



Henderson South School

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Wednesday 8th October 2025
Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 4!

Kia ora koutou,

I hope everyone enjoyed a happy and restful break and had the chance to spend quality time with whānau and friends.

Term 4 is always a busy and exciting time, and this newsletter includes important dates and events for your calendar. Please take a moment to note these down so you don't miss anything.

Strike Action – Thursday 23 October

*You may have heard that NZEI Te Riu Roa members have voted to take strike action on **Thursday, 23 October**. Many of our teaching and support staff — including myself — are NZEI Te Riu Roa members and will be participating in the strike.*

*As a result, **Henderson South School will be closed on Thursday, 23 October. There will be no students on site that day.***

This decision was not made lightly. Throughout our collective agreement negotiations, we've raised several issues that we believe would make a real difference in supporting our students' learning. Unfortunately, we don't feel the Government is listening or understanding what schools and students truly need.

We are calling for:

- *Better support for learners — including a **teacher aide in every classroom**.*
- *Fair pay and recognition for all school staff.*
- *Action to attract and retain great teachers and support staff, rather than losing them overseas.*

A strike means a day without pay, but this is a step we are taking to stand up for what our students deserve.

Every student counts.

Teacher's Only Day – Friday 17th October

Professional Learning and Development – Maths school will be closed to all students

Photo life

School Photo's are on Monday 20th October 2025. If you would like your child to have a sibling photo. Please return the slip that's with the newsletter asap or call into the office to pick one up.

Student Attendance

*Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in your child's success at school — **everyday matters!***

When children attend school consistently, they benefit from steady learning, strong social connections, and daily routines that support their overall wellbeing and achievement.

*As parents and caregivers, your support in ensuring your child arrives at school **on time each day** and is **collected promptly at the end of the day** makes a real difference to their education and their future success.*

Together, we can help every student reach their full potential

Reminder of School Bell Times

 **8:30am** – Classrooms open. Children may enter and get ready for the school day.

 **8:55am** – School starts.

 **11:00am** – Morning tea.

 **11:20am** – Classes recommence.

 **1:00pm** – Lunch.

 **1:40pm** – Classes recommence.

 **2:45pm** – End of the school day. All children go home

Term 4 Reminders and Key Dates

TOD (Teacher Only Day – Maths Focus):

Friday 17 October

Te Uru Art Gallery Trips:

Puriri & Tawa – Tuesday 14 October

Pua Taunofo & Pohutukawa – Wednesday 15 October

Pua Tausala & Manuka – Thursday 16 October

Rimu & Kahikatea – Tuesday 21 October

Kauri & Totara – Tuesday 28 October

Puka & Rata – Thursday 30 October

School Photos: Monday 20 October

Teachers' Strike: Thursday 23 October (School Closed)

Inter-school Athletics: Thursday 30 October

Whole School Athletics: Thursday 13 November

Japanese Student Group Arrives (Tokyo): Friday 14 November – for two weeks

Fun Day: Thursday 11 December

Year 6 Graduation: Friday 12 December, 9:30am–11:00am

Reports & Class Parties: Tuesday 16 December

2026 Classes Announced: Wednesday 17 December

Final Medal Assembly: Thursday 18 December

I know that's a lot to take in, but I hope this list helps you plan ahead and stay organised for what will be a fun and busy final term.

Have a fantastic Term 4!

Trevor Diamond

Principal

