



# Senior Syndicate Newsletter

Term 1, 2023

Tēnā koutou parents, caregivers and whānau.

Welcome back! Hopefully you've had a wonderful holiday and are feeling refreshed for the year ahead.

We've had a great start to the term with classes enjoying getting to know each other, establishing routines and making the most of the time we have to practise for the upcoming school Swimming Sports on 1st March (Week 5). We'd love to see you there!

The education of your child is a real team effort with the teachers working at school and you helping at home. Remember we are here to help and if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We welcome whānau within the classroom before and after school.

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Phone: 03 - 544 8904

We look forward to our Parent/Teacher Interviews in Week 5, where we can catch up with you about how your child's year has started.

Ngā mihi,  
Senior Syndicate Teachers

## Term 1 Topics

**Reading** – Activating Prior Knowledge and Summarising

**Writing** – Recounts and Instructions

**Oral Language** – Conversational Talk and Responsive Listening

**Maths** – Number Knowledge and Statistics

**Te Reo Māori** – Greetings, Feelings, Actions and Commands

**Health & P.E** – Swimming, Class Culture, Healthy Choices (Te Whare Tapa Wha)

**Arts** – Syndicate Singing, Classroom Art

**Social Science** – Waitangi Day

**Digital Technology** – Digital treaty, Seesaw and Google Apps

## PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

We are in the third year of our school wide focus, learning about Positive Behaviour for Learning. You will here children talking about our school values.

**Respect - Whakaute**  
**Caring - Manaakitanga**  
**Fairness - Ngākau Tapatahi**  
**Honesty - Pono**  
**Responsibility - Tūtika**



Our expectation is to see these values happening by **everyone, everywhere and everyday.**

## Being Responsible

In the Senior Syndicate, children look forward to being able to step up and show leadership around the school. If your child has been given a responsibility, please discuss with them the importance of turning up on time, being committed to the responsibility and carrying out jobs thoroughly.

We would like the children in our Syndicate to be responsible for their own behaviour and to make sure the choices that they make are positive ones. We want Junior and Middle Syndicate children to look up to the behaviour of our wonderful Senior Syndicate leaders.

## Slap On a Hat

Henley is a sunsmart school.

During Term 1 and 4 when children are outside, they will need to wear a Henley wide-brimmed or bucket hat.

No hat = play in the shade.



## Dates for Your Diary

- **Every Wednesday** - Walk/Bike/Scooter to School
- **Wed 1st March** - School Swimming Sports
- **Thu 2nd March** - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- **Wed 8th March** - Interschool Swimming Sports
- **Mon 13th - Wed 15th March** - Food For Thought nutrition programme (Rm 11, 12 & 22)
- **Mon 20th - Wed 22nd March** - Food For Thought nutrition programme (Rm 3, 4, 20, & 21)
- **Wed 22nd - Thu 23rd March** - School Photos
- **Tue 28th - Wed 29th March** - Year 6 Leadership Training (Sport Tasman)
- **Thu 5 April** - Last Day of Term

## Cyber Safety

Digital Fluency is playing an increasingly important part in education and with that comes the responsibility of online safety. We want our children to work safely online and so spend time together constructing a classroom digital treaty to ensure we are showing our Henley High Five values when using devices.

Phones should only come to school if it is absolutely necessary and the class teacher should be aware of its existence. They are to stay in your child's bag and are not to be used while at school

Did you know?

The legal age for children to have a social media account is 13.

## Senior Library Timetable

<b>Monday</b>	- Rm 21
<b>Tuesday</b>	- Rm 20 & 22
<b>Thursday</b>	- Rm 3, 11 & 12
<b>Friday</b>	- Rm 4



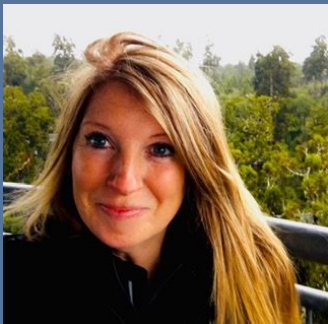
Each of our Senior Syndicate classes have trained Librarians. These students are a huge help for the rest of our children, especially at lunchtimes.

Waterproof book bags are necessary so children can look after their library books and prevent damage. Damaged or lost books can require replacement or repayment, so please look after them.

## Meet the Senior Syndicate

This year we have started with 182 Senior Syndicate students which are shared out across 7 different classes.

While it was sad to say goodbye to Mrs Cahill at the end of last year, we are very excited to welcome Eion Sammes to the Senior Syndicate. Having recently finished his teachers training, Eion is very excited about the opportunity to be teaching in Room 21 this year. A couple of weeks in and it is already evident that his 5 years teaching experience in Japan has helped him to hit the ground running.



Samantha Hickman  
Room 3



Rachael Myers  
Room 4



Kathy Ferguson  
Room 11



Sue Strawbridge  
Room 4



Joe Kirker  
Room 20

*Syndicate Leader*



Eion Sammes  
Room 21



Cade Armstrong  
Room 22