HENDERSON NORTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

From the principal's pen

Mālō e lelei, whānau,

This week we are celebrating the beautiful island nation of Tonga and acknowledging our wonderful Pasifika whānau. It is a special opportunity to celebrate the cultures, languages and contributions of our Pasifika learners and families.

This year, our school-wide inquiry learning has focused on the theme of "Change." Each term, our classes have explored this concept through different curriculum lenses:

- ***Term 1*** *– Social Sciences: Exploring how the past influences the present.*
- ***Term 2*** *– Science: Planet Earth, natural disasters and the changes that occur in our world.*
- ***Term 3*** *– Technology and Science: The physical world and how change can be observed and measured.*
- ***Term 4*** *– Social Sciences: Pollution, climate change and population growth.*

It has been a fascinating inquiry, with our learners asking questions, investigating, creating and developing a deeper understanding of the world around them.

Save the Date – Wednesday 16 September!

To celebrate our concept of Change, we are inviting you to come along and see some of the amazing learning our children have been doing. We are combining our Learner-Led Conferences with an exhibition of learning, all on the same day.

Whaea Lesley will let you know when interview times are open for you to book. Please allow some time before or after your conference to walk through the exhibition and celebrate the wonderful work of our learners.

Attendance and Keeping Healthy

You may have seen reports in the news about RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus: It is a highly contagious, common virus that targets the nose, throat, and lungs), winter illnesses and sicknesses circulating nationally, particularly through schools. Our kura has certainly been affected, with a number of learners and staff being away.

We encourage you to keep your child at home when they are unwell, but once they are well again, regular attendance at school is vital for their learning progress and wellbeing. Please support us by reminding children to wash their hands regularly and cover their mouths when coughing or sneezing to help minimise the spread of germs.

Please also continue to check in regularly with your child's teacher, read the information we send home and ask questions. Keeping our whānau informed helps us all work together to support our learners.

Looking Ahead

We have a number of exciting events planned for this term and next, including opportunities for our community to come into the kura, share experiences and strengthen these important partnerships. From reporting and learning events to our fiafia evening, whānau hui and sporting occasions, we look forward to welcoming you and sharing these special moments together.

A reminder for our Year 5 and 6 whānau about camp next term: if you have not yet paid, please make an effort to do so before the end of this term if possible. Our Board, sponsors, fundraising activities and generous individual donors have worked hard to heavily reduce the overall cost for our families. We really appreciate your support in meeting the remaining costs as soon as you can.

Our Community Room - Te Puna Hāpori

Finally, a reminder that our Community Room is open today and every day. Please drop in for a visit. There are some great items available that we would love to see find a new home. If you have something you would like to donate to our koha basket, we would also be very grateful.

Our Community Fridge is also stocked daily with lunches for whānau to take home. It is such a shame when these meals are not collected and end up going to waste, so please make use of this wonderful resource if your whānau would benefit from it.

Until our next pānui, take care, look after one another, and please do drop in if you have time to say kia ora.

Ngā mihi maioha

Donna Nee
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY
21
AUGUST

TEACHER ONLY DAY

SCHOOL CLOSED

FRIDAY
4
SEPTEMBER

BOOK WEEK PARADE

THURSDAY
10
SEPTEMBER

FIA FIA NIGHT

WEDNESDAY
16
SEPTEMBER

LEARNER LED CONFERENCES

More information to follow.

2026 Dates

Term Dates

Term 1 :	29 January	-	2 April
Term 2 :	20 April	-	3 July
Term 3 :	20 July	-	25 September
Term 4 :	12 October	-	11 December

Public Holidays 2026

26 January	Auckland Anniversary
6 February	Waitangi Day
3 April	Good Friday
6 April	Easter Monday
7 April	Easter Tuesday
27 April	Anzac Day
1 June	King's Birthday
10 July	Matariki
26 October	Labour Day
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Boxing Day

School Hours

School starts: 8:55am
Block 1: 8:55-10:30am
Morning Tea: 10:30-10:40am (Eat in Class); 10:40-11:00am (Playtime)
Block 2: 11:00-12:30pm
Lunch: 12:30-12:45pm (Eat in Class); 12:45-1:25pm (Playtime)
Block 3: 1:25-2:55pm
School finishes at 2:55pm

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

"VALUES"

Friday 7 August 2026

Room 1	*Karma Hemana-Maaka*	-	*Pono*
Room 2	*Lexie Vasquez*	-	*Manaaki*
Room 3	*Ezra Sang*	-	*Manaaki*
Room 4	*Evaleena Sebin*	-	*Manaaki*
Room 5	*Munachimso Edeh*	-	*Pōtikitanga*
Room 6	*Mesui Fiuloi*	-	*Pōtikitanga*
Room 7	*Zayne Mashuta*	-	*Pono*
Room 10	*Carmelo Sului*	-	*Pono*
Room 9	*Levon Toelau*	-	*Pōtikitanga*
Room 11	*Takshvir Ram*	-	*Pōtikitanga*
Room 12	*Saylor Menzies*	-	*Manaaki*
Room 14	*Lysette Iopu*	-	*Manaaki*
Room 15	*Zorawar Saini*	-	*Tiaki*
Room 16	*Kaila Donald*	-	*Pōtikitanga*
Room 17	*Kyara Macasiljig*	-	*Pōtikitanga*
Room 18	*Jasmine Limatoa*	-	*Pono*

Congratulations to our CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS

	Yr 0/1 Girls	Yr 2 Girls	Yr 3 Girls
1st	Siniva R14	Xin Ya R16	Misty R17
2nd	Any R15	Althemierra R14	Isabella R18
3rd	Lysette R14	Shreya R16	Jasmine R18

	Yr 0/1 Boys	Yr 2 Boys	Yr 3 Boys
1st	Abdihamid R15	Priyansh R15	Rokhan R17
2nd	Alaric R12	Aanav R16	Amiir R17
3rd	Devansh R14	Salmon R15	Fawad R18

	Yr 4 Girls	Yr 5 Girls	Yr 6 Girls
1st	Aiko R6	Akira R2	Carlia R5
2nd	Aavya R7	Tyra R3	Hanan R3
3rd	Tatumn R6	Irene R5	Yujin R3

	Yr 4 Boys	Yr 5 Boys	Yr 6 Boys
1st	Ethan R6	Aloiafi R5	Carter R1
2nd	Zane R7	Mintae R4	Abdi R4
3rd	Masui R6	Wyatt R1	Mohamed R4

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Congratulations Irene!

A huge **congratulations to Irene**, who competed in the **WTNZ Taekwondo Championships at AUT University North Campus** and achieved an incredible result, winning **FOUR GOLD MEDALS!**

What a fantastic achievement, Irene.

We are very proud of you!

Well done!

WTNZ Taekwondo Championships

- 🥇 Gold Medal – Individual Poomsae
- 🥇 Gold Medal – Poomsae Pair
- 🥇 Gold Medal – Poomsae Team
- 🥇 Gold Medal – Sparring (Kyorugi)

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We still have a selection of our **old uniform stock** available at heavily reduced prices.

This uniform can continue to be worn until **June 2028**, making it a great value option for families.

New Uniform

Our new school uniform is now available to purchase online.

Sample sizes are available at the school office if you would like your child to try items on before ordering.

Please contact the office if you have any questions.

We need YOU!

BREAKFAST CLUB

EVERY MORNING

8.15AM – 8.55AM

Start the day with a healthy breakfast and time with friends before school.

WEET-BIX TOAST FRUIT YOGHURT MILK

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Whaea Alba has run Breakfast Club for many years and would really appreciate some extra help.

If you are able to volunteer **even one morning a week**, please let us know.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

Together we create, inspire and achieve success

Garden to Table!

Our tamariki love harvesting from the garden, chopping fresh ingredients, creating delicious meals, and cooking together!

Thank you everyone!
Thank you to everyone for your contributions to our
Bake Sale!
We raised
$600
to go towards senior camp.
Your support makes a huge difference!

PONO PLG

Certificate Awardees

TIAKI PLG

Certificate Awardees

Poster hand-made by Miss Dant

BOOK WEEK

An Invitation to: IMAGINATION!

August 31st to September 4th

2026

Scholastic Book Fair - All week!

- Every item sold goes towards new books and resources for our school!
- Learners: CASH ONLY, available during library time and lunch time. Wishlists can be made as well to take home.
- Whanau: Cash or EFTPOS available
  Library open from 2.45pm to 3.30pm
  Monday to Friday

Book Character Parade - Friday 4th

- Come to school dressed as your favourite (or least favourite!) book character!
- There is NO COST to dress up! Save your coins for our Book Fair!
- We will do a parade and photos! (weather dependent)
- Prizes for costumes at assembly, so be creative!
- Stuck on a casual book costume? Come into the library to brainstorm ideas!

Lunch Readings!

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Hall!

Surprise staff reading a book of their choice!

Competitions!

Competition pages will be available in classes, as well as one in the library at lunch time!

Prizes awarded at Friday assembly!

Guest appearance

for costume day!

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An Invitation to Imagination!
Monday August 31st - Friday September 4th

Scholastic Book Fair: All Week!

Every item sold goes towards new books and resources for our school!

Learners:

- CASH ONLY
- Fair available during library class time and lunch time play
- Wishlist's can be made to take home instead of purchasing directly

Whānau / Friends on school pickup:

- Library open from 2.45pm to 3.30pm for purchasing
- CASH or EFTPOS available
- Every day Monday through Friday

Book Character Parade: Friday September 4th

- Learners can come to school dressed as their favourite (or least favourite!) book character! If it is in a book, it counts!
- There is NO COST to come to school dressed up; save your coins for the fair!
- We will do a costume parade around the school and photos (parade weather dependent, otherwise we will go on a tour through the classes!)
- Prizes for costumes at Friday assembly, so get creative!
- Stuck on casual book costume ideas? Learners can come into the library to brainstorm ideas! I would love to encourage everyone to dress up, no matter how simple the character is!
- Guest appearance by a big, red friend during the parade! Who do you think it is?

Lunch Readings:

- Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at lunch play in the Hall
- Surprise staff readers will be reading a book of their choice! Come and listen to a story and find out what kinds of books our staff enjoy!

Competitions:

- Competition pages will be given out to classes to complete over Book Week
- There will be one competition run during lunchtimes in the library as well
- Prizes will be awarded at Friday assembly! Good luck everyone!

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Spare lunches are now available from the fridge in the Te Puna Hapori - Community Room. Please help yourselves and follow the guidelines that are on the fridge.

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- Support the school financially
- Strengthen community connections
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Kind regards,

Mathew Koshy

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