28th July 2023



#### **UPCOMING DATES**

**31st July:** Year 3-8 Cross Country **1st August:** Year 7/8 NW Netball **2nd August:** Cross Country Save Day **4th August:** Kahui Ako Waananga **7th August:** Kaipara Cross Country -Yr5-8 **8th August:** Kaipara Cross Country (Save Day) **9th August:** PATHS Nacho Lunches **10th August:** Rippa Rugby - Yr 3-6 **10th August:** Rippa Rugby - Yr 3-6 **10th August:** Rippa Rugby (Save Day) **15th August:** Rippa Rugby (Save Day) **17th August:** NW Cross Country - Yr 5-8 **18th August:** NW Cross Country (save day) See more on the website calendar



Last Thursday we held our Matariki Breakfast. It was a wonderful morning

### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Nau mai hoki mai and welcome back Helensville Primary School whānau. I hope you all have had a relaxing term break with friends and family and are now ready for another term.

'Poipoia te Kākano kia puāwai' Nurture the seed and it will grow

I start my principal's message with this timely whakatauki which is relevant to our focus for this term. For those of you who might have missed my Facebook post on our school page, Term 3 will be a time for our school to get back to some solid routines, and for students and staff to get back to core learning programmes in the classroom.

I have mentioned in previous newsletters that there will be a few surveys going out to our school community this term. We will be wanting a range of feedback on a lot of items, for example what you think we should value as a school to support learning, what our strengths are, what we can improve in, and current and future challenges we may face as a community. We will also be collecting feedback on our school reporting and communication channels.

All of this stakeholder data will form the basis for us to create our schools strategic goals and vision moving into the next few years. Our community voice is a key aspect here, and this will be your chance to have input into what we should do as a school. So please take some time to complete these surveys when we send them out. We may also hold a few parent meetings as well to collect some more voice and have feedback on what we have designed later in the year.

I hope that everyone who came along to our first Matariki Breakfast last week enjoyed the warm breakfast menu, as well as the fellowship with other families who were in attendance. A big thank you again to everyone who was involved in setting this up and making it happen. This is a new event on our school calendar and we will be doing this again next year so look out for it.

A reminder to our Pasifika families that we will be holding our next Pasifika Fono Evening in a few weeks time on Thursday August 10th 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the staffroom. As before extended family members are more than welcome to attend, dinner will be provided and children will be supervised. Also, next week we will be celebrating Cook Island Language week.

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

Richard Bennett (Principal)



**AG DAY** Friday 20th October WHĀNAU FUN FAIR Saturday 28th October

After our 2022 AG Day we asked for feedback from staff, students and from our community, on how we could improve our school AG Day. As a result of this we have made a few exciting changes this year! Read on to see what will be different?

#### Attention all prospective Large Animal Competitors!!!



Start getting yourselves organised for our Ag Day Large Animal Competition.

The large animal and Young Farmer Competition is to be held during the school day on Friday October 20th with the other AG Day stuff being held on Saturday 28th October - So you guys are the stars of the day!!!

- We will have competitions for lambs, calves and kids.
- All animals must be born between 1st July and 15th September.

Start planning now. Mrs Mc and Whaea Kelly will be putting more information out later in the term.

Entries will be collected from Week 9 of this term. So watch out for further information.



HELENSVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# CONGRATULATIONS





Check out our very own Tilly presenting Kea **Kids News. Tilly** you are an absolute star 🛨



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**Mathletics** 





Mia Keates from Room 1. has received a gold award for all of her hard word on **Mathletics** 

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

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	HEALTHY LUNCH MENU	
Fri	Assorted Snacks & Plain Sandwich	\$1.50
Fri	Wraps	\$6.00
Fri	Sandwichs	\$4.00
Fri	Filled Rolls	\$6.00
Fri	Mini Round Pizza	\$4.00
Fri	Chocolate Croisant	\$3.00
Fri	Oven Hangi - Chicken and Veg with Stuffing.	\$8.00
Fri	Chicken Pie Potato top 150g	\$6.00
Fri	Cottage pie 150g	\$6.00
	HOT FOOD	
Fri	American Hot Dog	\$4.00
Fri	3 Chicken Tenders	\$6.00
Fri	Burgers	\$7.00
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### **Operation Christmas Child SHOEBOX GIFTS:**

It's that time of year again when Operation Christmas Child will be



collecting filled shoeboxes which are sent to children in need in the Pacific Islands and around the world. This project is a way for you to teach your child about giving and sharing by blessing other children.

Pick up a shoebox and instructional brochure at reception (or supply your own shoebox) and fill it with toys, hygiene items, fun gifts and school supplies. Then simply bring it back to the school to be collected by Labour Weekend.

## WELCONE to the following new students

Olivia Watson and Noah Mulder in Kōwhai Āwhina Toru Wilma Pimblott and Florence Lee in Kōwhai Āwhina Wha Harmony Manuel and Nina Hattaway in Room 19 Mirren Hattaway in Room 1



Check out the harvest from our Garden to Table gardens this morning, please come and help yourself to what you need, a variety of vegetables Spinach, silverbeet, Broccoli, Cabbages, spring onions, daikon and parsley. Just by the office....





Breakfast club is booming and we are feeding more children than ever each morning in Tiakimanawa from 8.30pm.



We would love more parent help to keep this running and/or any donations of bread and butter/spread. If you can spare 30 minutes on any school day or are happy to make a donation then please contact shaz in the office.  $\heartsuit$ 

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