HENDERSON NORTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

From the principal's pen

Kia ora koutou e te whānau ō Henderson North School

As we reach the end of Term One, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the achievements and hard work we have witnessed across our school community. It has been a busy and exciting term, filled with growth, learning, and collaboration. I am incredibly proud of the efforts shown by our students, the dedication of our staff, and the continued support from our whānau.

Academic Achievements

Our students have been engaged in learning about Systems this term, especially learning how systems impact individuals, class systems, school systems and home systems. This has set the scene for learning this year as we establish who we are and how we learn. We are readying our school for the introduction of Structured Numeracy from Term 2, now that all our Year 3-6 learners have been assessed through prime placement tests. We also completed PAT testing in Numeracy and Reading.

We had the pleasure of celebrating the efforts of students in several extracurricular activities, including the Corban's arts festival, art exhibitions, and kapa haka performances. All our classes participated in mau rakau and learned our school pepeha. We have introduced into our curriculum Te Reo Maori Classes for all our learners with Whaea Lorraine, and our values based Kiwican programme with facilitators Metisa and Rees. Our garden to table programme has begun and once again proves to be an amazing opportunity for learners to grow and cook fruit and vegetables from our garden. These programmes cannot happen without the support of dedicated staff, ex-staff, and community, who wear very many 'hats' at our school.

These activities are not only a great way for students to learn and showcase their talents, but they also promote teamwork and resilience.

Staff Highlights

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our teachers and support staff for their commitment and dedication. We all work together as a team to create engaging and effective learning environments, and a positive culture for learning, both in and outside of the classroom. I also want to acknowledge the continued professional development of our team as they participate in workshops, training, and other opportunities that help them stay at the forefront of educational practices, especially with the current mandates from our Minister of Education involving structured literacy, numeracy and attendance.

Community Engagement

This term, we have also seen a wonderful partnership between the school and the wider community. Our parent-teacher evening and goal setting evening were well-attended, and it was heartening to see so many families involved in their child's education. Additionally, we were fortunate to have had several class and school events, which not only supported our students but also brought us closer together as a school family.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and energy to these events. We have one more big event this week, the launching of our school values this Thursday from 12.30pm.

Looking Ahead to Term Two

As we look forward to Term Two, we will continue to build on the momentum we've established. The Life Education Caravan, Matariki and the launching of our very own published book are some of the many things we are looking forward to. We plan to continue strengthening our focus on student well-being and mental health, ensuring that every child feels supported and valued.

End of Term Reminders

Please be reminded that the school will break for the holidays this Friday 11th April. Classes will resume on Monday 28th April. I encourage you to make the most of the upcoming break, whether that means spending quality time with family, pursuing hobbies, or simply recharging for the term ahead.

Thank you once again for your continued support. It is an honour to lead this school and work alongside such a dedicated group of students, staff, and families. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable break, and I look forward to seeing everyone back in Term Two, ready for another productive and successful term.

Ngā mihi mahana - warm greetings

Whaea Donna

Together we create and inspire success!

"VALUES LAUNCH"
THURSDAY 10th APRIL
Please come and join us from 12.30pm

OUR VALUES

Manaaki

Welcoming others and building relationships based on respect, care, and reciprocity. At Henderson North, we are committed to creating a warm and inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and respected.

Tiaki

Caring for people, place, and our environment for our future. This value reminds us to look after each other and the world around us, ensuring a sustainable and positive future for all.

Pono

Acting with integrity, honesty, and transparency. We encourage our students and staff to always do what's right, even when no one is watching, and to be open and honest in all their actions.

Pōtikitanga

Being curious, ingenious, and adventurous of spirit. At Henderson North, we embrace learning as a journey of exploration and discovery. We want our students to ask questions, take risks, and think outside the box.

These values are more than just words – they define who we are as a school. When these values are fully embraced and embedded into our daily lives, they create a strong and positive foundation for the learning and growth that takes place at our school.

Gates

Just A Reminder about our gates - the back gate from Te Kanawa Crescent and the gate on the left hand side of our main entrance are locked after 9.30am and opened again at 2.30pm.

Please do not park in our main entrance way as this blocks the entrance for access into our carpark.
Thank you

WOODWORK

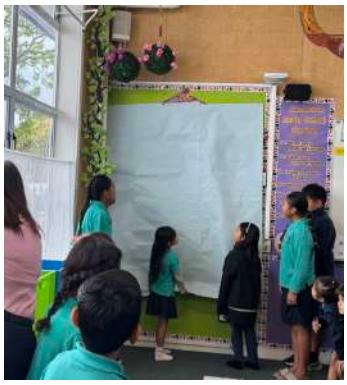
Our woodworkers are making some amazing creations at their Thursday morning sessions at Henderson Baptist Church.

Room 14's Class Marae Opening Tuesday 8 April

Our tamariki have been learning about different marae in New Zealand, with a special focus on Taharoa Marae. Inspired by their love for sea creatures, they've created their own Class Marae, representing our school values with:

Dolphins symbolising Pōtikitanga
Whales representing Pono
Manta rays embodying Manaaki
Sharks signifying Tiaki

We are excited to share this meaningful project with our community, showcasing our children's creativity, cultural understanding , and teamwork.



IMPORTANT DATES

LAST DAY OF TERM 1
FRIDAY 11 APRIL 3.00pm

Term 1 - 30 January - 11 April
Term 2 - 28 April - 27 June
Term 3 - 14 July - 19 September
Term 4 - 6 October - 12 December

Public Holidays

18 April	Good Friday
21 April	Easter Monday
25 April	Anzac Day
2 June	King's Birthday
20 June	Matariki
27 October	Labour Day
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Boxing Day

School Hours

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

ATTENDANCE @ HNS

Kia ora koutou,

As we wrap up the school term, we want to thank everyone for another fantastic few months. With just a few days to go, the countdown to the holidays has officially begun!

The weather's getting cooler, and winter is on its way — but we've still got some fun left before the break. We've been keeping an eye on attendance, and it's nearly time to celebrate our students' efforts with some awesome prizes. We've got a few goodies to give away in the final days, all leading up to the big one: a brand new bike!

Whether you're heading off on an adventure or staying cosy at home, we hope everyone enjoys a safe, relaxing, and warm holiday.

Thank you for being part of our school community, and we can't wait to see you all again next term!

Nga Mihi
Whaea Rochelle

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

FOR THE "VALUE OF RESPECT"

Friday 14 March 2025

Room 1	*Toiariki Pickering*
Room 2	*Leah Mathews*
Room 3	*Yujin Tak*
Room 4	*Alisha Kaur*
Room 5	*Atolofi Lapa*
Room 6	*Jashnil Singh*
Room 7	*Manaaki Ohia*
Room 10	*Aarohi Nand*
Room 11	*Manraj Singh*
Room 12	*Sahib Singh*
Room 14	*Jasmine Limatoa*
Room 15	*Shema Antioni Andy*
Room 16	*Piper-Rose Li'Hou-Pologa*
Room 17	*Aaliyah Santos*
Room 18	*Nura Haji Adbi*

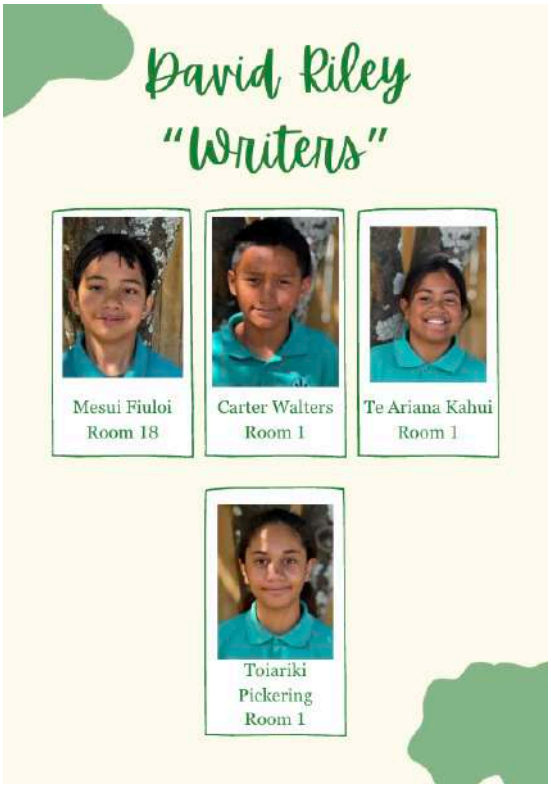
PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

FOR THE "VALUE OF RESPECT"

Friday 28 March 2025

Room 1	*Kowhai Taua*
Room 2	*Arasi Pandey*
Room 3	*Senghor Heang*
Room 4	*Daniel Soto Cubillos*
Room 5	*Meleane Hola*
Room 6	*Max Li'hou-Pologa*
Room 7	*Mason Fiuloi*
Room 10	*Xinya Lee*
Room 11	*Abdullah Farooq*
Room 12	*Ofa Kengike*
Room 14	*Nissi Rabo*
Room 15	*Amiir Haji- Abdi*
Room 16	*Zoe Rabo*
Room 17	*Aveer Prasad*
Room 18	*Isabella Savaadera*

David Riley, also known as The Reading Warrior —
is working on an exciting project with some of our learners as authors and illustrations in collaboration with
Te Kawerau ā Maki and Auckland Council.
This book will be published and distributed throughout schools in New Zealand. David's work focuses on inspiring children to read and write by sharing positive stories from New Zealand and the Pacific.
Meet our Authors and Illustrators!



Garden to Table

We are very grateful to Comvita for supplying us with honey for Garden to Table - we have made some amazing creations!

“Respect”

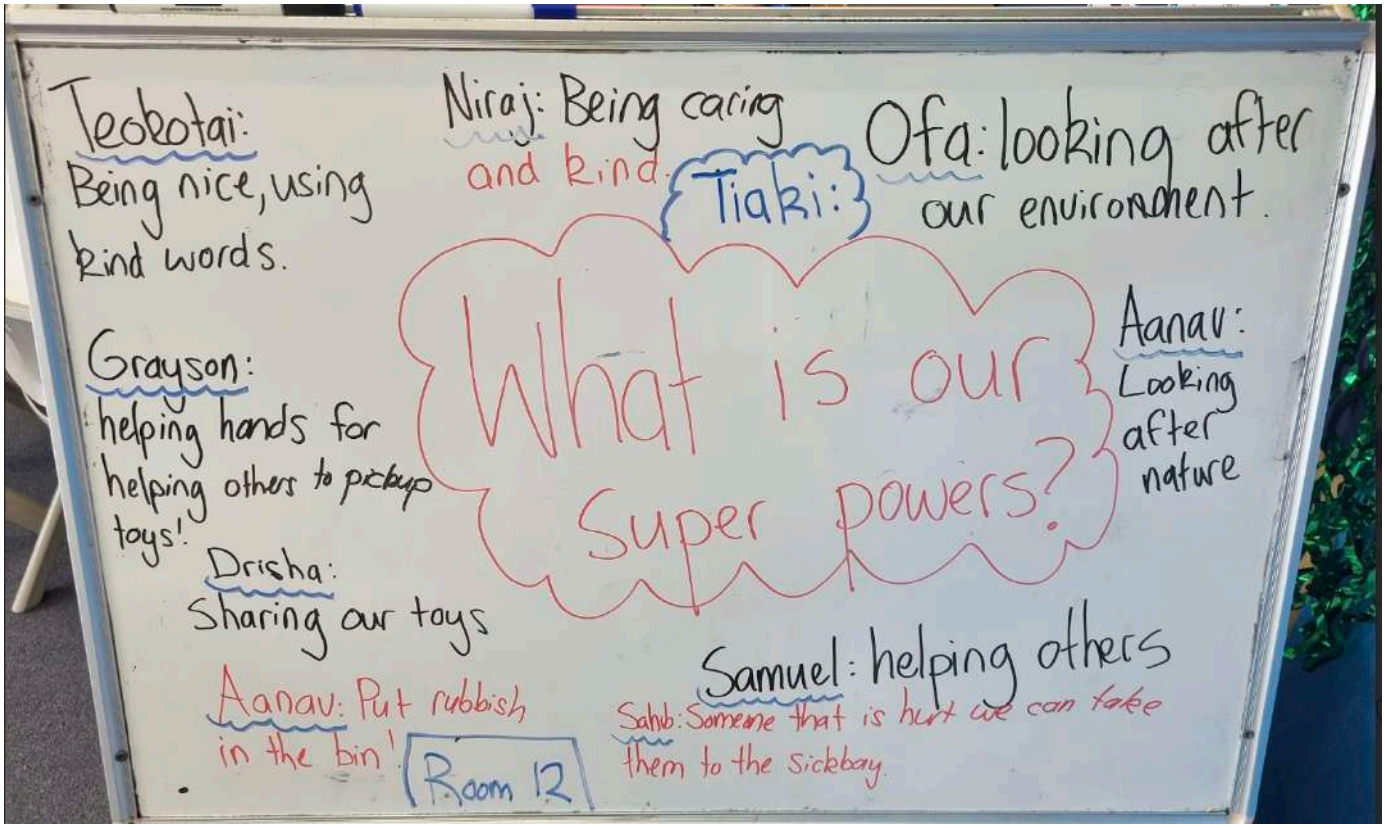
was the topic we focused on in Room 15.

We worked in pairs to complete the chart and discussed ways we can show respect in the classroom, on the playground, at home, during assemblies, with peers, and with adults.

We got into pairs again to fill in our sheet.

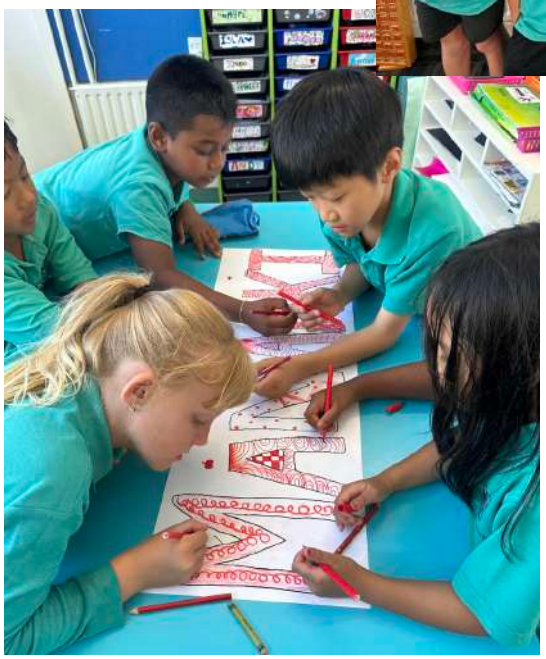
Check out our team work.

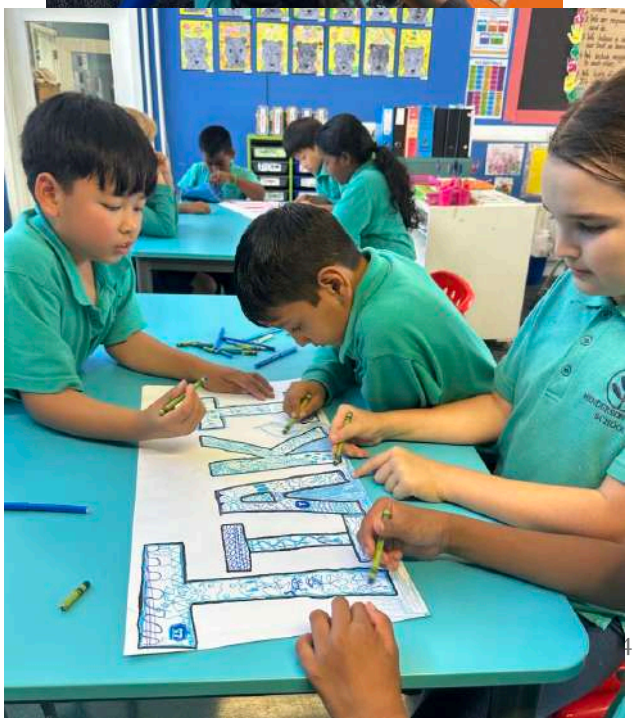
ROOM 12's SUPER POWERS!



ROOM 6

Values posters!





HIGHLIGHTS FROM ROOM 4 FOR TERM 1

Little Scientists

April school holidays

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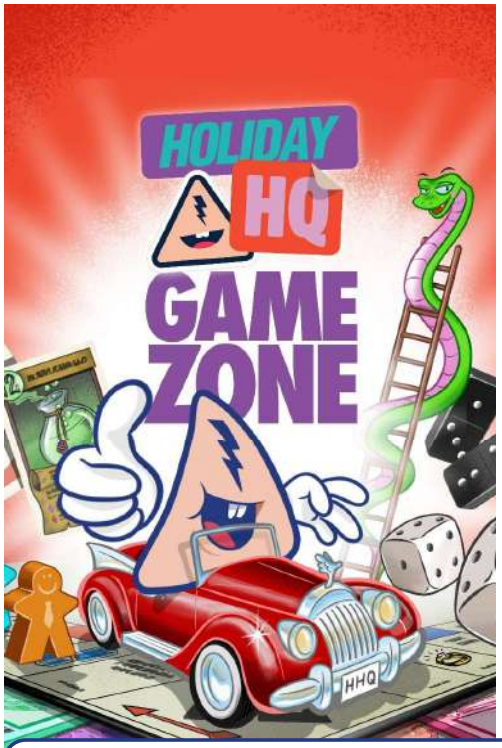

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Monday 21st	**Tuesday 22nd**	**Wednesday 23rd**	**Thursday 24th**	**Friday 25th**
EASTER MONDAY SITE CLOSED	**LEVEL UP.** Let's play amazing games and challenge our peers by moving up the Levels..	**TRIP DAY – MOVIE.** **Be at sKids by 9:30am.** Don't forget to bring combo money.	**ITALIANO DAY.** Let's prepare and enjoy yummy Pizzas, play games & more.	ANZAC DAY SITE CLOSED

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T-MINUS 2 WEEKS UNTIL THE HOLIDAYS!

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