

13th March 2024

HELENSVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING DATES

Mondays @ 9am: Tū Maia Hui & 12pm Pasifika

Wednesdays @ 9am & 10am: E Tū Taurira Groups

Thursdays 3pm: Creative Matters Art Class

7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March: Tech Rooms 10,11,12

8th, 15th, 22nd March, 2nd April: Tech Rooms 14,15

11th - 16th March: St Johns in School, tennis lessons

19th March. Yr 7/8 Vaccinations

5-7pm Whānau Fun Night

20th-21st March I am Hope Class sessions

21st March Sock Day - Down Syndrome Day

28th March, 4th , 11th April NE visits

29th March: Good Friday (school closed)

4th April PUM Meeting for staff

See more on the [website calendar](#)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora, talofa lava and warm greetings Helensville School whānau.

My sincere apologies for the late and brief newsletter. I have been away most of last week attending principal meetings and conferences with those in our Kaipara and West Auckland areas. Nurturing our connections with our neighbouring schools, and ensuring that Helensville School has a voice at these meetings is vitally important. Strengthening our relationships within our Kaipara schools is summed up nicely by the whakatauki below:

**‘Ki te kotahi te kākaho ka whati, Ki te kāpuia e kore e whati.’
Alone we can be broken. Standing together, we are invincible.**

Our school calendar is getting busy with all our sporting events coming up for the end of the term, we have summer sports for the senior end of the school, swimming, cricket, tennis, and bowling. We have also had a range of visitors through our school doing amazing things with our students, like St Johns, Food for Thought, and our Kahui Ako Wānanga group.

Please note that our teachers have an NZEI paid union meeting (PUM) on Thursday 4th April. Helensville School will be hosting this event in our hall for the Kaipara Region. There will be some disruptions to your child's learning throughout that day as we coordinate staff to attend these meetings, but pick-up and drop-off times will remain the same.

Take care, stay safe and have a great week everyone.

Richard Bennett
(Principal)



A number of our classes have been looking at their heritage and Room 7 have added tikanga to this and created visual pepeha. They now are displayed proudly in their class for all to share.



CONGRATULATIONS



These students have been awarded values vouchers for
ALL our Values.

Hunter Porter, Erin May, Charli Stokes,
Indi Foreman. Harry Coles, Leroy McCormack,
Ayva Best-Peraua, Senesi Harris, Cooper Foreman
and Tilly Oliver Chambers



They will be having a reward “Pizza with the Principal” soon.

Helensville Primary School

OUR VALUES

-  **Respect | Whakaute**
-  **Resilience | Hihiri**
-  **Excellence | Kairangi**
-  **Assertiveness | Maia**
-  **Citizenship | Kotahitanga**
-  **Honesty | Pono**





It is lovely to see our new tamariki engaged in literacy and succeeding so early on in their learning journey.

≡ KING OF THE SCHOOLS

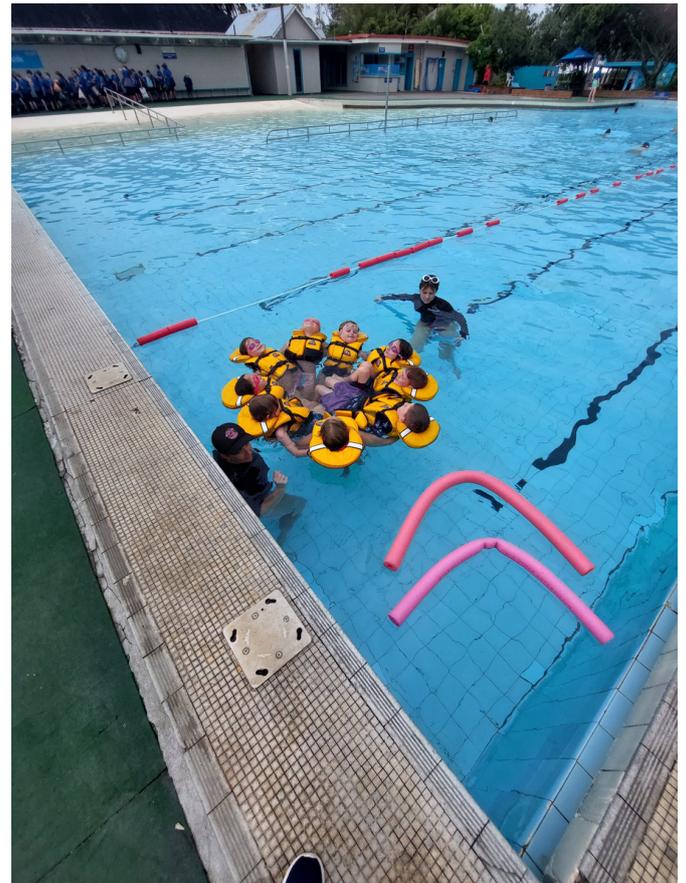
Friday 1 March

HPS start the NZ school moto champs off with a bang securing 3rd place

What an awesome day for our team with Hunter Blair securing 1st place and Judah Borrett 2nd place in the mx50 class followed by an epic effort from Ollie Blair coming in 11th and Josh McComb 15th in the trail class! Ka rawe to mahi boys!



Judah Borrett, Hunter Blair, Josh McComb, Ollie Blair



Swimming is now over for all our students . They have had a great time learning how to swim, perfecting their strokes and also become aware of how to be safe in the water.

Nau mai haere mai tamariki

Welcome to our new students



Kerbie Lester
Finn Chamberlain
Emily Ramsey-Turner
Freya Mourant
Lyrik Simon
Stellah Fletcher

Whānau Fun Night Tuesday 19th March - 5 - 7pm



\$6 Beef Nachos



\$6 Vege Nachos



\$2 Drinks, Juicies



\$3 Sausages



\$5 Bacon Butties

GF, DF Nachos available

Cash and Eftpos available (no paywave/credit)

Or B.Y.O. Picnic.

Come and play some games
Meet the teachers & HPS whānau

Bring a picnic blanket and shade



World Down Syndrome Day

Thursday 21st March

The '**Lots of Socks**' campaign is a celebration of everything that makes all of us different, and yet the same.



Wear your brightest and boldest socks to school to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day!



PATHS

ANNOUNCEMENT

We had an amazing turn out for our PATHS AGM on Tuesday evening 24 committee, as we farewelled our 2023 committee and elected our 2024 committee.

We sadly farewell Chrissie Wood, Leigh Harland and Andy Calder as they have stepped down from the committee. Leigh and Andy will now be on our FOOTs team instead and don't worry Chrissie has said that she is still available for Quiz Nights!!

We thank Chrissie, Andy and Leigh for all of their time and dedication they have given over the years.



Our 2024 Committee:

Co-Chair: Hillary Steedman and Sophie Gear

Secretary: Deanne Hattaway

Treasurer: Sarah Jaques

Communication: Karen Holleron

Donations and Sponsorship: Justene King

Staff Rep: Jennie Clark



House Colour T-Shirts



\$20.00 each

**Please return your orders by Friday 22nd March.
T-Shirts are made to order - ready 5th April.**

Please circle colour and size below:

Name: _____ **Room:** _____

Colour: Gold / Blue / Green / Red

Children's Dri Gear Sports Size: 6 / 8 / 10 / 12 / 14 / 16 / 18

Children's AS Colour Cotton Size: 4 / 6 / 8 / 10 / 12 / 14 / 16

Men's AS Colour Cotton Size: S / M / L / XL / 2XL / 3XL

Women's AS Colour Cotton Sizes: S / M / L / XL

T-Shirts are made to order so sizes are unable to be exchanged.

Cash or direct credit only please - no eftpos available.

Helensville Primary School Parent Teacher Association Account: ASB Cheque 12-3659-0030789-00

Please use surname and RM# as reference

NOW THAT WE ARE NO LONGER USING SEESAW, YOU MAY WANT TO SAVE YOUR CHILD'S JOURNALS. READ BELOW TO SEE HOW TO DO THIS...

HOW DO FAMILIES AND STUDENTS SAVE AND DOWNLOAD STUDENT WORK?

DO YOU WANT TO SAVE YOUR STUDENT'S WORK? HERE'S HOW TO DOWNLOAD A .ZIP ARCHIVE OF A SEESAW JOURNAL, INCLUDING PICTURES, PHOTOS, VIDEOS, AUDIO RECORDINGS, AND TEXT NOTES OR CAPTIONS.

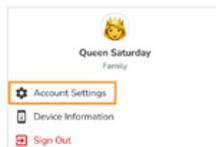
PLEASE USE A COMPUTER AND A CHROME OR FIREFOX BROWSER ONLY, THE .ZIP FILE WILL NOT DOWNLOAD ON A MOBILE OR TABLET DEVICE. STUDENTS WHO SIGN INTO SEESAW USING THEIR EMAIL ADDRESS CAN ALSO DOWNLOAD THEIR .ZIP ARCHIVE BY FOLLOWING THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

HOW TO DOWNLOAD STUDENT WORK

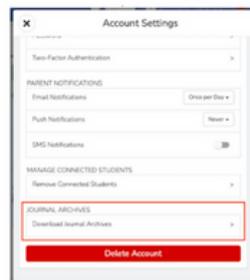
1. SIGN INTO YOUR FAMILY OR STUDENT ACCOUNT AT [HTTPS://APPSEESAW.ME](https://app.seesaw.me).
2. TAP YOUR PROFILE ICON IN THE TOP LEFT CORNER, AND SELECT THE GEAR ICON.



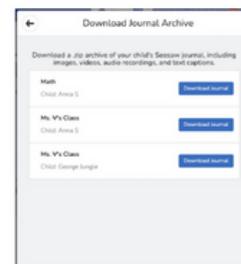
3. TAP ACCOUNT SETTINGS.



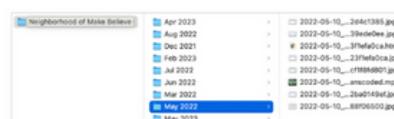
4. SCROLL DOWN AND TAP DOWNLOAD JOURNAL ARCHIVE



5. TAP THE DOWNLOAD JOURNAL BUTTON FOR THE JOURNAL YOU WANT TO DOWNLOAD. THIS MIGHT TAKE A WHILE DEPENDING ON YOUR INTERNET SPEED AND HOW MANY POSTS YOUR CHILD HAS IN SEESAW.



6. THIS IS WHAT YOU GET! FILES ARE ORGANIZED BY MONTH AND THEN ORDERED BY THE DATE THE POST WAS ADDED. YOU'LL SEE AN .HTML FILE WITH A THUMBNAIL, TEXT NOTES OR CAPTIONS, FOLDER NAMES, AND LINKS (IF THE POST USED THE LINK CREATIVE TOOL). YOU'LL ALSO SEE THE ORIGINAL IMAGE, VIDEO, OR AUDIO FILES.





@school Caregivers App

A reminder that once you have downloaded the @school Caregivers App and accessed it using your login. You then need to go to settings and allow notifications and set yourself a pin. If you have any trouble pop in and speak to Karen Holleron or email her on karenh@helensville.school.nz



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Junior grade Hockey, School Years 3-8

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