



HENLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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25 March 2021
No: 4 Term 1

Tēnā koutou katoa.

Tēnei te mihi atu ki a koutou

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to the following new students who have started at Henley School recently: Kaian T (Fantail Rm), Ellie Q (Rm 2), Raven F (Rm 2), Max H (Rm 19) and Samson H (Rm 4).

A number of our students took part in the **Nelson Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon** recently at Tahunanui. I enjoyed watching many of the large contingent of Henley students and it was great to see so many proudly wearing their Tryathlon tee-shirts and medals at school on Monday. A big thanks to the many Henley parents and staff who were down there on the day supporting the Henley students. The Tryathlon is a great event and you can all be proud of your achievements. It is a big day for families with a very early start – I fondly remember our own children keenly competing in it not that long ago. Now that they are teenagers they were still in bed when I got home just after 11.30am!!! Special thanks also to our Sports Coordinator, Jan Lynch for organising the Henley School gazebo and to Mel and Symon Beattie for helping put the gazebo up and returning it to school for us. Thanks also to the Clarke family for picking up the prize draw of breakfast supplies that Henley School won. These breakfast supplies will be used to support those children in our school community who often come to school without breakfast.



We are hosting our own school triathlon on **Thursday April 1st** for Year 3-6 students. This will take place from 1.50pm and parents and whānau are most welcome to attend and support the children.

Well done to those children who qualified and took part in the Interschool Swimming Sports last Wednesday at Nayland Pool. Thanks to Mr Cade Armstrong and Mr Gary Walker for overseeing the group and to the parents who provided transport to and from the event. In the relay events our Junior Boys came 1st, Junior Girls 1st, Senior Boys 1st and Senior Girls 4th. All the children swam well, and many placed in the finals.

As the swimming season comes to a close it is timely to acknowledge the work of our school caretaker, Tony Satherley. Maintaining a school pool takes a lot of time and there are many compliance requirements to be met along with water testing three times per day. Tony does a fantastic job of keeping the water quality at a high level and ensuring we get maximum benefit from the facility. Our pool gets a huge amount of use over Term 1 both during the school day and then again after school and in the weekends. It is not cheap to maintain a school pool and indeed many schools have chosen to close their pools and use Council or local facilities. A 2018 report from the **NZ Council of Educational Research** says 165 school pools have closed across New Zealand in the past five years. Since that report was produced a further 135 school pools have subsequently closed. However, I believe there are clear benefits to having a pool on site such as flexibility of use and no wasted time travelling to and from a pool in another location. We do not get any Ministry of Education property funding towards maintaining our pool – any funding has to come out of our operating grant. This is another reason why paying your school donation makes a real difference to our school and allows us to keep a valuable asset operating.

Thank you to those families that have responded to the survey emailed out earlier in the week to help us prepare for a future Alert Level 3 situation (hopefully this planning won't be needed!!!). If you haven't completed the survey here is the link- [Click here](#). The survey will close off on **Monday 29th March at 12 noon**.

Finally, a big thanks to James, Susie and their team at **Dean's Nursery** in Lansdowne Road who support our paper recycling efforts here at Henley School by providing us with plants for our school garden through the Paper for Trees initiative. Over the last few years this arrangement has contributed greatly to the environment here. To find out more about it have a look at www.paper4trees.co.nz. If you are looking at buying some plants or trees then please consider supporting them at www.deansnursery.co.nz

Ngā mihi nui

John

UPCOMING DATES

Sun 28 March	Last day for families who have hired pool keys to use the school pool
Thurs 1 April	Henley School Triathlon for Years 3 to 6 – 1.50pm
Fri 2 April	GOOD FRIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 5 April	EASTER MONDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 6 April	EASTER TUESDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED (Easter Tuesday is observed by all New Zealand schools)
Thurs 8 April	Newsletter
Fri 9 April	FOHS (Friends of Henley School) second hand uniform sale – 8.30am to 9.00am – Hall Meeting Room
Fri 16 April	Last day of school for Term 1
Mon 3 May	First day of school for Term 2

EASTER 2021



New Zealand schools are closed for the following days over Easter.

Friday 2 April – Good Friday
Monday 5 April – Easter Monday
Tuesday 6 April – Easter Tuesday

Easter Tuesday is observed by all New Zealand schools.

UNIFORM SHOP – DOT NEIMAN LEISUREWEAR TEMPORARY CHANGE OF HOURS

The uniform shop's hours are temporarily changing, as follows:

- Friday 26 March – closing at 3.00pm
- Thursday 1 April – closing 12.00 noon

All other days remain the same, 8.00am to 4.30pm

COMMUNITY NOTICES

REDWOOD KIDS FUN RUN at the Sanctuary Open Day – 11 April at 12.30pm (enrol at 12.00pm) – 651 Brook Street, Nelson – for more information visit www.brooksanctuary.org.nz/open-day-2021

FOOD BANK WAVE RAVE – Friday 26 March, 7.00pm to 9.00pm – donate a non perishable food item for the local charity Kai with Love and your entry to the Wave Rave will be only \$4.00! (otherwise it is \$7.00) – open for all school aged children.

RICHMOND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB - FUN FOOTBALL – for children having their 7th or 8th birthday during 2021 – coaching started Saturday 20 March but will continue on Wednesdays – games begin Sunday 1 May – you can join at any time! – for more information phone Alan or Marion at (03) 5444478 – registrations can be done online at www.richmondathletic.co.nz/registrations.html

MULTICULTURAL DAY OF TENNIS – The Richmond Tennis Club (18a Gladstone Road, Richmond) invites all migrant communities to their club for an introduction to the game of tennis – this is a free afternoon for all of us to enjoy on Sunday 11 April from 3.00pm to 5.00pm – there will be a barbeque and fun games to finish with – all ages welcome – please RSVP to grahamtrishw@xtra.co.nz

BRIDGE VALLEY HOLIDAY CAMPS - Our Holiday Programmes for children and youth are coming up in the April school holidays. This camp will be 'Time Warp' themed, and we will be visiting different decades each day! **Ultimate Time Warp Camp** (ages 11-13): 19 - 23 April. Includes all our most extreme activities at camp such as high ropes, laser tag, luge and abseiling.

Junior Time Warp Camp (ages 8-11): 27 - 30 April. This camp includes our classic Bridge Valley activities such as rock climbing, zipline, archery and more. Register on our website soon to secure a spot! www.bridgevalley.co.nz

GARDENS OF THE WORLD EASTER BUNNY HUNT – Saturday 3 April at 10.00am (wet day Monday 5 April) - \$5.00 entry fee – find the bunny to claim your prize – bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the gardens for the rest of the day – 95 Clover Road East, Hope – www.gardensoftheworld.co.nz – phone (03) 542 3036

GO WILD – WHENUAITI HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – April 19 to 23, 9.00am to 3.00pm – 7 to 10 year olds – a week of mini adventures to get outdoors and have fun – for more information and to enrol visit www.wio.org.nz

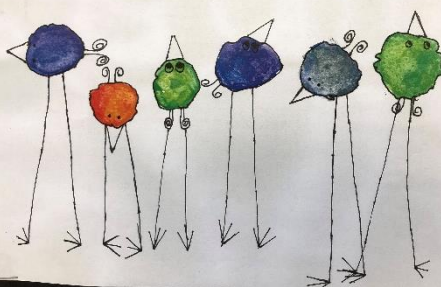
SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL

The school pool is closing for the season for our key holders on **Sunday 28th March**. Please return your key to the school office next week and collect your **\$5.00 key hire refund**.

Thank you



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