HEREKINO SCHOOL

Term 4, week 1. Rāhina, te 12 o Whiringa-ā-nuku



Tenã koutou e te whânau,

Nau mai, hoki mai ki te kura! Welcome back to Term 4.

I hope our tamariki and whânau have enjoyed a restful and refreshing school holiday, with plenty of time to reconnect, recharge and enjoy special moments together.

It is wonderful to welcome everyone back to kura for what promises to be a busy, exciting and memorable final term of the year. We have plenty of learning, activities and celebrations ahead, and we look forward to making the most of every opportunity together.

As we begin this term, let us continue to encourage our tamariki to show kindness, respect, resilience and a willingness to learn. Every day is an opportunity to grow, achieve and make positive memories. Thank you to our whânau for your continued support and for the important role you play in your children's learning and success.

An Exciting New Chapter for Herekino School

This term marks a significant milestone in the history of our kura as we prepare for the transition into our new school building. Since Herekino School first opened in 1888, generations of tamariki, kaiako and whânau have contributed to the story of our school.

As we prepare to farwell our current school buildings, we acknowledge the memories, learning and relationships they hold. We also look forward with excitement to the opportunities our new learning environment will bring.

Our closing ceremony, school move and end-of-year celebrations will make this a particularly special term. We look forward to involving our whânau and community as we honour our past an embrace the future.

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Term 4 Important Dates and Events

Please mark these important dates on your whānau calendar.

- **Week 2–6: Readathon fundraiser**
- **Week 3 – Tuesday: History Time – High Tea**
- **Week 3 – Wednesday: Senior Athletics at Pamapuria**
- **Week 4 – Wednesday: Junior Athletics at Pamapuria**
- **Week 4 – Thursday: Tiki Tour Around the Motu**
- **Week 4 – Saturday: Lotto Drop fundraiser**
- **Week 5 – Friday, 13 November: Hāngi fundraiser**
- **Week 6 - Book Character Dress-Up Day**
- **Week 6 – Friday: School camp fees due**
- **Week 8 – Monday to Friday: School Camp**
- **Week 8 – Friday: School reports go home**
- **Week 9 - School Closing Ceremony**
- **Week 10 - School Moving Week and End-of-Year Prizegiving**
- **Week 10 – Friday: Last day of Term 4**

Public Holidays and School Closure

Monday, 26 October: Labour Day public holiday – school closed.

Friday, 18 December: Last day of Term 4, Summer Holiday.

Fundraising for the end of year trip to Tamaki Makaurau

This term, we have three fundraising initiatives planned to support our school camp which provide opportunities for our tamariki.

Readathon – Weeks 2–6

READ, READ, READ – AND HELP OUR KURA SUCCEED! 🌟🚤

Get ready, tamariki! It's time to pick up a book, turn those pages and take on the Herekino School Readathon Challenge!

We encourage ALL our tamariki to get involved, challenge themselves, discover exciting new stories and, most importantly, have FUN reading!

But we need your help, whânau! 💖

We are calling on our amazing whânau, friends and wider community to get behind our tamariki by sponsoring their reading efforts!

Whether it's a donation for every book completed, every reading goal achieved or simply a contribution to support their efforts, every dollar counts!

Our Readathon is about more than just raising funds. It's about building confident readers, developing a lifelong love or reading and showing our tamariki that hard work, determination and perseverance can make a real difference.

💚 So come on, whânau! Get behind our young readers, encourage them to aim high and help us raise funds for our kura!

📖 Every page counts!

⭐ Every reader matters!

⭐ Every sponsorship makes a difference!

Let's turn pages into possibilities and make our Herekino School Readathon a HUGE success!



We have Orowhana and Kora back at Kura today working hard with their mahi in class. ka mau te wehi!



Lotto Drop – Week 4, Saturday November 7th, 2026 at 8pm on the NZ Lotto

LOTTO DROP FUNDRAISER – LET'S GET BEHIND OUR KURA!

LOTTO DROP

It's time to rally together, whānau, and make our Lotto Drop Fundraiser a HUGE success! We're encouraging everyone to get behind this exciting fundraising opportunity! Every ticket sold brings us one step closer to reaching our fundraising goals and making a positive difference for our tamariki and kura. 💚 A HUGE thank you in advance to our amazing whānau, friends and wider community for your generosity and support! Tickets have been sent home with this pānui. Our lotto details are on both of our Facebook pages, alternatively you can contact the Kura to get a number.

When our community comes together, great things happen!

🌴 Tickets are $50 each!

🍫 Let's sell those tickets, spread the word and make every ticket count! Together, we can make it happen – for our tamariki, our kura and our future!

First four numbers drawn receive	5th & 6th	The 5th & 6th number receives	The bonus number receives
$100.00		$50.00	$400.00

You are able to deposit money into:

Account: Herekino School
Account number: 12-3096-0259618-54
Reference: Ticket number
Cash payments can be made at the Kura office.

Hāngi – Friday, 13 November

🍂🍽 HĀNGĪ FUNDRAISER – LET'S GET COOKING, WHĀNAU! 🍽🍂

Get ready for some delicious kai and an awesome opportunity to support our kura!
Our amazing whānau will be coming together to prepare 150 delicious hāngi meals, ready to sell, with all proceeds going towards the kura camp. This is more than just a fundraiser – it's about whanaungatanga, working together, sharing our skills and strengthening our school community!

🌟💎 HATS ON, TAMARIKI! 💎🌟

With the warmer weather arriving, it's time to be SUN SMART!
A friendly reminder to all our tamariki to bring their sunhats to school every day!
We want everyone to enjoy playing and learning outdoors while staying safe from the sun.
🌟 No hat, play in the shade! Come on, tamariki – grab your hats, stay sun smart and enjoy the sunshine! 😎

A FEW REMINDERS

Please ensure tamariki attend school regularly and arrive on time, ready for learning. Keep an eye on school notices for information about athletics, camp preparations, fundraising and end-of-year events.

School camp fees are due **Friday of Week 6**. Please contact the school early if you have any questions about payments or arrangements.

Reports will go home on **Friday of Week 8**, providing an opportunity to celebrate progress and reflect on each child's learning journey.

FINISHING THE YEAR TOGETHER

Although Term 4 is a busy term, it is an important time to celebrate the progress our tamariki have made, recognise their efforts and finish the year positively.
I encourage our children to make the most of every learning opportunity, take pride in their achievements and continue to demonstrate the values that make Herekino School such a special place.

To our staff, thank you for your dedication and commitment to our tamariki. To our whānau, thank you for standing alongside us and supporting our kura. Together, we can make this final

He waka eke noa – We are all in this together.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa,
Whaea Queenie Peterson,
The Principal, Herekino School

POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Whānau Involvement – School Policy Reviews

We are inviting whānau who are interested in being on a school policy review committee with Matua Tunney.

Our school policies are available on SchoolDocs and are reviewed regularly to ensure they remain relevant and reflect the needs of our kura, tamariki and whānau.

We would love to have whānau involved in this important process. Your whakaaro (thoughts), feedback and contributions are valuable in helping us make positive decisions for our kura.

If you are interested in being part of our Policy Review Committee, please let the kura know.

Mā te mahi tahi, ka ora ai tō tātou kura!

By working together, our school will thrive!

Access to the school policies:

Website: https//www.schooldocs.co.nz

Username: herekino

Password: together

Whānau Response Required Please complete the response below and return it to school as soon as possible.

Student name: _____
My child will attend the Auckland School Camp:

☐ YES - my child will attend
☐ NO - my child will not attend

Parent/Caregiver attending:
☐ YES
☐ NO

If attending, number of adults: _____
Number of children attending: _____
I understand the agreed contribution:

☐ $200 per student/adult, with a maximum family contribution of $500 for families with three or more children.

Whānau name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Ngā mihi

We appreciate the support of our whānau as we work together to make this camp possible. There is a lot to organise, and your early response will help us confirm numbers, transportation, accommodation, activities and staffing. If you would like to start making weekly contributions, you can deposit funds into this bank account:

Bank account name: Herekino School
Bank account number: 12-3096-0259618-54

REFERENCE: Your child's name.

We are excited about the opportunity to give our tamariki an experience where they can learn, explore, grow in confidence and create special memories together.