

Helensville Primary School

NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Sometimes saying 'thank you' seems so inadequate. This is definitely one of those times.

I will be forever grateful to all of the people who make up the Helensville School community for the incredible chapter of my life I have spent here.

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Where we know what it is to be a learner

Aim High - Arohia Ake

NEWSLETTER NO. 14

7TH SEPTEMBER 2016

For my final newsletter, I have written a mock letter to the new principal. I hope this in some small way conveys how I feel about our school.

To the New Principal of Helensville School

Congratulations on winning the role of principal of such an outstanding school as Helensville. Here's what you can expect:

1. To work for a Board of Trustees which is unswerving in its resolve to get the best for our children;
2. To work alongside a team of teachers and support staff who go above and beyond the call of duty on a daily basis;
3. To regularly laugh (quite often due to Mr O's puns);
4. To have a caretaker with the biggest heart (and best 'guns') ever;
5. To look forward to amazing Friday morning teas;
6. To be welcomed by children throughout the school, from the youngest to the oldest - you could not work in a school with a friendlier group of children;
7. That our children will always be keen to talk about and share their learning;
8. To have parents who are interested, really interested, in their children's learning;
9. To work in a school where everyone knows what it is to be a learner!

You can expect to lead a great place of learning and to receive far more learning than you actually give. You can expect to love this job and to feel incredibly sad when it's your time to leave.

Mauri Ora

From the 'Old' Principal of Helensville School

I am confident that this school has a wonderful journey ahead. While I'm sad not to be a part of that I am sincerely grateful for the nine years I have shared with you all. I look forward with anticipation to hearing about all the good things that the next chapter holds. I will definitely go forward carrying a piece of Helensville School with me.

How blessed I am to have worked in a school which is so hard to say goodbye to.

Ka nui taku aroha ki a koutou.

Kia Manawanui

Be Stout-hearted

Kia Kaha

Be Strong

Eileen Brunton



Sustainability News



Week 9, our last week of term, is Conservation Week.

Helensville Primary School will be doing some conservation activities, games and competitions.

Tuesday 20th September will be "Trash-free Tuesday", when we aim to have lunchboxes with no plastic wrap or wrappers. Try to use paper wrap or little containers instead. There will be lots of house points for those who are trash-free.

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

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 - classrooms open from 2.00pm
16th September	Kaipara Netball prizegiving
21st September	Senior school trip to Stardome
23rd September	Last day of Term 3 - Assembly 1:30pm
15th November	Mini-Mastermind fundraiser
10th October	First day of Term 4
14th October	Ag Day

Congratulations to Lexi Orange!
Lexie has received a Gold Award for
Mathletics.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

We currently have **28** outstanding entertainment books that have **NOT** been returned.

Please return all unwanted books as soon as possible.

Community Consultation

Thank you to the community who have already given us feedback on our current consultation.

At Helensville school we value your input.

If you haven't, it's not too late to complete this.

Please click on the following link to take this 5 minute survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/93SJDZM>



Congratulations to the winner of our Father's Day raffle.

Owen Monk



Volunteers urgently needed to keep our *Breakfast Club* going!

Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Please call in to the school office if you are interested or know of someone that is.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to our new students and their families:

Zara, Ben, Brodie, Te Karawhiu and Gwen.

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

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Sports News!

NETBALL

Congratulations to our Year 8 Girls Netball Team who competed at the North Harbour Junior Tournament Y7-Y9. Helensville played Mahurangi in the final to win.

L-R Angelina Zickert, Eve Canter, Amy Fisher, Jessi Wells, Emma Davison, Erin Taylor, Angelina Sipa. Front: Emma Painton and Jalayne Te Paa

NORTH ISLAND SKI CHAMPS!

Congratulations to our senior and junior ski teams who competed down at Ruapehu in the North Island Primary and Intermediate Schools Snowsports Championships over the last 2 weeks. Our overall team placings were 33rd

place for our seniors and a very good 8th place for our juniors. Another fabulous HPS effort!

Individual results were as follows for the grand slalom event:

Helensville Seniors (Year 7/8)

- Brock Colson 12th
- Claudia Pilkington 41th
- Megan Cook 89th
- Caleb Cook 130th

Helensville Juniors (Year 5/6)

- Andre England 4th
(WOW!)
- George Pilkington 17th

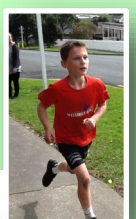
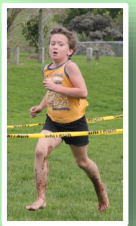
Helensville Juniors (Year 1-4)

- Tom Pilkington 12th



Good luck to all our AIMS teams that are competing in Tauranga this week.

Cross Country Results



Juniors

Yr 0 Girls

1st Zara Rendall
2nd Aoi Asada

Yr 1 Girls

1st Molly Orange
2nd Jade Vlasveld
3rd Hannah Van Schalkwyk

Yr 2 Girls

1st Dana Meikle
2nd Rhia Stokes
3rd= Paige Valk
Emily Rendall

Lower Middle

Yr 3 Girls

1st Emily Coe
2nd Georgie Collinge-Coker
3rd Brooke Scrivener

Yr 4 Girls

1st = Millie Limmer
Taylor Pakenham
2nd Cassandra Zickert
3rd Ruby Anderson

Yr 0 Boys

1st Ben Collinge-Coker
2nd Jaxon Godek
3rd Cooper Duggan

Yr 1 Boys

1st Freddie Limmer
2nd Baxter Lovegrove
3rd George Brown

Yr 2 Boys

1st Rhys Thorpe
2nd Baxter Gillespie
3rd Kadin Roydon

Yr 3 Boys

1st Brody Valk
2nd Geordie Calder
3rd Noah Honey

Yr 4 Boys

1st Ottis Oliver-Chambers
2nd Jordan Van Schalkwyk
3rd Ethan Roy

Upper Middle

Yr 5 Girls

1st Kyla Middleton
2nd Piper Crake
3rd Tearewa Murray

Yr 6 Girls

1st Daisy Oliver-Chambers
2nd Eve Canter
3rd Lara Middleton

Seniors

Yr 7 Girls

1st Jamie-Lee Binks
2nd Stella Anderson
3rd Claudia Pilkington

Yr 8 Girls

1st Megan Cook
2nd Mia Canter
3rd Angelina Zickert

Yr 5 Boys

1st Jamie Davison
2nd Harvey Banks
3rd Rocco Mowat

Yr 6 Boys

1st George Middleton
2nd Tyrone Reyland
3rd Liam Coe

Yr 7 Boys

1st Jamie Teague
2nd Caleb Olsen
3rd Levi Lewis

Yr 8 Boys

1st Oscar Oliver-Chambers
2nd Taj Ware
3rd Finn Gowthorpe

Kaipara Cross Country Results

Daisy Oliver-Chambers 1st

George Pilkington 2nd

Jamie-Lee Binks 1st

Jamie Teague 1st

Angelina Zickert 3rd



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.



We would like to acknowledge the generous donation from Countdown Helensville which

enabled us to purchase sports bags for our AIMS teams travelling to Tauranga to compete this week.



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.



Vote for Helensville Primary School to increase our chances of winning a share of \$8000 for our school. Click below to enter.

<https://greatbakesale.muffinbreak.co.nz/>

AG DAY 2016

Our school's biggest fundraising event of the year is getting closer!

The Home and School Committee are still 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 027 433 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.

Contact Richard Kidd if you are still on the lookout for a lamb.

Ph 420 8007 and leave a message.



Cupcake Day

22nd September 2016

Cupcakes \$2 each

Order forms will come home with your child.



Room 3 have been writing to Persuade!

Helensville is the Best School

I think Helensville Primary School is the best school because we can play in the sandpit. You should come to our school because we have the best teachers in the entire world.

By Austin

I think that Helensville Primary School is the best because soon it's going to be Ag day. I am going to bring my pony maybe. It is going to be fun. I have the best teachers, Mrs Booth and Miss Mannington. I like school.

By Paige

I think that Helensville Primary School is the best because it has two sandpits.

By Ryder

I think that Helensville Primary School is the best because we have the best teachers. My teacher is lovely and kind. The best playground is the enormous one. I will be with my best friend Ella-Rose.

By Ella

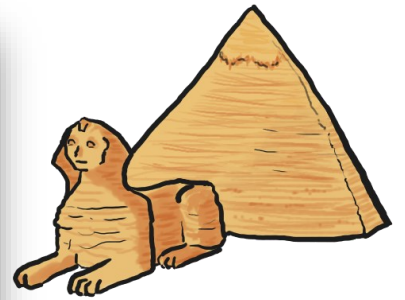
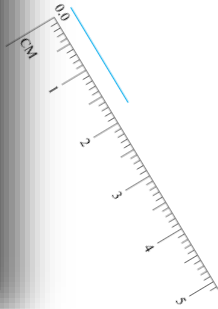


Meticulous Measuring

Room 18 has been focusing on measurement this term

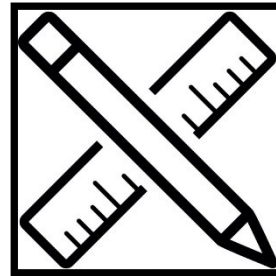


Did you know that ancient Egyptians used their hands, feet and arms to measure things?

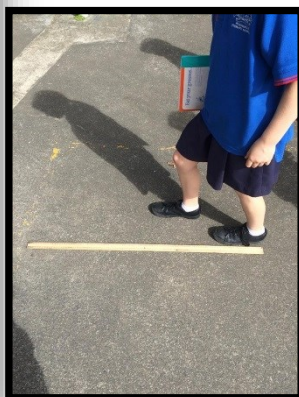


After studying Egyptian measurement, we learned about the international metric system.

We estimated the field to be 120 metres.



We were wrong, the field is about 83 metres... but that obviously depends where you start measuring.



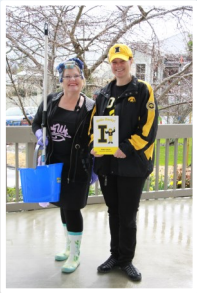
Farewell Mrs Brunton

There were some tears but also laughter and some great singing last week when we had our formal farewell assembly for Mrs Brunton. I would like to congratulate all of our students and their teachers for the excellent performances and presentations that they put together, it was very hard to keep the tears from forming in the corner of our eyes.



citizenship and more.

If you ask any of the children in this school what their favourite thing about Helensville School is, their reply inevitably is "Mrs Brunton."



So thank you Mrs Brunton for making this school believe that "oh it's okay, it's good enough for Helensville" is in fact not good enough and that in fact we can be outstanding in so many different ways. Thank you for providing a focus for all of our tamariki to achieve and succeed and to become lifelong learners.



Thank you Mrs Brunton for caring enough about our tamariki that you know all of their names and can greet them in the playground like they matter and are not just another number.

Thank you Mrs Brunton for developing and increasing the reputation of our school so much that our roll has increased significantly. Well maybe not so much about this!!

Thank you for the manaakitanga, the love and care you have had for our school and for our tamariki. And thank you for your commitment to our school and to our children, your passion for learning and teaching and your endless energy and enthusiasm that has inspired not only the children to learn and succeed but our teachers and our board of trustees to aspire to and expect nothing but the best for our tamariki and our school.

Finally we thank Mrs Brunton for her stories, they will be what all of our children remember of you and of Helensville School.

We wish Mrs Brunton the very best for the future. She has been an absolutely outstanding principal for our school who has nurtured, encouraged and developed an outstanding leadership and teaching team that we are all very proud of. Mrs Brunton is leaving Helensville School in very good condition and the significant gains and improvements we have made over the last 10 years can be attributed to her leadership and guidance. The future looks good for Helensville School. Thanks Mrs Brunton.



Neil Hilton
Board of Trustees



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COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

For any further information call Gaylene on 021 753 380 or email helensvilletennis@gmail.com

Kids Only School Holiday Surf Programme

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- Mon 3 – Fri 7 October 2016
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Limited spaces available per session, bookings essential!



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Please email surf@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz



Lions "Pop-up" Childrens/Teens Book Sale

Saturday 17 September
10am to 2pm



St Josephs Catholic Church Hall
Cnr. Kowhai & Puriri St
Helensville
Parking at Rear



Lions Club
of Helensville



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649 Peak Road,

Kaukapakapa

Please call/text Jane on 021 109 2756



Blessing of the Animals

All creatures great and small are welcome at St Matthews Church
Garfield Road, Helensville.

Sunday October 2nd 2016 @ 9:30am

Service includes music, prayers and readings from scripture. Each animal will receive a blessing.

All animals should be brought in carriers or on leashes or leads. Rain or shine.



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