



HENLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Kia ora koutou te whānau
Mere Kirihimete (Merry Christmas)

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to those families who donated gifts to put under the Christmas tree in our foyer. These gifts have been passed on to The Fifeshire Foundation as part of their 'Big Give' appeal. Your generosity is appreciated.

This week we say farewell to Mrs Robin Mercer-Hall who has been on refreshment leave this year and wish her all the best. We also temporarily farewell Mrs Emily Cahill who will be on Parental Leave next year. Mrs Kathy Ferguson will be on refreshment leave over 2020 and Mrs Sue Strawbridge continues her leave over 2020 while she is teaching in Shanghai, China. We will welcome Kathy, Emily and Sue back for the 2021 school year.

As the year draws to a close, I would also like to acknowledge various groups that contribute to the success of the school. The spirit of cooperation between children, staff, parents, Friends of Henley School and the Board of Trustees is crucial in developing partnerships for improvement and success.

I would like to wish our current Year 6 group of students all the best for the next step in their education and thank them for their contribution to Henley School. We look forward to seeing the rest of our pupils refreshed and ready to go for 2020. For those other students who may be transferring schools or moving to another region, I wish you all the best too. I thank the Board of Trustees for their on-going support and encouragement in my role as principal. I enjoy the job because it is challenging, yet enjoyable, and also because no day is the same. Our Board members make a significant commitment of time and energy and can be proud of their achievements. Many of you will be aware that the government has announced changes being made as a result of the review undertaken of the Tomorrow's Schools system. This is the biggest overhaul of the education system in 30 years. These links will provide you with more information on the reforms. <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/supporting-all-schools-succeed>
<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/assets/TSR/November-2019/Factsheet-for-Parents-and-Whanau.pdf>

The Friends of Henley School are a small but active group of parents and we value their support. We also have a large number of parents who donate their time to carry out a myriad of tasks around the school such as putting away reading books, photocopying, reading with groups, taking transport, taking singing and music and coaching to name a few. We value these contributions and look forward to your continued support in 2020.

All classrooms will be open on Friday 31 January from 9.00am to 11.00am for families to pop in and meet the teacher. You may also drop off your child's 2020 stationery at the same time if you wish.

2020 SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS
The School Office will be open before the start of Term 1 2020 from Monday 27 January, 8.30am to 3.30pm

Merry Christmas, thanks for your support and enjoy some family time over the festive season.

Kind regards,
John Armstrong
Principal/Tumuaki

REMINDER

School closes at 12 noon on the last day of school for 2019, Tuesday 17 December.



A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A big thank you from the Board of Trustees to all the caregivers and parents who support Henley school. There is the old saying that it takes a village to raise a child and we really value the support that the school gets from the local community. A special thanks to the Friends of Henley School group for the fundraising you have done this year and to the volunteers for the enormous help you give around the school to ensure our students get the opportunity to go out on school trips, camps and skiing.

To all the staff, thank you for bringing out the best in our children. You have provided lots of amazing learning experiences and helped the kids grow academically, socially and physically while providing a caring environment to promote the wellbeing of our children.

To the Year 6's moving on to Intermediate - all the best, give it all you have and make us proud. Remember all the things you have learnt at Henley, especially the High 5 values.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you all. Stay safe.



2020 TERM DATES

The school term dates for 2020 are as follows;

- Term 1** Tues 4 Feb to Thurs 9 April
- Term 2** Tues 28 April to Fri 3 July
- Term 3** Mon 20 July to Fri 25 September
- Term 4** Mon 12 October to Thurs 17 December

Please note – along with all Waimea Plains schools, Henley School is closed Friday 7 February 2020 (the day between Waitangi Day and the following weekend)

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Information regarding the uniform is available on the school's website at www.henley.school.nz

Dot Nieman Leisurewear (34 Forests Road, Stoke - phone 547 6318) is the supplier of the Henley School uniform. The shop will close for Christmas at 12 noon on Friday 20 December and will reopen on Monday 6 January 2020.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE 2020

*For the convenience of our families, FOHS (Friends of Henley School) are holding a second hand uniform sale before school begins for 2020. The sale will be on **Friday 31st January from 9.00am to 11.00am** and will be held in the usual place, the Hall Meeting Room.*

2020 SCHOOL STATIONERY

OfficeMax is the school's stationery supplier and provides good quality, reasonably priced stationery. Below is a list of the stationery your child will require for the start of the 2020 school year. Stationery can be obtained by one of three methods as described below;

1. Orders can be placed online by going to the OfficeMax myschool website at <https://www.myschool.co.nz/> Alternatively, there are links to this on the school's website at www.henley.school.nz both on the 'Quick Links' list on the home page and in the Stationery section under the School Information heading.

Once in the website choose the list that your child will require. The list contains the items listed below however you may remove items you already have or add additional items you may want to purchase. Once you have finalised your order and made payment the stationery will be couriered to you. To ensure that your stationery arrives before school starts you should place your order by approximately 17th January.

2. OfficeMax's retail store is at the corner of Rutherford Street and Selwyn Place, Nelson (opposite McDonalds) and they will have all the items available that are listed below. Packs are no longer available instore however all you need to do is take your stationery list with you to purchase the items your need. Lists will also be available in store if you don't have yours on you when you visit the store.
3. If you are not able to place your order online or go into the store in Nelson, you can phone OfficeMax at 0800 724 440 to order your stationery however you will require a credit card to be able to order this way.

OfficeMax supports the school with a small financial rebate based on the value of purchases made through them by Henley school families.

Alternatively, you may use the stationery list to purchase your child's stationery elsewhere, however, please be aware that the quality of items such as pencils may not be as good, so, over the year you may end up spending more.

Copies of the stationery lists will be posted at the end of the 2019 school year on the office doors and on the school's website on the Stationery page.

The school expects that students will all have their stationery with them on the first day of school (Tuesday 4th February 2020) ready to commence work or alternatively, you can drop the stationery in to your child's 2020 class on Friday 31 January between 9.00 and 11.00.

The school office does not sell beginning of year stationery but will continue to sell 'top up' stationery throughout the rest of the year.

Thank you.