



HELENSVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL



A Message from our Principal

Kia ora whānau

This is the final newsletter for 2020 and what a year it has been. I cannot express enough the appreciation and admiration I have for all our staff and how they rose to the many challenges 2020 generated. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and skilled team.

Building Projects 2021

I am excited to announce that we will have several building projects occurring in the holiday break. Last year Prime Minister Ardern allocated funds to all schools to enhance the school's environments. It was nicknamed "Jacinda's Christmas present". After a lengthy process mostly due to COVID, we can now utilise these funds and other Ministry allocations. Although not all can happen during the break a considerable amount will.

The following are the proposed projects we have to date; Heat pumps in all rooms, new signage, refurbishment of some classroom and staff toilet blocks, LED lighting, update school internal communication system, asphalt resurfacing, roof replacement, shade sail construction, refurbishment of Rooms 20, 21 and sports equipment room, security upgrade and new seating/garden areas. There is always a reason to smile and these projects certainly do that for me.

Classroom Changes

We have a number of changes to the location of some teams next year. A great deal of thought has gone into this process and it may take some getting used to, however, we aim to keep our teams together as much as possible. All will be revealed on our teacher visit day on 14 December. If teachers are physically moving classes for 2021 they will stay in the rooms they are moving to for the last few days of school with their current class. We will let you know if that happens for your child.

Principal's Message

2021 Staffing and Classes

Congratulations to Whaea Waratah on winning a study award for Terms One and Two next year. To be recognised in this way is a great achievement and well deserved. We will still see her at school one day a week to continue her excellent leadership with our Kapa haka and Pacifica groups.

The following are the current make up of our teams and teachers for the 2021 school year.

Year 1/2 - Kowhai Team (Four teachers)

Heather Foreman (Team Leader)

Hannah Liebezeit

Julie Hudson

Jed Stanton



Year 3/4 Miro Team (Five teachers)

Stephanie Greenhalgh (Team Leader)

Kim Godek

Kimberley Gray

Fran Holmes

TBC



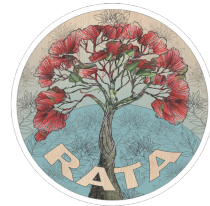
Year 5/6 Rata Team (Four teachers)

Mrs Karen Holleron (Assistant Principal and Team Leader)

Mrs Bronwyn Conlogue

Miss Maiken Jordan

Miss Jessa Cochrane



Year 6/7/8 Rimu Team (Five teachers)

Alana Mill (Assistant Principal and Team Leader))

Nicole Stokes

Jennie Clark

Raine-Seren Terry

Rose Cinjee



Tiakimanawa (Terms 3 &4)

Whaea Waratah Taogaga

Teacher Programmes and Release

Kelly Clark – 4 days

Deb Franke – 3 days

Nikita Riggins – 3 days

Laura Clayton – 2 days

Learning Support Co-ordinator

Tania McCorkindale

Deputy Principal

Phil Spriggs

Principal's Message

Farewell

Our sincere thanks go to two of our hard working, creative and caring staff members who will be leaving us at the end of this year. Amy Dempsey is moving north with her whānau to create a new home together and begin a new phase in their lives. Whaea Kylie is moving on to different educational endeavours. We wish them both well in their future ventures.

Also leaving us are Stephanie Deacon and Jennie Mannington. When our New Entrant numbers grow during the year it means we need staff to start further classes. These two wonderful teachers have done that for us in 2020, however, these specific teaching positions are only available until the end of the school year.

2021 is a new year, 12 new chapters and 365 new chances. I hope they are positive for us all. Take care over the break, look after each other and most importantly stay safe.

He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai – If kindness is sown then kindness you shall receive.

Deborah Heasman
Principal



HPS Walking School Buses 2021

“A walking school bus is just like a school bus except children walk to and from school under the supervision of adult volunteers (often parents). This creates a safe and social journey to school.”

We have been lucky enough to have some parents and grandparents offer to be a “driver” of a walking school bus. This will start in Term 1 2021. These buses will be running from Hand Road, the corner of Mangakura and Makiri Road and the corner of Rautawhiri Road and Cabeleigh Drive. The aim is to cut down on the number of cars that are congesting our roads around school drop off and pick up times.

If you are interested in your child participating in one of the Walking School Buses or you have a free day and would like to be a “driver” please email Kimberley Gray to express your interest on kimberleyg@helensville.school.nz.

Celebrations



Nicole Stokes

Admin · 29m

Congratulations to Cassandra for her 3rd place in high jump at the Auckland Athletics Champs. This is a massive accomplishment just like her 1.45m jump. **Congratulations** also to Georgie who placed 2nd in the 400m, just pipped by 0.01 seconds for 1st. Well done to our team of 11 who represented us with pride against some exceptional athletes. Arohia Ake!



Our Values Voucher Winners
for this week are...

Kendal R21

Matilda Kōwhai Awhina Whā

Pulou R21

Kai R24

Lewis R10

This Week, the house who
gained the most house
points is

GREEN

Our Values Voucher Winners
for last week were...

Henry R19

Jonathan R20

Maia R19

Kat R23

Ryan R15

School Notices

Bee Box Competition

Congratulations to the students who have transferred their Bee Box design from paper into a real-life form.
They look stunning!



Auction Details

When - Wednesday 9th December 2020
Where - Kalpara Cruising Club

It would be great to see you and to join in with the auction bidding if you are interested.

All money raised will come back to HPS and PATHS to use towards future projects.



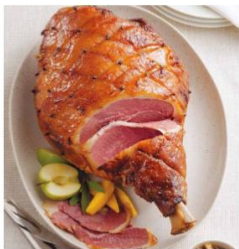
Christmas Hamper Drive

Helensville Primary School is proud to be supporting local families in need this holiday season.

We invite our wonderful school community to donate non-perishable food and new, unwrapped toys for the Christmas Hamper Drive on behalf of Kindred Family Services & Kai Collective.

Donations can be delivered to the school office.

Thank you for your support and for showing our school value - kotahitanga (citizenship).



River Valley Meats Christmas Hams and Salamis



RIVER VALLEY MEATS

Home of the Tasty Sausage



Cooked on the bone - Whole Ham 8-10kg \$100

Cooked on the bone - Half Ham 4.2-5.2kg \$55

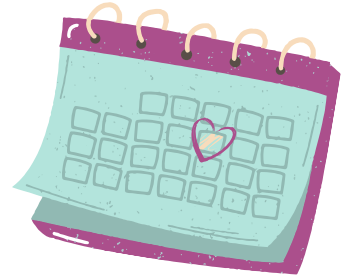
Traditionally Manuka Smoked Beef Salami \$20 (approx. 1kg each)



- Orders: to Andy and Wendy Cummings info@meat.net.nz
- By: Friday, 11 December
- Payment: Eftpos, cash or bank transfer
- Pick up: Helensville School on the last day of term (Wednesday, 16 December) or by arrangement
- \$5 from every ham sale and salami goes to PATHS fundraising



Upcoming Dates



4th December: **Junior Athletics - Yr 0-2**
NW Dodgeball Tournament -Yr5-8

7th December @ 1:45pm: **Service Awards Hui**

11th December: **Winning House Mufti Day**

15th December: **Year 8 Graduation**

16th December @ 11am: **Final Hui**

16th December @12.30: **End of Term 4**

2nd February 2021: **Learner Conferences**

(Closed for instruction)

3rd February 2021: **Term 1 Begins**
10.30am: **Pōwhiri**

[More information to follow](#)

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