

Helensville Primary School

NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Your life can be changed in just one burst of light!
That burst of light is looming in Week 10 Term 3.
The amazing HPS Production is coming to a hall near you!

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Aim High - Arohia Ake

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5 JULY 2017

For those of you new to our school community, this extravaganza occurs every 2 years at HPS. All our children are part of a performance over three evenings that will bring a huge smile to your dial. Not only will it be immensely entertaining, it will also give your children the opportunity to shine on the stage and share their individual talent with the audience. For many students, this will be the first time they will be part of a large-scale presentation and could be the start of developing a love of the performing arts.

Each class has chosen a song to perform and will spend time looking at, and working with it, through the lens of the Arts Curriculum. Our wonderful Julia (Miss B), who is a professional singer and entertainer, develops a script that links the songs and tells a story. Some students will have the chance to audition for speaking parts that introduce the individual classes and others will build the atmosphere throughout the evening. It is an extremely exciting time for the school and the feedback I have heard for past productions has been full of praise for the children and teachers alike.

The Theme for 2017 is "Super Heroes" and class teachers will be requesting your support with simple costuming and help with choreography or planning. Look out for a letter coming home this week.



High Tea

Another school extravaganza that occurred last weekend was the Home and School Annual High Tea. The rain held off, the food was spectacular, the MC entertained, the student helpers were outstanding and the venue was a treat. This lavish affair was a creative, well organised and enjoyable occasion and the work our parent representatives put in to make this event such a success is truly appreciated. Thank you also to the many sponsors who supported our school by donating items for the silent auctions and the raffles. Lastly thank you to all who attended and assisted HPS in this fundraising venture.

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



End of Term Assembly

Friday 7th July 2017

Starting at 1:30pm

This assembly will be run by our Junior school students.



Keep Us Informed



If your child has an injury out of school hours, such as a concussion, please inform the school as soon as possible and let us know the care plan.



Congratulations to Eli Scott (Room 7) for his outstanding achievement last weekend. Eli competed in the St John Youth West Auckland Junior competitions at Muriwai on Saturday 30 June, representing Helensville with the Kaukapakapa division. Eli and his partner Addie won 6 trophies including the Best Overall Penguin Team.

He had so much fun and is very proud of the team and the training they put in.

Huge thanks to our host families who looked after our visitors from Hong Kong. They all had such a wonderful time!



We couldn't have done it without you.



A very warm welcome our new student Tia and her family.
We look forward to showing you all our school has to offer.



We would like to acknowledge the generous support from Snowplanet in Silverdale.

They have kindly donated a family pass valued at \$308 towards our Ag Day Raffle in October.

Please support those that support us.

<https://snowplanet.co.nz>



Spare clothing of all sizes needed for muddy/wet children

T-shirts, shorts or trackpants only

Also, a reminder for all students (especially juniors) to have a change of underwear and shorts, in a plastic bag in their school bag.



Mathletics Awards

Congratulations to Thomas Drummond, Ethan Roy, Gloria Tavui, Tarek Colson, Lucian Rowe and Emma Mabbett who have all received a gold award in Mathletics!



Do you know of any quality relief teachers that can be called on to work at our wonderful school?

Please ask them to get in contact with our Deputy Principal, Andrea Clarke.

Email: andreaclarke@helensville.school.nz
or phone 09 420 8005



CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 2/3 2017

7th July	End of Term 2 End of term assembly starts at 1:30pm
24th July	First day of Term 3
27th July	Rippa Rugby Year 3-6
1st August	Ski team training
3rd August	Mobile Ear Clinic - Helensville School
7th - 17th August	International students visiting
11th August	HPS Cross Country
15th August	Norwest Netball
18th August	Kaipara Cross Country
21st -25th August	Ski competition Years 7-8
28th August - 1st September	Ski competition Years 1-6
7th September	Auckland Cross Country
11th September - 15th September	AIMS Games
25th - 28th September	School production
29th September	Last day of Term 3

Kia hiwa rā

In Helensville there are many street names that have been named after trees. For example: Karaka, Puriri, Rimu Street and more. Rautawhiri however, is not a tree and neither is Pipitiwai. Have a go at researching where these names came from and their significant history. To get you started, these are names of Pa sites.



Congratulations to our Tough Guy and Gal competitors



writing by room 18

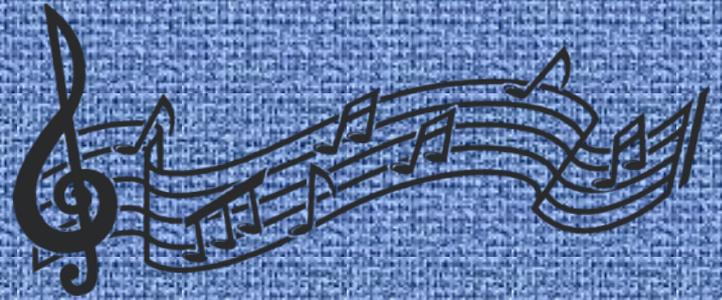
We used a background of music to imagine we were something else

I am a wild parrot that drifts in the breeze on a beautiful summer's day, over the Indian jungle. My wings are very colourful and soft. I am like a rainbow floating over the desert in the sunset. My tail floats in the air.

By Allegra Collins

Woosh! I was drifting around mountains feeling the breeze in my face, watching my feathers flap around. Dodging the sea gulls flying towards me. Watching rocks fall into the deep, wavy ocean. Water falls like a terrible paper dart, trying to fly like an eagle, zooming towards the mountains. Seeing boats floating in the sea.

By Kiwa Samuels



The Indian music played as I, the monkey, was climbing through the tree tops on the vines. I swing as the music gets quieter and calmer. I swing through the trees as fast as a hare. I stopped in my tracks as the music soothed me like a butterfly flying in the thin air. Flying free. Flying quietly through the air.

By Noah Honey

As music played it led me to the beautiful village of Tecotecos. They were praying to the sun. They turned to stare at me and turned me into a powerful stingray with Maori patterns. They took me to the clear, dark blue ocean and set me free. Last night I saw the beautiful twinkling stars in the black sky. I saw one shaped like a stingray just like me. It was my grandmother, she was swimming in the sky. When I swam back to shore, I saw the Tecotecos. They turned me back to life and I ran back home.

By Chance Kaio

Home and School Committee News

Mini Mastermind

The Home & School Committee would like to say a really BIG thank you to all the Helensville Primary School community for the amazing effort that went into our Mini Mastermind event. Not only was there a lot of fantastic learning about interesting facts (and much debate over some of the answers!) but just under \$4,000 was raised. These funds will go towards the new senior playground at HPS.

Thank you to all those sponsors and to our clever Mini Masterminds of HPS.



Room 16 were the winning class, who were the best fundraisers in the Mini Mastermind. The prize for this was an ice cream sundae treat!

Congratulations to Bo Phillips who had the most sponsors! Bo has won a tour of TVNZ. We can't wait to hear all about it Bo!

The High tea was a huge success in the weekend. We will confirm the fundraising total in the next newsletter. (see photo page)

Senior Playground

The main fundraising focus for the Home & School Committee has been raising funds for a new senior playground.

We are pleased to provide an update on this exciting project . . .

- To date \$40,000 has been raised.
- Initial plans have been quoted
- Consultation has been undertaken with student leaders in the senior team as to what type of playground they and their fellow students would like to have.

Next step . . .

- Concept plans have been drawn up for the playground and will now be adapted to include the students views.
- Contractors will be asked to re-tender for new designs so we can determine our final fundraising target.



Helensville School - Where we know what it is to be a learner

Goat Island

I see eels swimming as clear as crystal deep below the water's surface.

I hear waves crashing onto the marvellous sandy beach.

I smell the sea salt from the awesome ocean.

I taste lime green water brush over my face as it is swept by the wind.

I touch the bumpy back of a neon sea star.

Written by Thomas Drummond

Rock pools at Goat Island

I see the sharp, jagged rocks and the huge waves crashing against them.

I hear the constant clicking of cameras as people yell, "Look at this!"

I feel the slippery moss covering the rocks under my wet, bare feet.

I taste the frothy sea spray as it splashes against my face.

I smell the ocean and feel I am ready for a well earned lunch.

Written by Alexa Macdonald

Room 22's Descriptive Writing

In Room 22 we have been learning about descriptive writing and adding detail for impact. We have been writing senses poems relating to our fabulous trip to Goat Island this term.

Goat Island

I smell the sweet ocean breeze as it glides through the windows filling my thirsty lungs.

I see the enchanting sea view as millions of large fish swim past at a thousand miles an hour.

I taste the spraying sea water from the touch tank as it fills so quickly.

I touch the gigantic turtle shell glistening in the sunlight as it hangs from the pale walls.

I hear the waves crashing against the sandy sea shore.

Written by Lexie Orange

Rock pool

I see the eels snaking away into the shadows of the underwater world.

I hear the foaming waves wrestling with the jagged rocks.

I taste the salty particles from the ocean spraying up into my face.

I touch the tiny starfish handling them with care.

I see tiny purple claws in the deep crevices of the worn rocks belonging to tiny crabs.

I hear children going "ooh" and "aah" to fascinating sea creatures.

I smell the deep blue salty ocean water as I bend down to search for marine animals concealing themselves from view.

Written by Adam Makin

COMMUNITY NEWS

Enjoy Music?

Want to play in a band?

Join a MusicRoom holiday workshop!

Music Room are delighted to announce that they will again be running our holiday workshops in the July school holidays. Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th July. As well as their general instrumental all-day workshops, they will be offering specialist Rhythm and Beat workshops featuring internationally renowned percussionist Hannah Neman. These workshops are a low cost way to give children a chance to see if music is for them.

For more information contact:
Kathy - Programme co-ordinator
MusicRoom
021 689 005



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To Book : Please either

email a.ashoktennis@gmail.com or text 022 075 1494 before the evening, the day before the session that you would like to attend, leaving your name, number and email.



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Workshops

Helensville Women and Family Centre are excited to announce that Steph Holloway from Elemental Potential

will be running the following workshops. Register early as there are limited spaces.

Email elemen-talsteph@gmail.com or phone 027 6680067 or alternatively contact Tania at Helensville Women & Family Centre info@hwfc.co.nz or phone 4207992.

Communication That Kids Understand - Tues 25 th July 10am-2pm	\$30
Compassionate Assertiveness for Women - Tues 25 th July 7pm-9pm	\$30
Body Language – Build your Skills - Thurs 27 th July 7pm-9pm	\$30



Want part-time work that fits around your family? Parent Aid is looking for a Home Support Worker to join the team assisting families in the North-West region. You are an excellent organiser who is very experienced in the care of babies and young children and who has a positive, can do attitude to assist with

practical help re: light housework, meal prep. etc. A reliable vehicle is needed. If this sounds like you please give Kim a call on (027) 544-1450 or email CV to kim@parentaidnorthwest.org.nz

Disclaimer: These are community notices that are no way connected with Helensville School. Parents should make their own judgements as to the safety and suitability of any of these programs for their children.

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