
HENDERSON NORTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



From the principal's pen



Tēnā koutou e te whānau

As we move into the final stretch of the school year, our kura is buzzing with activity. Term 4 is always one of the busiest, as we work through assessment and reporting, reflect on the progress and learning of the year, prepare class lists for 2026, and take part in a number of special end-of-year events.

A very important occasion on our school calendar is the Year 6 Graduation Assembly. For our Year 6 whānau, the invites have gone out, we would love to have at least one family member to support each of our Year 6 learners at the graduation assembly. This assembly celebrates each learner's journey, growth, and achievements throughout their years with us. Nau mai, haere mai—your presence makes this assembly even more meaningful.

For parents and caregivers of all other year levels, you will soon receive information about your child's Professional Learning Group end-of-year assembly. These gatherings are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate learning, acknowledge progress, and share in the joy of the year's accomplishments. We hope you'll be able to come to your child's end of year assembly.

We are also thrilled to be presenting our school production of "*Wind in the Willows*". Our learners have dedicated countless hours to rehearsals, and we are incredibly proud of their commitment and enthusiasm. A huge thank you to Mrs Templeton, Mr Cartwright, and all of our teachers, who have worked tirelessly to bring this show to life. If you haven't bought your tickets yet, please book them at the office. In all my years in education, I have never seen a school production reach the exceptional level of performance that is consistently achieved here at Henderson North School. A show not to be missed.

Another highlight coming up is our "Values in Action Day" on Wednesday, 3rd December. There will be a sausage sizzle for the children and a range of fun activities on the school field to celebrate our core values of Pono, Pōtikitanga, Manaaki, and Tiaki. This is another wonderful opportunity for whānau to come along, take part, and share in the spirit of our school community. We would love to see you there.

It is interesting, with all the changes the Minister of Education is imposing on our schools, to consider how events such as the ones I have spoken about can continue to happen. These events are invaluable—they are the culmination of months of learning, of preparation, of engagement, of skills-building, and of meaningful whānau involvement. The Minister would be hard-pressed to fit all of this into a strictly knowledge-based, year-levelled curriculum that is devoid of the principles of Te Tiriti, principles from which all our school values are connected to.

Our pledge is to continue delivering the best programmes—programmes that reflect our learners, honour our community’s needs, and strengthen the progress, learning, and achievement of our children. We appreciate your support in everything we do at Henderson North School.

Ngā mihi nui for your ongoing support throughout this busy and exciting term.

Whaea Donna

“He rangatira mō apopo”

***Growing leaders of tomorrow.
Together we create, inspire and achieve success.***

Important Information regarding Te Tiriti at Henderson North School Statement from Henderson North School Board

The Henderson North School Board reaffirms its ongoing commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and to upholding the intent of Te Tiriti.

While recent legislative changes have removed the legal requirement for school boards to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, our Board wishes to make clear that our values and practices will not change.

We remain dedicated to honouring Te Tiriti and to reflecting the language, culture, and identity of Māori as tangata whenua in all aspects of our school life.

At Henderson North School, we recognise that supporting Māori ākonga to succeed as Māori is essential to achieving equitable outcomes for all learners.

We will continue to embed te ao Māori, te reo Māori, and tikanga Māori within our curriculum, relationships, and environment, working in partnership with mana whenua and our wider Māori community.

Our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi is not a matter of legal compliance—it is a matter of integrity, respect, and belief in the shared future we are building together.

Julie-Ann Thumath
Presiding member

The children in room 12 were very excited to meet Whaea Natasha's new baby last week.

Welcome Aiden.

Matua Paul getting a cuddle!



Our school production

“The Wind In The Willows”

Tickets are on sale at the school office!

*There is allocated seating for the evening shows
and these are selling quickly!*

Child \$3 Adult \$5 Family \$12

- Tuesday 25th November** - School Production - Cast B
“The Wind in the Willows”
11.00am - Matinee
- Wed 26th November** - School Production -
“The Wind in the Willows”
11.00am - Matinee - Cast A
7.00pm - Evening Performance - Cast B
- Thursday 27th November** - School Production - Cast A
“The Wind & the Willows”



TERM 4 EVENTS

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- Friday 28th November** - 2pm Whole School Assembly
- Wed 3rd December** - **“VALUES IN ACTION”**
 see details below!
- Thursday 4th December** - **PLG Assemblies**
 Manaaki & Potikitanga @ 11:00 am
 Tiaki & Pono @ 1.45pm
- Friday 5th December** - Year 6 Graduation Assembly 1.30pm
- Friday 5th December** - Reports sent home!
- Wed 10th December** - “Meet the Teacher” - for 2026
- Thursday 11th December** - Year 6 Trip
- Friday 12th December** - Whole School Farewell Assembly
 Last Day of School 12.30pm
 Finish
- Thursday 29th January** - First Day 2026

Manaaki Class 2026

You have the opportunity to register interest in the Manaaki Class 2026 if your child is Year 4 or 5 this year. If you are interested in your child learning Te Reo and Waiata alongside NZ Curriculum, see your child's teacher or come and see us in the office.

The only pre-requisite is the desire and passion to learn. There are limited spaces so you must be quick!



NEW ENROLMENTS 2026

Enrolments are open for 2026 if you have a child, family member or neighbours that are needing to enrol - we would love to meet with them and start the enrolment process for next year.

Especially important for 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.

If you are leaving our school please let us know!



ATTENDANCE AT @ HENDERSON NORTH SCHOOL

PLEASE NOTE THE SCHOOL MOBILE NUMBER FOR ABSENTEES IS NO LONGER IN SERVICE.

Kia ora whānau,

We are now in Week 6 of Term 4, with only four more weeks to go until the summer holidays!

We want to acknowledge our tamariki for their amazing efforts with attendance this term. To celebrate, we'll be giving away small spot prizes over the next couple of weeks, all building up to the Pedal to Progress bike prize, which will be drawn on the final day of school — December 12th.

A reminder:

If your children are away for any reason, please contact us through SkoolLoop, email, or phone. We no longer receive or check text messages.

If we don't hear from you, your child will be marked as truant, so please make sure to keep in touch.

We hope you have a wonderful week ahead and continue to encourage your tamariki to finish the term strong!

Ngā mihi nui,
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!

Welcome to our new Board of Trustees

Julie-Ann Thumath
Visekota Peteru
Danielle James
Kalisi Taimani
Suzan Ioapo
Darshani Prasad
Peter Grogan
Jonathan McConchie



‘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.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD “VALUES” Friday 31 October 2025

Room 1	Joseph Martin	-	Tiaki
Room 2	Mia Abin	-	Pōtikitanga
Room 3	Naomi Athyala	-	Manaaki
Room 4	Arikah Palalangi-Broughton	-	Pono
Room 5	Honey-Marie Kahi-Rhodes	-	Pono
Room 6	Luca Daniels	-	Pōtikitanga
Room 7	Prisha Naidu	-	Manaaki
Room 9	Xin Ya Lee	-	Pōtikitanga
Room 10	Salman Mohamed	-	Manaaki
Room 11	Waylon Salaivao	-	Pōtikitanga
Room 12	Romeo Tolovae	-	Pono
Room 14	Misty Misty	-	Tiaki
Room 15	Jordan Marshall	-	Manaaki
Room 16	Marnely Baja	-	Tiaki
Room 17	Zion Aldaba	-	Pōtikitanga
Room 18	Aliyah Kaani	-	Pono



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD “VALUES” Friday 14 November 2025

<i>Room 1</i>	<i>Listin Huntley</i>	-	<i>Pōtikitanga</i>
<i>Room 2</i>	<i>Louiza-Rain Alo Pulou</i>	-	<i>Tiaki</i>
<i>Room 3</i>	<i>Qwayde Williams</i>	-	<i>Pōtikitanga</i>
<i>Room 4</i>	<i>Aanay Semwal</i>	-	<i>Tiaki</i>
<i>Room 5</i>	<i>Jane Leong</i>	-	<i>Pono</i>
<i>Room 6</i>	<i>Aadhya Nair</i>	-	<i>Manaaki</i>
<i>Room 7</i>	<i>Waimahana Elikī-Atui</i>	-	<i>Pōtikitanga</i>
<i>Room 9</i>	<i>Aanav Pillay</i>	-	<i>Manaaki</i>
<i>Room 10</i>	<i>Leilani Demeter</i>	-	<i>Tiaki</i>
<i>Room 11</i>	<i>Penelope Lo Tam</i>	-	<i>Pōtikitanga</i>
<i>Room 12</i>	<i>Marwa Saydi</i>	-	<i>Pōtikitanga</i>
<i>Room 14</i>	<i>Mihit Patel</i>	-	<i>Pōtikitanga</i>
<i>Room 15</i>	<i>Ariella Maglaqui</i>	-	<i>Manaaki</i>
<i>Room 16</i>	<i>Timoteo Catrifol Saavedra</i>	-	<i>Pono</i>
<i>Room 17</i>	<i>Nathan Duran</i>	-	<i>Pōtikitanga</i>
<i>Room 18</i>	<i>Zhaari-Blue Challis</i>	-	<i>Pōtikitanga</i>





JOIN US FOR OUR

VALUES IN ACTION

WEDNESDAY
3RD DECEMBER
9.00AM - 2.30PM

PONO

MANAAKI

TIAKI

PŌTIKITANGA

SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$2



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SPOT PRIZES

COME AND SEE HOW OUR VALUES AND SPORTSMANSHIP IS SHOWN AT HNS.

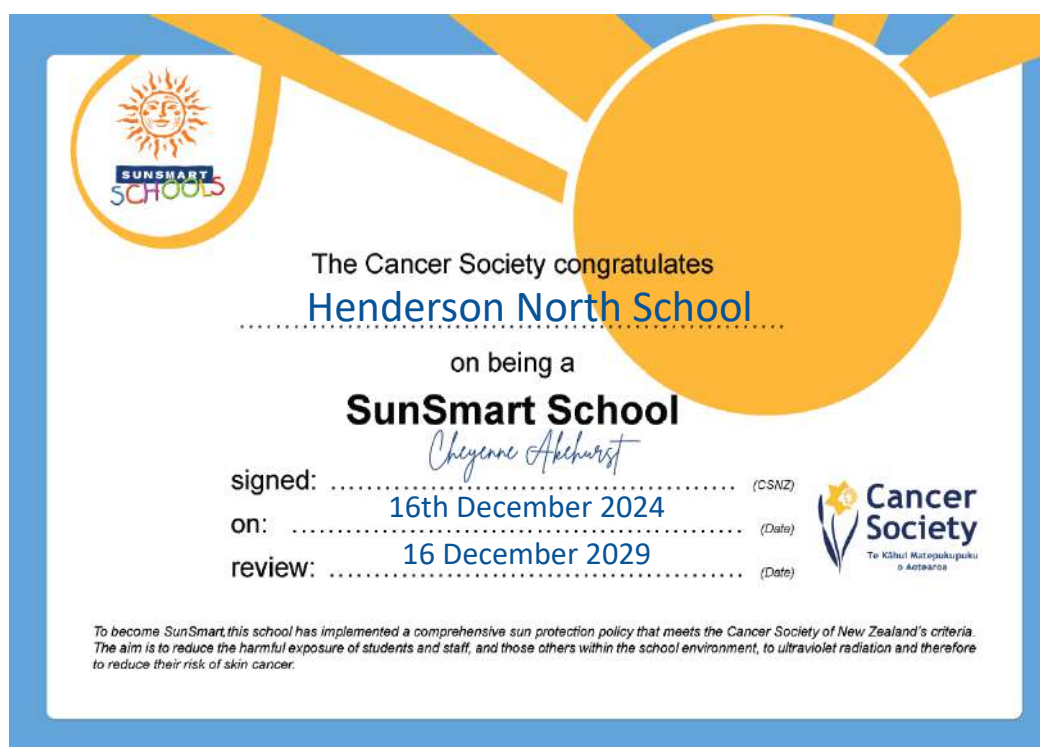
We Are A Sunsmart School!

As a Sunsmart school, we are committed to creating a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff. The New Zealand Cancer Society's Sunsmart programme helps us reduce the risk of skin cancer and promote sun safety habits that will last a lifetime.

As a Sunsmart school, we're implementing the following practices:

- Students are required to wear a hat when outside, or play in designated shade areas. Please ensure your child has a hat!
- Students are encouraged to apply sunscreen before going outside
- We are educating students about the importance of sun safety and skin cancer prevention, and encouraging them to stay sun smart during peak UV hours (September to April)

We are proud to be working with the NZ Cancer Society to promote sun safety and healthy habits in our school community.

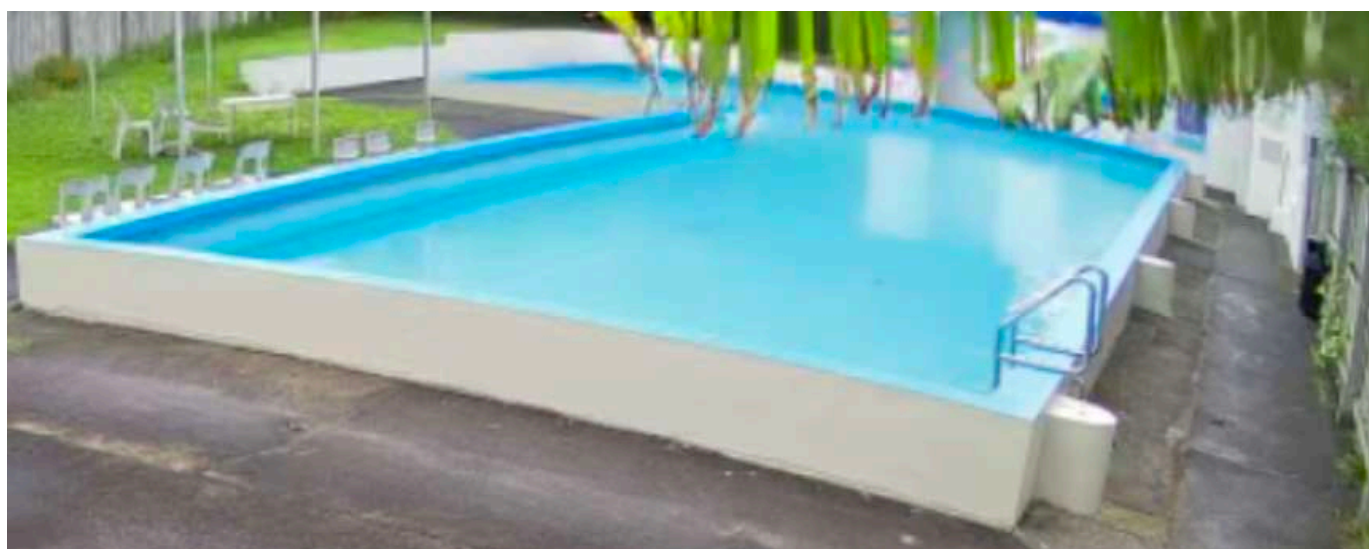


SCHOOL POOL

We feel so privileged to still have a school pool, and we're thrilled that the board of trustees decided to upgrade and repair it.

The work is now complete, and our pool is looking great!

Swimming will start in 2026, unless your child is asked to bring their togs along in the next few weeks.



PARKING!!!

Please be aware when you are dropping your children off and collecting them - if you park illegally you WILL get a ticket!

Please don't park in the front of the school as you WILL get a ticket for parking on the yellow lines!

Sadly Auckland Transport like to visit and issue tickets around our school.

Unfortunately we have no control over this!

You may need to park further down or even try Te Kanawa Crescent as an alternative drop off and enter from the back of the school!

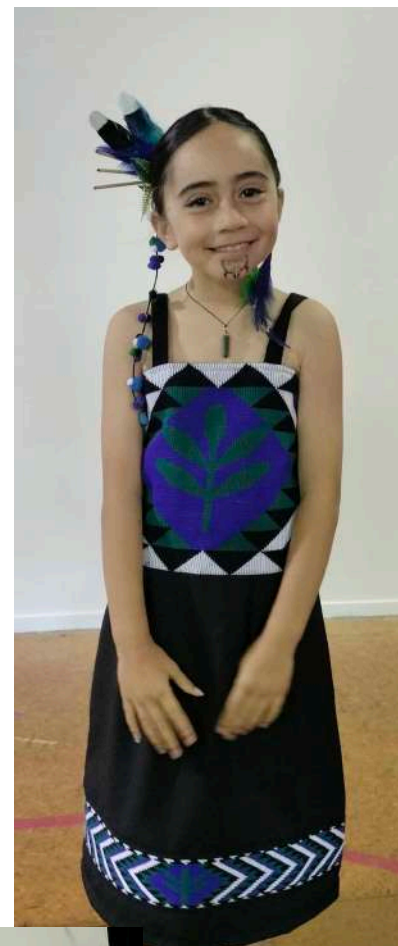


Henderson North School - Kapa Haka 2025

Over the past year our tamariki have practiced and practiced, all building up to Regionals on November 8th, hosted by Rangeview this year. Our tamariki put in so much effort — with new dresses for our kōtiro and a completely brand new bracket, they knew they had to work hard, stay focused, and give it everything.

We are unbelievably proud of our tamariki. Not only for their dedication and countless practices, but for standing strong and singing their hearts out on the day. They represented us with pride, passion and so much aroha.

Thank you to all our whānau and big mihi to Whaea Annitta, Whaea Lorraine, Matua Isaiah, and Pā for all the love, guidance and support you continue to show our kura and our tamariki. We appreciate you more than you know.





Scholastic Book Club

If you are wanting to order books from the Scholastic Brochure please do this as soon as possible so they arrive in time!

LIBRARY BOOKS/READING BOOKS

Please return these to the school office asap.

EXCITING NEWS!

We are starting a Walking School Bus in 2026!

We are looking for enthusiastic
parents/caregivers to lead the way!

If you're interested in being a Walking School Bus Leader,
please get in touch with the school office.

The bus will depart from a designated spot near the school
- more details coming soon!



GARDEN TO TABLE

Kawakawa Balm!

Our Garden to Table tamariki really enjoyed making kawakawa balm!

Whaea Donna joined us for a session, and Kila gifted her his balm

We're also thrilled with the harvest from our gardens, including some amazing carrots



“Our Beehive”

Our bee’s are busy making more delicious honey!



Pounamu Carving

A huge thank you to 'Aotearoa Bone & Stone Collective' for visiting our school and sharing their expertise with a group of our students. Maha, Laura, and Destiny worked with our tamariki to create some beautiful pounamu carvings. We're thrilled with the results and appreciate the time and skill they shared with us!



Important: Measles Vaccination Update

Please ensure your child is up-to-date with their measles vaccination.

A vaccination clinic will be held this Saturday at Te Puna Manawa Trust, 45 Lincoln Road.

If your child has already been vaccinated, and we don't have a copy - please send a record of their immunisation to the school office so we can update our records.

If you're unsure about your child's vaccination status please contact your doctor.



Measles and Childhood Immunisation Clinic
Immunise Against Preventable Diseases

Friday 14 November 2025 - 9.20am - 3:40pm
Monday 17 November 2025 - 5pm - 7.20pm
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- Fire brigade and displays
- Face painting
- Roskill Rovers marshmallows
- Bouncy Castle
- Sausage sizzle (cash only)
- The Eel Whisperer
- Waicare water monsters... and more!

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Unichem Browns Road Pharmacy	7/235 Browns Road, Manurewa
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

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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- You are between the ages of 3-35 years old

- OR -

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