

19th May 2023

HELENSVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING DATES

23rd May: Year 7/8 NW Football Save Day
25th May @ 5.30pm: Whānau Hui in staffroom
31st May: Year 7/8 Basketball
1st June: Ezi-lunches as school is closed tomorrow
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](#)



We have raised \$439.80 for Pink Shirt Day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora, talofa lava and warm greetings Helensville Primary School whānau.

Looking back to last week's unexpected weather event, I would like to thank all our parents and caregivers that came in and picked up their children when we put out the call. I appreciate that this could have been very inconvenient for a lot of you, but with the Health and Safety of our community at the forefront of this decision we needed to make this option available. I would also like to acknowledge our teaching staff who remained behind to cover combined classes, and especially our amazing office ladies who coordinated parents to pick up their children across the school as this was not an easy task - Aroha nui koutou!

NZEI Industrial Action Update - This is just a heads up that there may very well be a Primary Teachers Strike on Wednesday 31st May for the full day. Primary Teachers will be voting on this as well as two other proposals. We will know the results of the ballot after Monday evening, and will inform our school community as soon as possible if the strike will be going ahead.

On a Road Safety note, I would like to ask all parents who pick up and drop off their children on Rata Street to please be mindful of where you park. Parking on the broken yellow lines near the school crossing impedes the view up and down the road of our student road patrollers. If you could please be mindful of this that would be much appreciated. In exciting news, the council has approved the widening of the footpath on Rimu Street which is fantastic as this footpath is a real trip hazard. I would like to thank Mark Dennis who is on the council board for his work and support for the school in getting this approved.

We have a Māori Parents Whānau Hui planned to take place on Thursday next week at 5:30pm in the staffroom. We are looking forward to this whakawhanaungatanga with those who will be attending. The kaupapa for this hui is about connecting as a larger whānau, discussing what aspirations you have for your children and their learning and also an opportunity for our staff to explain what we are doing to engage our ākonga (learners). If you are available at this time we would love for you to join us for a relaxed korero and some kai to help strengthen our home school relationship with our Maori whānau.

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

Richard Bennett
(Principal)

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STARTERS...

Liza Coetzee in Kōwhai Āwhina Rua, Grace Tapili and Armanie-Lee Karaitiana in Kōwhai Āwhina Whā

CONGRATULATIONS

House winner for T2 Wk 3



Values Winners	Awarded for	
Rm 2 Cooper Foreman	Kairangi / Excellence	Kotahitanga / Citizenship
Rm 2 Taytum Hemana	Hihiri / Resilience	Pono / Honesty
Rm 4 Boston Harland	Māia / Assertiveness	
Rm 8 Vanessa Rose Jackson	Whakaute / Respect	Kotahitanga / Citizenship
Rm 16 Lucas Smith	Whakaute / Respect	
Rm 19 Kingston Wihongi Johnson	Hihiri / Resilience	Whakaute / Respect

House winner for T2 Wk 4



Values Winners	Awarded for	
Kōwhai Rua - Connor Jaques	Whakaute / Respect	Kairangi / Excellence
Kōwhai Toru - Sophie Grimstock	Whakaute / Respect	Pono / Honesty
Rm 1 Manny Kaio	Whakaute / Respect	Kotahitanga / Citizenship
Rm 2 Grace Brady	Whakaute / Respect	Pono / Honesty
Rm 16 Charlie Pengelly	Whakaute / Respect	
Rm 19 Imeta Smith	Kairangi / Excellence	

Road Safety Week Quiz Winners



Rimu - Year 7/8

Jonathan Atkinson
Mason Brenchley

Rata - Year 5/6

Maxwell Stott

Miro - Year 3/4

Loch Schliebs

Kōwhai - Year 0-2

Amelia Adlam
Lillian Andrews
Max Collins
Lauchlan Hewson
Juliet Bateman
Te Ao Manawa Povey

To acknowledge Road Safety Week at Helensville Primary we held a quiz for each team testing their road safety knowledge. Each day a different team had students compete against each other to win first place. The competition was so tight, we ended up with some students tied in first place. Congratulations to our winners:



Measles Notice from the Ministry of Education

Are you and your whānau protected from measles?

With people travelling overseas again, there's a risk that someone with measles could unknowingly bring the disease back to Aotearoa.

Measles spreads easily and quickly, usually between people who are unimmunised or only partially immunised. It can be serious and life threatening. In the 2019 measles outbreak in Aotearoa more than 30% of the people infected had to be admitted to hospital.

The best protection against measles is the free MMR vaccine. It will protect you and your whānau, and prevent the virus from spreading.

You will be protected against measles if you:

- had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine
- had measles before
- were born before 1 Jan 1969.

If you're unsure if you or your tamariki have had any or both doses of the MMR vaccine, check by calling your GP or hauora provider. Alternatively, check your Plunket Well Child Tamariki Ora book. If you're still not sure, be safe and get immunised - there are no safety concerns with having an extra dose. MMR vaccines are free at your local health provider and many pharmacies.

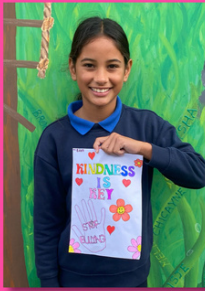
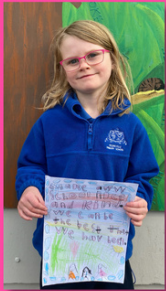
As measles still occurs in many countries, if you're travelling overseas these holidays it's especially important to be immunised to prevent the risk of being unknowingly infected and causing an outbreak in Aotearoa on your return.

More information about the measles vaccination can be found here:

[Measles vaccination - Ministry of Health](#)



Congratulations to the winners of our anti-bullying poster competition. We had so many impressive entries – what a creative bunch of students we have at our school.



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.



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

Come and join the Garden club!

26th May

EVERY SECOND FRIDAY WE SPEND AN HOUR TIDYING UP THE SCHOOL GARDENS.

NO GARDENING EXPERIENCE NEEDED AND ALL GARDENING EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED.

WE MEET ON THE SEAT OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT 9AM

COME AND JOIN US
MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK.

FOR MORE INFO OR ANY QUESTIONS TEXT
MEGAN -021607604



Breakfast Club is back

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. ©

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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