



TERM 1 2023

# JUNIOR SYNDICATE NEWSLETTER

Tēnā koutou katoa parents, caregivers and whānau,

Nau mai haere mai and a warm welcome to all new families in the Junior Syndicate.

This term we have a focus on making 'Healthy Choices', looking after our own wellbeing as well as others. As the children are settling into their new classrooms, they will be learning 'how to be a good friend', and how they can live healthy lives across different aspects of their day. For the first few weeks of school, the Juniors are having a short "Friendship play" at 11:45am on the Junior playground. This is a chance for children to reconnect with friends from other classes and chat with their teacher from last year. So far it has been a great success. We are especially encouraging children to introduce themselves and look out for our new students.

We value the interest you take in your child's learning and appreciate your positive support and open communication. We welcome whānau within the classroom before and after school.

Kind regards,

Tracy, Hannah, Jo, Simone, Jane, Amy, Peg, Jana and Natalie.

Welcome to the New Entrant children who have recently started in Rooms 1 and 2 with Mrs H and Mrs Bowen



## Dates for your Diary



- Every Wednesday this term-Walk/Bike/Scooter to school
- Museum visits 14th-25th February (Curious Contraptions)
- Wed 15th February-Meet the Syndicate evening
- Wed 1st March-Swimming Sports-Nayland Pool
- Thurs 2nd March-Parent/Teacher Conferences-school closes at 2pm.
- Thurs 6th April-Last Day of Term 1
- Friday 7th April-Good Friday- School is Closed

## Seesaw- your child's online journal

You will have received a link to connect to your child's Seesaw journal. Teachers will post class and individual learning to keep you updated with what is happening in the classroom. Seesaw is private. You'll only see posts created by their teacher. Please note the messaging function is not checked regularly by teachers. If you need to communicate with your child's teacher, please email the office at [office@henley.school.nz](mailto:office@henley.school.nz)



# MEET THE JUNIOR SYNDICATE TEAM

**Year 0-1**



**Tracy Goddard**

**Weka Room 6**

**Junior Syndicate Leader**

**Sonya Wright**

**Weka Room 6**

**Simone Busuttill**

**Kiwi Room 5**

**Hannah Hemeheema**

**Room 1**

**Jo Bowen**

**Room 2**

**Year 2**



**Jane Downie**

**Room 16**

**Amy Chippendale**

**Room 17**

**Peg Eder**

**Room 18**

**Jana Maguire**

**Room 19**

**Fiona Allen**

**Reading Recovery  
Teacher**

**Teacher Aides**



**Sandra Eder**



**Kim Christie**



**Jan Walbran**



**Andrea Irvine**

Mrs Doty is our lovely Acting Principal. She also oversees the Juniors. Natalie welcomes new children into the Junior Syndicate. She liaises with the local Early Childhood Education centres and parents, as their children transition to school. She is available to meet with parents of Junior children by appointment. Please communicate with your child's classroom teacher in the first instance.



**Natalie Doty  
Acting Principal**

## PB4L- Positive Behaviour for Learning !



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

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

Our expectation is to see these values happening by everyone, everywhere and everyday. We are explicitly teaching what these values look like in different settings of our school.

Term 1 celebration when we reach 500 tokens will be a non- uniform day.



## Library!

We promote respect and care of Library books at Henley School. Children are allowed two books at a time. All books must go home in a protective bag which is available for purchase from the school office for \$5.50. Books need to be returned weekly (but may be re-issued).

### Weekly Timetable:

**Monday-** Room 1, Room 19 **Tuesday** Rm 2,

**Wednesday-** Rm 5 and Rm 17, **Thursday** Rm 16,

**Friday-** Rm 18, Rm 6

## Uniform



We are a Sun Smart school and it is important that children wear a named bucket or wide brimmed Henley School hat every day.

A friendly reminder to check that your child's uniform is clearly named, especially polar fleeces and hats. This allows them to be returned quickly to your child. Children are required to wear a school sun hat at break times in Term 1.



## HOMWORK



All our junior classes are implementing an enhancement to our Reading programme, the Better Start Literacy Approach. You may notice some changes in the kinds of books coming home in your child's reading bag and a parent letter (Starting in Week 5) with suggestions of how you can help with Literacy skills at home. We will share more about this at our 'Meet the syndicate evening' on Wednesday 15th February. Reading is the focus for all Junior children and it is important that your child does this daily at home with an adult. Children may have an alphabet letter or a rhyme each day and they may also have word cards to read. It is important to find a quiet time that works for you and your child. You can also have fun counting with your child and reading numbers in the environment to develop their Mathematical knowledge.



# WHAT WE ARE LEARNING THIS TERM

Henley Values	Respect-Whakaute, Caring-Manaakitanga Fairness-Ngakau Tapatahi, Honesty-Pono Responsibility-Tūtika
Oral Language	Respond to greetings, use people's names, listen to the speaker, speak in full sentences, participate in buddy/ group/class discussions
Writing	Recounts-write about things that they have done. Correct pencil grip, form letters correctly, and use capital letters and full stops in the right places.
Reading	Reading Comprehension Strategy: Making connections, growing vocabulary
Mathematics	Number/ Fractions/ Time. Capacity and Weight-Yr 1/ Geometry-Yr 2
Physical Education	Swimming/Ball games 
Health	Class/School Culture of belonging and safety-making healthy choices and friendships/ Road Safety/Positive Behaviour for Learning
Social Sciences	Waitangi Day
Art	Painting 
Science	STEM-Curious Contraptions inquiry 
The Arts	Music-Singing/Rhythm Dance-fun footwork Drama-Role play of friendship skills
Te Reo	Introducing self/Greetings/Colours/Feelings, Local stories. Whakataukī: He aroha whakatō, He aroha puta mai. If kindness is sown, then kindness you shall receive.



## Physical Education

**Swimming** -The focus for the start of the term is swimming and a note will be sent home when the season has ended. We appreciate the way you encourage your child's positive participation by ensuring that they bring their togs to school every day. Junior classes only swim if the pool temperature is at least 20 degrees. The children will then concentrate on ball skills/games. It is also important for children to have a clearly named water bottle at school every day. Sensible footwear is necessary, such as running shoes with velcro fasteners that are easy for Junior children to manage or flat sandals that securely strap to the foot.

