

Helensville Primary School

NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Expect the Unexpected

Halloween means various things to different people, some think it is a tradition that has no place in our society, others see it as a bit of fun. Whatever your perception is, I heard a story on the radio last week that reminded me to expect the unexpected no matter what you think.

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Where we know what it is to be a learner

Aim High - Arohia Ake

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7TH NOVEMBER 2018

The radio presenter's daughter stated that she wasn't going out to 'trick or treat' this year as she had exams to study for. As you can imagine, her mum was very proud.

Much later in the evening her daughter turned up in the living room with her younger sister all dressed up in costumes and said they were going out. Her mother

"Expect the unexpected, and whenever possible, be the unexpected."

started to lecture them about priorities and study, but they went out anyway, leaving her angry and disillusioned. When they returned after a couple of hours, their mother was waiting for them and instead of the expected haul of treats, they had black rubbish bags. They had spent their time collecting lolly wrappers, and any other litter that careless 'trick or treaters' had left behind. Their motivation was to care for the environment and they were planning to continue doing this in the future. As you can imagine, the mum was very proud.

Expect the unexpected, believe in the unbelievable, achieve the unachievable.

Thanks

Our Helensville Curriculum Team, led by Jennie Clark, sent out a survey for your input and were thrilled by the response. The 67 replies were full of material that the team can look to incorporate into their plan, alongside the feedback from the teaching staff and students. The information and opinions gathered on our Te Pō Arohia Ake night will also be taken into consideration. This curriculum plan will integrate our Inquiry Learning Model and be the basis for our teaching and learning programmes.

BoT Farewell & Welcome

At our Board meeting last Thursday, we received a resignation letter from Neil Hilton.

Neil has been such a valuable member of the Board for three terms (9 years) in office - including an extended period as Board Chair. His contributions and leadership have been significant in the development of our school and the vast experience he brought to the board will be missed. Thank you Neil, for all you have done to help make Helensville Primary School a great place for our children, staff and community. With Neil vacating a place on the board at this time, it is not necessary to hold an election to replace him. We have however, co-opted a new member, David Munro onto the board. David has extensive experience on boards and a great skill set for communication. Welcome David to our wonderful Helensville 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

Last day for order-
ing class photos.

11th November 2018



www.schoolshotz.co.nz/class-photos/

Kia hiwa rā

Whutupaoro, netepaoro, teneti are all kinds of sports in Te Reo. What other sports can you name?



Mathletics Awards

Congratulations to Thomas, Ashleigh and Georgia, who all received a gold award in Mathletics !



A very warm welcome to our new students;

Maxwell, Tina, Mistdema, Calani and their families. We look forward to showing them all our school has to offer.

Important Notice

School will be finishing at the earlier time of 12:30pm on Thursday 20th December 2018. School buses will run to accommodate this change.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 4 2018

6th - 19th November	Kowhai Team swimming lessons
9th November	HPS Athletics Day Year 4-8
14th November	International Trip leave for Hong Kong
14th November	Year 5 & 6 Norwest Cricket
16th November	Kaipara Athletics
23rd November	Norwest Athletics
23rd November	PATHS Disco
30th November	Kowhai/Karaka Athletics day @ Rautawhiri Park
5th December	Harbour Sport Fun Day Year 3 - 8
11th December	BOT Meeting in the Staffroom
11th December	Pool trip for Road Patrolters
14th December	Year 8 Graduation Social
17th December	End of Term Assembly
20th December	End of Year Assembly - starts at 11am
20th December	Last day of 2018 school year - school finishes at 12:30pm
4th February	First day of Term 1 2019

2019 Enrolments

Is your child turning 5 and starting school in 2019?

Do you know someone who is interested in attending our school?

Please let us know as soon as possible so we can lock in places for next year.

Contact the school office or email admin@helensville.school.nz

NB. The Board of Trustees advises that there will be no places available for out-of-zone students in the 2019 school year. The exception to this will be for siblings of current students, who are/turn five years of age, and will be starting school for the first time in 2019.



We would like to acknowledge the generous support we get from Luma Audio Visual Creative.

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Year 4-8 Athletics Day is this Friday!

If you are able to help out on the day, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Don't forget your running gear if you would like to take on the students and staff
in the end of day running relay!!



Times	Long Jump	Shot-put	Sprints	Discus	High Jump
9.30	Year 8	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7
10.30	Year 7	Year 8	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
11.20	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 4	Year 5
12.10	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 4
1.00	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
1.50	Flying Squad Relays				

No school lunches available on Friday 9th November due to athletics day.

Here are some photos of the students who are attending the cooking classes at Te Whare Oranga ō Parakai.



Our Kapahaka and Pasifika groups at the dress rehearsal for the Kaipara festival, that was held last weekend.

FULL DAY STRIKE ACTION

Monday 12th November 2018

School will be closed on Monday
12th November 2018

Thank you for your support of our efforts to improve education
systems for our learners and the staff working with them.

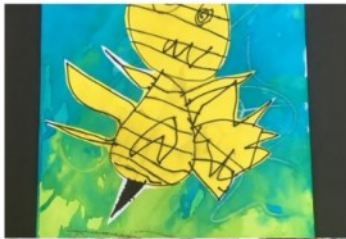




Room 1



have been learning all about bees



New entrants at Helensville School?



You are invited to a
'New Parents Morning'
Thursday 8th November 2018
9:00am in Room 2

For parents of
children who
started schooling
in Term 3, or will
be starting in
Term 4, or Term 1
next year.

Come along and meet some of our
Teachers, have a look at our
find out about our programmes, what you can
do to prepare your child for school and ask any
questions you may have...

Tomorrow morning

We look forward to meeting you!



LET'S PLAY

As part of our explanation writing, we started on a topic we were all experts on...

Playgrounds!

Have a look at our detailed reports. When was the last time you went on the Monkey bars or slide?



Playgrounds - by Mila

Playgrounds are fun and help kids be more interactive and is a workout for their gross and fine motor skills.

Why playgrounds are good:

Playgrounds can be good for exercise, fresh air, or just something to do. Firstly, exercise. It's actually a scientific fact that some children (mostly children that are on electronics all day) have bad upper body strength and equipment such as monkey bars can help this. Monkey bars are really good to help improve upper body muscles. Secondly, playgrounds are good for some fresh air and to get things out of you, such as stress and sometimes sadness. Thirdly, just something to do. When kids are bored they NEED to do things and playgrounds can give them something to do.

Playgrounds have a variety of things such as monkey bars, slides and swings.

Rules of the playground:

If you want to have fun you need to be safe and that's why most of the playgrounds you see have rules. One of the most common rules are that you cannot climb up the slide. Some playgrounds have certain height, weight or even sometimes age limit. You have to be a certain age, weight or height to be able to play on the playground.

What are playgrounds made out of?

Playgrounds are mostly made out of wood, plastic and metal. For example monkey bars are made out of metal to support children's body weight. The base of the playground is usually made out of wood so it isn't very slippery on wet days and so it doesn't rust.

Conclusion

Lastly that's why playgrounds are good for children to play, exercise, and have fun.

Playgrounds - Geordie

I am going to tell you what a playground is.

Definition

Playgrounds are fun to play on, you can find playgrounds at schools or local parks.

Equipment

The equipment on most playgrounds are swings, monkey bars, climbing walls, ladders and spider web ropes

Fitness

Playgrounds can be used for fitness. The 'spider web' can teach you how to climb through small stuff. The 'monkey bars' can teach you how to swing around trees. Sometimes there is a ladder that goes up to the monkey bars

Conclusion

Playgrounds are amazing to play on.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Ngāti Whatua Heru Hapai
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Don't leave anybody out



Nau Mai Haere Mai

Haranui Marae Free GP Clinic

12.10pm – 3.30pm

Marae GP Date

Thursday 15th November 2018

Te Waahi (Place/Venue): Haranui Marae
64 Haranui Road
South Head

Te Wa (Time): 12.10p – 3.30p

Everyone is welcome regardless of your current Doctor or Medical Practice

Appointments are essential and can be made by phoning
Te Ha Oranga-Te Awaroa (Helensville): 09 420 8523

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 programmes for their children.

KIDS' KITCHEN COOKING CLASS

SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER
TE WHARE ORANGA Ō PARAKAI



Kids' Kitchen Cooking Class

Te Whare Oranga Ō Parakai

Sunday 4 November

We're back to our usual Sunday morning classes in November making Vietnamese Spring Rolls - light, nutritious and packed full of flavour!

WHEN: 9am, 10am & 11am, Sunday 4 November

AGES: 3-12-year-olds

COST: \$5 each

To book email Chef Keryn on kitchen@hdht.co.nz.

The Kids' Kitchen Christmas Special Cooking Class at Te Whare Oranga Ō Parakai is on Sunday 2 December.

The 9am-10am class is for 3 to 7-year-olds. Cost, \$5 each.

The advanced class is for 8 to 13-year-olds and will be a longer two-hour lesson in the Testing Kitchen. Cost, \$30.

There are only 10 spaces in the Advanced Class and the last one sold-out, so be sure to book early.

To book email Chef Keryn on kitchen@hdht.co.nz.

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