



14TH FEBRUARY 2025

# HELENSVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Upcoming Events



### February

- 17th Feb:** Tū Maia Hui 9am  
Family Picnic 5pm
- 21st Feb:** Swim Trials
- 22nd Feb:** A&P Show
- 24th Feb:** Tū Maia Hui 9am
- 25th Feb:** PATHs Meeting 6pm  
Board Meeting 7pm
- 26th Feb:** Y7/8 Tag

### March

- 3rd Mar:** Tū Maia Hui 9am
- 4th Mar:** NW Tee Ball - Y5/6
- 5th Mar:** NW Tee Ball Save Day
- 10th Mar:** Tū Maia Hui 9am  
Kaipara Swimming Y5-8
- 11 Mar:** NW Cricket Y7/8  
PATHS 6pm
- 14th Mar:** NW Cricket Save Day
- 17th Mar:** Tū Maia Hui 9am  
NW Swimming Y6-8
- 18th Mar:** Board Meeting 7pm
- 24th Mar:** Tū Maia Hui 9am
- 27th Mar:** New Entrant Visit 1 9am
- 29th Mar:** GALA DAY 10am - 2pm
- 31st Mar:** Tū Maia Hui 9am  
Yr 5/6 Summer Sports

### April

- 3rd Apr:** New Entrant Visit 2 9am
- 4th Apr:** NW Tennis Y7/8
- 7th Apr:** Tū Maia Hui 9am  
Y7/8 Summer Sports
- 10th Apr:** New entrant visit 3 9am
- 11th Apr:** Arohia Ake Hui 1:50pm End of Term
- 28th Apr:** First Day of Term Two

### May

- 6th May:** PATHs 6pm
- 15th May:** New Entrant Visit 1 9am  
West Fest
- 20th May:** NW Football
- 22nd May:** New Entrant Visit 2 9am  
NW Football Save Day
- 27th May:** NW Basketball
- 29th May:** New Entrant Visit 3 9am

### June

- 2nd Jun:** KINGS BIRTHDAY
- 3rd Jun:** PATHs 6pm  
Nest Parent Evening Y5-8
- 6th Jun:** NW Table Tennis
- 12th Jun:** NW Football Y5/8
- 13th Jun:** NW Football Save Day
- 20th Jun:** MATARIKI
- 24th Jun:** NW Hockey
- 26th Jun:** NW Hockey Save Day
- 27th Jun:** Arohia Ake Hui 1:50pm  
End of Term 2

### 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

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora, talofa lava, kia orana, fakaalofa lahi atu, ni sa bula vinaka, malo e lelei, namaste, welkom, ayubowan, sannu and warm greetings to all our Helensville School whānau for 2025.

Firstly, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families, I look forward to meeting with you over this term so please pop in and see me if ever you have time for a chat. A few new classroom teachers have joined us this year, and we are excited about the wealth of knowledge and skills that they bring and will share with us. We also welcome back Matua Glen who was on study leave all of last year, he returns to his position as Deputy Principal of the Senior School.

I would like to humbly acknowledge all our families who were able to attend the beautiful Whakatau on Monday, thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to be present for this very important occasion. To all our speakers on the day, your words were delivered with eloquence and mana, kia ora rawa atu!

There have been a few changes to Helensville School for 2025 in terms of structure and organisation. A big change was the relocation of the junior area of the school nearer to the admin block. This was the original location, and we will monitor this closely to see how our junior students respond to this. We have also created across-school curriculum teams for Literacy, Mathematics, and Physical Education / Sport. This is to support our teachers in adhering to all the new Ministry of Education directives concerning professional learning and development, assessment and reporting, and implementation of the refreshed NZ Curriculum in some areas.

It is going to be a big year for all schools across the motu to deliver on all these changes. I mentioned to our teaching staff at one of our Teacher Only Days at the start of the year that this year is going to be full of challenges for us to navigate. As a school we are well-placed in regards to delivering on these directives, but our teachers will be under a lot of pressure. Having said this, I have full faith in our teaching staff to ensure we are on top of everything. On this note I would like to reference this whakataukī:

## **“He kai kei aku ringa”**

This whakataukī signifies resilience, empowerment and hope.

We are still awaiting clarification and confirmation from the Ministry of Education on new reporting guidelines. How we will be reporting to you this year may or may not look different from other years. We will keep you informed and updated as much as possible.

Our 2025 school calendar is full of many fun and exciting events, so please ensure you have the caregivers app loaded so that you don't miss any important notices.

I would like to wish everyone the very best for the year ahead. Take care, stay safe, and have a great weekend everyone.

Richard Bennett  
(Principal)

# Road Safety Message

We all know that parking is limited around Helensville Primary School and there is little that we can do about it. What we can control is our own driver behaviour. Our combined attention to traffic safety and ongoing courtesy to others at the school drop off and pick up is what ensures that all our tamariki get to and from school safely. We all have a role to play in this. I would like to thank those of you who already understand this and always park legally.

I have received numerous complaints from locals about the driving or parking behaviour of parents from our school community over the years I have been here as Principal. Most of these complaints have been about drivers parking on yellow lines near the school, or of poor driving around pick up and drop off times down our narrow surrounding streets. This is in addition to the conversations I've had with individual parents while I have been on duty in the mornings and after school. A few notes about Yellow Lines and Pedestrian Crossings are below:

## Yellow Lines

Yellow lines tell drivers that they can't stop there. They are there to make sure that all road users can see other traffic and pedestrians, as well as our tamariki on Road Patrol being able to see all traffic and do their job safely. There is no exception for "just a minute". Drivers must remember that the yellow lines are there to keep everyone safe, and can't be ignored just for the sake of their own convenience.

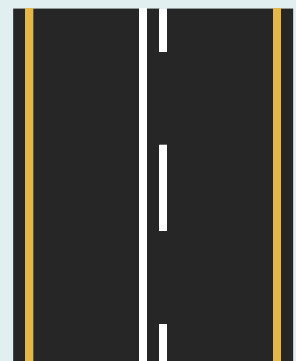
## Pedestrian Crossings

At Helensville School we monitor two pedestrian crossings, one on Rata Street and one on Garfield Road. Our tamariki only do Road Patrol for our Rata Street crossing. When Road Patrol is operating drivers may not need to stop for waiting pedestrians as the Road Patrollers will wave them on and hold pedestrians until there is a break in the traffic. This keeps traffic flowing. Drivers need to pay close attention to crossings nearby schools at the start and finish of the school day to notice whether or not a Road Patrol is operating. If there is no Road Patrol, then drivers and riders must follow the road rules for a pedestrian crossing.

We have always taken a positive educational approach to road safety around the school, but this does not seem to be making much of a difference as easily avoidable road safety concerns are still permitting. We would not want to change this to a punitive approach and organise the authorities to start doing checks and issuing tickets around pick-up and drop-off times, but we may very well need to if these driving behaviours do not improve. At the end of the day, all of this is for the safety and well-being of our children.

**“He waka eke noa”**

We are all in this together.



# KAIPARA NETBALL 2025



INFO AND REGISTRATIONS WILL BE COMING OUT NEXT WEEK ON THE SCHOOL APP! FOR ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE!

Hosted by PATHS - Parents and Teachers of Helensville Primary School Fundraising Committee



# Family Picnic Night!

**FOOD AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE**

**FEB 17th**

**5 pm - 7 pm**

**Helensville Primary School Top Field**

**BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC!**

**CASH EFTPOS available**



**\$2.00 Juicies**



**\$5.00 Bacon Butties**



**\$3.00 Sausages - Vege option available**



**2 for \$3.00 Corn Cob**



**\$2.00 Drinks Available**

*Come along and enjoy an evening of yummy food, socialising with the Teachers and making new friends*



## Garden to Table Volunteers Required

Rata team will be having Garden to Table starting Wednesday 19th February. We are after volunteers, if you are able to help please reach out to Mr Nadat on [anwarn@helensville.school.nz](mailto:anwarn@helensville.school.nz)



### Kumeu Show School Agricultural Day Sunday 9th March 2025

Entry is **FREE** and each competitor will get 4 **Complimentary Entry Tickets** to the Kumeu Show if completed entry form is received by Friday 28th February 2025. Please visit our website for details: [www.kumeushowgrounds.com](http://www.kumeushowgrounds.com) or email us for an entry form on [info@kumeushow.co.nz](mailto:info@kumeushow.co.nz)



Prize Money will be given on the day.

#### Pet Lambs, Goats & Calves

Conditions of Entry: Children to have reared the animal in the year 1st June to 30th September 2024

Prize Money Sponsored by: Simon and Leanne Cashin

##### Pet Lamb Classes:

- Call & Most Obvious Pet
- Leading, Personal Control
- Walk the Plank & Jump
- Presentation, Rearing & Knowledge
- Best Wool, Coloured & White
- Best Meat Breed Lamb

##### Pet Goat Classes:

- Call & Most Obvious Pet
- Leading, Personal Control
- Walk the Plank & Jump
- Presentation, Rearing & Knowledge
- Best Fibre
- Best Milk

##### Calf Club Classes:

- Leading & Handling
- Best Reared & Groomed
- Best Dairy Type Light Breed
- Best Dairy Type Heavy Breed
- Best Beef Type
- Group of 3 Calves & Handlers from any 1 Local Primary School (Years 1-8) To be judged on call type and presentation and uniformity
- Best Fancy-Dress Handler & Calf

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# JUICIE TUESDAYS

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**TROPICAL & LEMONADE** **OUTSIDE THE HALL** **TROPICAL & LEMONADE**  
**LUNCHTIME**  
**100-120PM**

**COINS/CASH - ON THE DAY ONLY!**  
**NO BANK TRANSFERS!!!**

REMINDER TO CHILDREN - JUICIE WRAPPERS IN THE BIN PLEASE

Term 1 -PATHS will be selling Juicies  
**\$2 Coin**  
 EVERY TUESDAY DURING TERM 1  
 STARTING 25TH FEBRUARY

any enquiries email: [paths@helensville.school.nz](mailto:paths@helensville.school.nz)



STARTING SOON

# KAI LEARN EVENING COURSE

**Learn to be a Food Budgeting Pro**  
 4x 1.5-hour evening classes

Learn about food labelling, eating seasonally and locally, plus how to meal plan, shop, cook, and eat out on a budget in this fun and hands-on evening class..

Visit [skgf.org.nz](http://skgf.org.nz) to register interest for our course in March (or pop into our hub at 82 Mill Rd)




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