



# HENLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**16 September 2021**  
**No: 2 Term 3**

Kia ora koutou te whānau - Kia kaha te reo Māori  
Dear Parents and Caregivers – Let's make the Māori language strong

Welcome to the following children who have started at Henley School recently; Charlie R (Tui Rm), Reiley S (Tui Rm), Roxanne G (Rm 19), Finn C (Tui Rm), Adriel T (Fantail Rm), Malachi R (Tui Rm), Levi S (Tui Rm), Brooke T (Tui Rm).



Welcome also to Mrs Nicole Heybourn who has started as class teacher in Room 7. Nicole is replacing Miss Hickman, as she has had to return to the United Kingdom for family reasons.

It has been great to finally welcome the children back to Henley School under Alert Level 2. I also want to acknowledge that juggling learning from home with your own work commitments is not easy. Everyone's family circumstances are unique. We have designed our Learning from Home programme to allow flexibility for families to decide what balance is right for their home context. For some families, this may mean choosing to complete all tasks assigned whereas for others, it may mean just completing a selection of activities. I would like to take the opportunity to thank our staff for the work they did with our Learning from Home programme as many of them were also juggling their own family commitments at this time. I'm really proud of how well our team supported each other to get the Learning from Home programme and daily Zoom meetings up and running again. A special thanks to the team who helped roll out the Chromebooks and hardpacks of learning materials to families and also to the staff who were onsite during Alert Level 3 looking after children in the various 'Bubble Groups'. This was at the same time as remotely teaching their own classes and dealing with their own families.

This week is Te Wiki o te reo Māori – Māori Language Week which has been celebrated in New Zealand since 1975. It acknowledges and celebrates the Māori language as a unique cultural treasure for all New Zealanders. Te reo Māori has its origins in East Polynesia. The language is closely related to Tahitian and Cook Islands Māori and to a lesser degree to Hawaiian and Marquesan.

In recent years, the use of te reo Māori has become more prevalent and people are working hard to ensure the language is rejuvenated and preserved for future generations. Each year The Māori Language Commission sets a theme for the week, and a range of activities, promotions, and events encouraging the use of te reo Māori around the country. This year the theme is 'Kia kaha te reo Māori'. 'Kia Kaha' is well understood in New Zealand English with its meaning of 'be strong'. We often talk about languages as if they are people – talking about language health, strength and revitalisation. So, when we say 'Kia kaha te reo Māori' we're saying - 'Let's make the Māori language strong'. Te Wiki o te reo Māori provides an opportunity to celebrate and learn te reo Māori, helping to secure its future as a living, dynamic, and rich language. If you are interested in following this theme further, I encourage you to look at the Māori Language Commission government website <https://www.tetaurawhiri.govt.nz/en/>

The announcement by the Prime Minister last Monday regarding the continuation of Alert Level 2 until at least September 21<sup>st</sup> has resulted in the postponement, rescheduling and cancellation of a number of events at all schools. Given the increased restrictions on gathering size it has meant the cancellation of the Multi-Cultural celebration day; Tasman Rugby Union tackle rugby competition and Junior Syndicate Grandparents Assembly. It also means a continuation of our current drop off and pick up arrangements. We appreciate your cooperation with operating at this level and, like you, we are looking forward to a return to Level 1 as soon as it is safe.

Our planning for next year is underway and we are hoping to get an accurate picture of what our class compositions will be for 2022. If your child/children is not returning in 2022, please let the Office know via email at [office@henley.school.nz](mailto:office@henley.school.nz) (this does not apply to current Year 6 students who will be finishing at Henley School). If you have another child who will be starting in 2022 and is not yet enrolled then please also let us know. This may seem early, but it has a significant impact on staffing, class composition and further school organisation.

Ngā mihi nui  
John

## UPCOMING DATES

Wed 22 September	Tackle Tournament - CANCELLED
Thurs 23 September	Mult-Cultural Celebration - CANCELLED
Fri 1 October	Junior Grandparents Assembly - CANCELLED
Fri 1 October	Last Day of Term 3. School finishes 3pm
Mon 18 October	First Day back, Term 4

**HENLEY SCHOOL STUDENTS  
PICK UP/DROP OFF**  
**Please use the Henley School entrances to pick up  
or drop off your children.**  
**It has been noted that some families are using the  
Maitai Satellite and Waimea Intermediate  
driveway, and this is creating a safety hazard for  
their students.**



### AMNESTY

#### Henley PM Readers

Please check at home to see if you have any of these books at home and return to school,

**NO QUESTIONS ASKED** 😊.

There are a large number of PM Readers missing at a cost of \$10 each.

The school would be grateful for all books returned no matter how long they have been at home!



*This year Jump Jam 4 Starjam was combined with our Henley Olympics Day. The day was a huge success and we raised \$588.10, which will go to support children with disabilities to reach their full potential through the magic of music, dance and performance. Thank you for your support.*



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**Sadly the Junior Syndicate Grandparents Assembly has  
been CANCELLED due to the South Island being in  
Covid-19 Level 2.**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**RICHMOND ATHLETICS – 2021 Term 4/2022 Term 1 Season. Intro/Fun Night, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 5.15pm, Saxton's Field athletic track.** Come along and try a new summer sport. Registrations opening soon. Ages 5-15 yrs welcome.

**KRANKIN' KIDS – Bike to Bush Holiday Programme.** Two-day holiday programmes will include hands-on predator control education, trail maintenance and nature focused games and activities. Bookings open [www.krankskids.co.nz](http://www.krankskids.co.nz)

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASEBALL CAMPS – Ages 7-14 years 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> October at Saxton Field, Stoke (TBC).** For more information visit [www.baseballnewzealand.co.nz](http://www.baseballnewzealand.co.nz) or email [info@baseballnewzealand.co.nz](mailto:info@baseballnewzealand.co.nz)

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