

9th February 2024

HELENSVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING DATES

17th - 20th February: Yr 1&2 and Yr 7&8 swimming

21st Feb - 5th March: Yr3-6 swimming

15th February @ 3pm Creative Matters Art Class starts.

20th February @5.30: PATHS AGM.

27th February @ 6.30 PAG Meeting

28th February Norwest Tag Yr 7&8

6th - 8th March - Bike Ready Yr 5&6.

11th - 16th March - St Johns in School

29th March - Good Friday

See more on the [website calendar](#)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Nau mai hoki mai and a very warm welcome back to everyone for 2024!

The beginning of the year is always a time for us as a school to reflect on the year previously, build upon our successes for the year ahead. 2024 is shaping up to be a great year for everyone with loads of exciting events for our tamariki planned - the usual sporting trips, team trips, camps and much more.

I want to again extend a warm welcome to our new families that have joined us this year, we look forward to establishing positive relationships with you all during your association with the school. We have quite a number of new staff who have also joined us this year, and I am personally looking forward to them sharing their skills and expertise with us all.

As you will have seen, the council is doing a lot of work on the footpaths surrounding our school and it is looking great. The next stage of their work will be taking place next week on Rimu Street and they have advised us to inform our parents that there will be no parking on Rimu Street while they rip up and replace the footpath. All the gates on that side of the school will also be closed, so please plan to park / drop off your children at alternative points (Makiri Street, Rata Street, etc). This work is very much needed as that footpath is a real hazard.

Last year I fielded a number of complaints from neighbours around our school, especially those who reside on Rimu Street and Garfield Road. These complaints were mainly around people parking on the berms outside their house and also blocking their driveways. I do ask us to please be aware of this and park considerately when we hold major events at our school. I would hate for anyone to receive a ticket from Auckland Transport as they have threatened.

I would like to wish you all the very best for the year ahead. Take care and have a great weekend everyone.

Richard Bennett
(Principal)



Rimu are enjoying the cool pool and learning new water safety and swimming techniques



Kōwhai and Karaka Teams have started their swimming lessons. The children are enjoying these and learning through fun games and challenges

Nau mai haere mai tamariki

Welcome to our new students

Jackson Le Scelle

Eric Vui Lua

Summer Clarke

Lincoln Clarke

Riley Harrison

Ruairi McNab

Ryan Stenbeck

Vincent Donnelly

Van Gilmour

Rue Green

Leshan Pitiyage

Charles Steedman

Karamea Heke

Bodhi Grimmer

Indiana Morris

Piper Cato

Liam Hanley-Roets

Blessing Phillipps

Areia Tarawa-Te Haara

Leigha Bishop

Ty Nicol

Lexus Mills

Kayson Mills

Riley Montgomery-Williams

Cassey Ermac

A J Atiau

Te Ora Moana Walker-Yakas

Anna Hewison

Amiya-Marie Mountain

MEEKLO Mountain

Scarlett Smith

Penelope Beales

Ila Young

Kahn Garland

Keanu Dezinho

Garden to Table



Garden To Table in Year 5/6

Garden to Table is a registered charity which supports schools and kura throughout the motu to take the learning out of the classroom and into the māra kai (garden) and the kīhini (kitchen). We at Helensville Primary School are proud to be part of this program and offer this learning opportunities to our children in Year 5 and 6.

However in order for this program to run smoothly, parent helpers greatly contribute to the success of the program, and we are reaching out to request your valuable assistance as parent helpers. Parent helper volunteers from all Year levels are welcome.

Our Garden to Table program encompasses both the garden and kitchen activities. To ensure the best learning experience possible for our students.

The program runs weekly on a Friday morning between 9.00- 11.00am, and if you would like to know more information or would like to volunteer, please kindly contact myself Mr Nadat at anwarn@helensville.school.nz.

We look forward to hearing from you

Warmest Regards,
Rata Team Teachers

Room 16 has been looking at self-portraits



We have done our first portrait of only half of our faces. We looked at the position of all our facial features. We used pastels to colour.





Classroom

During the break a number of our classrooms had new carpet and lino!! They are now looking a great deal smarter. Much improved learning spaces for our tamariki.



Upgrade



Playground

Thanks to the people at Auckland Dental Association for donating the funds for a new water fountain . Thanks to Mountain Fresh for organising this.



Upgrade



Cooper had a successful holiday at the Waka Ama nationals winning 2x gold and 1x silver in the 3 events his team competed in - Intermediate Boys
Congrats Cooper!!!!



Attention All Football Fans!

Some of you might have seen a post on Facebook about football (soccer) after school, to be held on a Wednesday in the near future.

There has been no start date confirmed, as I still need to organise a few bits and bobs. If your child is interested, could you please email me on trev.j.hubbard@gmail.com with your name, phone number, child's name, child's school year, and also if you could let me know if they have played / have had coaching previously.

I would really appreciate some help please. The more helpers we have, the more kids we can get onto the field to have some fun! If you could please let me know by Monday 19th February that would be great.

If you do have any questions, please contact me by email.

Thanks Trevor Hubbard.



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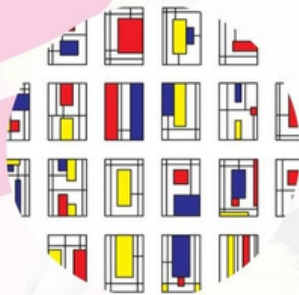
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