

Helensville Primary School

NEWSLETTER



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S DESK

I got to say good bye to some very excited Year 7/8 students on Sunday as they headed off to the 2017 AIMS Games. The torrential rain, hail and gale force winds didn't seem to be dampening their spirits at all! Mrs Heasman is also down with the team for her first ever AIMS experience.

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13TH SEPTEMBER 2017

The 14th AIMS (Association of Intermediate and Middle Schools) Games runs from September 10 – 14 at a range of venues across the Western Bay of Plenty. It is considered the premier sporting event for 11, 12 and 13 year olds. This week, 10 139 athletes from 302 schools are contesting in 21 sports. It is an event that is bigger than the Commonwealth Games!

Our original participation in the AIMS Games came from a conversation at Wal and Val McLeod's holiday home in Mangawhai some 6 years ago. A group of parents and children were discussing what our country kids 'missed' out on compared to our fellow holiday makers who lived more centrally. The AIMS Games came up as something that 'all' schools did. As the event was described to us the question of "why can't we go to that?" came from our very sporty kids. It was a good question. Why can't we? The answer was we can! And so it began...

Our first AIMS team consisted of 12 netballers, crammed into 3 bunk rooms. This year sees 55 athletes (and their associated coaches, managers, cooks and taxi drivers) taking over an entire hotel complex! We now enter across a range of sports depending on the interests of our students; swimming, gymnastics, indoor bowls, tennis, Futsal, rugby 7s, yachting, cross country, multi sports, and of course netball. The first team got a gear bag, a jacket (one that proved so popular it is now part of our school uniform) and tracksuit pants. Thanks to sponsorship and fundraising efforts this team had soft shell jackets, tee-shirts, bags, track pants, beanies and drink bottles on display. What an opportunity!

As I said goodbye to each of the athletes I realised that it wasn't just our sporty kids that were going but that our entry into events like indoor bowls allowed anyone who wanted the experience to be a part of it, and that our growing size allows us to enter across a range of team sports. I so wish I could have done this when I was at school!

Afterwards I was down at Countdown and was asked if the team got away OK. I shared how the energy was despite the freezing temperatures they were driving down to. They commented on how great it was that as a school we create these opportunities for our students, saying that it was 55 more students than were allowed to go from their school.

The very successful ski and Kids' Lit teams, our entry into chess tournaments, our recent participation at the technology challenge at Orewa College are other examples of making things happen based on our students', parents' and teachers' passions

and interests. The research is very clear that everyone gains from extra-curricular activities, with clear links to better engagement and achievement across all levels of schooling. Why would we not?

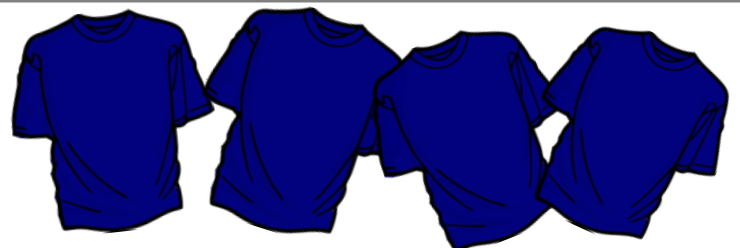
If there is ever anything you hear about that other schools or individuals have the opportunity to participate in, and you, like us those years ago at Mangawhai wonder why we don't do it at Helensville, just let us know. We will look into how we can make it happen. If it is good enough for other schools to do, it is more than good enough for us!

Seize all opportunity
Hopu whai wāhitanga katoa
Andrea Clarke
Deputy Principal

Book Amnesty

Have a look around at home for any books that belong to our school.

1000 house points for every book that is brought back.



All sports shirts need to be returned back to school by the end of Term 3 to the office or Room 14. Please make sure these are washed and dried. Thank you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 3/4 2017

11th September - 15th September	AIMS Games
19th September	Helensville School netball prizegiving
25th September	Production matinee 12pm
26th - 28th September	Production evening performances 6:30pm
29th September	Last day of Term 3 - Assembly 12-1pm
16th October	First day of Term 4
23rd October	Labour day - no school today
24th October	Meet Nadia Lim - see flier in this newsletter
27th October	Ag Day evening
1st November	School photos - Class and individual
2nd November	NW Touch Year 7/8
2nd November	Board of Trustees meeting - 6:30pm
3rd November	Group Day
8th November	Kids Choir day and evening
10th November	HPS Athletics day - Year 3-8
17th November	Kaipara Athletics



A very warm welcome to our new students, Spencer, Mapa, Aura, Charlene and their families.

We look forward to showing them all our school has to offer.



Unsure of what to do when your child is unwell?

Please let the school know if your child is sick and away from school.

For information on illnesses and how long to keep your child home, please

see the link below or visit our school webpage

www.helensville.school.nz

<http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/school-exclusion>

Auckland Cross Country Results

Congratulations to the following students who represented HPS at the Auckland Cross Country last week:

Daisy Oliver-Chambers, Chloe Tilson, Chloe Reynolds, George Pilkington, Jamie-Lee Binks, Stella Anderson and Holly Limmer.

Special mention of Daisy Oliver-Chambers, who came 10th out of 80 runners in her age group.



Mathletics Awards

Congratulations to Jacob, Caia, Nikola, Taylor B and Taylor R who have all received a gold award in Mathletics!

Congratulations to our students who sat the UNSW Global ICAS exams

Special mention to the following students:

Kate Larsen - High Distinction in science.

Kate is in the **top 1%** of Year 7 participants in New Zealand and the Pacific region. Outstanding Kate!

Millie Limmer - Credit in Science

Jordan van Schalkwyk - Credit in Science

Charlie Clunie - Distinction in Spelling.

Charlie is in the **top 4%** of Year 5 participants.

Well done Charlie!

Christopher Rowe - Credit in Spelling

Certificates will be handed out at assembly on Monday.





On Friday, Sir Harold came in to Helensville Primary to talk to us about what he did with Jean Batten. He shared some stories about his life and then we got to ask him some questions, like how old he was (97). What he did to help Jean Batten and how he enjoyed it (He helped build her plane) . He is a lovely man and we enjoyed him coming in very much.

By Bayly Clark



Congratulations to Tarek and Scarlet who both came first in their year groups at the Norwest Speech Competition last week.

Go HPS!



Kia hiwa rā



A pepeha is a geographical acknowledgment of who you are and where you come from. Have a go at presenting your pepeha in front of whanau and friends.



HPS Ag Day

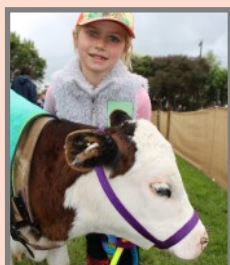
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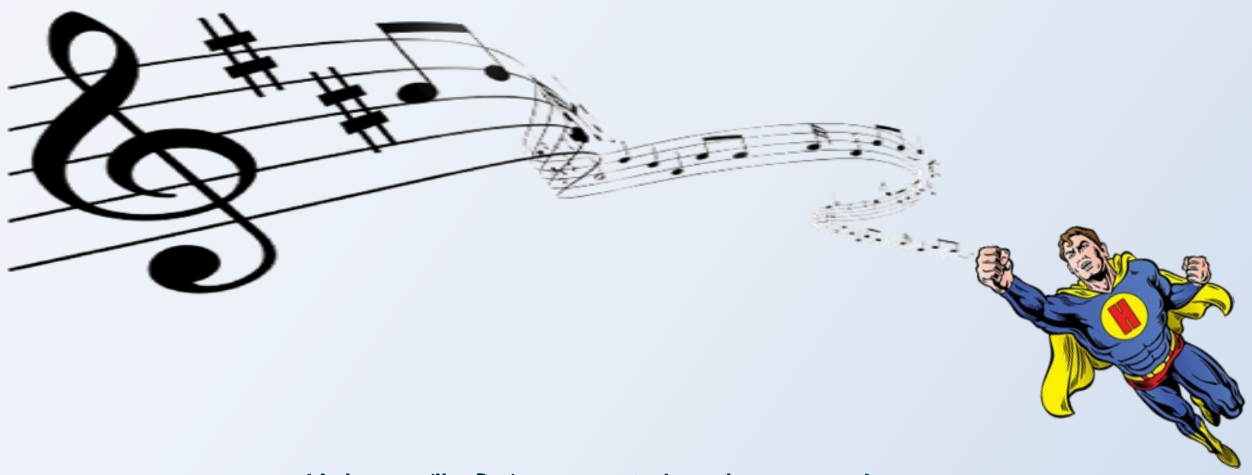
Check out our Farm Club with Miss Buchanan on Tuesday lunch times, in Room 1

Our famous Ag Day raffle

Home and School Committee are on the lookout for prizes for our Ag Day raffle. If you would like to donate prizes or know of a company that would like to offer a prize, please contact the school office or email:

homeandschool@helensville.school.nz





Helensville Primary School presents

Helensville School for Superheroes

Matinee - Monday 25th September 12pm

Tuesday 26th September 6:30pm

Wednesday 27th September 6:30pm

Thursday 28th September 6:30pm



Helensville School Hall

Written and produced by Julia Booth, supported by Mrs Heasman

Starring Helensville Primary School

GET IN QUICK
Tickets are limited

Please have your child to their classroom by 5:45pm at the latest.

Wed, Thurs and Fri roll call will be taken at 10am.

Please have your child to school before this time.

For fire safety reasons, you will only be allowed entry to the production if you have a ticket. Please wait by the classroom to collect your child after the show.

There will be no lunch orders available on Monday.



ROOM 7

Room 7 have been learning about sculptures and we made wind chimes. We were lucky to have some parents come in and help.

We used old junk from home.

Recycled wind chimes



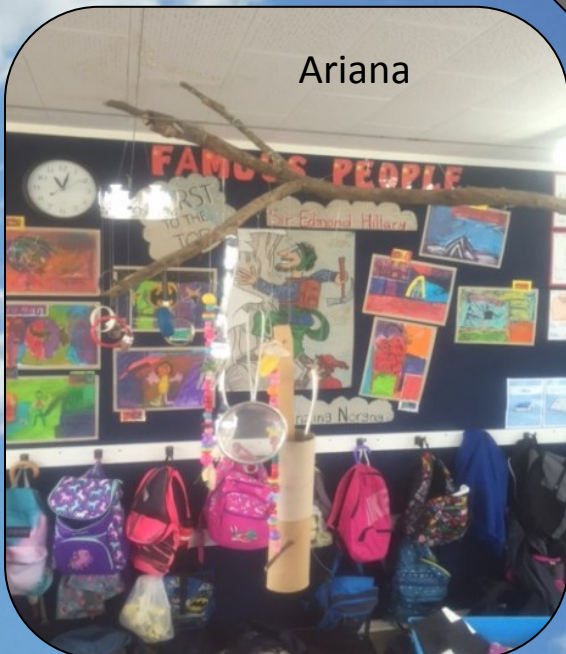
Eli's wind chime was made out of old CD's



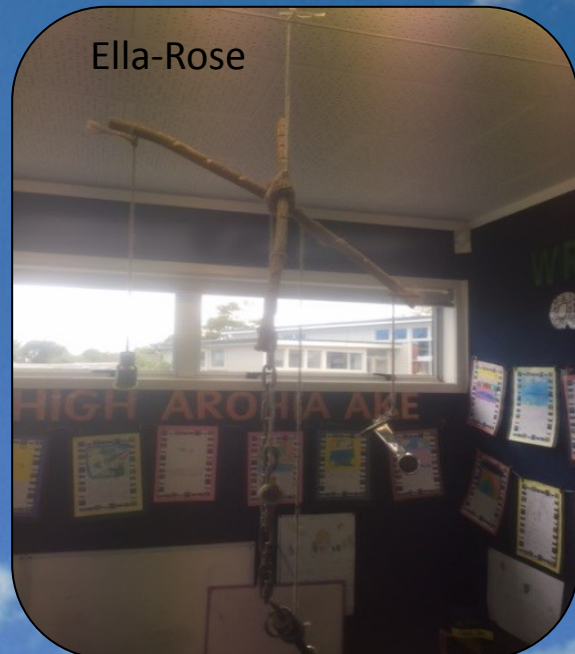
Ella and Lakhenzie



Lewis



Ariana



Ella-Rose

Room 3 got to meet Dan the Turtle Man!

Dan is a marine scientist, he came to Helensville to share his knowledge and passion about saving turtles!

We think he is a hero!



We learnt that:

We have to stop using plastic bags because sea turtles will eat them. By Aoi

When someone asks if you want a plastic bag say no! By Ben

Be a tidy kiwi! Pick up rubbish and put it in the bin! By Jacob



Room 20

Everyone in our class got involved in explanation writing.

Here are a few snippets of our writing and fun facts we all learnt along the way.....

'How bees make honey' By Sycuan Samson

It is amazing how bees make honey! By Niamh Brosnan

Bees are very special creatures because they are the only things on earth that make honey! By Taylor Bradly

Bees are intelligent insects that make delicious honey. By Zoey Beyleveld

A hive has different sorts of bees like a queen bee, working bee and a drone bee. By John Allen

Bees have different jobs, a queen bee's job is to lay eggs. By Kai Iino

The queen bee eats royal jelly. By Paloma Hollings

Bees are fun because they fly around the flower. By Cruze Holder

Bees are busy flapping their wings. By Chelcie Pistor

Bees can't talk so they dance talk, wiggling their body to talk to each other. By Tua Tavui

When a bee shakes its body it means flowers are near, the faster it shakes, the closer the flowers are.

By Jaxon Keefe

Did you know there is a bee called the 'forager bee?' By Raya Forsey

Female bees are the foragers' of the colony. By Evie Clark

Female worker bees work and work to get delicious nectar from lovely flowers. By Jayden Smith

Bees fly to a flower and collect pollen and nectar. By Ashton Coles

Nectar is like a sugary juice. By Chloe Wright

To get the nectar, the bee sucks it out of the flower with their tiny tongue. By Sara Flowers

Did you know that bees have two stomachs? By Geordie Calder

When the bee is full it flies back to the hive. By Amelia Reyland

Honey is working on the way back to the hive. By Wirimu Wynyard

Once they are back from gathering the nectar the bees spew/barf or spit the nectar into the processor bees mouth.

By Acenshyn Rivers

They vomit the honey from bee to bee and chew it for half an hour, then it starts turning into honey.

By Brooklyn Andrews

Next they put the honey into a wax octagon. By Evie Clark

The honey is 70% water so the bees dry it by fanning the honey with their wings. By Sara Flowers

Now the nectar is honey. By Finn Bojsen Moller

I love bees they are great! By Luka Wilson

They make delicious honey. By Sammie Barry

Bees are amazing because they give us flowers and food to eat. By Harrison Sparrow

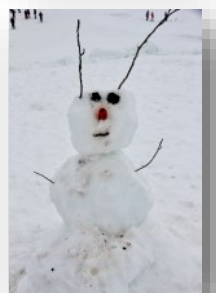
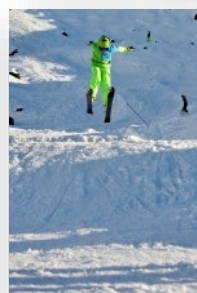
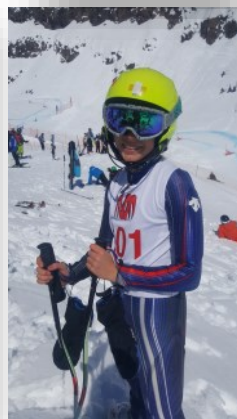


Congratulations to our ski teams who competed at the North Island Ski Champs recently.

Our seniors placed 9th overall and our juniors 36th overall.

Awesome results from Tom Pilkington who placed 2nd in his age group!!

To see a video of our ski teams in action go to
<http://www.helensville.school.nz/sports>



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Orewa College Technology Challenge

Thursday, the 24th August, saw two teams of senior HPS students compete in the Orewa College annual technology challenge. With about 50 teams (each of four students) confined in a small space, the noise was amazing, but so was the amount of design creativity displayed by so many students.

The year 7 and year 8 teams each had three challenges to complete. These included creating a Maori-themed backpack from newspaper, a sled capable of carrying one student, pulled by two others around an obstacle course, and building the tallest tower possible using marshmallows and spaghetti!

Our year 7 team was made up of Kingston Dean, Kate Larsen, Tyrone Reyland and Daisy Oliver-Chambers. The year 8 team consisted of Campbell Hilton, Jennifer Smith, Jamie Teague and Santiago Daniel. Although our teams did not win any prizes, they represented HPS brilliantly, participating with great enthusiasm, and learning a lot.

Reflecting on the events of the day, our students commented: "It helps you prepare for real life; you have to get through it and just problem-solve."

"There was a lot of humour, which helped when things went wrong."

"It was good being in a team and doing real team work: communication, planning, piggy-backing onto other people's ideas, critiquing ideas and solutions, using creativity, problem-solving etc."

"We learned a lot from other people's results."

"At the start it went wrong, and I got annoyed, but I learned from other people's personality and skill strengths."

What great life lessons these students gained, as well as developing their technology skills. Well done to both teams. We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who helped with transport and support at the event.



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