



# HENLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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REACH HIGH - STRIVE FOR KNOWLEDGE - LIVE WITH ALL YOUR HEART

Kia ora koutou te whanau

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Kent Furness (Rm 19) and William Harvey (Rm 17) who recently started at Henley School.

This week we have set up the Christmas tree in the foyer as we did last year. Thanks to Yasmin Millener and Anika Kemp from Room 11 for decorating the tree. You are welcome to bring in a donated gift to place under the tree. This year the gifts will go to the Pack the Bus Appeal which is for the Nelson region and is being run by the Fifehire Foundation, Salvation Army and More FM. Donated gifts will be collected on Thursday 8 December and passed on to those families less fortunate in o Please see the notice later in the newsletter for more details.



Well done to all the Henley representatives who took part in the Inter-School Athletics Day at Saxton Field yesterday. This is a superb facility that the region can be very proud of. It was great to see the Henley students perform so well with a number of stand-out performances Thanks to Janita Numa, Alex Lean and Marjolein Edwards for organising and helping out on the day.

Well done to all the Inter School Athletics participants. There were some great results. For instance, the Henley School relay teams gained three first places and two second places from five races! Well done to everyone.

Each year New Zealand schools are required to set targets for our core business, student achievement. Recently our school wide information gathered through the National Standards showed us that:

- 72 percent of students are at or above the National Standard for **writing** (increase of 7 percent since mid-year)
- 79 percent of students are at or above the National Standard for **maths** (increase of 4 percent since mid-year)
- 88 percent of students are at or above the National Standard for **reading** (increase of 6 percent since mid-year)

Subject Area	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
	Well Below Standard	Below Standard	At Standard	Above Standard
Writing	1	27	55	17
Maths	1	20	52	27
Reading	1	11	45	43

As you can see we have made pleasing progress over the year. These results are required to be reported to the Ministry of Education in the school's Annual Report for 2011. Currently we are in the process of setting school wide targets for the 2012 year. These school targets are, of course, in addition to goals that we set for individual students but they are very useful in giving us an overall picture of Henley School student achievement in these three key areas.

At the end of next week we will be sending home our end of year written reports along with portfolios. We hope you find them informative as considerable time and thought goes into producing them. The 'next steps for learning' identified in the reports are important parts of the home-school partnership. The report will also indicate your child's class for 2012.

Finally, we have a mufti day tomorrow which is organised by a group of senior students and the proceeds are going to the Nelson SPCA. Our final newsletter for the year will come out on 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Kind regards  
John

**REMINDER**  
**School finishes for 2011 on**  
**Friday 16 December**  
**12 noon**

## CONFIRMATION OF UPCOMING DATES

Fri 2 Dec	Morning Tea for New Parents – staffroom – 9.30
Fri 2 Dec	Rooms 18 & 19 – Beach Picnic
Fri 2 Dec	Mufti Day – SPCA fundraiser
Mon 5 to Fri 9 Dec	Aquatic Centre swimming – Senior Syndicate
Tues 6 Dec	Parent Liaison Group meeting – staffroom – 9.00am
Fri 9 Dec	Reports go home
Fri 9 Dec	Volunteers Morning Tea
Mon 12, Tues 13 & Thurs 15 Dec	Outdoor Education – Senior Syndicate
Wed 14 Dec	Year 6 Formal
Thurs 15 Dec	Newsletter
Fri 16 Dec	School finishes for the year at 12.00 noon

## KIOSK LUNCHES

**LAST DAY FOR ORDERING SCHOOL LUNCHES FROM THE WAIMEA COLLEGE KIOSK IS**

**THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER**

Subway lunches will still be available for the last time on Friday 9 December 2011.



## PACK THE BUS APPEAL



More FM

*Fifeshire Foundation and  
The Salvation Army*

*Pack the Bus is a new appeal for the Nelson region and aims to spread the joy of Christmas to every Nelsonian. It's called 'Pack the Bus' because the aim is to fill a bus with non-perishable food, new toys and other presents such as vouchers and toiletries for families who might otherwise have a pretty tough Christmas.*

*Pack the Bus runs from November 28 through to December 9 and will be calling at Henley School to collect donated gifts on **THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER**. If you would like to take part please leave a gift under the tree in the school reception area.*

*Thank you.*



## Library News

The term has flown by and sadly this is the last week that children have been able to borrow books. Next week we aim to have all the books returned and any outstanding bills sent out.

\*\* Over the next two weeks, please have a thorough hunt for any overdue or missing books. The cost of replacing these soon mounts up and is at the expense of buying new titles.

A special **THANK YOU** to the School Librarians who have given up much of their free time to work in the library. They are a wonderful group of students and will be greatly missed.



## LOST PROPERTY



Lost property will be displayed on

Tuesday 13 December  
Wednesday 14 December  
Thursday 15 December

There are lots of clothes there so please check to see if any of these belong to you!

**ANY UNCLAIMED CLOTHES WILL BE DONATED TO A CHARITY AT THE END OF THE DAY ON FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER**



## HENLEY SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL KEYS

There are still a few swimming pool keys available for hire from the school office. Keys are \$35.00 for the season (\$5.00 is refundable on return of the key). An indemnity form must be signed at the time of hiring a key.

**POOL KEYS WILL NOT BE HIRED TO CHILDREN**



## REMINDER

**Friday 2 December**

**Mufti Day fundraiser for the SPCA – please bring a gold coin donation.**

# Pirates Day



The Middle Syndicate had a **FUN TIME** searching for treasure at the Isle of Rabbits last week! Thanks to all the parents and children who made the day so amazing!

**Yo ho m'hardies!!**



## Maths Tip



Stage 6  
(Yr 5 & Yr 6)

$$394 + 79 \rightarrow \text{Compensation } (394 + 80) - 1$$

- This strategy is used when one number can easily be turned into a tidy number (80). This makes it easier to solve and then the answer is adjusted accordingly.

Other examples where this strategy would be used are..

- $58 + 99 = ?$
- $202 - 67 = ?$

Rachael Myers

Have Fun!!

## Cool Schools Playground Mediators



This year we have had an enthusiastic group of Year 6's in action in the playground at lunchtimes to mediate any problems that children might have. These specially trained students have helped resolve conflicts at lunchtimes, run games, performed role plays in assemblies and given out mediator medals for fair play they have noticed. Next year we are receiving full staff training from the Peace Foundation to update our skills in this programme. 2012 mediators will also receive specialist training from a national co-ordinator.

A HUGE thank you to this year's mediators for the great work they have done in our school.



## PERTUSSIS (WHOOPIING COUGH) OUTBREAK

The whooping cough outbreak in Nelson Tasman is now widespread and although having whooping cough or being vaccinated protects most people for many years neither gives 100% or life-long protection. Unimmunised children who have not previously had whooping cough are highly likely to become affected. A letter from Public Health was distributed to families at Henley School recently. If you did not receive this there are copies at the school office. Remember

- Don't wait until someone has been coughing for more than two weeks before having it checked out
- Cover all coughs and sneezes (clean tissue or elbow)
- Don't cough around babies and children
- Women in the later stages of pregnancy should avoid close contact with people who are coughing

If you have any queries please contact your family doctor or practice nurse or phone Public Health on 546 1537.

**PLEASE.....**

**If you have any spare ice cream containers we would appreciate them being donated to the school. They can be dropped off at the office.**

**Thank you**



### COMMUNITY NOTICES

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#### INSTRUMENTAL TUITION INFO NIGHT – Year 6 students

If you are thinking of learning an instrument at WIS in 2012 there will be free tuition provided by the ministry of education in class time. The classes are held at Waimea College.

On **Wed 1st Feb, 7pm, in the music studio at Waimea College** there will be an introduction evening in which all the instruments are demonstrated by the tutors, and questions answered, so you may decide which instrument is of interest to you. You will hear the **trumpet, flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, guitar, piano, voice, violin and cello**. With 12 months to 2 years tuition a player will be skilled enough to take part in one of the performance ensembles at WIS or the College. Wonderful experiences await....

#### THE GIGGLING PONY – Equestrian Centre

5 hour holiday programme

Supervision and tuition by New Zealand qualified and registered coaches  
Pick up/ drop off service available: Nelson, Richmond, Brightwater and Wakefield (extra \$10 per day)

**Price: \$50 Bookings essential**

Call us today! 03 541 9145 or email [kirstencrabtree@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:kirstencrabtree@slingshot.co.nz)  
For more information visit <http://thegigglingshopy.blogspot.com>

#### RICHMOND BOREDOM BUSTERS

**After School Care - Casual and regular spaces available**

We are small & cool! (best suited to ages 5 to 10)

Our aim is to provide a safe, fun, caring, stimulating and active environment

**Where:** Richmond Recreation Centre & Town Hall (back stage area),  
9 Cambridge Street, Richmond

**When:** Monday to Fridays (except public holidays) 3.00 to 6.00pm

\$4.50 per hour - CYF & OSCAR approved programme  
All staff police vetted and have ongoing OSCAR training

For further information please **Phone:** 544 3955

**Email:** [mary-ann.m@sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:mary-ann.m@sporttasman.org.nz) **Web:** [www.Sporttasman.org.nz](http://www.Sporttasman.org.nz)

#### CHILDRENS ART CLASS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Monday 19th, 20th, 21st - three tutors

Drawing, colour mixing, painting, clay and lots of fun.

Paula Fitzgerald Art - phone 5441095 for more information.

#### TASMAN DISTRICT LIBRARY – SUMMER READING PROGRAMME

Tasman District Library is offering the '**Be a Legend - Read**' Summer Reading Programme over the 2011/2012 summer holidays. The summer Reading Programme aims to encourage and promote books, libraries, and the fun of reading to children through incentive awards. All of this is offered free of charge from libraries in the Tasman District thanks to the funding of the Tasman District Council.

The programme starts on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2011 and runs until the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2012. Enrolments open on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. For Motueka or Takaka Library users, caregivers can enrol in person at their local library. Those who use Richmond & Murchison Libraries, enrolments will be **online only** at [www.tasman.govt.nz/libraries](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/libraries). For those without access to a computer, free internet is available at the library. As always places are limited. To be eligible children must be 5-12 years old, living in the Tasman District and be members of the Tasman District Library.

#### NELSON YOUTH THEATRE PRESENTS

**Charles Dickens' A CHRISTMAS CAROL**

At the Nelson Intermediate School Hall

Thurs 1st to Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.00pm plus a Saturday matinee at 2.00pm

Tickets \$15.00 adults, \$12.00 school child, \$40.00 family of 4.

Door sales only Refreshments available

Enquiries to 548 8414 or email [youththeatre@xtra.co.nz](mailto:youththeatre@xtra.co.nz)

#### SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART

**19, 20, 21 DECEMBER 9am to 12noon**

\$25 a day OR \$60 for 3 days

Painting on canvas, clay, pastel drawing, colour mixing and much more.

Phone Paula 5441095 to secure a place.

#### THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

**Are you a Year 6?**

If you would like to come along to a Youth Group for Year 7 and 8s in 2012 then you are invited to a fun family night at the Richmond Baptist Church on Friday 2 December - 7.30pm to 9.00pm

Bring Mum, Dad and any siblings (and a small plate for supper)

**CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU**

For more info phone Paula or Wayne on 544 9968