



HENLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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KI RUNGA RAWA - WHĀIA TE ITI KAHURANGI - KIA WHĀI TE TAUMATA

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No: 1 Term 1

Tēnā koutou katoa.

Tēnei te mihi atu ki a koutou

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to the 2021 school year. I hope that you enjoyed a restful break with your families and that your children were excited to come back to school and are now settling into their classroom routines. I think we are all hopeful for a less disruptive year as we gradually get on top of the ongoing implications of operating in an environment with COVID-19 an ever present reality.



Our family stayed in the 'Top of the South' this year looking after and training our latest addition – a Labradoodle puppy named Poppy. She is a great time waster and is slowly responding to training – she seems to eat a lot and chew on anything she can get her paws on.

This year we welcome back Mrs Emily Cahill from maternity leave. Mrs Sue Strawbridge and Mrs Kathy Ferguson also re-join us from long term leave in 2020. Mr Joe Kirker (Matua Joe) returns to full time teaching in 2021 after working part-time in 2021 while on parental duties. Our teaching staff took part in a teacher development day prior to school starting where we experienced Waka Ama on the Nelson Haven. We spent time learning about the Waka Ama Tikanga (Customs Or Protocols). Waka play an important part in te ao Māori or the Māori world. Māori trace their origins to ancestors who migrated here in voyaging waka bringing their history, atua (gods), customs, values and beliefs. If you are interested in Waka Ama I would encourage you to have a look at the Maitahi Outrigger Canoe Club - Waka Ama In Nelson <https://maitahi-outrigging.org.nz/>

An especially warm welcome to our many new families who have joined us this year – we have had nearly 50 new students start with us at the beginning of the year – Amelia A (Fantail Rm), Maddy B (Fantail Rm), Eden B (Rm 2), Kaia B (Fantail Rm), Koby C (Rm 10), Blake C (Rm 8), Hunter C (Fantail Rm), Chéytn D (Rm 9), Meika D (Rm 2), Charlie G (Rm 2), Max H (Rm 2), Violet H (Rm 2), Lara H (Rm 2), Boden I (Rm 1), Cody J (Rm 22), Ryker J (Rm 19), Lily J (Rm 2), Mahmoud K (Fantail Rm), Tyler K (Rm 2), Oban K (Rm 8), Leo K (Rm 2), Clea K (Rm 5), Lena K (Rm 7), Ava L (Rm 7), Kane L (Rm 2), Katelynn M (Rm 7), Ryland M (Rm 1), Brayden M (Rm 2), Zahabiya Z (Rm 2), Lily M (Rm 2), Harper O (Rm 9), Barend P (Fantail Rm), Kyah R (Fantail Rm), Bridget R (Rm 13), Colin R (Rm 11), Steven R (Rm 9), Scarlett S (Rm 18), Sayer S (Rm 1), Jake S (Rm 2), Fletcher T (Rm 14), Lily W (Rm 1), Hunter B (Rm 2), Alamein H (Rm 4), Ollie R (Rm 19), Dontae W (Rm 11), Xavier W (Rm 9) and Rupuha R (Rm 8).

Thank you for sending your children correctly dressed in our school uniform. The blue school shirt is now the compulsory top for all students Year 0-4 as we are phasing out the old grey tops. The blue shirts look fantastic and we receive many positive comments about them. As we are now in the swimming season, it would be great if parents could ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named. Please ensure your child has a school uniform hat for Terms 1 and 4. Thank you also to our parent group, FOHS (Friends of Henley School) who ran a very successful second hand uniform sale just prior to school beginning for the year. I know this was appreciated by all our families and particularly families new to the school this year.



During the holiday break a number of property projects were completed including the laying of Artificial Turf outside Rooms 1-6 and 7-11. This has court markings that can be used by all levels of the school and will give us a valuable artificial



recreation space – particularly when the fields are too wet to use. Special thanks to the Harcourts Foundation who provided us with a grant towards artificial turf court markings designed for the Junior Syndicate. At the same time our artificial cricket pitch was re-laid and re-marked. This gets a lot of use over the cricket season. New School Pool filters were installed as the old ones were part of the original system that was put in when the pool was built in the 1960's. We also installed a new security system including security cameras to help protect the school. Unfortunately vandalism is an ongoing issue for all schools and it is hoped that the cameras will help in deterring this anti-social behaviour (and identifying the culprits if necessary). Tree maintenance work was also carried out so despite the school being 'closed' there is considerable activity that goes on during break periods.

Other projects that are identified for 2021 include the refurbishment of Rooms 3 and 4; the upgrade of the Hall Kitchen and the resealing of the Gilbert Street driveway entrance.

Finally, 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 which is best discussed without the child being present or when more time is required. We will be having parent/teacher conferences on **Tuesday 9th March** 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.

I look forward to seeing you at the Meet the Syndicate Evening on **Tuesday 16th February** and at the school Swimming Sports to be held at Nayland Pool on **Thursday 4th March**. Finally, good luck also to those children training for the Weetbix Kids Tryathlon at Tahunanui on **Sunday 14th March**.

Ngā mihi nui, John Armstrong

UPCOMING DATES

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| All week 2 | Life Education Classroom visits for all classrooms |
| Tues 16 Feb | Meet the Syndicate Evening |
| Fri 19 Feb | Junior Syndicate Picnic – 12.15pm to 1.00pm |
| All week 3 | Life Education Classroom visits for all classrooms |
| Mon 22 Feb | Board of Trustees meeting – 5.30pm – Tasman Room |
| Mon 22 Feb | Last day of Life Education Classroom visits |
| Tues 23 Feb | Middle Syndicate Picnic – 5.30pm to 6.30pm |
| Thurs 25 Feb | Newsletter |

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

On **Tuesday 9 March**, we are offering 10 minute Parent/Teacher Conferences so we can talk about how your child has settled into school so far this year. It is also an opportunity for you to get to know the teacher better and help them learn more about your child.

Please look for the notice that will be sent home before the end of February so you can book your 10 minute appointment.

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2.00PM ON THIS DAY

FOHS (Friends of Henley School)



FOHS is Henley School's parent group and we are looking for a new coordinator. If you are interested in meeting new people and can help to organise and fundraise, we would love to chat to you. Please phone Kirstie at 021 130 9980 for that chat and to answer any questions you may have.

MEET THE SYNDICATE EVENING

Tuesday 16 February

Parents are invited to meet staff at our Syndicate Evening.

Junior Syndicate: 6.00pm – 6.45pm
Middle Syndicate: 6.45pm – 7.30pm
Senior Syndicate: 7.30pm – 8.15pm

Meetings will begin in the Hall and then move to your child's classroom.

This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and hear about the classroom programme, not a one on one conference. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held in Week 6 of Term 1.

Please remember that parents are welcome to make an appointment with class teachers during the year to discuss any matters related to their child's education.



We look forward to seeing you there.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Your child will soon bring home a copy of the information that we hold for them. Please check this information, make any changes that may be necessary and return to the school office. It is very important that our contact information is current, particularly in the event of an emergency.

Thank you

AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

Please ensure that you are clear with your children regarding the arrangements for them to go home after school. From time to time children go missing after school. It is common for staff to find, following extensive searching, that the child was not sure what the after school arrangement was and had taken matters into their own hands. This can be distressing for all parties.

Children are encouraged to go to the school office if unsure of what is happening after school.



HOW TO KEEP UP TO DATE AND INFORMED ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING AT SCHOOL!

There are many methods the school uses to share information with our families and keep you up to date with what is happening at the school. As well as periodic paper notices from school, our website has lots of information on it (including the Newsletters and Calendar of Events), also, we often post current information on our Facebook page. You can download the free Skool Loop App onto your phone where our current Term Calendars and Newsletters are always available (you can also send in absence messages from it as well). Please check your child's bag regularly for paper notices and please also take advantage of our website, Facebook page and Skool Loop App so you always know what is happening.

 Henley School Website www.henley.school.nz

 Facebook [Click here to go to Henley School's Facebook Page](#)

 Skool Loop (smartphone app)

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Each day children can order a lunch from school. Lunches provided by the Waimea College Kiosk are available daily and Subway lunches are available on Fridays only.

Kiosk Lunches

Children can order various lunch items each day. An order box for the Kiosk lunches is placed on the bench outside the School Office each morning with order forms. Orders (named) and the correct money are to be placed in the order box by **9am**. Children can collect their lunches from the school office at 12.45pm.

Subway Lunches

Subway lunches are ordered by parents online and must be placed by 9.00am each Friday at the latest to ensure your child receives their lunch that day. Children collect their lunches from the School Office at 12.45pm on Fridays.

Full details for all lunches are available from the notices area in the school office or on the school's website at [Henley School Lunches](#)



EMAILS FROM SCHOOL

The school regularly sends emails to parents including the fortnightly newsletter **and incident reports for accidents at school** (unless the accident is more serious then the office will phone parents). These emails are sent through eTap, our Student Management System. We have recently been advised by eTap that Microsoft/Hotmail is randomly hiding emails coming from eTap.

If you have a Hotmail address, please add etap.co.nz to your 'safe list' to ensure you receive emails sent from school via eTap. We have been advised that the following is the procedure to do this.

1. Click on 'Options' in the upper right corner of your Hotmail screen
2. Then click the link for 'Safe and Blocked Senders' in the body of the page under Junk email
3. Click the 'Safe Senders' link and enter the email address you want to whitelist – etap.co.nz
4. Click 'Add' to put it on your list

Thank you.

Stay "in the loop" in 2021 with our school app!



You can...

- Send an absentee message from the app
- Check out the upcoming events in the School Calendar
- Access the School Newsletter

Simple free download:

In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.





The Weetbix Tryathlon is in Nelson on Sunday 14 March at the Tahunanui Recreation Ground. This is a very popular event. If you are keen to enter you can get more information at <https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/nelson/> When registering, don't forget to enter 'Henley School' in the school name section of your registration. Good luck and have fun!

AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE PROGRAMMES

Information sheets are held at the school office about the various After School Childcare Programmes that are available in the Richmond area.



THANK YOU

Thank you to the Tasman District Council for granting the school a pool subsidy/grant of \$1,000 which helps us maintain our pool and to be able to offer the use of it to our families for after school swimming.



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RICHMOND TAEKWONDO – qualified instructors - child and adult classes - families welcome - train with 6th Dan Black Belt, Master Hamish Wybrow – first two classes free – held at the Henley School Hall – visit <http://www.richmondtaekwondo.co.nz/> for more information

WAIMEA COLLEGE ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION COURSES – up to 40 courses are on offer. For full details visit the Waimea College website at www.waimea.school.nz where you can also enrol. Alternatively, enrolments can be made by emailing ace@waimea.school.nz with your contact details and the course you would like to enrol in or by phoning 544 6099 ext 870.

NATHAN WALLIS – TEEN BRAIN – Nathan is Aotearoa's renowned neuroscience educator and is coming to our community with his talk 'Teen Brain'. Thurs 18 March 7.30pm to 9.00pm at Waimea College. Tickets are available at www.eventfinda.co.nz – get in quick for early bird ticket prices!

MUDDY BUDDY Adventure Fun Run (Sport Tasman and Tasman School) – March 21st – Tasman School, 417 Aporo Road, Tasman – spot prizes (including two bikes) – food – coffee – silent auction – white elephant stall and more! For more information and to enter visit www.tasman.school.nz

ST JOHN YOUTH - St John Youth welcomes 6-18 year olds to the Richmond Youth Division. St John Youth is a vibrant leadership programme that focuses on the development and success of young people. You gain valuable skills in first aid, communication, drill and more. Richmond Baptist Church Hall, Salisbury Road, Richmond, Wednesdays during term time from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. For more information contact Keryn.Keene@stjohn.org.nz (Penguins 6-8 years) or Tania.Armstrong@stjohn.org.nz (Cadets 8-18 years) or you can phone St John 03 548 8157.

MY ABILITIES GYMNASTICS PROGRAMME, Gymnastics Nelson – specially designed programme for primary/intermediate school aged children with special needs who may benefit from a more individualised approach. These are 45 minute classes held at the Nelson Intermediate School, Tukuka Street, Nelson on Fridays from 1.30pm to 2.15pm. Enquire by phoning 548 2513, emailing info@gymnast.co.nz or visiting www.gymnast.co.nz

JUNIOR JAMMERS BASKETBALL – 8 week programme beginning Tuesday 16th February at Saxton Stadium with Sam Dempster of the Nelson Giants. There is an emphasis on developing ball skills whilst having fun. The programme costs \$25.00 per child and is specifically designed for children aged 5 to 11 with supported learning needs or for those children who lack confidence in a team sport environment. A SportStart grant to subsidise the registration fee may be available from Sport Tasman for those families or individuals with a Community Services Card. Further details are available by phoning 021 062 6750 or emailing admin@inclusivesport.org.nz

KRANKIN KIDS Mountain Bike Coaching for Youth – after school programme - all abilities welcome – 7 to 15 year olds – visit www.krunkinkids.co.nz for more information.

AIKIDO Want to learn self-defence and become more confident? Do AIKIDO a Japanese Martial Art We have children's classes from 8yrs -16yrs Wed & Fri 5pm – 6pm Check out our facebook, www.aikidonelson.nz or call Callum 021 069 4211

PIANO and VIOLIN LESSONS - Suzuki method piano and violin lessons available for complete beginners aged 3yrs+ with a parent/support person. Lessons online by webcam or in Motueka. Flexible lesson booking online. Keep progressing between lessons by watching pre-recorded video lessons on the website. Group classes also available by webcam. Try website access free for one week and book a free trial lesson. Katie Dey www.katiesuzukimusic.com/