Selfless = unselfish
Imitate = mimic

Multiples: 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36
Factors of 81: 1, 3, 9, 27, 81

Area of orange space: 290 cm^2

7a
10ab
 $5m + 4n$
3a

$\frac{1}{8} = 0.125$
40% of \$85 = \$34

Ron drove 7.4km before getting a flat tyre

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

YEAR 5 GIRLS	YEAR 6 GIRLS	YEAR 7 GIRLS	YEAR 8 GIRLS
1st Millie Limmer	1st Kyla Middleton	1st Daisy Oliver-Chambers	1st Holly Limmer
2nd Cassandra Zickert	2nd Tashi Collier	2nd Chloe Reynolds	2nd Jamie-Lee Binks
3rd Lexie Tilson	3rd Lilian Allen	3rd Chloe Tilson	3rd Claudia Pilkington
YEAR 5 BOYS	YEAR 6 BOYS	YEAR 7 BOYS	YEAR 8 BOYS
1st Ottis Oliver-Chambers	1st Orlando Wynyard	No confirmed results	1st Jamie Teague
2nd Jordan Van Schalkwyk	2nd Harvey Banks		2nd Levi Lewis
3rd James Ross	3rd Rocco Mowat		3rd Daniel Roy



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Hanging Basket Demo



Debbie Olsen will
be outside the hall
5th September 2017
12:30pm
For students who would
like to learn how to
make a hanging basket for Ag Day.

Need Before School Care?

Let Kimmie know if you are interested in having this service in the school hall.

Kimmie 021 420924



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