

13TH SEPTEMBER 2024

# HELENSVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Upcoming Events



### September

**16th Sept:** Miro Farm Trip Y3/4  
Rimu Speech Finals  
**17th Sept:** NH Rippa Sessions  
**18th Sept:** Miro walking trip Helensville Library  
E Tu Tauria (Y8)  
Rata Farm Trip Y5/6  
**19th Sept:** Miro walking trip Helensville Library  
**20th Sept:** Miro walking trip Helensville Library  
**23rd Sept:** Tu Māia Hui 9:10am  
**24th Sept:** NH Rippa Session  
Board Meeting 7pm  
**25th Sept:** **Young Farmer Prelims**  
NW Volleyball Comp Y 7-8  
Kāhui Ako Speech Finals Y5-8  
E Tu Tauria (Y8)  
**PATHS Disco**  
**26th Sept:** Netball Prizegiving 6pm in School Hall  
**27th Sept:** AIM High hui - 1:45pm. Term 3 Ends.

### October

**14th Oct: Term 4 Begins**  
Whakatau 10:30am  
**14th - 18th Oct:** Niuean Language Week  
**18th Oct: AG Day**  
**21st Oct:** Tu Māia Hui 9:10am  
Cricket Awareness Y1-4  
**22nd Oct:** HPV 2 Immunisations  
Board Meeting 7pm  
**23rd Oct:** Cricket Awareness  
**28th Oct: Labour Day**  
**29 Oct: Teacher Only Day**  
**30th Oct:** HPS School Athletics Day  
WestFest - Kapa Haka Festival

### November

**1st Nov: South Kaipara Group Day**  
**4th - 8th Nov:** Rata Camp  
**4th Nov:** Tu Māia Hui 9:10am  
**5th Nov:** Northwest Touch Y7/8  
PATHS meeting 6pm  
**11th Nov:** Tu Māia Hui 9:10am  
Kaipara Athletics  
**12th Nov:** Kaipara Athletics (save day)  
**16th Nov:** Kaipara Festival  
**18th Nov:** Tu Māia Hui 9:10am  
**19th Nov:** Board Meeting 7pm  
**21st Nov:** NW Athletics  
**Te Pō Evening**  
(Maori Celebration Evening)  
**25th Nov:** Tu Māia Hui 9:10am  
**29th Nov:** PATHS Trivia Night

### December

**2nd Dec:** Tu Maia Hui 9:10am  
**3rd Dec:** Northwest Touch/Tag Y5/6  
PATHS Meeting 6pm  
**5th Dec:** **HPS Fiafia Night**  
**6th Dec:** Service Award Hui Y5-8  
**9th Dec:** Tu Maia Hui 9:10am  
**11th Dec:** Parent Helper Morning Tea  
**13th Dec:** End of Year Prizegiving 11am  
**17th Dec:** **Last Day of Term 4**  
School closes at 12:30pm

### Glossary

**Tu Māia Hui** - Whole school Assembly - Values  
**E Tu Tauria** - Senior Student transition support group  
**Kāhui ako** - Community of Learning - Cluster group of schools  
**Whakatau** - Traditional Welcome to School through a Te Ao Tikanga Māori lense  
**Te Pō Evening** - Māori Celebration Evening

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Friday 13th September 2024

Kia ora and warm greetings Helensville School whānau.

I would like to start my principal's message this week by acknowledging the passing of Kīngi Tuheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero V11. The King was a humble man who rose to lead the Kingitanga movement on the passing of his Mother, Kuini Dame Te Atairangikaahu. In turn, he is now succeeded by his daughter Kuini Nga wai hono i te Po. As the only daughter and youngest child of Kīngi Tuheitia, Kuini Nga wai hono i te Po becomes the eighth monarch of the Kingitanga, continuing the direct line to the first Māori King. We wish the new Māori queen all the best as she continues her father's legacy of Kotahitanga - bringing people together.

Next week we will be celebrating Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. This is an annual celebration for all New Zealanders to show their support for the Māori language, an official language of this country. The theme for Te Wiki 2024 is 'Ake Ake Ake - A Forever Language'. It represents the resilience, adaptability and endurance of our language. It also reflects the commitment New Zealanders have to embracing and learning Te Reo Māori long into the future. Under enduring pressure Te Reo Māori has shown it will adapt and survive. It grows with our people, our culture, and our environment. Our school has recently implemented a new Te Reo Māori program which has much more interactive and supportive resources for teachers and students. This will definitely add value to the learning activities during the week.

I would like to praise all our students who participated in the Rata Team speech finals this week. As a guest judge, I was hugely impressed with the quality of all the speeches. Echoing the sentiments of the other judges (June Oswald, Heather Bell, Mark Dennis, Gemma Finnie, Leonydas Adlam, and Pixie Sykes) the passion, content, delivery, and hard work that had taken place to get them to such a high standard was evident. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Mr. Nadat and his team of student helpers for organising this fantastic event, and all the teachers in the Rata Team for the support they gave all their students in preparation for the finals. A big thank you to our parents who attended and supported their children in what would have been a very nervous time for them all.

I had the luxury and privilege of being able to drive down and support our AIMS Games Team on Wednesday. The atmosphere down there was just fantastic, with a real 'whānau feel' in our camp. Feedback from those I was able to talk to, all our students have put their absolute heart and soul into their events and have represented the school and themselves proudly, which is all that we ask of them - win or lose. As expected, the support from parents and staff for these games has been next-level amazing. A full 2024 AIMS Games report and due acknowledgments will be added to our next newsletter in the final week of school this term.

Take care and have a great weekend everyone, kia kaha e hoa ma.

Richard Bennett  
(Principal)

# North West Cross Country 2024

Another fantastic day out at Muriwai Surf Club racing some of the best runners in the North West region. An amazing effort from all children! Most races had a minimum of 80 children competing. A big congratulations to Tilly Oliver-Chambers who ran a whopping 3km in the para category winning the race.

A special mention to these 8 students who finished in the top 10 for Year 7 & 8s and will be representing Helensville School at Auckland Champs on the 3rd September also at Muriwai Surf Club.

Eden Asiata-Wea, Ben Collinge-Coker, Elizabeth Allen, Kaylee Johnson-Hull, Harry Coles, Finbarr Brosnan, Liam Reynolds and Cooper Foreman

We wish you all the best for your races!

We are very proud of the grit, resilience and effort demonstrated by all of our runners.

## NW CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Year 8 Girls	Placing	Year 8 Boys	Placing
Eden Asiata-Wea	1st	Ben Collinge-Coker	1st
Amber Copland	16th	Braxton Clay	27th
Year 8 Girls Para-Athletes	Placing	Samuel Shaw	29th
Tilly Oliver-Chambers	1st	Tyler Smith	41st
Year 7 Girls	Placing	Year 7 Boys	Placing
Elizabeth Allen	4th	Harry Coles	2nd
Kaylee Johnson-Hull	7th	Finbarr Brosnan	4th
Maia Keefe	11th	Cooper Foreman	8th
Nienke Vorster	20th	Liam Reynolds	10th
Neva Wilson	19th	Lincoln Clarke	16th
Indi Foreman	22nd	Aston Powell	23rd
Brielle Smith	25th		
Kyla Wells	39th		
Mia Keates	40th		
Year 6 Girls	Placing	Year 6 Boys	Placing
Molly Brown	14th	Astin McFadden	48th
Brogan Wells	40th	Aoma Asada	26th
Roxanne Sawyer	49th	Felix Smith	DNF
Jemima Sawyer	51st		
Sadie Pengelly	62nd		
Willa Schliebs	34th	Year 5 Boys	Placing
Elliott Pengelly	53rd	Blake Asiata-Wea	30th
Year 5 Girls	Placing	Liam Chamberlain	53rd
Lyla Twentyman	43rd	Finnik Green	18th
Evelyn Kidd	10th	Arlo Asiata-Wea	27th
Elise Powell	33rd	Nixon Foreman	2nd
Kayla Keefe	26th	Leo Christmas	19th





*Congratulations to our Year 8 Netball girls who won the Kaipara season, the Northwest Tournament and made it through to the Auckland Champs.  
Well done girls!*



## NORTH HARBOUR RIPPA TOURNAMENT

Our year 3-6 Rippa Teams competed at another North Harbour Rippa Tournament and had lots of fun.  
Great team work and sportsmanship shown by everyone.





# Rata Speech Competition 2024



This week the Rata team held their annual Speech Competition for 2024. After working hard within our classes to work on speeches and the class competitions, 15 students qualified for the finals held on Monday. This year we also had a guest speech from our Year 4 student Shanade Norman who was chosen to represent the Miro team.

The competition itself was exciting and interesting with a wide range of topics covered from “Why NZ should have another NRL team” to “Animal testing should stop.” Our winner for 2024 was decided on by guest judges and after much deliberation and marking judged on the presentation, topic, confidence and audience engagement the Rata team winner was selected.

The winning speech for 2024 was “Why everyone should have a lamb for AG day at least once” written and presented by Evelyn Kidd from Room 1. A massive congratulations to Evelyn, who will now be representing our school at the Kahui Ako Speech Competition on Wednesday 25th September.

A huge thank you to our judges: Mr Bennett, Mr Mark Dennis, Mrs Heather Bell, Mrs June Oswald, Miss Gemma Gilbert and our Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl, Leo and Pixie.



Congratulations to our top three for the competition;  
3rd Place equal: Brogan Wells (Room 6) and Luke Perrett (Room 4)  
2nd Place: Michelle Ilenwabor (Room 1)  
1st Place: Evelyn Kidd (Room 1)

A shout out also to all our competitors during the event: Oscar Lee (Room 2), Kiyana Jafari (Room 1), Gordon Mills (Room 4), Mirren Hattaway (Room 6), Sadie Pengelly (Room 2), Jack May (Room 3), Shanade Norman (Room 16, Year 4), Kaea Wihongi-Johnson (Room 3), Elliot Pengelly (Room 6), Jemima Sawyer (Room 3), Mason Orr (Room 2), Willa Schliebs (Room 2)



Finally a huge shout out to all our Rata teachers and students and parents for their help and support in making this another successful Speech Competition and our MC's for the day; Roxy Sawyer and Zach Perkins for their fantastic and stellar job presenting.

# *Helensville Primary School*

## *would like to invite your Whānau*

To our Te Pō Celebration Evening for the community  
On Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024

The evening celebrations will include:

TE PŌ - THE NIGHT  
6pm Pōwhiri  
ITERATION

Kai will be provided.

Performances and Presentations for our students

Please **RSVP** to [sharont@helensville.school.nz](mailto:sharont@helensville.school.nz) before Friday 1st November 2024 with whānau numbers for Hangi or Sausage Sizzle.

If you are able to Koha anything please let us know e.g. potatoes, chicken, watercress, dry tea tree wood, pork, lamb, kumara, sausages.

**The Te Pō evening** is a celebration evening for all of our children and whānau. The purpose is to end the school year with a focus on celebrating who we are as a community but with a Te Ao Māori Focus. We will be supplying food, gifts and performances from our tamariki who are in the Kapa Haka group. There are some awards given out to students who shine in te ao Māori however we want everyone who wants to be part of the evening to join us in celebrating the night. Previously this evening was for Maori whānau only, however some whānau felt that this was very separatist, so we want this to be a night where we celebrate "Kotahitanga, unity".

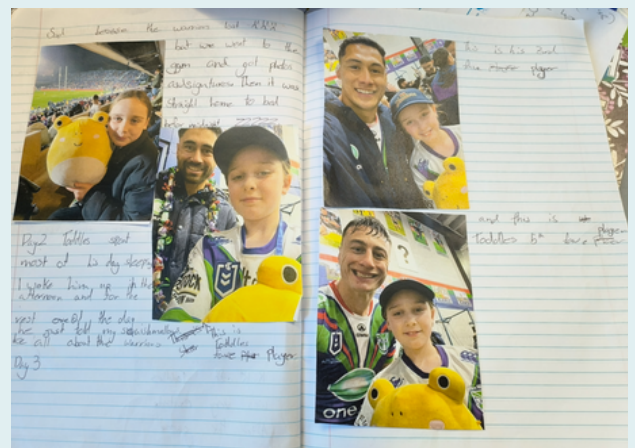
If you wish to know more please feel free in contacting me at [glens@helensville.school.nz](mailto:glens@helensville.school.nz).

Donations of Manuka and sheep for the Hangi would be appreciated.

If you would like to donate please let us know and we can arrange inspection and pick up.

## Room 6 - Toddles the Class Pet Meets the NRL Warriors: A Day to Remember!

In a delightful turn of events, the Room 6 beloved class pet, Toddles, had the incredible opportunity to meet the NRL Warriors League Team! Meeting Shaun Johnson after his final NRL game was a highlight for Toddles. The excitement in Room 6 was palpable as the students looked at photos and heard all about his big day out with Ruby.



# Kāhui Ako o Kaipara Mathex Competition

On Wednesday 28 August, three teams represented Helensville Primary in the Kāhui Ako o Kaipara Mathex Competition. One team of Year 5 and 6 students and two teams of Year 7 and 8 students competed at Kaipara College with other local primary schools. In this fast-paced, energetic contest, teams work together to solve 20 maths questions, racing against the clock and other teams. We were proud of how our teams worked together cooperatively and showed our school values throughout the day, particularly Hīhiri/Resilience and Kotahitanga/Citizenship. Here are some photos of our teams in action.



Mathletics

## CONGRATULATIONS!

To everyone on their achievements so far this year reaching Bronze, Gold, Platinum and Epic.

### Gold

George Stott III



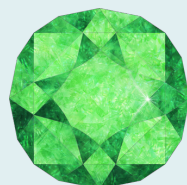
### Diamond

Ansh Jangra V  
Thomas Graham I



### Emerald

Thomas Graham III  
Cale Silich IV



### Epic

Rashan Pitiyage III  
Ansh Jangra III



Friday 18th Oct	Agricultural Day Timetable 2024
8:15am onwards	<p>All 'Home Activities' and any 'Wider School Scarecrow' entries that have not been delivered on Thursday can be delivered <b>before school</b> on the Friday</p> <p>Cake boxes and plates to the hall from 8:15 am</p> <p><b>Judging will take place at 9am.</b></p> <p><b>The hall will be open after school for whānau to view these exhibits and for the Bake Sale</b></p>
9.30am - 11:00am	Large animal competition on top field
11.45am - 12:45pm	Horse and pony ring on bottom field
1.30pm - 3:00pm	Young Farmer competition both competitive and give it a go categories on Top field
3:00pm - 5:00pm	<p>Classrooms open for Science and Inquiry exhibitions</p> <p>Hall open to view crafts</p> <p>Cake stall and sausage sizzle - outside hall</p>
After our Agricultural Day Event	
<p>All Ag Day entries should be collected and taken home after our event. Student work that is not collected on Friday 18th October will be available from the school hall on Monday morning or sent to classrooms.</p> <p><b>Large Animal Prizegiving will happen at one of our Whole School Hui following Ag Day.</b></p>	



Come to school  
dressed as a Farmer for  
AG Day on Friday 18th  
October 2024





# AG DAY

18th October 2024

It's looking different  
this year.



- **Large Animals:** competition for Group Day ( Animals need to be born after June 30th 2024.  
For an information booklet and registration see Tania McCorkindale.)
- **Fun Ring for Large Animals** - non competitive - Mandy is bringing her lamb!!!
- **Pony ring:** We are considering a pony ring. If you would like to bring your pony for a ribbon day competition please let Tania McCorkindale know we will make a decision depending on numbers



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# Lamb Creche

**Note: The Lamb Creche at School will close on Friday 27th September 2024.**



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# Disco

Fundraiser by PATHS

**25th September**

Helensville Primary School Hall

Years 0 - 4: 5:00 - 6:00pm

Years 5 - 8: 6:30 - 8:00pm

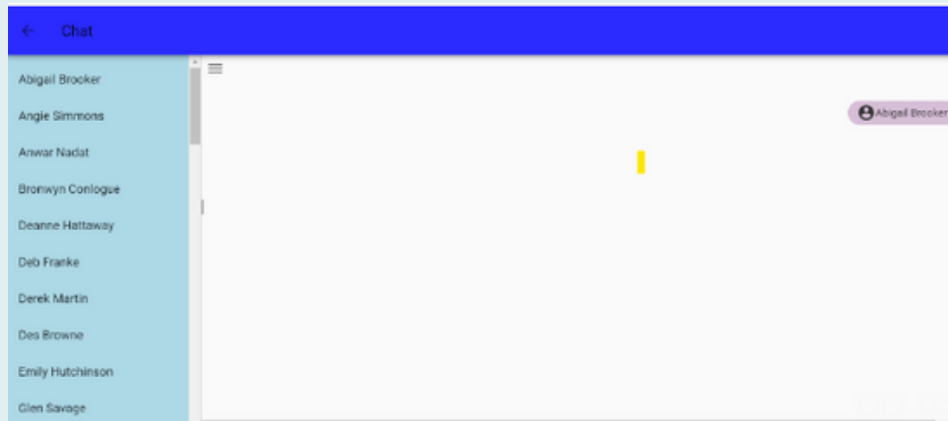
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# School App Chat



For the Chat function with your teacher in the school app, please ensure you select your classroom teacher from the the navigation option at the top left hand corner, to ensure your message goes to the correct person.

**FAMILY GOLF FESTIVAL**  
- HELENSVILLE GOLF CLUB -

**29TH SEPTEMBER SUNDAY**

**JUNIOR OPEN DAY**

- 2pm to 4pm
- FREE EVENT (Ages 6-16yrs)
- FREE LEARN and PLAY session
- Beginners are welcome. Come and Have a go at GOLF!

**TEAM EVENT**

- 4pm (Shotgun Start) following Junior Open Day
- 9 Holes - 2 Ball Team Ambrose
- Team made up of two family members (Adult & Junior)
- \$50 per team

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# Our **VILLAGE**

## Coffee/Playgroup



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### Community, Coffee, Chat, Chill

Every Thursday 930am - 130pm including School Holidays

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GRANDPARENTS,  
ALL THE WHĀNAU  
WITH/WITHOUT CHILDREN**

 **FREE Cloth Nappy Library.**

 **Monthly Pop-Up Photos.**

 **Connect with locals and community organizations.**

 **If you're new to the area or been here since ages ago**

 **We would love to meet you, Lets raise Our Village together!**

Find all the latest updates on our Facebook Page/Group Search: Our Village - Northwest

Big Thank you to our venue hire sponsor: **Harcourts The Difference**  
Nicky and the team at Harcourts Helensville

## Cleaning up our area

South Kaipara Clean Ups and Our Village North West have joined forces to clean up Helensville.

The two volunteer community groups have been collaborating monthly since March, and together have removed 36 bags of rubbish from the streets of Helensville and a small section of the Helensville riverside walkway.

"The invaluable contributions of our dedicated volunteers have been instrumental in achieving this significant progress. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has generously offered their time and effort to help," says Our Village North West's Kayla Clements.

Kayla says a major challenge has been the financial burden of disposing of the collected rubbish.

"HP Fitness has graciously sponsored the disposal fees for the past three events, without which our efforts would not have been as successful. Vets North Helensville allowed us their skip bin use for our July clean up which was truly beneficial," she says.

The groups meet at 10am on

the third Thursday of each month at the old Kaipara Tavern carpark at 26 Commercial Rd - where Helensville Fresh Mart is now located. The volunteers then meet again around 11:30am to offload their bags of rubbish before heading to St Matthews church, 60 Garfield Road, for a hot drink and light refreshments.

Dates for the next clean-ups are: August 15, September 19, and October 17.

Local businesses keen to support the clean up venture - for instance by donating rubbish bags and gloves, helping with rubbish disposal costs, or having a skip bin that could be used occasionally - can email Christina

Norton of South Kaipara Clean Ups at: christinaandriley@hotmail.com.

Businesses that have so far supported the clean ups include: HP Fitness, River Valley Meats, Vets North Helensville, FIGG, Farm Source, and Helensville Fresh Mart.

For updates on future events, both South Kaipara Clean Ups and Our Village - North West are on Facebook.



If you have a child turning 5 within the next year, please reach out to the office for pre-enrolment details.

Please remind your child that if they bring a mobile phone to school, it must be handed in at the office for safe keeping!



# YOU'RE INVITED

## Join our crew for a new dawn

We invite you to attend the public opening of the newly completed  
**Kaipara Marine Rescue Centre**

**When**

Saturday  
14 September 2024

**Where**

85 Springs Road  
Parakai

**Public Opening**

1- 3pm



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