

Helensville Primary School

NEWSLETTER



FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The challenge of leadership is to be **strong**, but not rude; be **kind**, but not weak; be **bold**, but not bully; be **thoughtful**, but not lazy; be **humble**, but not timid; be **proud**, but not arrogant; have **humor**, but without folly.

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Aim High - Arohia Ake

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21ST SEPTEMBER 2016

Jim Rohn's quote was one I used at Mrs Brunton's farewell assembly to describe only a small part of what made her an exceptional leader. Mrs Brunton left Helensville School knowing how very much she was valued by the board, staff, 'her' children, their families and our community. Thank you for what you did to make it such a special time.

There is certainly a huge gap that has been caused by her departure. Many of us are feeling sad that she has gone, some are worried about what the new principal will be like, and others are just tentative about what the next chapter for our school will be.

I know that Mrs Brunton would be saying that these are exactly the *right* feelings for us to have. After acknowledging them, she would also be asking us to put those feelings to the side and to keep busy with the learning. Next she would ask us to then notice the moments when we don't miss her *quite* so much, when we start to feel a *little* excited about meeting Mrs Heasman; after all, we have lots of things to show off to her about!

My job as Acting Principal over the next 8 weeks is to keep our school on the track that Mrs Brunton has already put us on for the year. Her excellent leadership means she has set everyone up to know exactly what their role in this is and we all know to keep the focus on the most important thing – the wellbeing of our children and their learning.

Mrs Brunton will continue to be proud of us all.

I have no doubt she will be reading every one of our future school newsletters and quietly celebrating our many achievements with us. I can see her smiling and nodding in agreement as she reads this from home!

To tatou pai tonu

Our best always

Andrea Clarke
Acting Principal



End of Term Assembly
Friday 23rd at 1:30pm
We invite you to attend and
celebrate all our wonderful
learners at HPS.

**Thanks to everyone
who completed our recent
Local Curriculum
consultation. Your feedback
is important to us.**



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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 3/4 2016

21st September	Senior school trip to Stardome observatory
23rd September	Last day of Term 3 - Assembly 1:30pm
10th October	First day of Term 4
14th October	Ag Day
20th October	Junior School trip to Stardome observatory
20th October	Senior Team to Gibbs Farm
24th October	Labour Day - school closed
25th October	Upper Middle trip to Stardome observatory
26th October	Lower Middle trip to Stardome observatory
29th October	Kaipara Festival - held at Helensville Primary School
2nd November	School Shotz - classroom and individual photos
4th November	Athletics Day at Rautawhiri Park for Years 3-8 (save day 7th Nov)
11th November	Kaipara Athletics Day for Years 3-8 (save day 14th Nov)
15th November	Mini-Mastermind fundraiser
16th December	Last day of Term 4 - End of year assembly 1:30pm

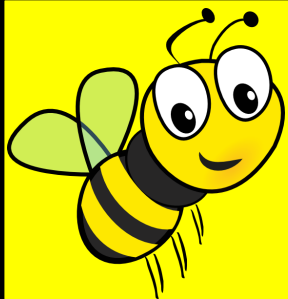


Farewell to Krick Evans and Ellen Keene.

We would like to farewell two of our staff members this week. Krick Evans left last Friday, after 9 years of great teaching at Helensville School! Mrs Evan's special way with the children will be missed by us all.

Our wonderful part time teacher, Ellen Keene is leaving at the end of this term to have her second baby. We look forward to meeting Arthur's little sibling.

We wish you both all the very best in your next adventures.



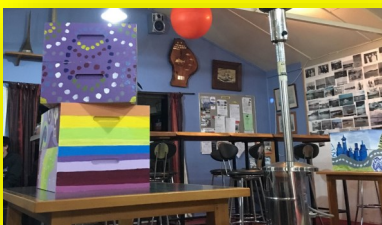
We are 'bee'ming with excitement thanks to the Rodney Beekeepers Club.

Students in our lunchtime 'Art Club' have been painting bee supers.

Last week, the finished supers were auctioned at the local Rodney Beekeepers Club.

We would like to acknowledge Rodney Beekeepers Club for their donation of all proceeds from the auction. Special thanks to Mr Claude Buchanan for working with us on this special project.

This kind donation of \$730 will be used to purchase books for our school library.





Congratulations to
Suao Asada and
James Larsen who have both
received a Gold Award for
Mathletics.



HPS students, to date have
been awarded with 1225 bronze,
177 silver and 6 gold!!!
Outstanding results, keep aiming high!



We are very
excited to
announce that
our recent FUN RUN
raised a grand total of
\$8683.48

Home and School News

QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday 22nd September 7pm at
the Helensville RSA.

\$10 a ticket - tables of six.

Contact Kalindi for a booking
021811022

All proceeds will go to
Helensville Primary School's
Home and School Committee
funds for the senior playground.



AG DAY 2016

Only weeks to go until our school's biggest fundraising event
of the year!

Raffle tickets and Ag Day booklets were sent home with students on
Monday. If you did not receive these, please contact the school.
The Ag Day booklet can also be found on our school website
www.helensville.school.nz

It's not too late to donate prizes for our hugely popular
Mega Raffle.

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



Home and School would like to say a huge...



...to all the families who have so far donated a prize towards our Ag Day MEGA RAFFLE.

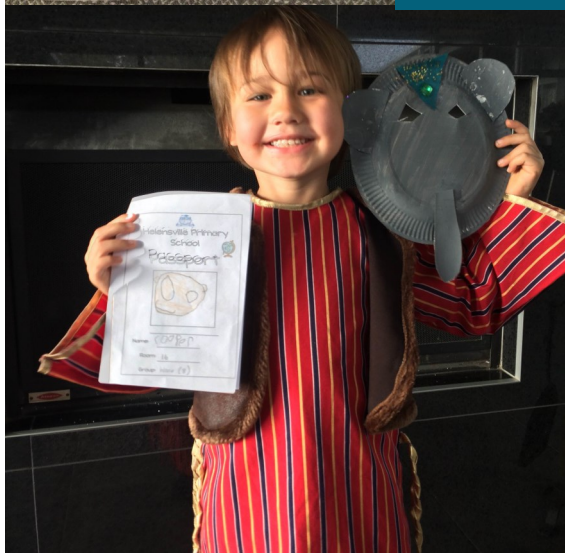
During the first week back of Term 4 we will be sending home cake boxes, requesting items for our
grocery hampers (prizes in our Mega Raffle) and asking each family how they can help out on the day.
Please keep an eye out for this.



Around the World

The junior school celebrated the end of their term's learning about "My Space in the World" with a cultural dress up day and feast. The children loved 'flying' around the world and completing activities from various countries.

They carried their passports that were 'stamped' in each country. Parents were also invited in to share all the fantastic learning that had happened over the term. It was awesome to see so many parents come in and celebrate with us!





AIMS Games

NZCT AIMS Games International Sporting

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday 4 September to Friday 9 September 2016



We would like to acknowledge our generous AIMS teams sponsors.



Drink bottles, beanies, rugby training kit



Training shirts



Donation towards accommodation costs

We would also like to thank all the children who attended the school disco and bought yummy sausages at our school cross country sausage sizzle.

Our students had an amazing week away in Tauranga and their results were outstanding!

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Top of Mount Maunganui



Team Photo



Opening Ceremony for 9300 athletes



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Team Talk



Dishes!



Ice bath!

We need you!



HELENSVILLE PRIMARY

AG DAY

FRIDAY
14 OCT
2016

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ON AG DAY**

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Holiday Art Program (for ages 7 - 12 yrs)

A one-day drawing and painting workshop

With step- by-step guidance children will discover how simple shapes can be used to draw more complex forms, then with acrylic paints they will transform their drawings, learning painting tips and techniques along the way. Fun and focused.

Friday 7th October. 10.00am - 3.00pm, \$45 Kumeu Arts Centre

Bookings essential: email eion@eionbryant.com, ph 4836703

MUSICROOM HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

5 OCTOBER 2016

Do you like music?

Do you like having fun?

MusicRoom is holding holiday workshops, and you're invited!

If you want to find out what your instrument truly is, or just love music and can't get enough, then contact Kathy on 021 689 005 or musicroomaccounts@vodafone.co.nz to book your place.

Where: Parakai School

When: 10am to 3pm Wednesday 5 October

Cost: \$35 (\$30 for MusicRoom students)

Includes: Lunch and afternoon tea.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Community Candlelight Night

Friday 23rd September .Anytime From 5.30 – 11pm



The Helensville community would like to invite you & your whanau to join in this informal event outside in the RSA courtyard – War Memorial Hall, Helensville.

Come and light a candle in memory of a loved one, write on the memory wall, enjoy music and a cuppa. Come & go as you please.

Bring along something of meaning to you.

An evening for our community to get together to say.....

You're not alone.....and we remember!

For more info contact Jeanette Cummings 0275160457 or Leigh Cummings 021999948



Play Cricket This Summer at Kumeu Cricket Club



Kumeu Cricket Club is open for registrations for the 2016/17 season.



We offer social and competitive cricket for kids and adults. Kids from 4+ can learn cricketing skills and enjoy games. Season's membership from \$115 (Includes free club shirt and cap for new members). Please visit our website for details www.kumeucricket.com or phone the Club Manager on 0220434614.

This year we are offering tennis coaching at the club with Kiwi Tennis Limited.

All ages catered for every Tuesday from 3.30pm.

See

<https://kiwitennis.co.nz/programme/helensville-tennis-club>

to book and pay.



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