HENDERSON NORTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

From the principal's pen

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday break and had the opportunity to spend quality time together as a whānau. Now that Term 3 is underway, it is great to see our tamariki back at school, settled into routines and ready for another exciting term of learning.

I would like to acknowledge our amazing staff, who, despite being on holiday, continued to attend conferences, workshops, and professional learning opportunities. Their commitment to continually growing their knowledge reflects the passion they have for their role as educators and their dedication to providing the very best learning experiences for your children. As the leader of learning at Henderson North School, I firmly believe that investing in our teachers' professional development is one of the greatest investments we can make in the success of our tamariki.

We have had a fantastic start to the term, and I want to reinforce an important message: **every day at school matters**. Regular attendance has a significant impact on children's academic achievement, social development, confidence, and overall wellbeing. Every day at school provides opportunities to build and develop positive relationships, consolidate and experience new learning.

And the learning continues for you, our whānau as well. A heartfelt thank you to the many whānau who attended our evening with Rob Cope. It was an incredibly worthwhile event, and it was wonderful to see so many families there.

One of the most powerful messages Rob shared was to **"Disconnect to Connect."** By reducing the time we spend on phones and digital devices, we create opportunities to reconnect with each other, strengthen family relationships, teach our values, share conversations, and create lasting memories together.

As a mother, grandmother, and educator, I personally came away with a much deeper understanding of the challenges our children face online. The rapidly changing digital world, the emergence of artificial intelligence, and the increasing amount of time children spend on devices all present new challenges. Research continues to highlight the impact excessive screen time can have on children's developing brains, their social and emotional wellbeing, and their ability to build meaningful relationships.

As parents and caregivers, we have an important role to play. We need to take back control by setting healthy boundaries around device use—and that starts with us. Our children learn from what they see. By putting down our own phones more often and choosing to engage with them through conversation, play, reading, and shared experiences, we model the behaviours we hope to see in them.

If you attended the Rob Cope evening, I would greatly appreciate hearing your feedback. Please feel free to email me with your thoughts.

Term 3 is always a busy and exciting term, with many wonderful opportunities for our school community to come together. We warmly invite you to attend upcoming events, including our Cross Country, Fiafia Night, Whānau Hui, and many other celebrations and learning opportunities. Your involvement makes a real difference, and together we can continue to inspire, achieve, and create success for our tamariki.

Term 3 is often referred to as the **"pressure cooker term"** as we consolidate learning and prepare our students for assessments and the end-of-year reporting. This makes regular attendance more important than ever. Your support in ensuring your child arrives at school well rested, well nourished, hydrated, and ready to learn each day helps set them up for success.

Finally, a reminder that Te Puna Hāpori, our community room, is always open during the school day. We warmly welcome our whānau to drop in for a chat, connect with others, or seek support whenever needed.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we can provide the very best opportunities for every child at Henderson North to flourish.

Ngā mihi nui,

Donna Nee
Principal

“Together we create, inspire and achieve success”

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest member of our staff Cheng Huang.
Cheng will be teaching in Room 9, and we are delighted to have her join our school.

My name is Cheng Huang, and I am delighted to be part of the Henderson North School whānau.

I have over 12 years of teaching experience across early childhood, tertiary, and primary education. Before becoming a teacher, I worked as a journalist in China, which inspired my passion for communication, curiosity, and lifelong learning.

I am passionate about creating a calm, consistent, and enjoyable learning environment where every tamariki feels safe, valued, and supported. I believe that strong relationships are the foundation of successful learning, and I strive to help children develop resilience, perseverance, and confidence.I also have a strong interest in STEM education and enjoy incorporating hands-on science and inquiry-based learning experiences that encourage curiosity and problem-solving.

Our newest tamariki are looking very smart in their new school uniforms!

We love seeing them settling in and becoming part of our Henderson North School whānau.

Pōwhiri

Thank you to all the whānau who joined us for our pōwhiri last Friday to welcome our new students, families, and staff to our kura.

It was wonderful to see our school community come together to extend manaakitanga and make everyone feel welcomed and connected.

We appreciate your support in making this such a special occasion.

UPCOMING
Events
TERM 3 – SAVE THE DATES!
THURSDAY
4 AUGUST
Individual Photos
TUESDAY
11 AUGUST
Board of Trustees Meeting
5:30PM
FRIDAY
21 AUGUST
Teacher Only Day
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION
THURSDAY
27 AUGUST
Fiafia Night
5:30PM – 7:00PM

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

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.

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ATTENDANCE AT HNS

Attendance Matters!!

Kia ora Henderson North whānau,

Welcome to **Week 2 of Term 3**. We hope everyone has had a great start to the term.

As we move through the colder winter months, we know that coughs, colds and other illnesses are becoming more common. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school. This helps protect the health and wellbeing of all our tamariki and staff.

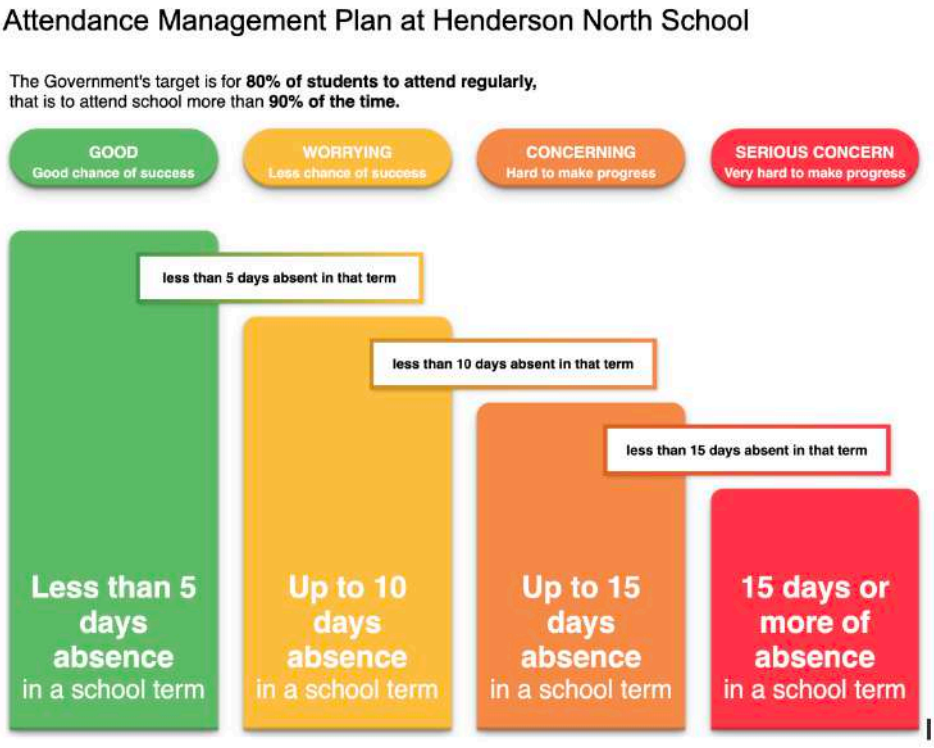
If your child is going to be absent, **please let us know as early as possible**. The easiest way to report an absence is through the **SkoolLoop app** or via the **Absentee** section on our school website. You are also welcome to phone the school office.

Prompt communication is very important. We have many students who walk to school independently, and knowing when a child is absent allows us to ensure every child is accounted for quickly and safely.

Regular attendance has a significant impact on learning, friendships, and confidence. Every day at school provides valuable opportunities for your child to learn, participate, and connect with others.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our tamariki safe, healthy, and engaged in their learning.

Ngā mihi,
Whaea Rochelle



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

"VALUES"

Friday 5 June 2026

Room 1	*Eli Taylor*	-	*Pōtikitanga*
Room 2	*Noah Cook*	-	*Pōtikitanga*
Room 3	*Zianna Caacbay*	-	*Pōtikitanga*
Room 4	*Nawaf Nahyan*	-	*Tiaki*
Room 5	*Harper Heinzen*	-	*Pōtikitanga*
Room 6	*Aliyah Kaani*	-	*Manaaki*
Room 7	*Dakota-Rose Grace*	-	*Pōtikitanga*
Room 10	*Carmelo Sului*	-	*Pono*
Room 11	*Esther Ipe*	-	*Pono*
Room 12	*Rafael Ali*	-	*Pōtikitanga*
Room 14	*Salman Mohamed*	-	*Pōtikitanga*
Room 15	*Priyansh Patel*	-	*Tiaki*
Room 16	*Teokotai Upokomanu-Dean*	-	*Pōtikitanga*
Room 17	*Kelsey Manu*	-	*Pōtikitanga*
Room 18	*Yujeong Tak*	-	*Pono*

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INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS

THURSDAY 6 AUGUST

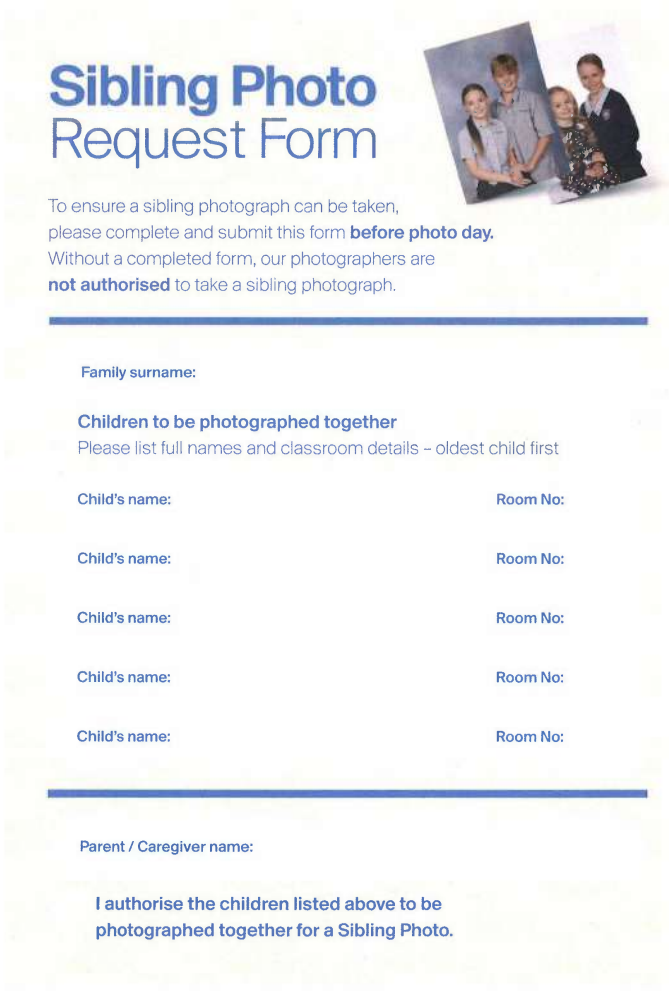
Every child will have an individual school photo taken.

There is no obligation to purchase photos – you only order and pay if you would like them.

Sibling Photos

If you would like your children photographed together, **please return the sibling photo request slip** that was sent home last week (example attached).

Please return the form to the school office before Thursday 6 August.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HENDERSON NORTH SCHOOL

Interested in being part of our school community?

At Henderson North School we are fortunate to have an amazing Board of Trustees who work alongside school leadership to help guide the future direction of our school.

BEING A BOARD MEMBER IS A GREAT WAY TO:

- Learn more about how our school operates
- Contribute to important decisions
- Support our tamariki and whānau
- Become more involved in our school community

Our Board meets

once a month on a Tuesday afternoon.

We welcome people from all walks of life. No special experience is required—just an interest in helping our school continue to thrive.

Interested in finding out more?

Please contact the school office for a chat.
We'd love to hear from you!

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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.

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.

FIREWOOD

There is still some available - please contact the office if you would like some!

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Little loans to help out

HENDERSON BUDGET SERVICE

sorted Money Month

Together for our community

Get Help. Get Sorted – Money Month Community Day

Hosted by:
Ngā Tāngata Microfinance
& Henderson Budget Service

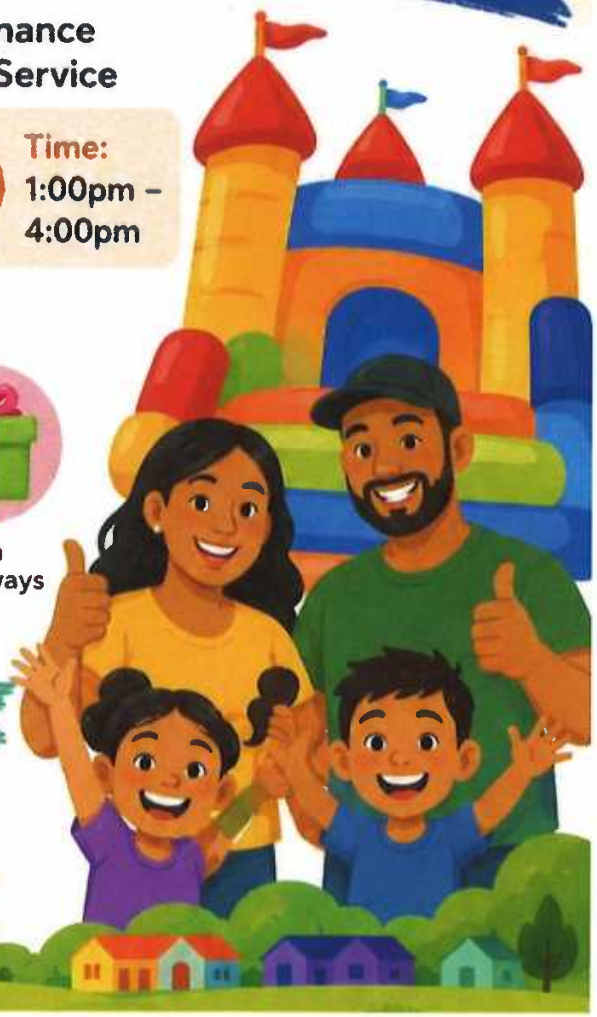
Location:
Te Pae o Kura, Sunnyvale

Date:
Saturday, 8 August

Time:
1:00pm – 4:00pm

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

- Chat with friendly Financial Mentors from Henderson Budget Service
- Free sausage sizzle
- Bouncy castle for the kids
- Fun giveaways



EVERYONE'S WELCOME!

Come along for a relaxed afternoon,
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and enjoy some free family-friendly activities.

Meet other community providers on the day!

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SESSION TIMES

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Saturday 15th Aug	**Sunday 16th Aug**
11 AM - 12:30 PM 1:30 PM - 3 PM	11 AM - 12:30 PM 1:30 PM - 3 PM

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GA Admission includes: access to the interactive walk-through, fossil digging, bouncy castles, face painting, dinosaur crafts, walking dinosaurs, and Dino-mite playground.

PRICES	General Admission	MEGA Pass
Adult / Child	$25	$35
Senior/Beneficiary	$23	$33

Family Pass 2 adults + 2 children or 1 adult + 3 children	$88 (General Admission)

> Children under 2 years are free with paying adult.

"Limited EFTPOS, cash recommended for convenience"

> You can also book with credit card via **EVENTFINDA**

GA Admission includes: access to the interactive walk-through, fossil digging, bouncy castles, face painting, dinosaur crafts, walking dinosaurs, and Dino-mite playground.

MEGA Pass includes: Choose from a variety of additional activities, games and rides which require tokens

Tokens - available to purchase from inside the event for $2ea

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ADVENTURE PROGRAMME

CREATIVE INVENTORS

INVENTORS LAB

Launching 2nd Sept

TERM 3 WEDNESDAYS

Wed 2 September

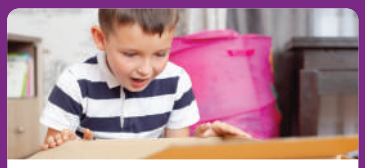
Mini Machines

Hands-on STEM fun! Kids will learn about forces and physics whilst creating and building real working machines.

Wed 9 September

Power Up

Experiment with energy, motion and propulsion to create inventions that fly, move and launch.



Wed 16 September

Mystery Box Makers

Kids are challenged to design an invention that solves a problem, using materials from the "mystery box".

Wed 23 September

Brainwave Builders

We're getting inspired and sparking imaginations through creative design and exciting challenges.

CREATIVE INVENTORS

Book TERM 3 now!

Where play *meets* potential

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ADVENTURE PROGRAMME

GLOBAL KIDS

PASSPORT to play

Launching 5th Aug

TERM 3 WEDNESDAYS

Wed 5th August

Culture Quest

Discover the colours, traditions and celebrations that make each country unique through hands-on exploration and creative play.

Wed 12th August

Global Games & Dances

Play children's games from around the world and learn how movement sport and fun connect kids everywhere.

Wed 19th August

World Flavours

We're getting stuck into the world of international food, global flavours and food traditions.

Wed 26th August

Science Explorers

Tamariki will investigate global science discoveries through hands on experiments, inventions and challenges inspired by world-famous scientists.

GLOBAL KIDS

Book TERM 3 now!

Where play *meets* potential

Kia ora whānau of Henderson North School

As a local community member and volunteer at Baptist church, I propose an initiative to support Henderson North School. For every property sold through me (where the client is a parent, caregiver, or staff member referred via the school), I'll donate $2,000 to the school upon settlement.

This aims to:

- Support the school financially
- Strengthen community connections
- Offer trusted real estate guidance

No cost risk to the school. I'd love to discuss further. Please consider using me if you are planning on buying or selling a house.

Kind regards,

Mathew Koshy

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The famous Aussie Cartoon Camps have come back to Auckland!

Weekend Art & Cartoon Camps

Class 1: Saturday 10am - 2pm

Note: Children can bring their scooters on Saturday if they want to.

- Theme: Hawaiian. Wear anything colourful & tropical. Prizes for the best dressed.
- Draw: A tropical island.
- Draw: A frog, snake & a turtle.
- Play: The exciting game 'Charge'.
- Coral reef: Draw life in the sea.
- Draw: Animated fruit & vegetables.
- Competition: Design a candy packet. Win USA candy!
- Kids in the kitchen: Make mocktails & decorate doughnuts.
- Science show: With the mad Professor!
- Balloon squishies: Play the squishy game.
- Draw: A cute Capybara.
- Make: A tower with marshmallows & spaghetti.
- Competition: Design & win a real watch.

Class 2: Saturday 2pm - 6pm

- Theme: Messy clothes & hair. Prizes for the 'worst' dressed.
- Kids on wheels: Bring your scooters.
- Play: The 'Hit n Miss' Jelly game.
- Draw: Aussie animals.
- Draw: A dragon.
- Make: Clay food.
- Enjoy: Skittle S'mores.
- Treasure hunt: Find the treasure in the park.
- Slime: Make fun green gooey oobleck slime!
- Play: The shaving cream battle if you want to!
- Draw African animals: A giraffe, meerkat & an elephant.
- Play: Harry Potter™, Star Wars™ & Disney™ trivia for prizes.
- Face painting & make-over: Get your hair styled, face painted or nails done.

Class 3: Saturday night 6pm - 9pm

- Theme: Dress in dark clothes for 'Seeker in the Dark'.
- Oreo™ Challenge: Guess the flavour while blind folded.
- Play: Sock wrestling 'Nerf gun' style.
- Play: The gold coin treasure hunt.
- Draw: Cute manga animals.
- Draw: Mario™, Minecraft™, Sonic™ & Yoshi™.
- Play: The Indiana Jones™ adventure game.
- Nerf gun battle disco: Bring in your nerf guns & goggles for a safe battle & disco. Make cubby houses in the hall.
- Play: 'Seeker in the dark'. An exciting game with balloons.

Class 4: Sunday 1.30pm - 5.30pm Market Day - best class!

- Theme: Japanese & Korean. Prizes for the best dressed.
- T.Shirt Art: Design a T.Shirt. We'll supply the T.Shirts.
- Draw: Farm animals.
- Draw: Anime & Manga.
- Draw: 3D dinosaurs.
- Draw: Kuromi™ & Hello Kitty™.
- Flour battle: Join in the fun flour fight if you want to.
- Enjoy: Japanese flavoured Pocky™ sticks.
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