

Helensville Primary School

NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Gratitude
is the best
Attitude

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Where we know what it is to be a learner

Aim High - Arohia Ake

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30 NOVEMBER 2016

I attended a seminar where the presenter focused on living in the now, not the past or the future. It can be a difficult concept for adults, however for most children it is how they live their lives; they question things daily, find answers and move on.

At the moment there are a lot of questions from our children as to the tragedies that occur in our local community, New Zealand and the world. They can be difficult to answer as we do not necessarily know the answers ourselves.

The other focus that came through at the seminar was "What are we grateful for?" We had to write them down and the lists were long. The presenter entertained us with many stories of the things that she listed, when first asked that question. Then, how over time she narrowed it down to very specific things.

It was an important lesson for me, and is something I try to live by and instil in my teaching and leadership. When I relate this back to questions asked, I reflect and look for the positives in the situation, the things that I am grateful for. When tragedy hits, as has happened in the last week, the things I felt grateful for were;

- The culture of care
- People banding together to support each other
- Our amazing support services – Police, St Johns, Search and Rescue, Coast Guard...
- Food
- Good memories
- Whanau and the essence of a close community who support each other no matter what.



When your children ask the difficult questions, I am sure you are honest in your answers. Perhaps if the occasion fits, you could look together at what you are grateful for in relation to the question.

Today I am grateful for having been chosen to work in a school and community who have welcomed me so warmly.

What are you grateful for today?

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

CHRISTMAS Parade

Is on this weekend 3rd December 2016

Thanks to all the children who will be joining us on this year's Christmas float. Please meet at the end of West Street by 10.45am on Saturday, dressed in your "Christmas theme" costume. The parade will start at 11.55am. The children will be back at the yard by approximately 1.00pm, where you can pick them up.

Please make sure that your child has water to drink, has been sun screened, is wearing sensible footwear and knows who is picking them up afterwards.

Enormous thanks to Louise Painton and her helpers who will be decorating the float on Friday night.



NZUniforms will be opening a "pop up shop" selling all of our school uniform items in the new year. Dates, times and location will be confirmed in the next newsletter.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 4 2016

30th November	Year 7 Science day at Kaipara College
12th December	End of Term 4 Assembly
14th December	Year 8 Graduation Dance
16th December	Last day of Term 4 - End of year assembly 1:30pm
7th February	First day of Term 1 2017



Georgie Collinge-Coker and Poppy Wood were recently entered into a Barfoot and Thompson 'Being Active' photo competition on Facebook. The top five most 'liked' photos received a \$500 sports voucher.

Thanks to family, friends and the community, Georgie and Poppy's photo of them training for our school cross country came in the top five! The girls have very kindly donated their sports voucher to our school.

The voucher, presented by Kerry King from Barfoot and Thompson Helensville, will be used to purchase sports equipment for our students.

End of Term Assembly and Service Awards Monday 12th December @ 1:30pm

End of Year Assembly Friday 16th December @ 1:30pm



We look forward to seeing you all there to help
celebrate our 2016 learners

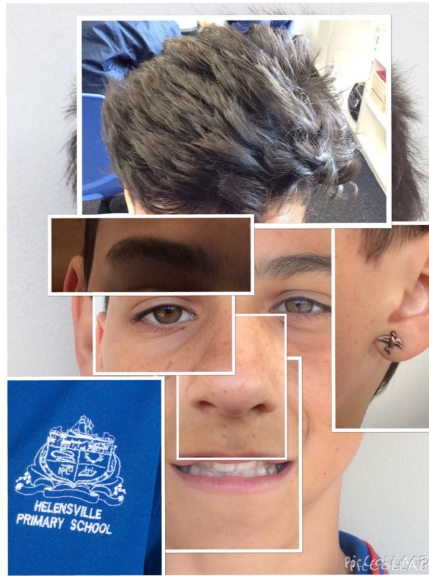
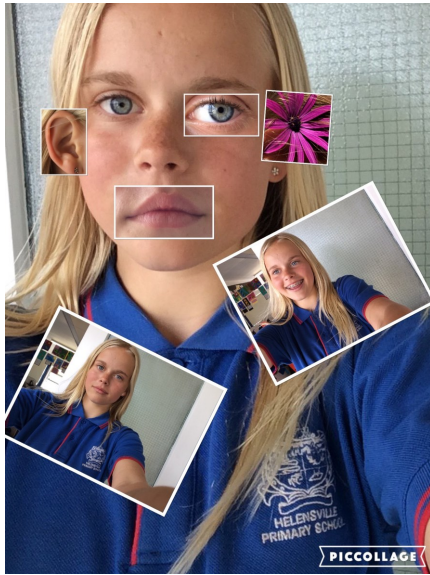
Welcome

A very warm welcome to our new students Stella and Ezra and their families.

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



Room 23

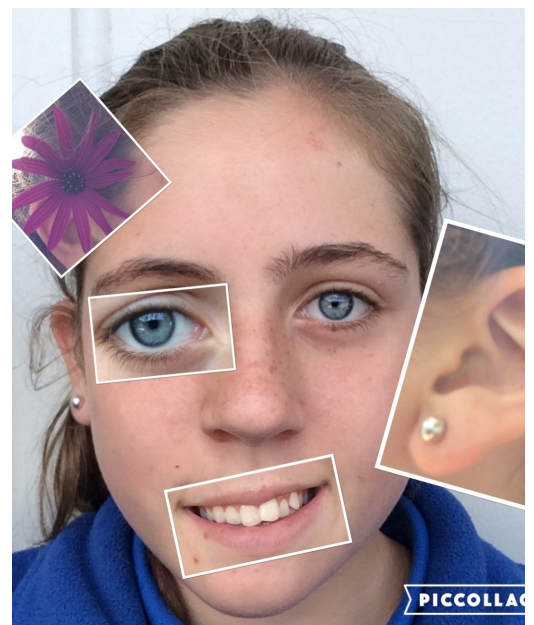
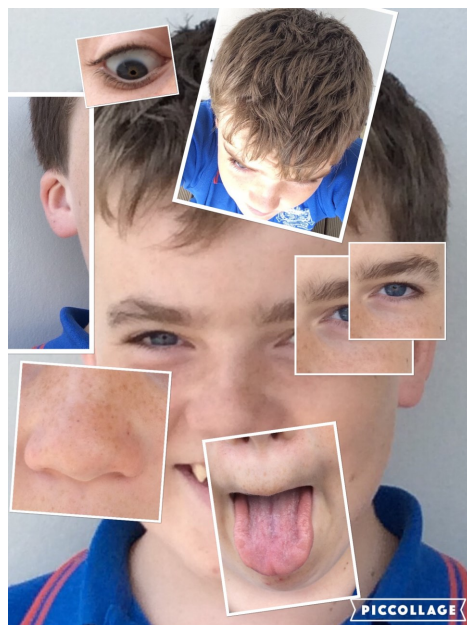


Room 23 have been using David Hockney as inspiration for our photography art this term.

To create these images, we have learnt about observation. This meant we had to observe nature around us, zooming in and out and looking at our surroundings for detail.

We took photos of ourselves and collaged them to create an effect, and to show detail.

Here are some examples of these.



Room 17

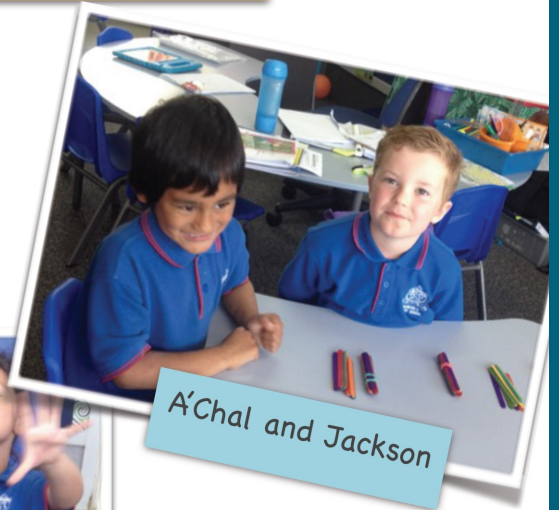
Explore counting



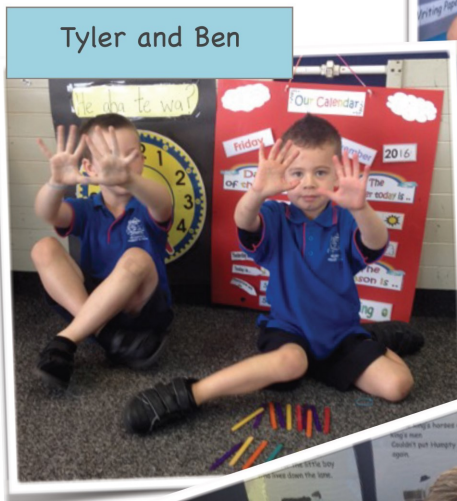
Caia and Gwen



Ben and Grace



A'Chal and Jackson



Tyler and Ben



Olivia and Bee



Jaxon and Aoi



Zara and Amber

We discovered many different ways to count.
We can count one-by-one, we can count in tens, we can use
sticks, fingers and toes to help us!
We had fun exploring the different ways!

Important Notices

Helensville School Enrolment Zone

The Board of Trustees advises that there will be no places available for out-of-zone students in the 2017 school year. The only exception to this will be for siblings of current students, who are/turn five years of age, and will be starting school for the first time in 2017.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

If you've made a school donation this year, you may be able to claim a tax credit. To be eligible, you need to have made a receipted donation of \$5 or more.

Since 25 October, changes made to the Ministry of Social Development's online service, MyMSD, allow some MSD clients to apply online for assistance with school uniform and stationery costs. Applicants can upload and send verification of the cost, which will likely be a quote from the supplier. If the payment is approved, they will receive notification by text or by email and the approved amount will be loaded to their payment card. The card can only be used for the amount and supplier for which it was approved.



Buying School Shoes for 2017?



Please ensure that your child's school shoes are all black (including the soles of the shoe). Boys socks are navy blue and girls are white.



Has your child outgrown their school uniform?

We welcome any donations of second hand uniform for our school office. Alternatively, we can sell uniform on your behalf.

Summer Holiday Word Search

T	M	X	D	L	V	N	D	P	U	M	T	B	X	D
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Sunscreen

Family

Fun

Motel

Icecream

Journey

Pack

Postcard

Suitcase

Summer

Swim

Tent

Reading (Mrs Clarke's favourite)



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Sustainability News

Suggestions: The sustainability group has been reading about the huge amount of waste created by Christmas cards, gifts and wrapping paper each year. We came up with the following suggestions to help reduce the waste

- Reduce Gift-wrap Rubbish

- (a) Reuse wrapping paper each year until it falls to bits – it can become a bit of a game or challenge!
- (b) Hide family gifts and give people a set of clues to find them – make it a treasure hunt!
- (c) If giving someone several gifts, wrap them altogether.
- (d) Use a pillow-case, or tie up a sheet or a towel.
- (e) Reuse newspaper or a cardboard box – the opening is half the fun anyway!
- (f) Fold paper neatly to use as little as possible.



- Reduce Tape Rubbish

- (a) Reuse ribbons, string, wool, rubber bands and boxes.
- (b) Use safety pins to hold fabric/towel/sheet wrapping together.



- Reduce Rubbish From Gifts and Their Packaging

- (a) Give a gift of your time to do something fun or helpful, instead of an object.
- (b) Make gifts by 'up-cycling' (making something new from something old).
- (c) Give gift cards or money.
- (d) Only buy gifts that come with minimal or no packaging.
- (e) Only buy gifts made mostly from renewable materials like wood, paper and glass, not plastic.

- Reduce Card Rubbish

- (a) Make your own cards by reusing paper, cardboard and magazines.
- (b) Send digital cards, not paper ones.
- (c) Recycle parts of old cards to make your own cards or other crafts.



George & Tom, along with 12 other sailors from Murrays Bay Sailing Club, made the trip to New Plymouth for the North Island Championships on the 4th – 6th Nov. The event is the first regatta of four NZ Ranking Series in the Optimist class for 2016. There were over 150 sailors at the regatta from around NZ.

The weather and sea state dictated the three race days with high winds with big waves and sea swell to champagne sailing conditions... typical New Plymouth weather!

George sailed well in the qualifying rounds for a gold fleet finish leading into the finals.

For Tom's racing, Green fleet was tucked in behind the breakwater where the sea state was flat and the breeze ideal for the green fleet. With 24 sailors entered Tom had an impressive start to his regatta with five top ten finishes in all races including collecting his first gun (1st) in race 2.

Final Results

Gold – 90 sailors entered

28th George Pilkington + 3rd yr 11 sailor

Green – 24 sailors entered

5th Tom Pilkington + 1st year 9 sailor



Congratulations to the above students who competed at the Norwest Athletics competition.

Confirmed results will be in the next newsletter.



Congratulations to Jamie Teague and Caleb Olsen for making it into the North Harbour U12 boys touch team!



Congratulations 2016



HIPPY Graduates!!



All of the 60 families enrolled on the HIPPY programme will be acknowledged for their efforts at the annual graduation ceremony at 6pm in the Helensville Community Hall on Friday 2nd December.

HIPPY South Kaipara graduates will be wearing their graduation robes and receiving their framed certificates, HIPPY T-shirts, books and gifts on Friday 2nd December to acknowledge completing 60 workbooks over two years.

The 2016 Helensville School graduate is Jordyn Underwood. Congratulations Jordyn!



Please remember to apply sunblock to your child before school. Teachers will remind all students that extra sunscreen is available in their classrooms and to re-apply during the day if needed.

Please see attached sunscreen fundraiser order forms.

If your child has succeeded in events outside of school, we would love to hear from you.



Congratulations to Chloe Tilson (Room 8) who has received a Gold Award for Mathletics.



COMMUNITY NEWS



FRAGMENTED PERSPECTIVES by Leda Daniel

OPENING EVENT SATURDAY DECEMBER 3 FROM 2PM TO 4PM

Exhibition open to public on
Saturday December 3 to Saturday December 17 and
Saturday January 14 to Saturday January 28 2017
Opening hours Tues-Fri 10.30-4.30pm, Sat 10-3pm



The Art Centre Helensville
Basement War Memorial Hall,
49 Commercial Road, Helensville



Coordinator: Pauline 021 158 6859
artcentre@helensville.org.nz
coordinator@artcentrehelensville.org.nz



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HELENSVILLE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL Sat 3rd December

SHOPPING PROMOTIONS
Competitions ~ Family Fun

CHRISTMAS PARADE STARTS AT Midday
West Street to Museum, site of
Food and Entertainment 'til 4pm



PHOTOS WITH SANTA
Gold Coin Donation
RSA HALL ~ 9.30am to midday
MUSEUM ~ 1.30 to 4pm

Enquiries to Holly Southernwood 021 488 427
helchrisfest@gmail.com

Annual Kids Art Show

Art Centre
Helensville
December 3-17
January 14-29



Free entry - work to arrive

Saturday November 26 10-3 or
Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30, 10-4.30
Basement of Helensville War Memorial Hall, 49 Commercial Rd
Open Tuesday-Friday 10-4.30
Saturday 10-3
For more information contact Pauline 021 158 6859
coordinator@artcentrehelensville.org.nz



Carols on the Corner

...followed by light refreshments

December 11th, 6:30 p.m.
1 Fordyce Road, Parakai

All are welcome!

LoveFoodHateWaste.co.nz

Free Community Event

Wednesday 7/12/16 6 - 8pm Helensville Memorial Hall 'Just
Eat It' - movie screening register

here ; tori@compostcollective.org.nz

Come along and learn tips and tricks for the kitchen, watch
the movie, spot prizes, fun quiz, food and drink !

KIDS on BOARD

Check out <http://kidsonboard.co.nz> for ideas of
places to go with your kids over the summer
holidays. Whether you're staying at home, vi-
siting relatives or away on holiday, there are lots
of activities covering the whole country - all
recommended by other families!

December 11 Kids' Kitchen Cooking Club

We've got a taste for
Christmas with Candy Cane
Truffles on the menu.
Sessions at 9am, 10am and
11:30am during the South
Kaipara Harvest and Artisan
Market. Cost just \$5 per child,
ages 3-12. To book, email
Chef Keryn:

kitchen@thrivekaipara.org.nz

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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.

Christmas MARKET

Christmas Gifts
Face Painting Crafts
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Meet Santa Claus!

Sunday
4th Dec
10am til
2pm

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Citizens
Hall

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FOR
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SPLASH

BREAK-AWAY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

JANUARY 2017

Have fun, strengthen your swimming skills and learn
to keep yourself and your mates safer around water.
Previous water experience not required.

* water safety
* aquatic games
* surf safety
* snorkelling

Parakai Springs

Mon 16, Tues 17, Wed 18, Thur 19
Mon 23, Tues 24, Wed 25, Thur 26
9am - 2.30pm daily

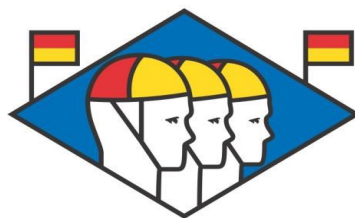
FREE! includes lunch

Spaces are limited and will be filled on a first-in basis. Registration essential.

WaterSafe AUCKLAND INC. WAI
Break-Away School Holiday Programme

For more information and to register:
Phone: 09 306 0809
Email: wai@watersafe.org.nz
or head to the website
www.watersafe.org.nz

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SURF LIFE SAVING
NEW ZEALAND

Don't forget to
order your
sunscreen!

Helensville Primary School Order Form

Order & money due back at school Thursday, 1st December

Don't forget to
order your
sunscreen!

Name _____

Room _____

Product Description	Price	Order	Total \$
SPF50 Sunscreen 200ml bottle	\$14 each		
SPF50 Sunscreen 2.5L pump pack	\$70 each		
SPF50 Sunscreen 1L pump pack	\$35 each		
SPF50 Sunscreen 400ml pump pack	\$20 each		
SPF50 Sunscreen 250ml spray bottle	\$16 each		
SPF50 Sunscreen 100ml tube	\$10 each		
SPF50 Sunscreen 75ml clip bottle	\$8.50 each or 2 for \$16		
Order Total			

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