



## Helensville Primary Newsletter



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### A message from our Principal...

Kia Ora Whānau

Have you noticed the amazing transformation of our HPS Website during the lockdown?

This is thanks to Karen Holleron, one of our Assistant Principals, the Rata Team Leader and Room 8 teacher.

Karen had been working during Term 1 to capture many of the old features of the site and create a new, visually appealing and modern one. The culmination of this can now be seen here

<https://www.helensville.school.nz/>

When you visit the site, you will see the outstanding job Karen has done and be impressed with the changes made to reflect our Helensville community and whānau. While you are there look at the BOT section to view our new look Strategic Plan for 2020 and beyond.

There are still a few areas still under construction that will come together once we are back to school, in the real sense of the word. On the note of returning to school. We, like you, are waiting to hear the outcome of Monday's announcement from the government. Rest assured we are working behind the scenes creating a plan of how that may look and the protocols that will need to be put in place to achieve this. Our small team that are back at school have already had the opportunity to work with a small group of children. It is a privilege to be able to support those of you who are essential workers or need to return to your workplaces and has been a delight to have some children back in our lives.

A school without students is a very strange place indeed.



Aim High – Arohia Ake

# From Our Bubble to Yours

A glimpse into our bubbles...

I'm back at school and have been using my time to learn ways to help the children to learn.



**We will remember them!**  
We have been to every ANZAC Parade for all of the 27 years that we have been in Helensville.

No lock down was going to stop us. Up at dawn, standing on the road to listen to the service.

**LEST WE FORGET**



Paul Smith

Digital Learning



Hula Hoops

Mrs Holmes, Miss Jordan and the children in Bubble 2 at school.



Gang Gang War AKA  
Paper, Scissors, Rock!



Just Dance

# Bubble Poems



The hued mixture was stirred.  
Soon the army would rise for what was theirs.

Gossmer God drew his wand from his thick leather jacket.  
He was ready for war.  
It only took one breath, and war had begun.

Slowly shiny, transparent spheres filled the air.  
The enemies were out numbered.

Scurrying quickly, the enemy killed the 'innocent'  
One by one.

Barehanded Murder!

Gossmer blood splattered everywhere, marking their territory.

Realising their fragile existence, the gossmer  
spheres joined forces.  
Making them run and shriek with fear.

By Mila Laarakkers★



# Bubble Poems

## Bubbles

I lunge for the black capsule  
Latching onto the lid I twist  
then pull, clear liquid oozing from the  
long thin rod

A ring sat upon the slender shaft  
A gust of wind slips through my lips,  
forcing a plethora of different hues  
to separate into spheres.

I scowled. I didn't like how these  
'things' bounced around displaying their  
array of colours. "Look at me" they screamed

I extend my finger towards the  
mini iridescent planets.  
One by one my finger breaks each  
delicate surface causing it to  
explode under the pressure

After what seems like a decade  
the last colourful sphere went -pop-

Finally... I am content  
My world without colour once again



# Bubble Poems

## Bubbles

Glistening orbs float delicately in the air.

One pops! Two pop!

A third one now plummets to the ground.

only one, lone metallic bubble is left...

Away it floats, shimmering

like a cerulean ladybug taking flight.

The multi-coloured substance starts falling to its death...

It appears transparent, yet light shines off  
as radiant as the sun.

The last thing you see as it touches the ground  
is the whimsical reflection of city lights

Shining in the gossamer sphere.

Lily



# Community Notices

Check out our new Community Notices page under 'More' on our school website -[helensville.school.nz](https://helensville.school.nz)

## HPS Good Sorts



We're excited to share with you this new initiative to celebrate people who do amazing work at Helensville Primary School, those who go the extra mile to help our kids and make our school awesome!



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