

16th June 2023

# HELENSVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## UPCOMING DATES

**20th June:** Year 3-6 Rippa Rugby Save Day  
@ **6pm:** PATHS Meeting  
**27th June @ 6.30pm:** P.A.G Meeting  
**28th/29th June:** Production  
**30th June @ 1.50pm:** Arohia Ake Hui  
Last day of term  
**17th July:** 1st day of Term 3  
**17th July @ 10.30am:** Whakatau  
**18th July:** Learner Led Conferences

See more on the [website calendar](#)



Rata Production Practise

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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

Wow, what an amazing School Disco last week! There was great energy and excitement from everyone in attendance, fueled by the awesome music and delicious treats of course. I would like to acknowledge and thank the many parents who helped support the night, whether it was helping with the set up, manning the stalls and doors, or toiling away in the kitchen, your time was very much appreciated. Thank you also to the Rimu team of teachers for organising such an awesome event for the school, and to all the other staff who helped out on the night as well.

Fundraising wise, it was definitely a very successful night. The total amount raised from our School Disco, which will be going towards supporting our AIMS Games trip, which will be finalised and announced early next term. Our other online fundraising initiative for the school, which is our 'Helensville Fitness Challenge' is also doing extremely well. The funds raised during this will also go towards supporting our AIMS Games teams, as well as towards the purchasing of much needed sports equipment for the school. More information and updates can be found on our school Facebook page, so please check it out when you have a chance.

Our school production 'Tales of Te Awaroa' is taking shape nicely. A reminder to get in and secure your tickets as soon as you can so that you don't miss out on a chance to see this awesome performance. Tickets can be bought from the school office.

It has been great to see our students out representing our kura on the sports field recently. Our Year 7 & 8's competed in the North West Sports Custer Rip Tournament last Tuesday, and we also had our Kaipara Years 3 - 6 Rippa Field Day down at our local rugby fields. Feedback from staff and from the students I was able to talk to, was very positive for both days, so well done everybody for representing the school well.

The winter blues are gradually descending upon us. When the temperatures drop, some of us might also feel a bit down. To combat this, find comfort indoors and engage in activities that bring you joy. Surround yourself with positivity and share laughter with your friends, peers and whānau. Remember, brighter days are just around the corner. But most importantly prioritise your self-care, so we can all finish the term on a strong note.

Stay safe and have a great weekend everyone.

**Richard Bennett**  
(Principal)

# Kōwhiri Three Way Conferences

When: Tuesday 18th July 2023

Times: 8-10am / 3.30-8pm

Each meeting will be 15 minutes long. Please bring your child with you.

Book a time via Skool Loop (instructions below)

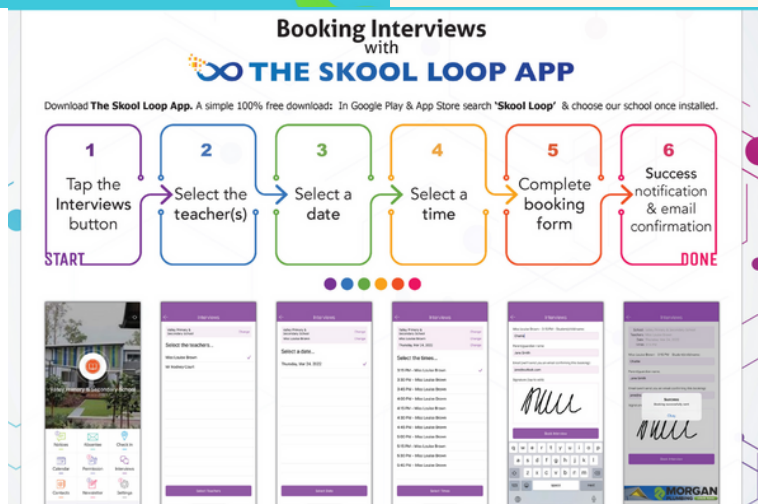
# Miro, Rata and Rimu Learner Led Conferences

When: Tuesday 18th July 2023

Times: 8-9.30am / 3.30-8pm

Each conference will be 45 minutes long and up to five families will be in the room at the same time. Please bring your child with you.

Book a time via Skool Loop (instructions below)



## Year 3-6 Ripa Rugby

On Thursday 15th Helensville Primary and other schools came together for a ripa tournament. The children were all in teams for their school and played 1-5 games during the day. Many skills were learned and lots of fun was had. Everyone bought lots of energy and a good attitude.

After each game they took a break giving them enough time to watch others. There was an ambulance just in case anyone injured themselves while playing. Parents would come and pick them up if wanted.

Though it was a bit tiring and competitive, everyone had fun.

Reported by  
Harry Coles (Room 1)



## College Visit

Earlier last week, some students and teachers from Kaipara College came to talk to our Year 8's about life at College. Mr Henley led the presentation and opened our eyes to the many different learning opportunities at Kaipara. First they covered some of the subjects that they learn at Kaipara. For example: There was Science, Languages, Social studies, Whānau class and many more. A few of the students that came along listed their favourite subjects at Kaipara so far. After a while of learning about subjects and time tables for the day, we played a game using the Periodic table. This was super fun because not many students knew about the periodic table or how it works and it was a new experience for everyone! Before carrying on with inside education, we went outside for some air and games. The first game that was played was something where we had to jump in small circles or run along the painted lines of the court in order to get away from the taggers. The next game was a bit like Rip, but you needed to collect the tags and see who had the most at the end of the game. Once we had finished up with outside activities, we were told that these games were only a few of the awesome things we would experience in P.E at Kaipara. We came back inside and began to take in all of the clubs that they host there and options that we could take part in. The main options were : Japanese, Drama, Music, Sports, Waka Ama, Equestrian activities and many more. Later on we had a surprise guest! The wonderful principal of Kaipara College, Cindy Sullivan.

It was a great learning experience about Kaipara College and all that they have to offer.



Reported by Louisa Morris



**Production practises are in full swing. Don't forget to get your tickets!**

# CONGRATULATIONS

## House winner for T2 Wk 7



Values Winners	Awarded for	
Mahitahi - Suraya Ware	Kairangi / Excellence	
Rm 3 Tom Tricklett	Kotahitanga / Citizenship	
Rm 8 Lloyd Brown	Hihiri / Resilience	Kairangi / Excellence
Rm 16 Ansh Jangra	Kairangi / Excellence	
Rm 19 Leon Scott	Hihiri / Resilience	Whakautu / Respect
Rm 19 Frankie Bannister	Kairangi / Excellence	Pono / Honesty

## House winner for T2 Wk 8



Values Winners	Awarded for	
Mahitahi Tyler Smith	Kairangi / Excellence	
Rm 2 Jiya Kumar	Kairangi / Excellence	
Rm 4 Cade Pook	Kairangi / Excellence	
Rm 12 Chavli Sethi	Kairangi / Excellence	Kotahitanga / Citizenship
Rm 16 Olivia Bishop	Pono / Honesty	
Rm 20 Dalton Walsh	Kotahitanga / Citizenship	

## Helensville Fitness Challenge Fundraiser



We have a winner for our first spot prize!  
 Congratulations Loch.  
 We hope you enjoy your karaoke microphone.

Is your child signed up?  
<https://helensvillefitnesschallenge.raiseit.co.nz/totals>

## Mathletics



Matthew Shinton from Room 16, has received a gold award for all of his hard work on Mathletics

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

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**LEGO WORKSHOP**

We were lucky enough to have Julie O'Keefe from Modern Teaching Aids Pty Ltd visit us recently. She ran a STEM workshop for a group of year 4 and 5 students.

*Thank You*

To those wonderful members of our community who are supporting our Breakfast Club



Cara Pinnell  
 Vicki Allen

Jodie Hetrick  
 Libby May

Victoria Godsell



Kate Ashton  
 Justene King  
 Ali Rogers  
 Joe-Ann Day

Amy Lee  
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and students: Bayly Clark, Eli Hetrick & Cooper Foreman



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