

25th August 2023

HELENSVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING DATES

30th August: Class Photos
31st August: Yr0-2 Cross Country
1st September: Yr0-2 Cross Country Save Day
4th-8th September: Yr7/8 AIMS Games
12th September: Yr5/6 Camp Meeting #2
13th September: Wig Wednesday
Rimu Team Speech Contest
15th September: Pasifika attending Kellyfest
18th September: Kōwhai Team trip to Stardome
20th September: Kaipara Speech Competition- Yr5-8
22nd September @ 1.50: Arohia Ake Hui
Last day of term

See more on the [website calendar](#)



A few of our awesome North-West cross country competitors

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora and talofa lava Helensville Primary School whānau.

Firstly, a big thank you to all our parents who have completed the survey form that was emailed out Tuesday morning. I am looking forward to reading through all your responses to help us as a school strategically plan for the next few years, and to ensure that we are providing your tamariki with the best possible education. I feel that this work which the school is embarking on is beautifully acknowledged by the following whakatauki:

Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia ō tātou mahi
Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work

Education has been mentioned quite frequently in the news recently. The upcoming election has obviously had an influence on what messages are being delivered by the various political parties. I would like to share this message from the president of the NZ Principals Federation, which echoes my thoughts at this time:

‘Education should not be used as a political football. Opposing political parties frequently exploit education for political gain during election campaigns, leaving us all frustrated. We are tired of politicians choosing politics over the well-being of tamariki. Education's significance makes it a powerful talking point, but when parties prioritise point-scoring, it hampers plans for quality teaching and learning. While policy debates are necessary, collaborative, learning focused efforts should supersede political games. A bipartisan approach to education, focusing on akonga, not partisan politics, is what we need. Our young people deserve that for their future.’

This message resonated strongly with me. My message to our community is that we as a school will always strive to have your children's best interests at the heart of everything we do, no matter what political party is in power. It can be a delicate juggling act negotiating between the ministry, school policies and legislative requirements in education. We will not be able to please everyone all the time, but we will endeavour to try our best.

Finally, this is the last newsletter before our AIMS Games team leave to represent us this year in Tauranga. I would like to thank all the teachers, parents and coaches who have sacrificed a lot of their own time to help prepare our students for this prestigious sporting event. I would like to wish our team all the very best when you are competing down there, make sure you display our school values at all times, give it everything you got, and please travel safely.

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

Richard Bennett
(Principal)

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

PhotoLife

Wednesday 30th August



Please complete the photo form for either "sibling" or "individual" photos and return to school before photo day.

Class photo orders will be taken later on in the year.

If anyone requires another form please collect one from the office

Do you have a pre-schooler who turns 5 in 2024 and will be enrolling at our school?

If so please contact admin@helensville.school.nz to pre-enroll. It is so important that we know ahead of time so that we can forecast staffing.



WE'RE TAKING PART IN WIG WEDNESDAY



Help us support Kiwi kids with cancer



Josh, diagnosed age 10

Johnny, diagnosed age 8

Mya, diagnosed age 5

Theo, diagnosed age 9

Join us for **Wig Wednesday on 13th September** and raise funds to support Kiwi kids with cancer. When kids with cancer go through treatment, they often need to brave the world with no hair, so for a **gold coin donation, wear a wig or style a funky hairdo** while raising money for Child Cancer Foundation. Every dollar you raise will go directly towards supporting Kiwi kids with cancer and their families through the toughest time in their lives.

REMINDER

If you need to get a message to your child during the school day please contact the school office, not your child's teacher as they will be busy teaching and may not see your message in time.



If you are competing in the Large Animals for Ag Day come and see Mrs Mc for an entry form and information booklet.

Come during lunchtime to collect them next week or Week 9.

WELCOME

to the following new students

Charlie Kent in Kōwhai Āwhina Tahī, Griffin Rhind and Miles Weaver in Kōwhai Āwhina Rua, Eligh Ashby in Kōwhai Āwhina Toru, Elmi Klopper in Room 18 and Lenē Klopper in Room 10,

CONGRATULATIONS

House winner for T3 Wk 5

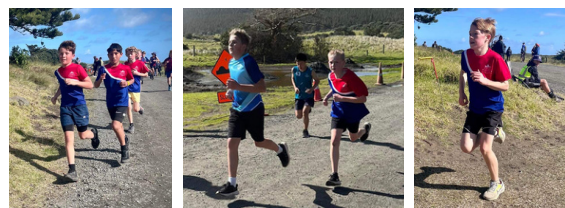
Values Winners	Awarded for
Kōwhai Tahī - Wyatt Underwood	Kairangi / Excellence
Kōwhai Toru - Van Bancroft	Whakaute / Respect
Rm 12 Lakhenzie Sinisa	Kairangi / Excellence
Rm 16 Riley Hanley	Whakaute / Respect
Rm 17 Kaizza Bland	Maia / Assertiveness
Rm 19 Opi Green	Whakaute / Respect
	Kotahitanga / Citizenship

House winner for T3 Wk 6

Values Winners	Awarded for
Kōwhai Tahī - Etta Pennington	Whakaute / Respect
Kōwhai Toru - Maddyn Foreman	Kairangi / Excellence
Rm 21 - Jack Riggans	Kairangi / Excellence
Rm 16 - Tanaya Sethi	Hihin / Resilience
Rm 8 - Alik Vorster	Kairangi / Excellence
Rm 1 - Brielle Smith	Kotahitanga / Citizenship

Kaipara Cross Country -Years 5-8

NW CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS	
Year 8 Girls	Placing
Marley Seakens	6
Lakhenzie Sinisa	9
Milhan Mateo-Ropati	19
Molly Orange	25
Year 7 Girls	Placing
Eden Asiata-Wea	1
Charli Stokes	4
Senesi-Maruia Harris	6
Emily Barry	8
Maci Laarakkers	16
Year 7 Girls Para-Athletes	Placing
Tilly Oliver-Chambers	1
Year 6 Girls	Placing
Shaniah Sinisa	1
Kaylee Johnson-Hull	10
Dorothy Pinnell	22
Brielle Smith	33
Maia Keefe	34
Year 5 Girls	Placing
Molly Brown	15
Ayva Best-Peraua	16
Elaine Huang	30
Brogan Wells	45
Year 8 Boys	Placing
George Brown	5
Freddie Limmer	16
Bo Phillips	23
William Flowers	24
Liam Jones	27
Flynn Hornby	43
Year 7 Boys	Placing
Ben Collinge-Coker	1
George Clayton	17
Samuel Shaw	19
Boston Ottaway	23
George Steedman	44
Year 6 Boys	Placing
Finbarr Brosnan	1
Harry Coles	5
Cooper Foreman	10
Kobie Best-Peraua	29
Liam Reynolds	30
Spencer Gilbert	39
Fletcher Bateman	40
Year 5 Boys	Placing
Felix Smith	32
Astin McFadden	47
Jayden Taylor-Talbot	56



On Thursday 17th August, we took a team of runners to the NW Cross Country at Muriwai. Not only did we have numerous top ten finishers, we also won five out of the nine races that took place on the day.

Congratulations to George Brown, Marley Seakens, Lakhenzie Sinisa, Senesi Harris and Emily Barry who will be representing our school at the Year 7/8 Auckland Cross Country next week. We are very proud of the grit, resilience and effort demonstrated by all of our runners.



Tree Planting at Rautawhiri Park



Our student leaders teamed up with some college students and helped to plant 350 native grasses down at Rautawhiri Park this morning. It was great for them to be involved in a local action that they can see the benefits of in the future. Scrub Ecology in Action bought all the plants along and Anna, from Auckland Council supported the students with planting techniques.



Whānau Fun Fair

Saturday 28th October

10 weeks to go
Whānau Fun Fair
PREMIER *One stop - we do the lot!*

THANK YOU
PREMIER PANELBEATERS &
MECHANICAL LTD
FOR SPONSORING THE PHOTOBOOTH

HELENSVILLE
paperplus
Select

THANK YOU
HELENSVILLE PAPER PLUS
FOR SPONSORING THE
TODDLERS BOUNCY CASTLE

THANK YOU
HELENSVILLE MECHANICAL
SERVICES
FOR SPONSORING THE OBSTACLE
COURSE & CANDY FLOSS

Saturday 28th October
Helensville Primary
10 - 2pm

HELENSVILLE PRIMARY
WHĀNAU FUN FAIR 2023

Call out to all businesses and families who would like to contribute a raffle prize to our Mega Raffle/Silent Auction.

For further info contact
Justene 0212377829
whanaufair2023@helensville.school.nz

Saturday
28th October
10-2pm

WHĀNAU FUN FAIR
WORKING BEE

SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST
1-3PM - MEET IN THE HALL
Whānau Fun Fair is fast approaching and we really need some help getting signs etc ready. If you have an hour or two spare please contact Karen Holleron (karenh@helensville.school.nz)

THIS WEEK

A huge thank you to our sponsors

NEED A REAL ESTATE AGENT?



MEET

Nisha Page

Combining her natural flare and boutique style with the strength of the trusted Harcourts brand to bring you success without compromise.

Call today



www.NishaPage.co.nz ☎ 0275246550



LMC
LAWN MOWING CONTRACTOR
Lawn Mowing
Call or text Brendon
021 777682
0800 LMC 777
info@lawnmowingcontractor.co.nz
www.lawnmowingcontractor.co.nz

GIFTS | CLOTHING | HOME



www.eleventhhour.co.nz



Electrical Laser



KEEPING HELENVILLE MOVING



Helensville After School Care

All enquiries phone
Emily Hutchison 0211208467
Kim Saunders 021420924

