

Helensville Primary School

NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Last week we welcomed a team from the Education Review Office to our school, capably led by Ann Northover. We were delighted that the person who led our previous review, Aroha Knight, was part of this latest team and were hopeful that Aroha would notice some of the very positive changes which have taken place at Helensville School in the last five years. She most certainly did!

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Where we know what it is to be a learner

Aim High - Arohia Ake

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24TH AUGUST 2016

When the school receives the final written report from ERO, this will be shared with the school community. It's safe to say that it will be another outstanding one for our school and something for us all to celebrate. What we all know is that to be successful you need a great team, and that's definitely the case with our school. I have to acknowledge our amazing staff, who work so hard on a daily basis to ensure the best possible learning environment is created for our children.

The reviewers spoke about feeling particularly welcome in our school. Special thanks go to our children who facilitated this so well, from the powhiri on Monday, to holding doors open or sharing smiles and greetings, all alongside some very meaningful talk about learning and what makes Helensville School so special.

It was obvious to ERO that our Board of Trustees is well aware of what is most important to their governance role: the learning and achievement of our children. Strong connections with parents and whanau were also evident: thank you to those parents who made time available to speak with ERO about our school from your own special perspective.

Since our previous review, we have worked tirelessly towards a shared vision, to be a school where we know what it is to be a learner. It's fantastic that this was recognised by ERO, but we're certainly not staying put - our school will continue to grow and develop, face challenges and be (*highly*) successful. Thank you to all of you who put your shoulder to

the plough alongside us, to make this school one which the ERO team could so easily say is 'high performing in all areas'.

Having just walked through the school in the week *after* ERO, what's great (and not at all surprising), is that I've observed an engaging writing lesson in a Lower Middle class, heard a teacher aide putting on different voices to hook a child into learning sight words, witnessed a little extra TLC being handed out by office staff and heard a discussion between two team leaders about how to further raise achievement for a particular group of students. It's gratifying to have been so brilliantly affirmed by the ERO team, but it's even more rewarding to know that we *continue* do all of this for our children, who really are the heart of the matter.

Kia Manawanui

Be Stout-hearted

Kia Kaha

Be Strong

Eileen Brunton



Local Curriculum Consultation

At Helensville Primary School, feedback from our parents is important to us. Your participation in this consultation will help us to plan a teaching and learning curriculum (major topic studies) for the next three years, which reflect new or repeated views, interests and needs of our community. **Your child will be bringing this home on Thursday. Alternatively, keep an eye out for an email with a link to the digital survey, which can be completed online.** Please complete/return by 16th September 2016 to be in the draw to win one of 4 family passes to Parakai Springs.

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 2016

25th August	Maori and Pasifika Girls Celebration evening
25th August	Cross Country Year 0-4 - Lower Middle 12pm bottom field - Juniors 1:45pm bottom field
22nd-26th August	North Island Ski Champs Years 7/8
29th Aug-2nd Sept	North Island Ski Champs Years 1-6
30th August	Norwest Cross Country Years 5-8 (Save day 1st September)
01st September	Farewell assembly for Mrs Brunton 1:30pm
5th September	Home and School Meeting 7pm Staffroom. New members welcome.
5th Sept-9th Sept	AIMS
8th September	Rippa Years 3-6 Riverhead (Save day 13th September)
9th September	Mrs Brunton's last day at Helensville Primary School
13th September	HPS Netball prizegiving 5pm School Hall
15th September	Junior Topic Celebration
16th September	Kaipara Netball Prizegiving
23rd September	Last day of Term 3 - Assembly 1:30pm
15th November	Mini-Mastermind fundraiser

Congratulations to Michael Mankelow and Christian Reid .

Both boys have received a Gold Award for Athletics.



The Board of Trustees of Helensville Primary School would like to invite our school community to attend a farewell assembly for Mrs Brunton on

Thursday 1st September at 1.30pm

Followed by an afternoon tea for parents and other members of the community to say their farewells, in the school hall until 4.00pm

Welcome

A very warm welcome to our new students Lilee and John, and their family.

It's lovely to have you at our wonderful school.

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New Zealand 'Maths Week'

At Helensville School we celebrated in the Upper Middle and Seniors with a fast-paced, exciting Mathex competition. This competition relied on students working together in teams to solve questions against the clock. Once they had solved a question they would run to their marker to either get the next question if they were correct or, if incorrect, they would choose whether to try again or pass. The team with the highest score (out of 20 questions) after 30 minutes was the winner. The hall was buzzing with maths-talk, screaming and cheering. Teachers were really impressed with many students and teams who showed qualities of determination and persistence with this competition. Congratulations to the winning teams who earned 100,000 house points for their houses. In Year 5/6 the winning team was Ava Wendelborn, Riley Reynolds and Calvin Hapeta from Panthers. In Year 7/8 the winning team was Floyd Clark, Thomas Barry, James Larsen, Jamie Painton, and Taj Ware, also from Panthers.

Well done everyone!



AG DAY 2016

We are half a term away from our school's biggest fundraising event of the year, Ag Day!

The Home and School Committee are on the lookout for prizes for our hugely popular **Mega Raffle**. If you have any contacts at all (family, friends, neighbours, businesses you frequent) **please** ask them (beg them!) for a donation on our behalf. 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

Animals born between **1st July and 30th September** inclusive, and fully cared for and fed by the student, will be eligible to enter into our large animal competition (lambs, calves, kid goats.) See Miss Tracey Buchanan in Room 1 if you would like more specific information around this. She has asked competitors to collect an information pack from her. See below if you are still on the lookout for a lamb.



Richard Kidd has four (5 week old) lambs available to purchase for \$50ea to keep, or free if you return to the farm after Ag Day. Ph Richard 420 8007 and leave a message.

HANGING BASKET DEMO

There will be a hanging basket demo for Ag Day with Debbie Olsen on Friday 2nd September at 12:30pm. Parents and caregivers welcome to come and learn too.



Calling all old Mobile Phones to help Sustainable Coastlines look after NZ's coastlines and waterways.

It would be great if you could rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring into School any unwanted mobile phones you may have.

Phones collected help our School gain valuable rewards and also the environment benefits by keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances. Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box in the reception area at School.



School Fundraiser

Tea Towels

We still have a supply of Helensville School tea towels available to purchase from the school office.

\$12 for one or \$20 for two.



Sustainability News

2016 HPS Waste Audit Results



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In term 2 the 'Waste Busters' sustainability students carried out HPS's annual waste audit, where we had some mixed results. We are happy to say that almost 90% of our clean paper went into the paper bins to be recycled, but less than a third of our food scraps were put into the food buckets to be recycled properly. In total, there were 140 pieces of plastic food wrap and about 400 pieces of chip and other packets, which would all go to landfill.

We have reduced our rubbish since last year, but not enough. Please remember, zip-lock bags, plastic cling-wrap, chip bags and other wrappers cannot be recycled! If your child uses zip-lock bags, ask them to bring them home to rinse and reuse them. Better still, use plastic containers which are easily washed and last much longer.

This term we are making our recycling system simpler, with the aim of improving food scrap recycling and reducing our landfill waste. We are also removing the playground bins, as we found people passing by had put disgusting things in them. This will also mean everyone at HPS will have to be better at sorting our own rubbish properly!

Helensville Primary School spends thousands of dollars every year to send our waste to landfill. If we recycle better and reduce our waste, maybe some of this money could be put towards a senior playground instead!

From,

HPS Waste Busters team

Check out Room 11's Descriptive Writing!

Horror Scene

The wind ripped up the freshly mown lawn, making it look like a scene from a horror movie. The grass was no more. The debris in the raging wind's path was picked clean from the ground or wherever it was, swirling continuously, threatening to hit.

BANG!

"AAARRRR!" my sister screamed, clinging on to my leg for dear life.

"Get off me!" I screamed, shaking my leg in fury, desperately trying to get her off.

BOOM!

I see black...

By Andre England.



Sunset Island

The luminous sun hung heavily on the horizon, lighting the clear water a light shade of orange. The last beams of light flicker across the water; slowly sinking beneath it like a shipwreck.

The darkened sky now provides a white glow from the towering moon, shining proudly in the night sky. The plethora of fish, swimming around the boat, flicking their minute tails, as if to wave goodbye. Rocking gently in the boat, the sounds of tropical birds, singing a sweet song, slowly eases you to sleep.

By Phoenix Edwards.



War!



My eyes burned like my face was inches away from a fire, as gunshots were fired all around me. The ground was littered with thousands of corpses from today and the battle yesterday. Last night was just the same as today,

helicopters whirred above me like a swarm of angry mosquitoes as the ground shook like there was an earthquake. Other sabotaged helicopters were leaking fuel like burst pipes leaking water. I could smell the scent of gunpowder drifting through the air. The enemy loaded up cannons capable of fitting in at least three cannonballs! Just then, I spotted my best friend collapse onto the ground, I rushed towards him but I was too late, he was as dead as a strangled kiwi. "Nooo!" I yelled as suddenly, BANG!!! My eyes rolled back in my head as all the blood I had, rushed out of my dead, dead body.

By Rebecca Bloemendal

Room 7 have been learning to write to persuade.

Have a look at how persuasive they can be!

Dear Mum,

Please can I have a TV for my room. I think I should get a TV because I have been working hard at school. If you get me a TV for my room I will do the dishes for you and I will feed the dog and duck for you. I will do my homework every day.

Love Cody

Dear Mum and Dad

Please can I have a Lego train set? I will give you all my pocket money. I have been doing good work at school. I will water the plants and feed all the plants and also do the dishes.

Love Adam.

Dear Mum,

Can I please have a TV for my room. I will do your bed and do my homework. I will do the dishes and I will clean the toilet without a fuss. I will not break the remote. I think I need one because I work hard.

Love Kasey

Dear Mum,

Please can I have a bike? I really want a motorbike. I will do all the dishes and I will make your bed every day for a whole week!

PLEASE!

Love Cooper

Hine Maia Celebration

Māori and Pasifika Girls' Celebration



Invitation to all whanau to come along and hear from our Māori and Pasifika girls about their learning, see their work on display and celebrate their many successes and achievements.

TOMORROW NIGHT



Thursday 25th August 2016, in the school hall

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Food provided (no need to RSVP)

Kids Auckland Marathon

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 11AM SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER 2016
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Starting at Belmont Street and finishing at Victoria Park. Enter online at www.aucklandmarathon.co.nz

KAIPARA JAMZ DISCO

Come and have Fun.
 Venue: Parakai School Hall
 When: 26th August, 2016
 6.30pm to 8.30pm
 Entry cost: \$3
 Age group: Year 1 to Year 8
 Snacks, drinks and refreshments available

Theme: **Fancy dress**

Awhina Creswell 0221690096 - fb: awhina.creswell
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COMMUNITY NEWS



SKYYouth

Fathers Day SK8 COMP

Rautawhiri Road Skate Park
 Sunday 4th Sept 11am - registration & practise
 Start time 12pm
 Divisions - 5-8yrs, 9-12yrs, 13-16yrs, Dads
 Skateboard & Scooter Divisions
 To register, text Alex - 02102938002

South Kaipara Youth

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Rainbow's End Fun Day!

When: Sunday 11 Sept 2016

Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Cost: \$28.00 per child

Parents: Pick up and drop off point
Helensville Police Station, 8 Rimu St

Limited tickets available for purchase
 Please enquire at school office

continuous BBQ & drinks

Yrs 5-8

All Day Super-pass

spot prizes

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Kaukapakapa Pony Club BBQ & Enrolment Evening 13th September 2016

This will be held at our Club Rooms - Henley Rd, at 5.30-7pm.



Our rally nights are Tuesdays 5.30-7.30pm.

We cater for all ages and level of rider, from lead rein and upwards. Courses for riders without horses are also available.

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RAUTAWHIRI PARK PAVILION OPEN DAY

Sunday 18 September 2-4pm

Hosted by Helensville Tennis, Lions Club of Helensville, Kaipara Netball Centre, Kaipara Junior Touch and Helensville Athletics. An opportunity to have a go, join up or just have a look. Fundraising afternoon tea, barbeque and raffles available.

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Saturday 17 September 10am to 2pm



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Lions Club of Helensville



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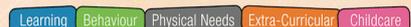
Cost: \$20.00

TICKETS MUST BE BOOKED

Email: carolyn@kidslink.co.nz

Reference: Teenagers Rodney

Phone: KidsLink 09 959 0531



School lunches



Helensville Primary Lunch Menu

Available: Monday, Wednesday & Friday



Mince Savoury	\$1.50
Large Sausage Roll	\$2.00
Sandwich - Ham, Marmite or Jam	\$2.00
Bacon & Egg Pie	\$2.50
Hotdog with Sauce & Mustard	\$2.50
Lasagne Topper	\$2.50
Mac & Cheese	\$3.00
Salad Roll	\$3.00
Ham & Salad Roll	\$4.00
Nachos with sour cream	\$3.50
Sushi (6 pieces)	\$4.00

Teriyaki Chicken, Smoked Salmon
or Pineapple & Cream Cheese

Fresh Seasonal Fruit	\$1.00
Jumbo Cookie of the Day	\$1.00
Homemade Muffin of the Day	\$1.50
Yoghurt	\$1.50
Real Fruit Jelly (no added sugar)	\$2.00
Fruit Salad	\$2.00
Water	\$2.00



Meal Packs....

1.... Morning Tea & Brainfood	\$3.00
Snack Bar, Raisins, Pack of Cookies & Fruit	
2... ADD A SANDWICH	\$5.00
3... Sushi or a Sausage Roll	
Pack of popcorn, Jelly & a piece of fruit	\$6.00

Lunches can be ordered in the Hall from 8.30 in the morning on lunch days.
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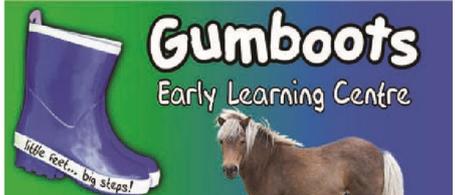
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