

3rd February 2023

# HELENSVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## UPCOMING DATES

**21st Feb@6pm:** PATHS AGM  
**28th Feb:** Paid Union Meetings  
Parent Advisory Group Meeting  
**1st March @5.30-8pm:** Whānau Fun Night  
**5th March:** Children's Day  
**6th March:** Kaipara Swim Sports for Yr6-8  
**7th March:** Kaipara Swim Sports Save Day  
**13th March:** NW Swimming Sports Y6-8  
**13th-24th March:** Swimming -Yr1/2 + 7/8  
**27th March-6th April:** Swimming - Yr3-6



## PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Nau mai haere mai, talofa lava and welcome everyone to the start of 2023.

Firstly, I would like to extend my heartfelt thoughts to those families in our school and wider community that may have been affected by the recent flooding, and to acknowledge the efforts of those who have wrapped around and supported our families in need. Kia kaha and kia ora.

It has been a disruptive start to the year with all the changes to the messages and directives from the ministry. Having said this, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our school community for being flexible and understanding at this time. The lessons we have all learnt during our Covid days have definitely ensured that we as a school community are much more resilient in the face of adversity.

We had a beautiful Whakatau (welcome) Thursday last week for all our new families, students and staff that have joined us this year. For those of you that were unable to attend, on behalf of the Helensville Primary School community I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you all, and we look forward to building some strong relationships over the years that you are with us. On another positive note, it has been great to see so many happy students, and also parents I might add, at the gates and crossings in the mornings and afternoons. I am always open for a chat while I am out there, so please do not hesitate to pop over and say hello.

Our teaching staff have been working very hard over the summer holidays planning fun and dynamic programmes for the students in their classrooms, so I am excited and am anticipating seeing our students flourish in their learning again this year. There are a lot of big school events planned and coming up soon this term, please keep an eye out in the notices going home so that you don't miss out on anything.

I would like to wish you all well for the year ahead. Take care and stay safe everyone.

Richard Bennett  
(Principal)

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW STARTERS...**

Dominic Ashton-Stone, Kevin Wellesley-Todd, Francesca Grigor, Thanudi Balasuriya, Heath Williams-Clark, Georgia Stringer, Sophie Grimstock, Joshua McComb, Georgia Punter, Ollie Blair, Kye Standfield, Miles McGrath, Isabel Udall, Indie Stretton-Silveira, Connor Jaques, Martina De Rodt, Cooper Rogers, Jack Bradshaw, Reuben Franke-Byles, Piper Keates, Melia Rihari-Allen, Caleb Blanchette, Thea Marshall-Rogers, Niko Silich, Judah Borrett, Cale Silich, Bodie Rose, Sofia Flores-Jochmann, Luke Perrett, Eric Nancekivell, Isobel Godsell, Te Mana Fitchett, Noah Blanchette, Brogan Wells, Pyper Emirali-Hayman, Jayden Taylor-Talbot, Astin McFadden, Kyla Wells, Alexis McGregor, Harry Fenton, Rosie Fitchett, George Clayton, Aoi Asada, Harlem Rose, Stella McFadden, Macey Clerke, Jade Hetaraka-Vlasveld

# GARDENING HOUR

Join us for an hour of gardening in the Helensville School grounds every second Friday,

9.00am to 10.00am.

If you are keen to come along please contact Megan 021 607604

(no gardening experience necessary)



**Friday 10th February**

## **Helensville PATHS AGM 21st February 2023**

Come and see this wonderful group of parents to see what they do.

6pm in the school staffroom



## **The building work continues...**

Our building work continued throughout the summer holidays and despite the rain we are beginning to benefit from the improvements.



Stairs both inside and out have been capped and a handrail installed in the double block.



Steps are being installed on the pathway leading down from the hall.



The old fence has been removed and new drainage installed. The concrete will be poured this weekend.



The new deck will solve our flooding problems outside Room 10, 11 and 12

**Watch this space for more updates...**

## How to stay up to date with what is happening at school...



Allow notifications from Seesaw, or check your Seesaw messages regularly.

Join our official Facebook page (Helensville Primary School).  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/helensvilleprimaryschool/?ref=share>





Download Skool Loop from the Playstore or Apple Store and allow notifications. We also use this app to book our parent meetings

Check the school website.  
<https://www.helensville.school.nz/>





Read all the information that is emailed home in the school newsletter each fortnight.

Have you ensured that the school office has the correct phone number and email address on record for you and any key members of your whānau?



# Children's Day Family Fun Day

Helensville Primary School | Sun 5 March 10 - 1pm

Free day of fun, music, performances, games and good vibes for local children & their whānau







## Travel Wise

We are a Travelwise School! Travelwise is a programme that promotes safe school travel and reducing traffic congestion to, from and around schools.

Student leaders support our Travelwise team to implement fun activities to encourage our students to participate in active travel. These include active challenges between teams each term, celebrating bike month, walking school bus month, road safety week and world car free day to name a few.

The beginning of 2023 will see us celebrating both Walking School Bus and Bike Month in March. There will be fun activities that students can take part in as well as competitions and prizes so keep an eye out for more information.





# WHĀNAU FUN NIGHT

KAI, GAMES  
AND  
PERFORMANCES

WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH 2023

BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC OR BUY KAI FROM US



13 - SAUSAGE SIZZLE



15 - BEEF NACHOS



15 - VEGGIE NACHOS



14 - BACON BUTTIES



## After School Art Classes

Helensville School

Thursdays 3-5pm

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