

# SENIOR SYNDICATE NEWSLETTER

Term 1 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back! Hopefully you have had a great holiday and your children are ready for school once more. Although it has been a slightly different start to the year with the Red Light restrictions in place, we have appreciated your support with us trying to keep our school and community safe.

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, via the office, to arrange a phone call or face to face meeting.

Email: [office@henley.school.nz](mailto:office@henley.school.nz)

Phone: 03 - 544 8904

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

Thank you,

Joe, Cade, Rachael, Sue, Kathy, Emily, Samantha, and Charlotte

## Senior Syndicate Camp

We are excited to be heading to Rotoiti Lodge Outdoor Education Centre for camp this term.

Camp 1: Monday 7 March - Wednesday 9 March      Rooms 4 & 21

Camp 2: Wednesday 9 March - Friday 11 March      Rooms 3 & 22

Camp 3: Monday 21 March - Wednesday 23 March      Rooms 11 & 12

Camp 4: Wednesday 23 March - Friday 25 March      Room 20



## Senior Syndicate Teachers 2022

### Room 3: Samantha Hickman



*My name is Samantha Hickman and I am looking forward to teaching in the Senior Syndicate in Room 3 this year. I have been a teacher in the Primary sector for over 14 years and I love my job!*

*My other passion is sailing. My partner and I enjoy spending time on the Abel Tasman on our little yacht; 'Starlight'. We try to take advantage of any opportunity to be on or in the water, paddle boarding, kayaking, diving or sailing and we feel very lucky to live so close to the sea in Ruby Bay.*

*Getting creative with learning is important to me, and I'm very excited about what Room 3 can achieve this year. **Believe in yourself and you will be unstoppable!***

### Room 4: Joe Kirker (Syndicate Leader)



*Kia ora, ko Joe Kirker tōku ingoa. My name is Joe and this year I am excited about working collaboratively with Samantha Hickman, as well as stepping up into the role of Senior Syndicate Leader. I have a two year old son Louis and a 7 month old daughter Nellie, who both like to keep me on my toes. Mad about sports, you will often find me playing Touch, running, or standing down at Greenmeadows coaching Rugby.*

### Room 11: Kathy Ferguson



*After graduating from Otago University in 1981 with a degree in Geography and Education, I began my teaching career at Henley School in 1982. I have loved my career in the teaching profession and am still here ... 40 years after my first year in 1982. I have taught all levels and confess to having taught Mr Kere Scott, Mrs Carolyn Wright and Miss Hannah Robinson! I have two adult children and my husband Alistair and I are the proud grandparents of five grandsons ... aged 1,2,3,4 and 6! Any spare time outside of school is spent caravanning in our district, entertaining grandchildren, walking, swimming or cycling.*

### Room 12: Sue Strawbridge



*Hi my name is Sue Strawbridge and I am teaching in Room 12 in a collaborative space with Kathy Ferguson. I have two children, Sophie and Todd. In my spare time I enjoy gardening, travelling, crafts and going on walks. In June I am going to be a Nana for the first time so my knitting needles are out!*

### Room 20: Rachael Myers



*Hi, my name is Rachael Myers and this year I am teaching in Room 20. Since coming back full time after having my children, I have taught in the Junior and Senior Syndicates at Henley. As well as teaching, I have a passion for Jump Jam, which has involved many Henley students over the last 5 years. In my spare time, I love to go tramping with my family: husband and two teenage children or running the many trails in our region.*

### Room 21: Emily Cahill

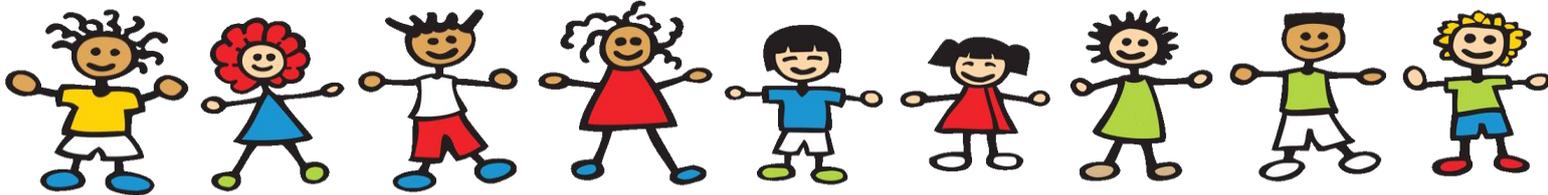


*Kia ora, ko Emily Cahill tōku ingoa. My name is Emily Cahill and I am the teacher in Room 21 this year. I have been teaching since 2013 at Lake Rotoiti, Nelson Intermediate and Henley Schools in a range of year levels from 0 to 8. My husband and I have a beautiful tamāhine/daughter, Neeve, and two kuri/dogs, who she thinks are her siblings. I am passionate about education and te reo and tikanga Māori.*

### Room 22: Cade Armstrong

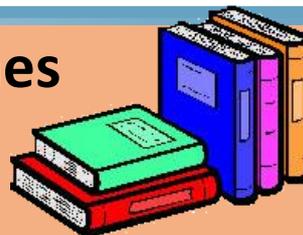


*Hi! I'm Cade Armstrong but the kids all call me Mr A. I've been teaching for ages now. I am married and have three kids of my own who are aged 16, 19 and 22. Room 22 is great because it's right next to the playground!*



## Senior Library Times

(Term 1)



Room 3 – Thursday 9:00

Room 20 – Friday 12:00

Room 4 – Wednesday 12:00

Room 21 – Monday 9:45

Room 11 – Thursday 12:00

Room 22 – Tuesday 11:15

Room 12 – Thursday 11:15

Each of our senior classes have students that are trained as 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 look after them please!**

### Term 1 Topics

**Reading** - Activating Prior Knowledge/Summarising

**Writing** - Recounts/Reports/Narratives

**Maths**- Statistics and Number

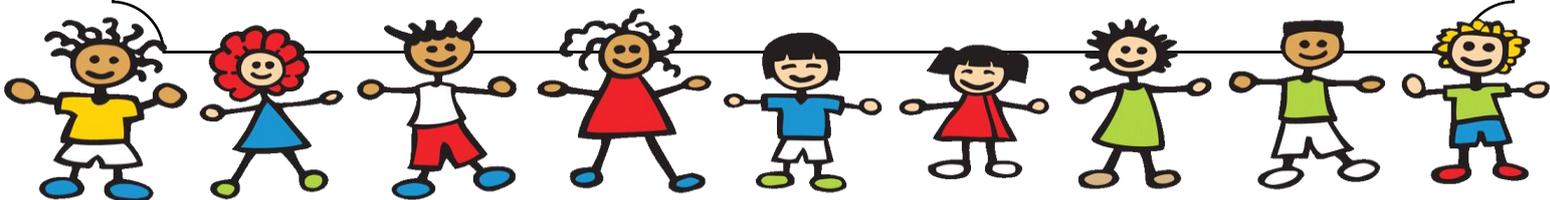
**Art** - Paint - Eels

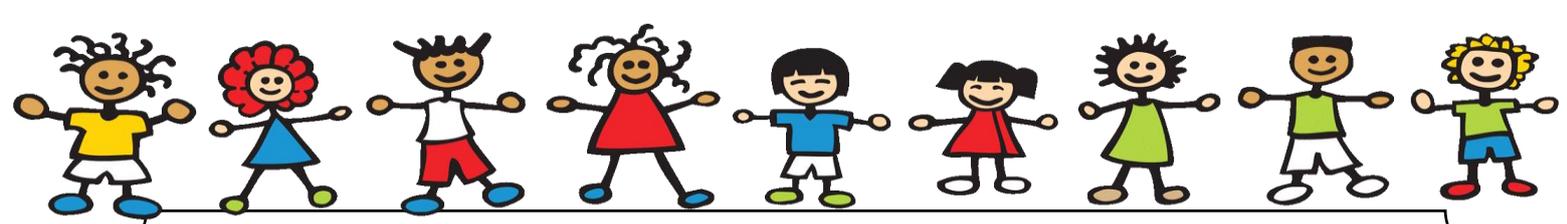
**Health** - Cyber Safety/Zones of Regulation/PB4L

**Sport** - Swimming and Summer Games

**Māori** - Greetings/Feelings/Actions and Commands

**Topic** - Treaty of Waitangi/Class Culture/Camp





## Slap on a hat

Henley is a sun smart school.

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

No caps.

No hat = play in the shade.

Water is a must during the summer months. Children need to bring their own, named water bottle to school to rehydrate regularly.

Please do not send sugary drinks to school.

## Cyber Safety

Digital Fluency is playing an increasingly important part in education these days and with that comes the responsibility of online safety. We want our children to work safely online and will be studying Cyber Safety through the Life Education Bus, as well as in class.

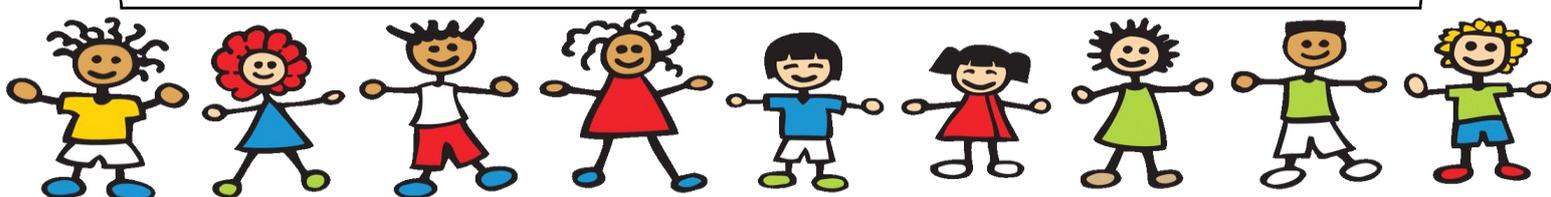
One aspect of this we have noticed is an increase of phones at school. Phones should only come to school if it is absolutely necessary and the class teacher should be aware of its existence.

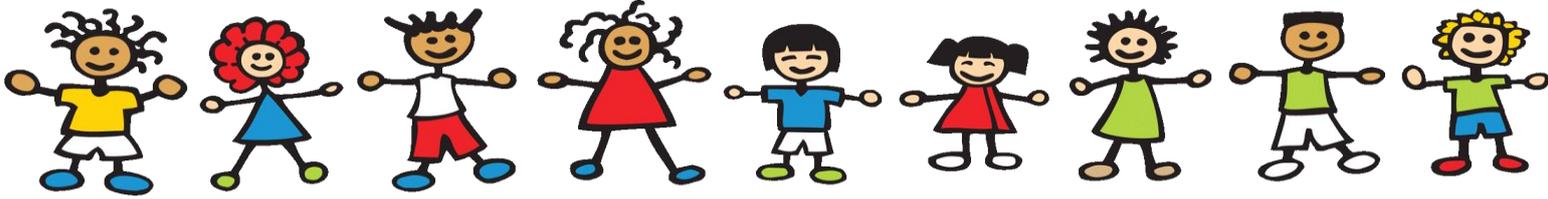
Did you know?

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



Instagram





## Clothing and Footwear

The hot weather means fleeces are coming off and swimming togs are a regular feature of school life. It is important that every item of **clothing is clearly named**. This includes swimming togs, towels, goggles, and regular uniform.

It is expected that children will swim at their allotted times. **Notes are required if not swimming.**

It is great to see so many comfortable sports shoes being worn. Henley students are often on the move, participating regularly in Physical Education. Kids need footwear that enables them to take part fully. **Senior Syndicate Sport is scheduled for Wednesday afternoons.**



## BEING RESPONSIBLE

In the Senior Syndicate, children look forward to being able to step up and show leadership around the school. Some of the responsibilities allocated to the Seniors are Road Patrol, Mediators, Bell Ringers, Flag Monitors, Sports Shed Monitors, Sandpit Duty, Kiosk Lunches and Lost Property, to name a few.

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.

It is expected that children will take notices and homework home when they are given it. **Reading bags** are needed for this. Homework books will also be arriving soon.

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 of the school.

