



Henderson South School

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Wednesday 7th May 2025

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou, and welcome back to Term 3!

I hope everyone enjoyed a restful holiday break with whānau and friends. It's great to see our students return full of energy—we're excited to channel that enthusiasm into positive, purposeful learning over the coming weeks.

Parent Portal – Now Live!

*The Ministry of Education has launched a new **Parent Portal**, a fantastic resource designed to help parents and whānau support their child's learning at home while strengthening the relationship between families, schools, and kura.*

This easy-to-use online platform offers:

- **Curriculum Learning Guides:** Year-by-year overviews of both *The New Zealand Curriculum* and *Te Marautanga o Aotearoa*, explaining what students are learning, why it matters, and when they'll learn it.
- **Practice Activities:** Home-friendly tasks, such as phonics cards with audio clips, to reinforce learning outside the classroom.
- **Videos & Resources:** Helpful explanations of assessments like the *Phonics Check* and *Hihira Weteoro*, as well as tips for preparing for the first day of school and parent-teacher meetings.

Explore the Parent Portal here  education.govt.nz/your-childs-learning or scan the QR



School Topic – Technology Continues

*We're continuing our focus on **Technology** this term. Rather than rush through the content, we want to take our time to explore the topic in depth. With only 9 weeks in the term, time will go quickly—but we're excited for what's ahead!*

Attendance Matters

Our school's average attendance sits between 80–85%. While that's a solid start, the

Ministry of Education's goal is 95%. We have a school-wide reward day when we reach 90%, and we'd love for everyone to be part of it. Let's aim high together!
If your child is going to be absent please let us know.
Email: office@hendersonsouth.school.nz or call and leave a message 09 8388766

Pink Shirt Day – Friday 16th May

Join us as we support **Pink Shirt Day** and stand against bullying. Students are welcome to wear pink-themed mufti. It will cost \$2.00 per child. All proceeds go to support this important cause. Of course, students may wear their uniform if they prefer.

By taking part in Pink Shirt Day on Friday 16 May, you're doing your part to eliminate bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusion.

Let's speak up, stand together, and stop bullying.

"Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora!"

Are you in?



Community Kindness Day – Thursday 22nd May

This year, we're highlighting **Kindness**—at school, at home, and in our wider community. On **Thursday 22nd May**, we're inviting everyone to join us at school for our **Community Kindness Day**.

Our staff have generously donated household items, and we'll be opening our **Kindness Room** from **9am to 2pm** on **Thursday 22nd May** for anyone in the community to come and collect what they need—no cost, just kindness. Everyone is welcome!

Reminders

- **Student Pickup:** Please collect your children at **2:45pm**. Increasing numbers of students are being left unsupervised after 3pm, which raises health and safety concerns.
- **Teacher Only Days:**
 - Friday 30th May – First Aid training for staff
 - Monday 9th June – Ministry of Education maths PD
- **Public Holidays:**
 - King's Birthday – Monday 2nd June
 - Matariki – Friday 20th June
- **Term 2 Ends:** Friday 27th June at **1pm**

Ngā mihi nui, and have a wonderful week ahead.

Trevor Diamond

Principal

