

1st June 2023

HELENSVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING DATES

2nd June: Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day - school closed

5th June: King's Birthday - school closed

14th June: Year 7/8 Rip Rugby

15th June: Year 3-6 Ripa Rugby

16th June: Year 7/8 Rip Rugby Save Day

20th June: Year 3-6 Ripa Rugby Save Day

27th June @ 6.30pm: P.A.G Meeting

28th/29th June: Production

30th June: Arohia Ake Hui and last day of term

17th July: 1st day of Term 3

17th July @ 10.30am: Whakataua

See more on the [website calendar](#)



Miro Production Practise

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Malo lava le Soifua (hello, good health - Samoan) and warm greetings from the Helensville Primary School whānau.

It has been very busy at school these past few weeks with production practice and whole school dress rehearsals, AIMS games, sports team trials during lunchtimes, netball and rugby team training before and after school, along with celebrating Samoan Language Week. A big thank you to all the staff and parents who have taken time out of their already busy schedules to help support these activities and provide our students with these valuable opportunities, fa'afetai tele lava.

Last week we held a beautiful whānau hui evening with parents who have children who identify as Māori on our roll. There was a good turn out with over 35 adults in attendance. This hui was facilitated superbly by Glen Savage (DP), and supported in various capacities by a number of staff - Raine Terry (WSL Kapa Haka role), Karen Holleron (DP), Anwar Nadat (TL Rata), Mike (Caretaker), and Whaea Shaz (Office). We also had visitors from outside the school supporting the evening - Quanita Taurua (RTLB), and Ben Bradley (Kahui Ako ASL based at Kaukapakapa School). There were some great discussions and feedback collected around aspirations for our children which we will use as part of our strategic goal setting for the school. The wairua during the evening was very positive and this is a credit to all those involved. Below is a little of the information shared at the hui.

The winter bugs are well and truly here with quite a few students and staff off sick recently. A gentle reminder that if your child is feeling unwell please keep them home. I know that this can be difficult with parents' work pressures, but we would like to keep the spread of any illnesses to a minimum for the safety of others. As we all know Covid 19 is still circulating throughout New Zealand, and we are encouraging students at school to still perform good hygiene practices.

On this note to an extent, we are currently looking at increasing our relief teacher pool, as many of our regular relievers are no longer available. If you know of anyone who is currently a registered teacher and is keen for some work then please contact me as soon as possible - principal@helensville.school.nz. With winter coming we will need a few more available relievers.

Friday we have our Kaipara Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day, hosted by Helensville School. Teachers from all the schools in our area will be participating in a range of professional development workshops covering

Cultural Sustainability, Literacy, Collaborative Practice, Digital Technology and Well-being. We will be taking lots away from these sessions to help improve our classroom programmes and practice.

Take care, stay safe and have a great long King's Birthday weekend everyone.

**Richard Bennett
(Principal)**

MĀORI WHANAU HUI INFORMATION

What we are currently doing

- Developing stronger connections with Mana whenua and school relationships and partnerships;
- The ongoing development of a localised curriculum, and whole staff PD through connections and staff PD with **Te Kawerau a Maki** (Mana Kura programme) and **Te Pūheke** Hone Heke Ngapua-Rankin an accredited MOE PLD facilitator and Phil Gordon from **MAC**
- **Effective Educational leadership**; Culturally responsive/sustaining learning contexts and systems. **Te Tiriti o Waitangi** – The articles of the Treaty and the Implications for schools. Currently undergoing staff P.D through our involvement with being a M.A.C school.
- **Culturally responsive/sustaining effective teaching** for Māori learners.
- Māori enjoying and achieving education success **as Māori**.
- An inclusive school culture with an emphasis on **language, culture and identity**;
- Te Reo, Tikanga and Te Ao Māori within classes & Teachers
- Kapa haka connections with all kura across our Kahui Ako (including Wanānga developed through matua Ben Bradley ratou ko matua Hone Tobin raua ko matua Ruka.

For future development

- The development through co-construction (with iwi/mana whenua) of a Māori student graduate profile
- Critical review and strategic planning. This to be implemented later in the year.



Our Partners

Click onto each image to find out more information for each group



Skills, knowledge & Expertise



Great opportunity to share with us your knowledge of people & whānau we can tap into to tautoko our hapori. Weaving, Marae, Taiaha, Poi, Nanny's to read with etc...

Please email Glen at glen@helensvilleschool.nz, or Richard Bennett at principal@helensville.school.nz or Raine Terry at raine@helensville.school.nz

If you know of anyone in our hapori (community) that would like to come into our school to share their expertise or time.

We are looking for anyone who would like to talk / work with our teachers or children with Te reo, weaving, art, traditional art works, Poi, Taiaha, Mau rakau, hangi making, Science, gardening, or wanting to come in and listen to our tamariki read.

We will need to go through a vetting process to ensure safety for everyone but was as a school will work through this process.

Kia ora koutou.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW STARTER...
Hamish Ashton in Kōwhai Āwhina Tahī

CONGRATULATIONS

House winner for T2 Wk 5

Values Winners	Awarded for		
Kōwhai Toru : Frankie Grigor	Whakaute / Respect		
Mahitahi - Louie Brown	Kairangi / Excellence		
Mahitahi - Ella-Rose Steedman	Whakaute / Respect		
Mahitahi - Harry Fenton	Hihiri / Resilience		
Rm 12 Phoenix Shaw	Kairangi / Excellence		
Rm 19 Ari McCormack	Kairangi / Excellence	Hihiri / Resilience	Whakaute / Respect

House winner for T2 Wk 6

Values Winners	Awarded for		
Mahitahi - Aoi Asada	Whakaute / Respect		
Rm 20 Jiya Kumar	Kairangi / Excellence		
Rm 20 Lucia Ferris	Kairangi / Excellence		
Rm 16 Matthew Shinton	Whakaute / Respect		
Rm 12 Jack Hepper	Whakaute / Respect	Kairangi / Excellence	
Rm 10 Mason Monaghan	Hihiri / Resilience		

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

Term 2 Learner Led Conferences (Yr3-8) & Mid-Year Whānau Meetings (Yr1/2)

This year we have made the decision to hold conferences at the start of Term 3 as the school is currently in full rehearsal mode for our upcoming production.

These will be followed up in Term 4 by an End of Year Summary Report that will show how your child is currently achieving and there will also be a chance for you to spend some time in your child's classroom.



If we have any concerns with your child's progress your classroom teacher will contact you before the end of this term to discuss them.



Room 8 sharing a pasifika item that our Cultural leaders have taught them to celebrate Samoan Language Week

School Disco

Thursday 8th June * School Hall

Years 1 - 4: 5pm - 6:30pm * Years 5 - 8: 7pm - 8:30pm



Tickets \$5

On sale now or buy at the door

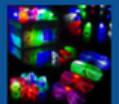


All food and drink items will be \$2 (sausages, fizzy, water, lollies)



Visit our \$1 table to get yourself a moustache or some sparkles.

Visit our \$2 table for glow toys And glow in the dark hairspray.



Visit our \$3 table for glow toys and blow up toys!

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