

5th May 2023

HELENSVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING DATES

9th May @ 6pm: PATHS Meeting in staffroom
16th May: Year 7/8 NW Football
23rd May: Year 7/8 NW Football Save Day
31st May: Year 7/8 Basketball
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 Rippa Rugby
16th June: Year 7/8 Rip Rugby Save Day
20th June: Year 3-6 Rippa 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

See more on the [website calendar](#)



Our Sports Leaders running a game with younger students

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Nau mai hoki mai and welcome back Helensville Primary School whānau.

I would like to start by acknowledging those in our school community who last week spent time to remember those that have lost their lives in wars. I understand that a number of our families, students, and staff attended ANZAC Day services across the Auckland region. Kia ora.

I hope you all had a relaxing holiday break with friends and family and are now ready for another term of exciting learning opportunities. Term 2 is shaping up to be a very busy term for everyone. Our whole school production planning is well underway and is coming together nicely. As I have mentioned before, this will be a massive focus for the school. With the many learning challenges planned and organised for this term, this is a time where we all need to be brave and look after ourselves, reflected in the following whakatauki:

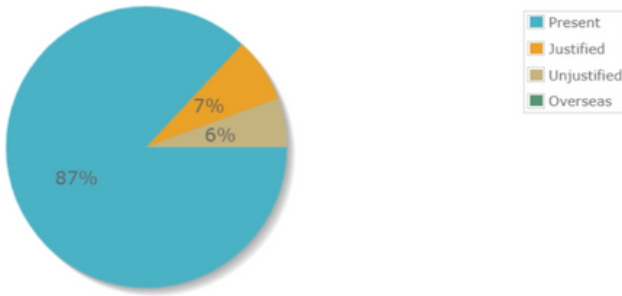
“Ki te wātea te hinengaro, me te kaha rere o te wairua, ka tāea ngā mea katoa.”
When the mind is free and the spirit is willing, anything is possible

This term we warmly welcome back Tyler McDowall to our teaching staff. Tyler will be based in the juniors (Kowhai Awhina - Wha), starting a class of new entrants who have joined us this term. She will be staying with us till the end of the year, we wish her all the best.

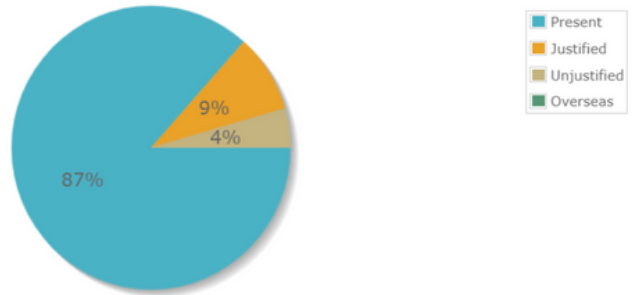
You may have heard in the media recently that attendance rates across the nation are a real concern. A summary of findings from the Ministry of Education for Term 4 2022 found that: 'Nationally 50.6% of students met the criteria for regular attendance. This is lower than Term 4 in 2019 (66.1%, pre-COVID-19), 2020 (61.8%), and 2021 (64.8%). This is an increase of 4.6 percentage points from Term 3 2022 (46.0% of students regularly attending).'

In a form of comparison, our schools attendance data for Term 4 2022 and Term 1 2023 is detailed below:

Whole School Attendance Data Term 4 2022



Whole School Attendance Data Term 1 2023



Please note that all absences during cyclone Gabrielle needed to be noted as justified, so our Present percentage could well be a lot higher. This data, all taken directly from our school eTap system over the last few terms, is very good. Therefore, I would like to thank all parents and caregivers for your efforts in ensuring that your children attend school regularly.

Take care, stay safe and have a great weekend everyone.

**Richard Bennett
(Principal)**

PROPERTY UPDATE

It has been go, go, go since our last newsletter and you may have noticed a few developments around the school.



New Benches outside Rooms 10, 11 & 12



Sadly the tree was rotting so was removed



The steps outside Room 21 are now completed



In the hall: lightbulbs replaced, filters cleaned and new glass replaces the grates in the doors.



The tree over the playground had branches with stress fractures in. These have been removed.



A ramp now leads away from the new toilets for ease of access.



All gutters were cleared.



A new disabled toilet and unisex toilets behind Room's 3 & 4.

CONGRATULATIONS

House winner for T2 Wk 1

Values Winners	Awarded for
M.T Boston Ottaway	Whakaute / Respect
Kowhai Toru Gavleen Kaur	Kairangi / Excellence
Rm 17 Kiyana Jafari	Māia / Assertiveness
Rm 18 Sharde Norman	Kotahitanga / Citizenship
Rm 20 Ngalani Sorby	Kairangi / Excellence
Rm 21 Tilly Pengelly	Kotahitanga / Citizenship

House winner for T2 Wk 2

Values Winners	Awarded for
Kōwhai Toru - Maddyn Foreman	Whakaute / Respect
Rm 2 Arabella Wijens	Kairangi / Excellence
Rm 8 Oscar Stanford	Kotahitanga / Citizenship
Rm 16 Matthew Shinton	Whakaute / Respect
Rm 20 Mania Haven	Kotahitanga / Citizenship
Rm 20 Kyrin Rust	Kotahitanga / Citizenship

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STARTERS...

Etta Pennington, Isla Robinson, Tadhg Cooke, Charlie Madson, Blake Godsell, Ivy Clarke, Lara Collins, Daisy Faunch, Ella Jefferies, Aria Lee, Evelyn Lee, Shiekynah Manaog and Matthew Phillips in Kōwhai Āwhina Whā. Kobe Manase in Kōwhai Āwhina Tahi, Elsa Haywood in Room 21, Vanessa Panui-Bartlett in Room 8, Rshan Pitiyage in Room 18, Matariki Panui-Bartlett in Room 2, Tafadzwa Muskiwa in Mahi Tahi and welcome back to Amiyah Fraser in Room 20

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



We're bringing back Breakfast Club

When: Monday 8th May

Where: Tiakamanawa

Time: Between 8.30 and 9am every day

If anybody would like to support this by making a small donation please speak to Whaea Shaz in the office. ☺



Our Head students, Annabel and Lewis did a great job of hosting our Arohia Ake hui on Monday.

SPOIL MUM ON MOTHER'S DAY

Order ezlunch for delivery between 26th April - 12th May and go in the draw to win her a flower bouquet!



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