

10th March 2023

HELENSVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING DATES

13th March: NW Swimming Sports Y6-8
13th-24th March: Swimming -Yr1/2 + 7/8
20th March: Kaipara Summer Sports-Y5/6
21st March: Kaipara Summer Sports save day
27th March-6th April: Swimming - Yr3-6
27th March: Kaipara Summer Sports- Y7/8
28th March: Kaipara Summer Sports save day
@6.30pm: PAG Meeting
3rd April: Y7/8 Immunisations
4th April @6pm: PATHS Meeting
5th April: NW Tennis -Y7/8
@ 6pm: Positive Puberty Parent Meeting Y5-8

See more on the [website calendar](#)



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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

"A fia vave oo lou va'a, alo na o 'oe, ae a fia tuli mamao le taunu'uga tatou 'alo'alo faatasi."
If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together.
(Samoa Proverb)

This proverb above, which underpins a lot of my teaching philosophy, sums up the community spirit which I have been feeling as of late. As a school and wider community, we have come together well over these past few weeks. It has been a joy to see families spending quality time together, and community groups reaching out and supporting one another. Arohanui ki a koutou. Last week Helensville Primary School hosted a range of fun filled community events, starting with the Whānau Fun Night last Wednesday evening organised by PATHS, and then World Children's Day last Sunday afternoon organised by Kindred Services.

The turn out for both of these events was fantastic, and was just what we were all needing after such a dismal start to the year. The later event saw approximately 900 people come through our gates! I would like to thank everyone involved in all these events for their goodwill.

It is so good to see some normality returning to our school programmes, and hopefully we can get some sustained traction with our teaching and learning for the year. I have noticed that a few students have been unsettled as of late, especially in the playground. As a whole, I would like to reinforce our school expectations around behaviour and remind our students of adhering to our school values, especially that of 'Respect - Whakaute'. Treating others well, being friendly to all, using manners, and following class and school rules needs to be a priority at this time.

This year is a production year for the school, and we are in the process of finalising our theme. This will be an exciting opportunity for many to showcase their abilities in the performing arts, and once again for our school to come together and celebrate the efforts and hard work of all our students. More information about this will come out at a later date.

As you might have heard in the media, primary school teachers across the country will be taking industrial action and striking next week Thursday 16th March. As a significant number of our staff will be involved, Helensville Primary School will be closed on this day, but will return to normal on Friday 17th March.

Take care and have a great weekend everyone.


Richard Bennett
(Principal)

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STARTERS...

Margaux Bloy and Norman Mills in Kōwhai Āwhina

Meet our Helensville Primary School Student Leaders for 2023...

Head Students



Lewis Williams
Mahi Tahī

Annabel Day
Mahi Tahī

This role involves...

- Leading by example at all times
- Being available to support students and staff across the school
- Welcoming guests to the school (showing them around the school and talking to them about your learning or opportunities in the school as required)
- Hosting end of term assemblies
- Supporting other student leaders with their leadership roles
- Speaking at the End of Year Hui as Head Students
- Being able to work effectively together and without supervision to complete tasks
- Using your initiative and problem solving skills
- Representing the school at the ANZAC Parade and any other community events during the year

Class Mentors



Heather Youngs
Room 12

Ella Glen
Room 11

William Brady
Room 11

Harper Pinnell
Room 12

Louisa Morris
Mahi Tahī

Ariana Reid
Room 11

Mila Yamamoto
Room 12

Georgia Lee
Room 11

Ngahua Kok
Room 12

Renee Bigelaar
Room 11


Yusif Rashedi
Mahi Tahī

Jamie Stokes
Mahi Tahī

This role involves...

- Working in a set buddy class on a weekly basis to support younger students with their learning
- Building relationships with the students in your buddy class so that you become someone they can approach about their learning, social interactions or just to have a chat to
- Sharing your own areas of expertise with your buddy class and their teacher e.g. if you are great at Minecraft, you might run a Minecraft challenge for the class or for an interested group
- Supporting students who need a step up at school e.g. reading with them for 10 mins a day or doing 10 mins of hand-eye coordination work
- Wet day monitor for your class

Sport Leaders



Ari Brenchley
Mahi Tahī

Freddie Limmer
Room 12

Carlos Church
Mahi Tahī

Bo Phillips
Room 12

George Brown
Room 12

Maitley Seakens
Room 12

Lakhenze Sinisa
Room 12


Molly Orange
Room 11

Jacob Ward
Mahi Tahī

This role involves...

- Supporting peers to aim high at sports events and encouraging reluctant participants
- Occasionally helping Mrs Stokes set up sports days
- Supporting the junior school with celebration days for events like Cross Country or Athletics
- Running lunchtime games/mini competitions for students in the school on a regular basis throughout each term
- Organising sports gear for big sports day

Cultural Leaders



Eden Asiala-Webb
Room 11

Mikyah Stokes
Mahi Tahī

Charli Stokes
Room 11

Ella-Rose Steedman
Mahi Tahī

Rena Hood
Mahi Tahī

Sehesi Harris
Room 12


Bayly Clark
Room 12

Milhan-Talia Matalo Ropati
Mahi Tahī

This role involves...

- Showing leadership at hapa haka or Pasifika sessions (for your own group or the roopu for younger students)
- Supporting pōwhiri and whakatau
- Being an 'in class expert' for culture/s. You may not know the answer already, but you will do your best to find out.
- Supporting teachers across the school with pronunciation and knowledge acquisition
- Teaching peers games, activities and/or phrases that are specific to different cultures
- Taking an active part in promoting cultural awareness weeks through lunchtime activities or mini challenges e.g. Te Wīhi o Te Reo Māori, Tongan Language Week

Head Librarians



Lachlan McFarlane
Room 12

Cleo Walsh
Room 11

This role involves...

- Working alongside Mrs Oswald in the library
- Supporting librarians with their jobs (issuing, returns, shelving, collecting books)
- Being confident to use the library computer system so you can support staff and librarians to do so
- Helping with the promotion and organisation of Book Week or other literary events
- Encouraging students to read regularly or use the library on a regular basis.

The building work continues...

What has happened over the past two weeks?



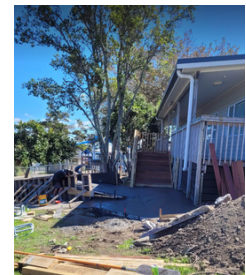
Handrails have been positioned on the stairs leading to both sides of the stage



Concrete has been poured for the base of these steps leading from the hall



Work has begun on the ramp that will stretch from Kōwhai Āwhina through the bush to the bottom field.



New steps leading from the side rooms in the hall have been completed

Watch this space for more updates...

CONGRATULATIONS



Some of Room 8 making butter as part of a science lesson on Reversible and Irreversible changes

House winner for T1 Wk 5



Values Winners	Awarded for
Rm 16 Tashi Hollister	Kairangi / Excellence
Rm 16 Tanya Sethy	Kairangi / Excellence
Rm 16 Awishka	Kairangi / Excellence
Rm 19 Opi Green	Whakaute / Respect
Rm 19 Dayaveer Singh	Whakaute / Respect
Rm 19 Hazel Lee	Whakaute / Respect

Today is the last chance to buy one of these House Colour T-Shirts at the pre-Order Special price of \$17. Contact the office by the end of school today to order and pay by either cash or direct into the PATHS Bank account.

After today they will be \$20 each

House Colour T-Shirts Pre-Order Special



\$17.00 each

Please return your orders to your teacher by Friday 10th March. Please circle colour and size below:

Name: _____ Room: _____

Colour: Gold / Blue / Green / Red

Children's Dri Gear Sports Size: 6 / 8 / 10 / 12 / 14 / 16 / 18

Children's AS Colour Cotton Size: 4 / 6 / 8 / 10 / 12 / 14 / 16

Men's AS Colour Cotton Size: S / M / L / XL / 2XL / 3XL

Women's AS Colour Cotton Sizes: S / M / L / XL

T-Shirts samples available to view for size and style at the office. T-Shirts are made to order so sizes are unable to be exchanged.

Cash or direct credit only please - no eftpos available. Helensville Primary School Parent Teacher Association Account: ASB Cheque 12-3659-0030789-00 Please use surname and RM# as reference

House winner for T1 Wk 6



Values Winners	Awarded for
Rm 12 Zara Barton	Kotahitanga / Citizenship
Rm 1 Astin McFadden	Kotahitanga / Citizenship
Rm 2 Cooper Foreman	Maia / Assertiveness
Rm 17 Andrei Ward	Kotahitanga / Citizenship
Rm 16 Te Mana Fitchett	Whakaute / Respect
M.T Cooper Duggan	Maia / Assertiveness
	Kairangi / Excellence

THANKYOU



A huge thank you to Wendy Roycroft and Andy Cummings from River Valley Meat for donating this Freezer to the school. Both PATHS and our Garden to Table Team will be making full use of it.



Also another huge thank you to all of you who donated money on our Casual Clothing Day last week. We raised \$732.60 and this has been placed on South Kaipara Good Foods account at Parakai Four Square.

Stay up to date with what is happening both at school and within our community...



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2023 JUNIOR RUGBY

REGISTRATIONS OPEN!

REGISTER ONLINE
www.helensvillerugby.co.nz

WEIGH IN DAYS
Wed 8th, Wed 15th, Wed 22nd March
3.30pm - 5pm @ The clubrooms

TEAM MUSTER
Wed 29th March @ 4pm



TACKLE & RIPPA BOYS & GIRLS 5YRS +

Wednesday Trainings @ 4pm
Games on Saturdays
Season starts Sat 29th April



Helensville Playcentre



Session Times
Monday 9 - 12:30
Thursday 9 - 12:30
Friday 9 - 12:30

Ages 0 - 6 years old

3 free visits

Benefits of Playcentre
Child lead play, mixed ages, support as a parent, involvement in your child's early childhood education, friendships

Contact us through our facebook page
 @Helensvilleplaycentre



GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN!



Order ezlunch for delivery from **Monday 27 March to Thursday 6 April** and go in the draw to WIN a Lego Creator 3-in-1 White Rabbit. The winner will be drawn on Thursday 6 April 2023 and be notified by phone and/or email. Every lunch order gets another chance to win. Go to www.mykindo.co.nz to start ordering.



A bit of fun for Room 17

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