

#### **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

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.

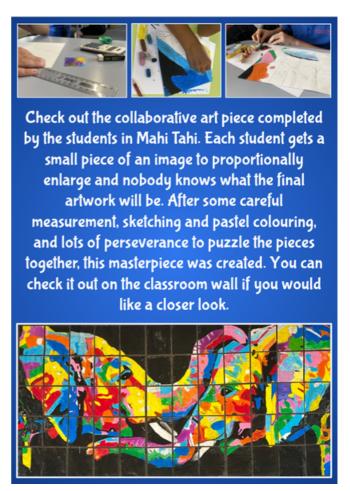
Take care and stay safe everyone, here's hoping for some better weather for the remainder of the term.

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.





### 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



## 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.









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



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