



HENLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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No: 5 Term 4



Tēnā koutou katoa

Well, where did the 2023 year go? It has been an extremely busy year trying to fit in everything we had to put on hold during the Covid-19 restrictions. I wish to acknowledge and thank the staff and Board of Trustees for their mahi, support and dedication to our students.

I always feel a bit sentimental at the end of the school year when we celebrate our many achievements and farewell the Year 6 students and everyone else who is moving to a new school or making career changes.

This year we are farewelling Anne Bryant, a long serving, dedicated Teacher Aide with 25 years' service at Henley. Best wishes for your retirement Anne, we look forward to seeing you pop in to drop your grandson at school in 2024. Also, our Senior Syndicate Leader Joe Kirker is moving to Broadgreen Intermediate to lead a team there, we wish him every success on his new leadership journey.

Special thanks to Teacher Aides Alice Strang and Candice Jooste who have completed their fixed term contracts. We have valued your input in the classes you have worked with and we'll miss your positive, friendly personalities in the staffroom.

Also sincere thanks to Annie Clark, we have loved getting to know you and appreciate the way you have settled the new entrants into the Fantail Room and helped them feel secure as they embark on their new learning journeys at Henley School. Sue Strawbridge is heading off on refreshment leave for 2024, we wish you a relaxing and enjoyable year as you take time to do whatever makes you happy. Thanks for your mahi in Room 12 this year.

Congratulations to Jo Bowen and Eion Sammes who were appointed to permanent positions in Term 4 and we also welcome back Hannah Ewers and Henry Davey Wraight to fixed term teaching positions for 2024.

Next year we welcome John Armstrong back as principal after almost two years working at the Ministry of Education and some refreshment leave in 2023. Our three syndicate leaders will be Tracy Goddard-Junior Syndicate, Carolyn Wright-Middle Syndicate and Sam Baxendine-Senior Syndicate. Leanne Kyle and I look forward to continuing leading the school with this capable team.

I have appreciated the engagement from our parent community with the 2024-2025 Strategic Plan, I value your feedback and input.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our school this year-there are a multitude of ways this happens, we appreciate you and look forward to your ongoing support.



He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai –If kindness is sown, kindness you shall receive.

Ngā mihi nui
Natalie Doty
Acting Principal

**REMINDER- School closes at
12 noon on the last day of school for
2023 on Friday 15th December.**

2024 TERM DATES

The school term dates for 2024 are as follows:

- Term 1 Thurs 1st Feb to Fri 12th April
- Term 2 Mon 29th April to Fri 5th July
- Term 3 Mon 22nd July to Fri 27th Sept
- Term 4 Mon 14th Oct to Tues 17th Dec

School is closed on the following Term 1 days

- Tues 6th Feb – Waitangi Day
- Fri 29th March – Easter Friday
- Mon 1st April – Easter Monday
- Tues 2nd April – (Observed by NZ Schools)

2024 OPEN MORNING - Wednesday 31st January between 9.00am and 11.00am. This is a good time to meet with your teacher for 2024 and drop off your stationery.

The School Office will be open at the start of Term 1 2024 from Thursday 25th January, 9.00am to 3pm.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Information regarding the uniform is available on the school's website at

www.henley.school.nz, Dot Neiman Leisurewear (34 Forests Road, Stoke - phone 547 6318) is the supplier of the Henley School uniform.

The shop will close for Christmas at midday 12pm on Thursday 21st December and will reopen on Tuesday 16th January 2024 for the normal hours of 8.00am to 4.30pm Tuesday to Friday.



2023 LIBRARIANS

Thank you to this year's wonderful **Librarians**. We have enjoyed working alongside you this year and thank you so much for all your hard work in the Library making sure all the books are scanned, the shelves tidy and books put away. Have a great Christmas break and good luck with next year.

You have all been amazing Librarians for 2023!
Mrs Gardner and Vikki.



A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thank you to our whānau and School Community.

The Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to all our school whānau for your on-going support and involvement in the life of the school. This year, we have continued to consult with our community, as we move forward into the next stages of our school's development. The many ideas and thoughts you have shared through the various surveys and informal gatherings has been much appreciated and have helped us with the further development of the school's Strategic Plan.

A big THANK YOU goes to our Friends of Henley. We have a great team of dedicated parents. Thank you for organising such successful fundraisers, it has been a great team effort to raise money for the maintenance of our School Pool. Without it we would no longer be able to keep the pool open. We have also successfully bought new bike racks and sandpit toys this year. Our school is lucky to have a very supportive community.

Thank you to our Staff.

Henley School has been fortunate to have Natalie Doty as our Acting Principal for nearly two years now. Supported by a dedicated leadership team and staff. A BIG THANK YOU from the Board of Trustees to both teachers and support staff, who provide an excellent education for the children in our care - for the time and effort you put into your work with the children and into the life of the school as a whole. It is much appreciated, especially by the children, whose love of school is very evident when you see them engaged in their daily activities and learning. Well done team! At the end of this year, we say farewell to Joe Kirker, Annie Clark, Anne Bryant, Candice Jooste and Alice Strang. The Board of Trustees sincerely thanks you for all you have given to Henley School during your time with us. You have been highly valued members of the team, and we wish you the very best.

This holiday season, stay safe, enjoy your break, eat well, rest well, celebrate and embrace the end of one year and the beginning of another.

Merry Christmas to you all.

Kirstie Van Houtte – Presiding Member **Henley School Board of Trustees**

2024 SCHOOL STATIONERY

OfficeMax is the school's stationery supplier and provides good quality, reasonably priced stationery. Stationery can be obtained by one of two methods as described below;

1. Orders can be placed online by going to the OfficeMax myschool website at <https://www.myschool.co.nz/> Alternatively, there is a link to this on the school's website at <https://www.henley.school.nz/stationery>
2. Once in the website choose the list that your child will require. The list contains the items for that year level, however you may remove items you already have or add additional items you may want to purchase. Once you have finalised your order and made payment the stationery will be couriered to you. To ensure that your stationery arrives before school starts you should place your order by approximately mid-January 2024.

OfficeMax offer a laybuy option for purchasing your child's stationery so you can order your stationery online and pay for it over six weeks, interest free.

3. If you are not able to place your order online you can phone OfficeMax at 0800 724 440 to order your stationery, however you will require a credit card to be able to order this way.

OfficeMax supports the school with a small financial rebate based on the value of purchases made through them by Henley School families.

Alternatively, you may use the stationery list to purchase your child's stationery elsewhere, however, please be aware that the quality of items such as pencils may not be as good, so, over the year you may end up spending more.

Copies of the stationery lists will be posted at the end of the 2023 school year on the office doors and on the school's website on the Stationery page.

The school expects that students will all have their stationery with them on the first day of school (Thursday 1st February 2024) ready to commence work. If possible, we encourage you to visit your child's class on Wednesday 31st January between 9am and 11am and drop their stationery off at this time.

The school office does not sell beginning of year stationery but will continue to sell 'top up' stationery throughout the rest of the year.

Thank you.

Inter-School Athletics Results

Here are the results of the recent Inter-school Athletics held at the Saxton Field Athletic Track on the 22nd November.

1st place:

- 100m Olive T (10 Girls),
- High Jump – Blake P (8 Boys), Delta S (9 Girls), Mikayla K (10 Girls)
- Discus – Flynn D (8 Boys), Charlie T (9 Girls)

On the podium:

- 100m - 2nd Shiloh W (8 Boys), 3rd Zac E (8 Boys), 3rd Baron B (9 Boys), 2nd Jett P (10 Boys), 2nd Sienna C (11 Girls), 3rd Harrison C (11 Boys)
- High Jump- 2nd Shiloh W (8 Boys), 3rd Macey M (9 Girls), 2nd Kaden H (9 Boys), 2nd Lahna H (10 Girls), Sienna C (11 Girls)
- Discus 2nd Alexi D (8 Girls), 2nd Mateo B (9 Boys), 3rd Mikayla K (10 Girls), 2nd Seb W (11 Boys)
- Long Jump 3rd Thea C (8 Girls), 2nd Blake P (8 Boys), 3rd Zac E (8 Boys), 3rd Macey M (9 Girls), 2nd Fletcher C (9 Boys), 3rd Flynn G (9 Boys)



Relays - 3 wins a second and a third place.

- Junior Girls - Macey M, Charlie T, Roxanne G, Millie J.
- Senior Girls – Olive T, Sienna C, Chelsey H, Sophie Q, Lily V.
- Senior Boys - Harrison C, Seb W, Cayden H, Jett P.

Well done to all the competitors and thank you to all the parents who helped on the day.

Nelson Junior Volleyball Setters – Term 4



Henley Hunters



Henley Heatwave

Winners!!
Div 4 Girls:
 Henley Heatwave
Div 3 Girls:
 Henley Havoc
Div 2 Girls:
 Henley Hunters



Henley Havoc

2023 Graduation Dinner



Year 6 Leavers 2023



