
HENDERSON NORTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

From the principal's pen



Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome back to Term 4 — the final term of 2026! This is always a special time in our school year as we celebrate all the learning, growth and achievements our tamariki have made. We look forward to another exciting and busy term ahead.

A gentle reminder about the importance of attendance — every day at school really does make a difference. Regular attendance helps children stay connected with their learning and their classmates, and builds the foundation for continued success.

Throughout this year, our school-wide Inquiry focus has been on 'Systems' — exploring how things work together and influence each other. This term we'll be viewing systems through a 'communication' lens, discovering the many ways we share ideas, express ourselves, and connect with others.

A highlight of the term will be our school production, *The Wind in the Willows*. Under the expertise and guidance of our amazing music teacher, this promises to be another high-quality performance showcasing the incredible talents of our students. We can't wait to see it all come to life on stage!

We also encourage you to make use of Te Puna Hāpori, our community room. It's a welcoming space for parents and whānau to connect, share, and learn together. Our first free information session for the term will be held next Tuesday, 14th October at 2:15pm. The session, titled '**A Matter of Skin**', will be led by our Public Health Nurse and will provide helpful advice on recognising and responding to common skin conditions such as rashes and blotches in children. We hope many of you can join us for this valuable session.

As we head into our summer season, please ensure your child has a school hat to wear everyday for their protection from the sun's harsh rays when they are playing outside. Our hats can be purchased at the uniform shop.

If you have come into the school you may have noticed quite a bit of work going on, fencing, scaffolding and extra people and cars on site. We are finally getting much needed repairs done to our administration building. We are also repairing our swimming pool in readiness for swimming lessons. We apologise for the inconvenience the work may cause, however completion of the work should be within a relatively short time.

Let's make this final term of 2025 one filled with celebration, learning, and connection.

Ngā mihi mahana

Whaea Donna

Together we create and inspire success!

We welcome some new staff this term

Bianca Luk Young- Nyoni - Room 15

Zoe Nxumalo & Jyothi Puranam - Room 10

Joanne Treadwell - Releasing teachers

New Entrants -

If you have a child turning 5 in the next six months please let us know so we can add them to our new entrant list.

‘Our Values’

**At our whānau ako tahi evening we handed out
our values on a lanyard -**

if you would like one please ask at the office!

MANAAKI

Building relationships of respect, care and reciprocity.
Creating a warm, inclusive environment
where everyone feels valued and respected.



TIAKI

Caring for people, place and our environment
to ensure a sustainable, positive future for all.



PONO

Having integrity, honesty and transparency.
Doing what is right even when no one is looking.



PŌTIKITANGA

Being curious, ingenious, and adventurous of spirit.
Embrace learning as a journey of exploration and discovering.
Ask questions and take risks in learning.



**Huge congratulations to Matua Paul, Whaea Annitta,
& Mrs Sona on completing their**

Master's Degree in Contemporary Education!

**Your dedication to education and professional growth
is truly inspiring. Well done!**



‘DIWALI CELEBRATION DAY’

Diwali is the celebration of light.

Friday 17th October

*Come dressed in your cultural outfits
or be very colourful.*

Parade from 9.30am on the field.

Henna hand painting at lunch time.

Performance at the whole school assembly at 2.00pm.

Please come along and join us.





Kia ora Henderson North School whānau,

I hope you all had a well-deserved break over the holidays. We're now into our final term for 2025 — let's make it a great one!

First, a big congratulations to our Pedal to Progress winners from Term 3 for taking away some awesome prizes:

Joshua Villarin (Room 3)
Matthew Hernandez Navarro (Room 4)
Abdullah Farooq (Room 11)
Ka pai, team!

This term, our big prize is back — another bike!

We have 10 weeks this term, so remember: if you're at school for the whole week, you'll receive a token from your teacher to go into the draw.

That means if you're here every day for the next 10 weeks, you could earn 10 tokens!

A quick reminder about absences:

It's really important to contact us if your child will be away. If a student is not at school and we haven't heard from you, they are automatically marked as Truant.

If you don't make contact, an email or text will be sent, and starting Monday, we'll begin calling whānau who haven't notified us about their child's absence.

You can let us know easily through:

SkoolLoop App

Phone

Email

Let's finish the year strong, Henderson North! Every day counts — and every token gets you closer to that bike!

Nga Mihi

Whaea Rochelle

DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of school that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

If you want your child to be successful at school then

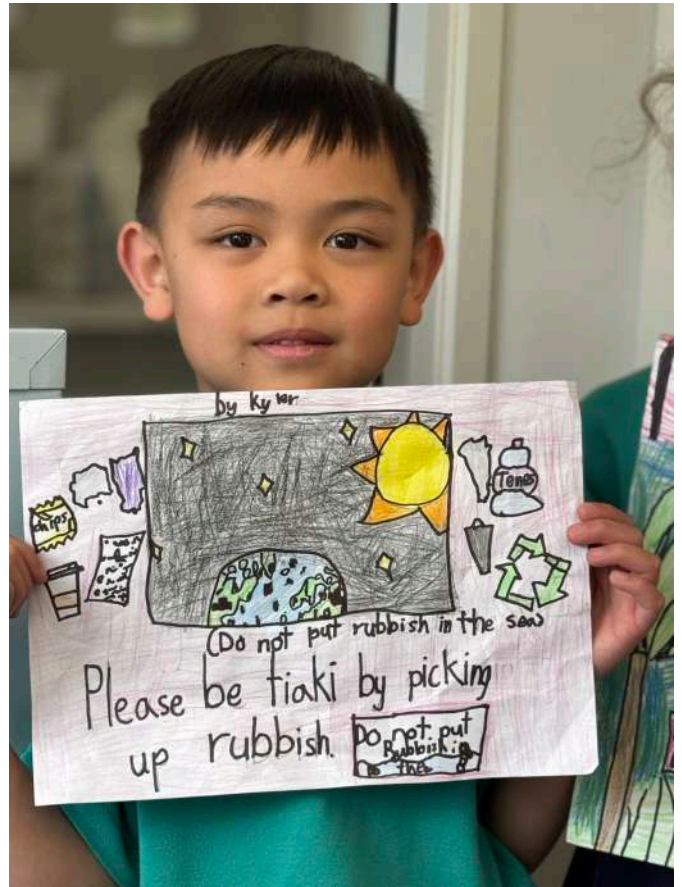
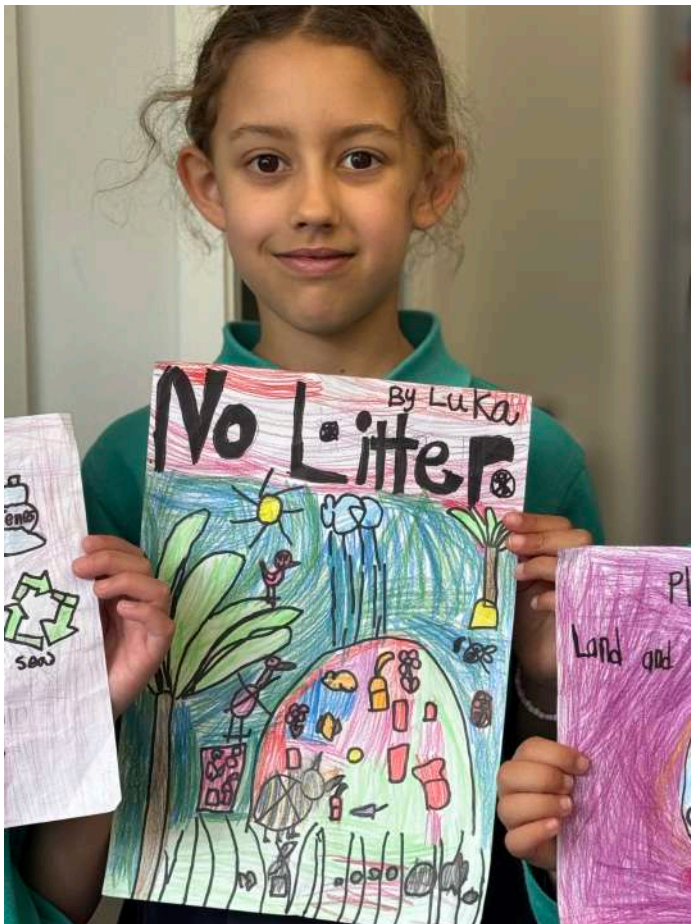
YES, attendance does matter!

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

TERM 4 EVENTS

Tuesday 14th 2.15pm -	“It’s A Matter of Skin” Te Puna Hapouri/Community Room
Wednesday 15th 9.00am -	“Powhiri” Welcome new whānau to our school - All welcome!
Friday 17th October	- Diwali Celebration - 2pm Whole School Assembly
Thursday 23rd October	- NZEI Strike Action - School will be closed
Friday 31st October	- 2pm Whole School Assembly
Monday 4th November	- Kapa Haka Performance 6.00pm
Friday 14th November	- 2pm Whole School Assembly
Tuesday 25th November	- School Production - <i>“The Wind & the Willows”</i> 11.00am - Matinee 7.00pm - Evening Performance
Wed 26th November	- School Production - <i>“The Wind & the Willows”</i> 11.00am - Matinee 7.00pm - Evening Performance
Friday 28th November	- 2pm Whole School Assembly
Friday 5th December	- Graduation Assembly
Friday 12th December	- Whole School Farewell Assembly Last Day of School 12.30pm Finish

Room 16 -
Made some posters to
show Tiaki by picking
up rubbish!



GARDEN TO TABLE

Making Kawakawa Balm!



We would love to get our kitchen tiled or a splash back - if there is anyone who is able to assist us with this project - it would be greatly appreciated!

Please contact the school office.

Skids

Skids run an amazing afterschool care program at our school from
Monday - Friday!

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IT'S A MATTER OF SKIN

Skin infection information session

Come down to the Henderson North Community room for free information on how to prevent, recognise and treat skin infections. Presented by our public health nurses.

Bring yourself and any questions you may have!

**Free
Giveaways!**

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

2.15pm Tuesday 14th of October

Henderson North Community Room
Te Puna Hāpori

stop Sore Throats Hurting Hearts

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Unichem Bairds Road Pharmacy	3 Watford Street, Otara
Health New Lynn 7-Day Pharmacy	1 McCrae Way, New Lynn
Unichem Medi-Centre Pharmacy	131 Lincoln Road, Henderson
Westgate Pharmacy	Westgate Shopping Centre, 1-5 Fernhill Drive, Westgate

It's free!

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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