

23rd February 2023

# HELENSVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## UPCOMING DATES

**28th Feb:** Paid Union Meetings  
Parent Advisory Group Meeting

**1st March:** Casual Clothes Day for South  
Kaipara Good Food- gold coin  
**@5.30-8pm:** Whānau Fun Night

**5th March:** Children's Day

**6th March:** Kaipara Swim Sports for Yr6-8

**7th March:** Kaipara Swim Sports Save Day

**13th March:** NW Swimming Sports Y6-8

**13th-24th March:** Swimming -Yr1/2 + 7/8

**27th March-6th April:** Swimming - Yr3-6

See more on the [website calendar](#)



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora, talofa lava and warm greetings Helensville Primary School whānau.

He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata  
Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure

I would like to start this week's principal's message by extending my sincerest thanks to the team of outstanding people from our school community who were operating the Helensville Community Emergency Response based in our school hall during cyclone Gabrielle. The efforts of all were truly amazing, and no doubt appreciated immensely by our entire community - fa'afetai, fa'afetai, fa'afetai tele lava!

The school will be holding a no uniform day next week, Wednesday 1st March and all gold coin donations received on the day will go towards supporting this great initiative and team.

Earlier in the week I attended our 2023 PATHS AGM. I would like to acknowledge all the hard work that PATHS has done over the past few years during Covid which restricted a lot of the events that we could do. Even with these barriers we managed to stay healthy financially, so thank you very much for staying the course.

PATHS is our amazing school fundraising committee and stands for - Parents And Teachers at Helensville School. We have a great group of people at the moment, but there is always room for more. If you are interested in joining, having lots of laughs, enjoying great food and drink, and also organising events all in the name of raising funds to support the school, then please contact PATHS - [paths@helensville.school.nz](mailto:paths@helensville.school.nz)

There are a few important events coming up next week. We have the Teachers Paid Union Meeting on Tuesday 28th February. Information has come out about the day's organisation already, but basically school will be closed for formal instruction on that day from 12:30pm, we will remain open for those families who can not pick up their child at this time.

We also have The Whānau Fun Night here at school on Wednesday 1st February, please come along and support this great evening with all the whānau, there will be lots of food, drinks and games on offer. All proceeds from this event will be going to PATHS.

Take care and stay safe everyone, here's hoping for some better weather for the remainder of the term.

Richard Bennett  
(Principal/Tumuaki)



## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW STARTERS...**

Gavleen Kaur, Piper Keates, and Rosa-Joy Stanford in Kōwhai Āwhina and to Connor Forbes in Room 8.

### **Collaborative Drama**



Rimu Team kicked off 2023 with some fun drama tasks in the hall. Working with friends from across the team, they had to get creative and use their bodies to replicate different shapes and scenarios.



Check out the collaborative art piece completed by the students in Mahi Tahī. Each student gets a small piece of an image to proportionally enlarge and nobody knows what the final artwork will be. After some careful measurement, sketching and pastel colouring, and lots of perseverance to puzzle the pieces together, this masterpiece was created. You can check it out on the classroom wall if you would like a closer look.



## **The building work continues...**

A few more developments over the past few weeks...



The new steps outside Room 21 are just waiting for a handrail to be fitted.



The deck outside Room 10, 11 and 12 is finished and the drain and new concrete laid.



There is a new pathway being added through the bush to the bottom field. This area has been fenced off and some trees were removed yesterday. Look at the view we now have!

**Watch this space for more updates...**



# CONGRATULATIONS

**Congratulations to those below for working so hard at Mathletics and achieving a GOLD AWARD**

**Mathletics**

**Isabella  
Burt**

## House winner for T1 Wk 4



Values Winners	Awarded for	
Rm 1 Mahina Browne	Maia / Assertiveness	Kotahitanga / Citizenship
Rm 1 Manny Kaio	Whakaute / Respect	Kairangi / Excellence
Rm 1 Boston Harland	Kotahitanga / Citizenship	
Rm 4 Ayva Best-Peraua	all the Values	
Rm 11 Ariana Reid	Whakaute / Respect	
Rm 12 Heather Youngs	Kairangi / Excellence	

## Room 10's first Garden to Table session of the year


In Week 2 Room 10 had our Garden To Table hands on session. We split ourselves into two groups, one group did the harvesting and the other group did the cooking. Our recipes included using the cabbage we harvested and this was so much fun. We made some Cabbage egg fried noodles, some cabbage and apple slaw and with the left over cabbage one of the mums also made us cabbage omelettes, It was all so yummy, we finished everything!!!  
Enjoy some of our photos:



Check out Rata's [Garden to Table blog](#) on our school website



# Stay up to date with what is happening at school...




## Paid Union Meetings

### Tuesday 28th February

Many teachers across New Zealand will be attending Union meetings on Tuesday 28th February, because of this we ask that if you are able, could you please collect your child from school at **12.30** that day?  
School buses will still be running.

If this is not possible, we will be able to supervise your child until the usual finishing time of 3pm.

It is important that you let your child's teacher know if you can do an early pick up, so that we can account for all of our tamariki.





## Children's Day Family Fun Day

Helensville Primary School | Sun 5 March 10 - 1pm

Free day of fun, music, performances, games and good vibes for local children & their whānau



## The cyclone has left a trail of destruction.



Funds to help support South Kaipara Good Foods

Wear your own clothes to school on **Wednesday 1st March** and bring a **gold coin (or more!)** to help our community to recover.



# WHĀNAU FUN NIGHT

KAI, GAMES AND PERFORMANCES

## WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH 2023

BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC OR BUY KAI FROM US



13 - SAUSAGE SIZZLE



15 - BEEF NACHOS



15 - VEGGIE NACHOS



11 - BACON BUTTIES

# BIKE WEEK

## WEEK SIX

Bring bikes and scooters to school and ride them on the bottom court at lunch time.

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Kōwhai Team on bottom court
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Miro Team on bottom court
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Rata Team on bottom court
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Rimu Team on bottom court

### Friday

Best Dressed Bike competition!

Decorate your bike and be in to win a prize – one prize for Kowhai, Miro, Rata and Rimu



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