

Helensville Primary School

NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Kia ora everyone and a very warm welcome to the 2018 school year. It is always such an exciting day for us when the children finally arrive and we can begin our learning together. The classrooms all look fresh and enticing, just waiting to be filled with laughter, the sharing of holiday experiences and the feeling of anticipation for the year ahead. This start of year also brings with it elements of change.

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Where we know what it is to be a learner

Aim High - Arohia Ake

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This metaphor about change depicts so much that happens in our school environment and society in general. Change can be stimulating, challenging, creative, worthwhile, messy, productive and fun. It can bring new life to old methods, create sustainability and develop new initiatives that allow us to think in diverse ways.

The following are a few changes you will see for the 2018 year.

Our New Team Names

Kowhai	(Junior)
Karaka	(Upper Junior)
Miro	(Lower Middle)
Rata	(Upper Middle)
Rimu	(Seniors)

New Teaching Spaces

Our new teaching spaces are called Innovative Learning Environments (ILEs) and are the Ministry of Education's focus for all new buildings across the country. These teaching environments have been around for a number of years now, with all the new schools being built around New Zealand constructed in a similar way. They give flexibility for individual learning styles, allow teachers to collaborate in a variety of ways in their teaching practice and utilise their skills to benefit the students. I can assure you the teachers still teach the New Zealand Curriculum as they have been trained to do and the children still learn mathematics and how to read and write.

To answer any queries you may have about these learning environments, we have an ILE specialist, Nikki Urlich coming for an information session on 7 March at 5.45pm in the new buildings. We have been working as a staff with Nikki and she has a wealth of knowledge and experience. She will be a very

motivating speaker to listen to, so if this is of interest to you, put the date in your diary now. We will be giving you an opportunity to put forward questions, to ensure we cover all the things you want to know.

Although these spaces are a fabulous asset, it was disappointing for us to return to the surrounding grounds not being completed. As you will be aware the weather 'turned to custard', as the saying goes, just as everyone was resuming work and this put the contractors behind in their planning. They are not able to work while school is open for instruction, so we have put safety procedures in place for the children until the site works can be completed over the following weekends, weather permitting.

Sustainability at Helensville

For a number of years now we have put initiatives in place to create sustainable methods for recycling food and rubbish. Our new initiative this year involves the children bringing home their non-food rubbish items such as wrappers, chip or biscuit packets and plastic wrap. The children will take their lunch boxes/bags out with them when they eat at break times and put their rubbish back in them to take home. We appreciate in advance your support in making our school a rubbish free and more ecologically friendly environment. Our food recycling will continue and with the garden areas about to come out from behind the building fences, we will be able to plant again.

Assemblies

This year we are giving each class an opportunity to run their own assembly in place of the whole team ones that have occurred in the past. This means that your child's class will present work they have done and run the assembly on the alternate weeks that we have our singing assembly. Your child's teacher will let you know when that is going to happen so you can come and see them if you are able. Room 19 is the lucky first class on Monday 26 February at the usual time of 1.45pm.



*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*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 1 2018

12th - 23rd Feb	Year 5 - 8 Swimming 22nd Feb - Swimming Sports (save day 23rd Feb)
21st Feb	Constable Bryan - Kia Kaha programme - 2:45pm staffroom
22nd Feb	BOT meeting in staffroom 6:30pm All welcome
26th Feb - 9th Mar	Year 1 - 4 Swimming 8th Mar - Swimming show off day (save day 9th March)
27th Feb	Karaka Camp information evening 5pm Space 25
27th Feb	Picnic Evening 5:45pm
5th Mar	Miro Camp information evening 5:45pm Room 19
6th Mar	Rata Camp information evening 5:45pm Room 8
7th Mar	Norwest Cricket Year 7/8
7th Mar	Information evening for new learning spaces 5:45pm - 6:30pm
13th Mar	Meet our Home and School Team - 7pm in the staffroom
16th Mar	Kaipara Swimming Sports Year 5-8
23rd Mar - 30th Mar	International students visiting
27th Mar	Norwest Swimming Sports Year 7/8
29th Mar	Summer Sports Day Year 5/6
29th Mar	Norwest Tennis Year 7/8
30th Mar - 3rd April	Easter - NO SCHOOL on Friday, Monday and Tuesday.
4th April	International students - day visit
4th - 6th April	Miro Team Camp
5th - 6th April	Karaka Team Camp
6th April	Summer Sports Day Year 7/8
13th April	End of Term 1 - Assembly 1:30pm



The Year 7/8 students in Rimu Team have begun the process of applying for student leadership roles within the school.

The students have been encouraged to talk to whanau about their strengths and what they would bring to the role. We are looking forward to meeting our 2018 Student Leadership Team.

Constable Bryan will be available to talk to parents about the Kia Kaha programme for Years 1- 6.

Kia Kaha is a police supported programme to increase students' resilience, promote self esteem and develop anti-bullying strategies.

Wednesday 21st February

2:45pm in the staffroom

All welcome.



Kia hiwa rā

Marae are a very special place to learn Maori history. Can you name all of the marae in our local area?



Mathletics Awards

Congratulations to Troy, Georgia, Olivia, James, Luka, Kasey and Jaimi who have all received a gold award in Mathletics over the holidays!



Meet the Teacher Picnic Evening Tuesday 27th February 5:45 till 7:30

Come and meet our 2018 teachers and enjoy a picnic dinner on the field with our school whanau. Starting in the hall with a welcome and introductions, classes will then be open until 6:30.



Home and School will have sausages and drinks for sale. Second-hand fleecies also available for sale.



If wet we will meet in the hall, introduce teachers, then classes will then be open. Home and School BBQ will be available on the way out.

Opportunity to visit Hong Kong

We have been invited to take a group of students to Hong Kong in November of



this year as a thank you for hosting so many international student groups. This will be an amazing opportunity for our students to experience both schooling and life within one of the most exciting cities of the world. We are looking for initial interest in this 10 day opportunity for Year 5 - 8 students along with two of our teachers.

The cost will be approximately \$2500.00 per student which will include flights, insurance, activities, food, accommodation and transportation. This is not something school will coordinate fundraising for as there will already be lots going on with AIMS and camp. If there is enough interest, and once the itinerary is finalised, there will be an information evening and a \$500.00 deposit will be required to secure places. Please register your initial interest with Andrea Clarke at the office or via email on andreac@helensville.school.nz by 1st March.



Congratulations to our Year 7 student Piper, who has been doing exceptionally well with her pony, Rebel Ricochet. On December 8th and 9th she competed at the Waitemata Dressage Champs at Woodhill Sands, and was the Reserve Overall Champion Level One Pony (the scores for each dressage test accumulate over the total days of competition). Then 19th - 21st January, she competed at the North Island Dressage Championships and became the Level 1 Pony NORTH ISLAND Champion. This is pretty amazing for a 10yr old, who has to compete against much older riders (including adults) most of the time. Piper puts in an immense amount of work into training the ponies herself.

Her next big event is the prestigious 'Horse Of The Year' show in Hastings next month, where she'll ride both of her ponies in showing and dressage title classes. We look forward to hearing how you go Piper!





Volunteers needed Monday, Wednesday and Friday for our breakfast club.

Until we get volunteers, breakfast club will only be running on Wednesdays.

Donations of fruit, muesli bars, spreads, baking etc are always welcome for our children with no lunches.

Please see Sharon Thompson in the office if you can help with either of these.

Outgrown uniform?

We welcome any outgrown or spare uniform you may have for either donation or to sell on your behalf.

Please drop off to the school office.

Thanks in advance.



You can now...



Helensville Primary School

The school Facebook page is initially being used for information and updates only.



Congratulations to former Helensville Primary School students, who are amongst this years' student leaders at Kaipara College

Georgia Logan - Head Girl

Aaron Disen, Brianna Clarke, Rosie Smith and Mila Clark.

So great to see these students are all still

'Aiming High'



Reminder that high top shoes are not to be worn as uniform footwear.

Message from Home and School

NEW and EXCITING!!!

Our committee members are eager to share our new logo, name, aspirations and ideas for 2018 with you!! Come and meet our existing team and share refreshments. We would love to see as many of you as possible.

Tuesday 13th March 2018 7pm in the staffroom. A brief AGM will be included in this evening



Collaborative Art

Check out the collaborative art Room 14 created this week. The students were each given a part of the picture to enlarge, draw and pastel. Then came the tricky part - putting the individual pieces together without knowing what they had created.





HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

We have another wonderful group of students visiting from Hong Kong on 23rd March - 30th March 2018 (7 nights).

Students are here to experience NZ schooling and family life, they stay in pairs and will need all meals provided. Families will receive \$560 to cover costs of having the students.

Please contact the office or Andrea on 09 420 8005 for more information or to let us know you are available to host our visitors.

This is a fabulous opportunity!

1 more family needed



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Cost: \$20.00
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Book Online: kidslink.co.nz/events

Learning Behaviour Physical Needs Extra-Curricular Childcare

Helensville Primary

Lunch Menu

Available: Monday, Wednesday & Friday



Mince Savoury	\$1.50
Large Sausage Roll	\$2.00
Mince or Mince & Cheese Pie	\$3.00
Large Soft Tacos	\$4.50
Crispy Chicken & Salad	
Vegetarian	
Hotdog with Sauce & Mustard	\$2.50
Lasagne Topper	\$3.00
Mac & Cheese	\$3.50
Nachos with sour cream	\$4.00
Sushi (6 pieces)	\$4.00
Teriyaki Chicken	
Smoked Salmon	

Meal Packs....

1...Morning Tea & Brainfood	\$3.00
Raisins, Pack of Cookies & Fresh Fruit	
2... Sushi or Taco	\$6.50
Pack of popcorn, Jelly & a piece of fruit	

Fresh Seasonal Fruit	\$1.00
Jumbo Cookie of the Day	\$1.00
Fruit Yoghurt	\$1.50
Jelly	\$2.00
Fruit Salad	\$2.00
Water	\$2.00



Lunches can be ordered in the Hall from 8am in the morning on Monday, Wednesday & Fridays.



NEWS



Helensville Junior Rugby 2018

NEW PLAYERS REGISTER

HERE: www.helensvillerugby.co.nz

RETURNING PLAYERS will receive an email with a personal link to register for the new season.

You **MUST** still come to a registration day to weigh-in and pay:

- Saturday 24 February Helensville A & P Show
- Sunday 4 March Fun Day at Club 10am – 2pm
- Wednesday 7 March Clubrooms 4pm – 5pm

EFTPOS available on these dates only.

Please make sure you have registered online before weigh-in. Everyone **registered ONLINE BEFORE** the Club Day on the 4th of March goes into the draw to win a \$50 Rebel Sport Voucher.

We want you J1 Rugby players- Were you born 2005 or 2006. If so, come and see what it is all about. This is the top level of Junior Competition and we need a few more to get our team in place!

We want you too Girls...so keep your boots on! Calling all girls from 5 - 12yrs old Come & give Girls Ripra Rugby a go. It is a great sport for the girls and one with an exciting future.

First Training Wednesday 21st March. See you there!

Do you know someone who may benefit from attending a FREE and professionally run day time course for employment preparation and readiness?

Hearts and Minds are running a group starting 19/2 to 26/3 every Monday from 10-noon. Work preparation skills such as cv and cover letters, the interview and much more, as well as learning skills to lift self esteem and confidence.

Facilitated by a registered psychologist and HR expert. Phone 441 8989 or email learning@heartandsminds.org.nz to enrol now!



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.

FREE ENTRY
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Free event for 0-12 year olds
CHILDREN'S DAY OUT

Sunday 4th March
10am to 1pm
Helensville Hall & Carpark

Helensville Women & Family Centre
Strengthening Women and Families

Activities on the day may include Music & Dance Performances, Clown Performance
Food Stalls, Community Organisation Showcases, Face Painting, Bike Track & Bikes, Activity Tables
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HELENSVILLE SHOW

PO Box 23 Helensville Ph: 09 420 7572 Fax: 09 420 7584 E-mail: info@helensvilleshowgrounds.co.nz www.helensvilleshowgrounds.co.nz

When: Sat 24 Feb 2018, 9:00am-4:30pm
Where: Helensville Showgrounds, Railway Street, Hwy 16 Helensville, Auckland

Ticket Information:

Family Pass: (2 adults & 4 children) - \$25.00

Adult: \$10.00

Child: (under 12): \$5.00

One great day - one great place

This year marks Helensville's 100th A&P Show. There will be traditional livestock competitions, horse show and indoor displays with everything from photographs to flowers. There will be rides, exhibits and a great variety of food and drink.

Come along and have some family time with a fun filled day. Purchase an online ticket (only 1000 online available). Print your ticket and present it at the STEWART STREET GATE ONLY to access your FREE PARKING onsite. Keep your ticket with you for a chance to win a spot prize.

Helensville School students click on the link below to see all the sections you can enter to win great prizes for art, craft, photography, cooking etc.

<http://www.helensvilleshowgrounds.co.nz/downloads/schedules/2018%20Helensville%20A&P%20Show%20Schedule%20-%20Children's%20Section.pdf>

Good luck to Daisy who is representing our school at the Junior Young Farmer Competition



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WHAT NOW

AN INVITATION!

Kia ora from 'On the Road!'

In 2018 What Now is hitting the road, coming from a different community live every Sunday from 8am-10am.

Kids (5-12yrs), families (including Mum & Dad), school classes, sports teams or groups... you're all invited to be part of our awesome live audience, ...it's FREE and coming to YOUR community!!!!

Here is your chance to try something new, maybe play games, get FOAMED or even GUNGED!!

Space is limited...don't miss out!
Check out our locations & dates online at...
www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience

There are two easy ways to register...

1. School classes, groups & sports teams please email your chosen location and date (from looking on the above website) to...

audience@whitebaitmedia.com

2. Kids or families can register online at...

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We can't wait to see you!
From the 'What Now' team!

Helensville
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