

Henderson Intermediate School

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Kia Ora Talofa Guten Tag Bonjour Malo e le lei Kia Orana Fakalofa lahi atu Goeie Dag Sawadee Croeso Bula Fáilte

Dear Parents and Whānau,

This is a time for us to look back on all that has been achieved in 2020. What a strange year it has been for us all! So many things that our students would normally have been involved in, they simply have not been. However let's look at the great things that have happened this year.

In March we opened a lovely block of **3 new classrooms – Rooms 30-32**. The Board is currently waiting for the **modernisation of Rooms 7-10** to get underway. This is going to give us 5 new classes. We will be in this new block by mid year! We have also met with the Ministry of Education to discuss plans for a big **2 storeyed block of 8 classes** that will be built in 2022.

The new **Bike Track** is a great addition to our playground as are the 2 sets of wonderful **Basketball Hoops**. These allow 8 games to be happening at any one time. Students love these and so too do the community.

One positive outcome of the **Lockdowns**, according to staff, is that they feel they are now much more closely connected to families of the students in their classes. The fact that our students are all lucky enough to have a Chromebook provided by the Board, meant that unlike other schools who waited to get devices out to their students, we were able to deliver these to homes very quickly.

Student achievement, while being a challenge this year, has still resulted in a really pleasing high percentage of students who made accelerated progress in Reading and Maths.

To our **Year 8 students**, thank you for all you have contributed to HIS over the last two years. Stand tall, be proud, do your best, try everything, believe in yourself and remember our school values always.

To our **Year 7 students**, you are the role models next year. You are our 2021 leaders.

As the year comes to an end, we say "so long" to some of our staff. **Matua Hone Tobin** moves on to an exciting promotion at Massey High School. Hone had a community farewell last Friday. Hone has contributed much to our school and he will always be part of the HIS Whanau!

Ethan Edmonds leaves us for a new position at Bruce McLaren Intermediate School. I am sure we will hear of his music capability in the future.

Stacey Dawson while leaving now, has told us she wishes to remain our NUMBER ONE RELIEVER!

A big thanks to the Support Staff who are leaving us. **Micaiah Gillies** has been with us for 3 years and he is now in his second year of teacher training which is exciting. **Brenna Lambert** leaves us to go to study and complete her Graduate Teaching Diploma. **Venessa Thorland** has completed her first year of a Teaching Degree and she will be in her second year of teacher training next year.

Janelle Otene has been with us this year. **Suliasi Ma'asi** has been with us for some time helping with our Pacific Boys. He has completed his degree and has won a Teach NZ Scholarship for 2021.

To you, our parents and whānau, thank you for engaging with us this year, supporting teachers to do the best they can do, for your children.

I wish you a lovely Christmas and may 2021 bring many great things to you and your family!

Mrs Wendy Esera

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE HIS STAFF AND BOARD



HEAD STUDENTS 2021

Congratulations to our 2021 Head Students who achieved these positions after being voted for by staff and students.



HEAD BOY
Neironi Stevens



HEAD GIRL
Molly-Ann Grant



DEPUTY HEAD BOY
Vunivalu Niupalau



DEPUTY HEAD GIRL
Paige
Wharetohunga-
Tuhua



End of Year Information



The last day of School is this Wednesday 16th December
Students will be dismissed from School at **12.00pm**.

Students may wear mufti on Wednesday. We ask that each child brings a non-perishable item of food to donate to the Auckland City Mission (bring to the school office).

We invite all Year 8 students to donate their uniform to the office. These are gifted to families who may not be able to afford a new uniform for their children. This is a lovely thing for our Year 8 students to do. **No school bags are to be brought to school on the last day.**

2021 Stationery & Uniform Pop Up Shop

A reminder that we will have a pop up shop open here at School from **Wednesday 20 January to Friday 5 February – 9am to 3pm**. Bring your child to try on and buy their uniform and purchase their stationery pack. Come into the School Office now to organise your WINZ Quote. Cash and EFTPOS (incl credit card) available during Pop Up Shop. Please click [HERE](#) to view our stationery list and [HERE](#) to view our uniform.

2021

**School reopens
on Tuesday 2nd
February 2021**

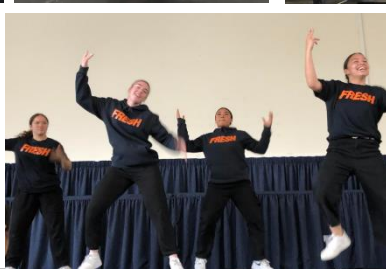


Formal Prize Giving

Our Formal Prize Giving/Sports and Cultural Evening will be held tomorrow night, Tuesday 15th December, in the school hall at 7pm. All welcome.

Revolution Tour

Once again, HIS hosted the Revolution tour who visited our school on December 1st. They brought an exciting presentation to us, with amazing dancers and incredible singers. Students (and a few teachers) got their chance to showcase their dance moves on stage to compete for a Revolution Tour T-shirt. The guest MC was Julian Dennison - the actor from the NZ movie "Boy". The presentation ended on an inspirational talk by one of the presenters on standing up for others to prevent bullying. Once again a fantastic presentation from this group who we love hosting at HIS.



Tree Yarn Bombing

Mrs Hart and the soft materials group has been knitting away to yarn bomb two trees at the front of the school. They had lots of fun, learnt knitting skills, and have created a fantastic art piece that can be seen from the road frontage. Thank you to all who donated wool, knitting, time and energy to this fantastic project!



Unitec Day In



Thank you to Unitec for inviting a number of our Year 8 students to the **Unitec Day In** on Friday 20th November.

What a great experience they all had learning about different careers!



Team 5 Trip to Parnell Baths

Rooms 19, 20, 28 & 29 had a lovely day in the sun at Parnell Baths on Thursday 19th November.



New Basketball Hoops!

Our new basketball Hoops were installed on Friday 29th November. Students are loving them!



Bike Track

Matua Hone blessed our new School Bike Track at the official opening this morning.

The wonderful bikes and helmets that we received earlier will be well used by students using this track.

A great learning opportunity for children needing to gain confidence with their cycling.



GRAD DANCE 2020

