



HENLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



56a William Street
Richmond, Nelson
Ph. (03) 544 8904

Email: office@henley.school.nz
Website: www.henley.school.nz

Like us on Facebook at [Henley School Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/HenleySchoolFacebook)

REACH HIGH - STRIVE FOR KNOWLEDGE - LIVE WITH ALL YOUR HEART
KI RUNGA RAWA - WHĀIA TE ITI KAHURANGI - KIA WHĀI TE TAUMATA

8 February 2024
No: 1 Term 1

Kia ora koutou te whānau
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to the 2024 school year. I hope you enjoyed a restful break with your families. It is great to see both the staff and children looking refreshed and settling in quickly to the school routines. The high temperatures we had in the first week of Term one again highlighted the benefits of having heatpumps in our classrooms and being able to cool the rooms for the children and staff.

An especially warm welcome to our many new families who have joined us this year:

Matilda A (Rm 2), Ani B (Rm 2), Lucien B (Rm 2), Sophie B (Rm 2), Oaklee C (Rm 2), Julia G (Rm 2), Olivia G (Rm 2), Israel I (Rm 2), Elijah K (Rm 2), Luca L (Rm 2), Nikora M (Rm 2), Harper S (Rm 2), Jacob T (Rm 2), Tomas W (Rm 2), Mordekai K (Rm 2), Billy D (Rm 6), Mia G (Rm 6), Stella J (Rm 6), Audrina L (Rm 6), Sean L (Rm 6), Kaia S (Rm 6), Pippa S (Rm 6), Elliot V (Rm 6), Ataahua K (Rm 16), Oscar S (Rm 7), Iya A (Rm 9), Riley T (Rm 9), Jude S (Rm 13), Abigail V (Rm 3), Lucas N (Rm 4), Amara G (Rm 12), Ilithia P (Rm 12), Lev S (Rm 12), Kaylee T (Rm 20), and Cayden A (Rm 22).

A big thanks to Natalie Doty who stepped up as Acting Principal while I was away – thanks also to Leanne Kyle and all the other staff who also supported the effective running of the school. I spent most of 2022 and 2023 supporting the leadership of 127 schools in the Nelson, Marlborough and West Coast regions along with working on some special projects. This role involved a huge amount of travel as many of our schools are very small (some with less than 10 students) and very remote (places like Haast, Franz Josef, Karamea and Waitaria Bay). It was a great opportunity to see schools across our region and the many and varied challenges they all have.

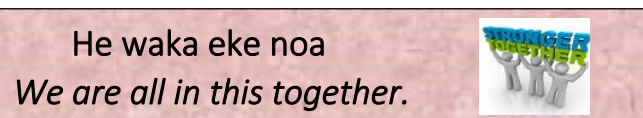


Our family had a short break over Christmas in the Kaikōura region as our daughter had a holiday job as a kayak guide there. We are also currently hosting an Austrian exchange student (Judith) so that means we get out and about a bit to show her the highlights of our region. Coming from a landlocked country she is particularly excited about our beaches. She is also very keen on animals and our dog Poppy gets a lot of extra attention. Poppy had a smooth return to Henley School last week and enjoyed finding her way around the school and meeting many of the children. Poppy also had a visit to the Waimea Kindergarten and was exhausted by last Friday night.

A gentle reminder that our William St and Gilbert St driveways are not to be used for picking up and dropping off your child/children and we appreciate your cooperation by parking in the carpark at the William Street entrance and using the pedestrian access up the driveway to the school. This minimises the risks to the large number of children we have on site. Thank you also to parents for sending your children correctly dressed in our compulsory school uniform. They look fantastic and we get many positive comments about them. As we are now in the swimming season it would be great if parents could ensure that items of clothing (including school hats) are clearly named.

Schools work best when communication lines are open and people feel comfortable to speak in a frank and honest way. If you do have any concerns regarding your child please make sure you discuss it with your child's teacher, the deputy principals (Natalie and Leanne) or myself as soon as possible. Teachers are generally available in classrooms from 8.30am however it is often best to make an appointment if you have a concern that would be better discussed without the child being present or when more time is required. We will be having Parent/Teacher Conferences on **Tuesday 27th February** which will be an opportunity for parents to share relevant information with the class teacher and for you to gain an understanding of how your child is settling in. More details about arrangements for this will follow next week.

Kind regards,
Ngā mihi nui
John Armstrong
Principal



UPCOMING DATES

Tues 13 Feb	Senior Syndicate Picnic 5-6pm
Tues 13 & Wed 14 Feb	Year 6 Leadership
Tues 20 & Wed 21 Feb	Middle Syndicate Scooter Safety
Tues 20 Feb	Middle Syndicate Picnic 5-6.30pm
Thurs 22 Feb	Newsletter
Tues 27 Feb	Parent/Teacher Conferences- School Closes 2pm

CANCELLED

School App

The school retired its use of the Skool Loop app at the end of 2023. We are in the process of making a new app available to our parents which will be linked to eTap, our school student database, so will be a much better, more useful app for our parents. Look out for more information being sent home about this in the early weeks of 2024.

William Street Improvements Survey Transport Choices



Thank you for your patience over the past 3 months with the construction of treatments along William Street – raised table crossings, shared path and kerb build outs. TDC would now like to know your thoughts. For completing this short survey you will go into a draw to win a \$50 Prezzy card. They appreciate your feedback. The survey closes 23 February 2024. Thanks so much. From The Transport Choices Team.

Click to open: <https://forms.office.com/r/rqNFN5pSmC?origin=lprLink>

INTERESTED IN SPEED LIMITS AROUND SCHOOLS?

Go to shape.tasman.govt.nz/speed-review



Swimming Season

Please make sure your child/children **bring their swimwear and towels to school** on their syndicate swimming days:

- Junior and Middle Syndicates – Daily
- Senior Syndicate – Designated days for each class.

School Swimming sports – Wed 6 March, Nayland Pool.

Please help your child remember their hat each day to be safe in the sun. If they are not wearing their hat, they must play in the shade.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

WAIMEA COLLEGE ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION NIGHT CLASSES – Term 1. Subsidies are available for some courses. There is something for everyone. To find out more details and to book a course visit <https://www.waimea.school.nz/community-education/>

“CROSSFIT FOR KIDS”- Tasman Bay Crossfit are offering a Crossfit Kids class each Monday of the term 3.25pm-4.10pm. Ages 6-10 years. Learn new skills, boost confidence with exercise, learn teamwork & sportsmanship but most of all have fun with exercise. For more information contact Rayna info@tasmanbaycrossfit.co.nz

NELSON JUDO CLUB 2024 - Interested in joining? Please visit www.facebook.com/JudoNelson

YIKES BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE - Free pick ups-drop offs, WINZ subsidy. For more information Ph 021 803 411 or visit our website www.yikesnelson.com

THE ZUMBA DANCE CLUB – Thursday 22nd February. Comets 3.30-4.20pm, Galaxy 4.30-5.20pm. 8 Weeks \$70. Richmond New Life Church, Wensley Road. For more information check out The Dance Club on Facebook, Ph 027 778 5888 or email dancers.at.the.dance.club@gmail.com

GYMNASTICS NELSON – Functional Fitness Inclusion Gymnastics – Ages 5-18 Years. 4 Week pilot programme FREE starting Sunday 3 March, 3.30-4.30pm. Visit our website www.gymnast.co.nz/our-classes Ph 03 548 2513 or email info@gymnast.co.nz

TABLE TENNIS – TT Kids (NZ) gives children aged 6-11 yrs a great first experience in table tennis. 8 weeks of fun starting Tuesday 20 Feb, 3.45-4.45pm, Table Tennis (Saxton Stadium), Saxton Road.