

Helensville Primary School

NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

8 Year Old Boy, Disappeared On Way To School

This headline would be any parent, caregiver or school's worst nightmare. With all the media coverage recently in regards to attempted abductions and approaches to children, it made me reflect and investigate the Helensville School processes that keep our children safe.

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Where we know what it is to be a learner

Aim High - Arohia Ake

NEWSLETTER NO. 2

1 MARCH 2017

I am happy to say that we try and cover every imaginable situation, and the one that tops the daily list involves you helping us make sure your child is safe.

One of the most important processes to ensure safety occurs at the start of the day is when teachers do the attendance register (roll call) and it is here that you, as parents and caregivers, play a vital role.



We need you to call the office (09 420 8005) if your child is going to be absent for part of, or the whole day and leave a message detailing the reason for the absence and if possible, an expected return to school. If you know beforehand, inform the office or your child's teacher by way of a note or email.

All unexplained absences are followed up by phone and this can take our wonderful office staff a significant amount of time. Just imagine for a minute if we had 20 children absent with no reason given, that's approximately 5 - 10 minutes per call. If you do the math, it could be close to a couple of hours before the office complete the list and then there comes the big...

"What If?"

What if the last child we called about, happily left home to walk to school but never arrived? We may well have lost two precious hours that could have been invested in finding that missing child.

Am I scaremongering? Perhaps so, however if the message I am giving you about calling the office helps to keep our children safe I think it's worth it.



Helensville A and P Show

On a much happier note, I had an amazing day on Saturday celebrating all the things that make Helensville a great community. I have a family background of dairy farming and horse breeding in Matamata, where I spent many happy holidays working on the farm and living the country life with my cousins. However, I never got to be there during an A & P Show, so I had a ball on Saturday and was so excited by all the events on offer, that I had only ever seen on the likes of Country Calendar.

The school contributions were a treat to see and it was a privilege to watch our very own Holly Limmer taking out the "Young Farmer" award. Congratulations Holly this was an epic achievement.



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

~Breakfast club volunteers needed~

If you are able to volunteer some time before school on Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays, please let the school office know.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 1/2 2017

27th Feb - 10th March	Lower Middle and Juniors Swimming at Parakai Springs
10th March	Lower Middle and Juniors Swimming 'Show Off' day
16th March	Mobile Ear Clinic at Parakai School
27th March	Lower Middle trip to the museum
28th March	Lower Middle trip to the museum
28th March	Norwest Swimming Years 6-8
31st March	Norwest Tennis Years 7-8
13th April	Last day of Term 1 End of Term Assembly starts at 1:30pm
1st May	First day of Term 2
23rd May	NW Boys Football Year 7-8
23rd May	Goal setting evening until 6pm
24th May	Goal setting day - School will be open for goal setting appointments only
25th May	Puberty parent evening
25th May	NW Girls Football Year 7-8
30th May	Puberty talks Year 5-6
31st May	Puberty talks Year 7-8
1st June	NW Table Tennis
2nd June	Teacher Only Day - NO SCHOOL TODAY
5th June	Queen's Birthday - NO SCHOOL TODAY

IMPORTANT INFORMATION for parents of students in Upper Middle (Years 5 & 6) in 2016

Your child's Seesaw portfolio has now been archived. You will need to download any files that you wish to keep within the next 60 days before you lose access to them.



If you notice any hazards or you have an accident around our school, we need to know about it. Please inform the school office as soon as possible.



Goal Setting Day

Wednesday 24th May 2017

School will be open for goal setting only

Teacher Only Day

Friday 2nd June 2017 - NO SCHOOL TODAY



Please encourage your child/children to use Mathletics. If they are unsure of their sign in please see the classroom teacher for details.

Who can get a gold award this week?



Homestays are needed for our next two groups of international students from Hong Kong. Our first group arrives the afternoon of Sunday 25th June and leaves Tuesday 4th July, and the second group arrives on the 6th August and leaves on the 17th August 2017.

Here to experience NZ schooling and family life, students stay in pairs and will need all meals provided. Please contact the office or Andrea on 09 420 8005 for more information.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your family!

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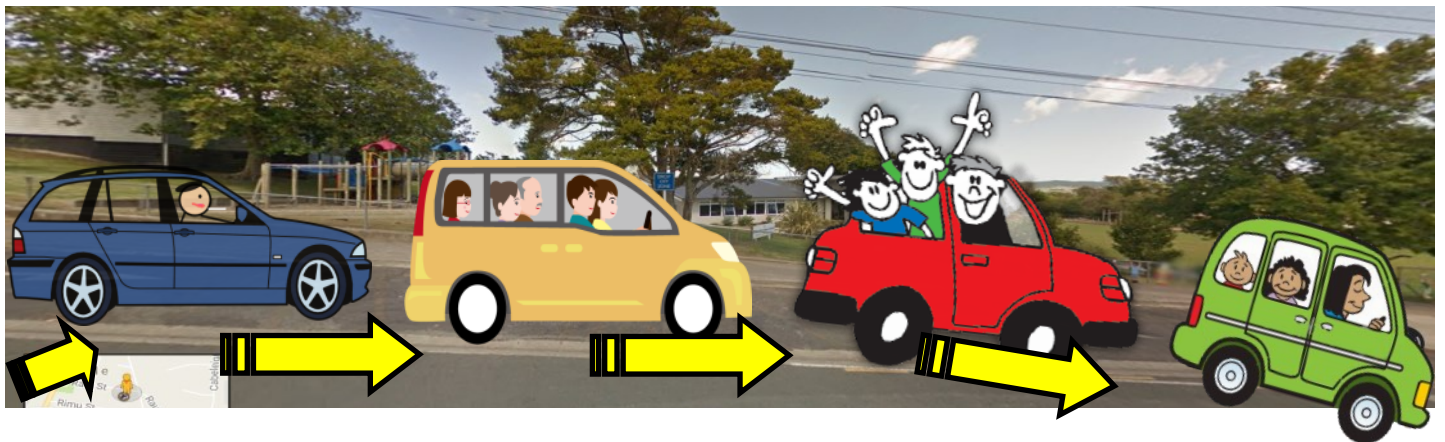
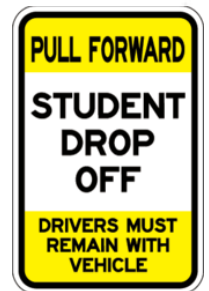
Important information regarding our school drop off/pick up zone

Help us to avoid morning and afternoon congestion and keep our students safe around the drop off/pick up zone!



1. Driver must **enter** the drop off/pick up zone in the direction of the arrows (do not back into the space)
2. Do **not** leave your vehicle (this includes passengers)
3. Pull forward when a vehicle moves in front of you
4. Exit the drop off/pick up zone in the same direction as the arrows

If you prefer to meet your child/children, please park your car in one of the carparks available around the school. Extra spaces on Makiri Street.



PARENT / TEACHER / STUDENT RELAY



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We had a wicked time playing chess last week!
Waitokí School even came along!!!

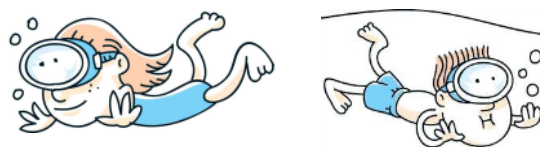


Room 19 is having a great time learning new swimming skills!



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2017 Year 5-8 Swimming Sports Results



Medley (Backstroke, Breaststroke, Freestyle)	Y8 Girls	Y8 Boys	Y7 Girls	Y7 Boys
	1 st – Claudia Pilkington	1 st – Caleb Olsen	1 st – Jacinda Meikle	1 st – George Pilkington
	2 nd – Holly Limmer	2 nd – Sam Johnson	2 nd – Chloe Tilson	2 nd – Andre England
	3 rd – Jamie-Lee Binks	3 rd – Mikaira Murray	3 rd – Eve Canter	3 rd – Troy Shaw
	Y6 Girls	Y6 Boys	Y5 Girls	Y5 Boys
	1 st – Kyla Middleton	No entries	1 st – Lexi Tilson	1 st – Ottis Oliver-Chambers
Freestyle	2 nd – Taylor Richardson		2 nd – Cassandra Zickert	2 nd – Tarek Colson
	3 rd – Piper Crake		3 rd – Millie Limmer	3 rd – Jordan van Schalkwyk
	Y8 Girls	Y8 Boys	Y7 Girls	Y7 Boys
	1 st – Claudia Pilkington	1 st – Caleb Olsen	1 st – Jacinda Meikle	1 st – George Pilkington
	2 nd – Jamie-Lee Binks	2 nd – Josh Uluinayau	2 nd – Lara Middleton	2 nd – Troy Shaw
	3 rd – Holly Limmer	3 rd – Brock Colson	3 rd – Chloe Tilson	3 rd – Kelle Taipeti
Backstroke	Y6 Girls	Y6 Boys	Y5 Girls	Y5 Boys
	1 st – Kyla Middleton	1 st – Tommy Lealiifano	1 st – Lexi Tilson	1 st – Ottis Oliver-Chambers
	2 nd – Stella Luggen	2 nd – Teegan La Grange	2 nd – Taylor Pakenham	2 nd – Jordan van Schalkwyk
	3 rd – Piper Crake	3 rd – Angus Calder	3 rd – Zalea SouthernVasey	3 rd – Tarek Colson
	Y8 Girls	Y8 Boys	Y7 Girls	Y7 Boys
	1 st – Claudia Pilkington	1 st – Caleb Olsen	1 st – Jacinda Meikle	1 st – George Pilkington
Breaststroke	2 nd – Holly Limmer	2 nd – Jaden Kok	2 nd – Chloe Tilson	2 nd – Daymin Dayberg-Allen
	3 rd – Kymeeka Taipeti	3 rd – Brock Colson	3 rd – Eve Canter	3 rd – Kelle Taipeti
	Y6 Girls	Y6 Boys	Y5 Girls	Y5 Boys
	1 st – Piper Crake	1 st – Tommy Lealiifano	1 st – Lexi Tilson	1 st – Ottis Oliver-Chambers
	2 nd – Stella Luggen	2 nd – Arian Painter	2 nd – Taylor Pakenham	2 nd – Tarek Colson
	3 rd – Lillian Allen	3 rd – Thomas Drummond	3 rd – Cassandra Zickert	3 rd – Jordan van Schalkwyk
Open Butterfly	Y8 Girls	Y8 Boys	Y7 Girls	Y7 Boys
	1 st – Jamie Lee Binks	1 st – Caleb Olsen	1 st – Lara Middleton	1 st – George Pilkington
	2 nd – Holly Limmer	2 nd – Brock Colson	2 nd – Eve Canter	2 nd – Liam Coe
	3 rd – Claudia Pilkington	3 rd – Daniel Roy	3 rd – Jacinda Meikle	3 rd – Andre England
	Y6 Girls	Y6 Boys	Y5 Girls	Y5 Boys
	1 st – Tearewa Murray	1 st – Tommy Lealiifano	1 st – Millie Limmer	1 st – Jordan van Schalkwyk
Flying Squad	2 nd – Kyla Middleton	2 nd – Teegan La Grange	2 nd – Taylor Pakenham	2 nd – Ottis Oliver-Chambers
	3 rd – Lillian Allen	3 rd – Ben Davison	3 rd – Cassandra Zickert	3 rd – Tarek Colson
1st Roosters				

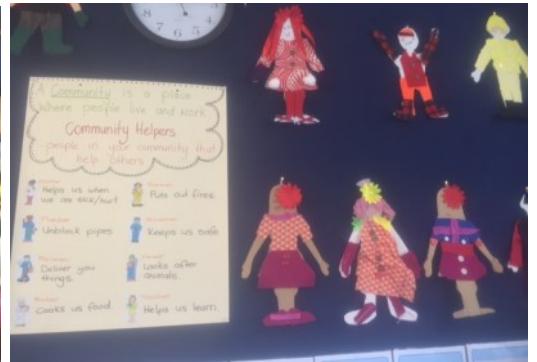
Special thanks to all the parents who came to help on the day with time-keeping. We couldn't do it without you!

Thanks also to Parakai Springs for their ongoing support.

Room 7 have been learning about the 'community'



We were lucky to have Mrs Heasman, Mrs King and Mr Hemeheema come into our classroom and talk about what they do in our school community.



We had fun cutting out pictures from magazines, drawing pictures and writing about what they do and put it all up in an anchor chart. We then decided as a class we wanted to make people in our Helensville community. We used a cardboard template, felt, material, buttons and paper to make our people. We made firemen, mums, teachers, police officers, soldiers, bakers and many more. We had lots of fun making and learning!!



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COMMUNITY News



Free event for 0-12 year olds
CHILDRENS DAY OUT

Sunday 5th March
10am to 1pm
Helensville Hall

Activities on the day may include Mainly Music, Music Performances, Bouncy Castles, Sausage Sizzle
Food Stalls, Community Organisation Showcase, Face Painting, Bike Track & Bikes!
Enter the FREE raffle to win prizes!! Contact info@hwfc.co.nz for more information

Helensville Women & Family Centre
 Strengthening Women and Families

Victims support are currently recruiting Volunteer Support workers for the Rodney and North Shore areas to provide practical and emotional support to victims of crime and trauma, full training is given. If you are a good listener and communicator, computer literate, have a full driving license and a car and can commit to being on call for one shift per week day or night and interested in working in the Community, please phone Sarah on 09 424 6515 during office hours. More information regarding volunteering with Victim Support can be found at www.victimsupport.org.nz/volunteer



Kaipara Netball AGM is on Wednesday 1st MARCH 7pm @ RAUTAWHIRI PARK CLUBROOMS.

Outgoing positions that need to be promoted and filled at the AGM are:

Junior Co-ordinator years 1-4
 Junior Co-ordinator years 5-8
 Umpire Co-ordinator
 Rep Co-ordinator
 Coaching Co-ordinator

If you or someone you know are interested in any of these roles and would like to find out more, please email wendy@stars.co.nz

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 Dean Kent: Northern Arena, Head of Swimming/ Swim Teacher

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DATE: Thursday 16th March
TIME: 7-9PM WITH Trade tables from 6.15-7PM
VENUE: 6a David Sidwell Place, Stanmore Bay
COST: \$20.00
 Tea and coffee provided
TICKETS MUST BE BOOKED
Email: carolyn@kidslink.co.nz
Online: kidslink.co.nz/events/
Phone: 09 959 0531

Learning Behaviour Physical Needs Extra-Curricular Childcare

NORWEST DOG TRAINING CLUB

Is very pleased to be offering Dog Obedience and agility classes to young persons aged between 8 - 14 years.

This class aims to be fun, informative and confidence building and the training session will incorporate obedience, agility, games and tricks.

When: Wednesdays 4.30 - 5.30

Where: Norwest dog training grounds.
 (Corner of Access and Waitakere Rds, Kumeu)

Note! Dogs must be at least 12 months of age and non-reactive (non-aggressive) to other dogs

What to bring:

A dog

A soft collar and a lead

A non squeaky toy

Very tasty treats cut into small pieces

A smile and lots of patience for your furry buddy

For further information and bookings
 please contact Joan McFarlane on 09 4206468
 or Di Munford on 4117011



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Ritchies Transport Holdings Ltd, School Bus Contractors to the Kaipara Network require school bus drivers in the local areas. Your driving skills are required for approximately 4 hours per day, during school terms. School Charter work is also available. If you have not got a bus licence we will assist you in obtaining one. We would especially welcome enquiries from Kaukapakapa, Wainui and Helensville areas.

Want to know more? Give Glenda a ring (09) 420 6091 or 0275-488-630.

Or email: Helensville.depot@ritchies.co.nz.



Friday night Junior Cricket at Kumeu Cricket Club

Kumeu Cricket club is offering 50% off on junior registrations for term 1 2017 (now \$60 only)

Year 0-3 boys and girls 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Year 4-5 Boys (year 4-8 girls) 4:45pm 6:30pm

Every Friday at Huapai Domain

*Year 6-8 Boys hardball cricket on Saturday mornings

To register please visit our website www.kumeucricket.com or phone

Director of Cricket Tazz Satti on 0211412254

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