



Henderson Intermediate School

NEWSLETTER 8

Term 2 | Week 4 | Monday 20 May 2019

Queen's birthday weekend.

Please note that we are closed for two days, Mon 3rd & Tues 4th June.

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

Upcoming Events MAY

20 – China Trip students & staff returned to school

20 - Parenting Toolbox Course-staffroom 5.30pm

21 – Soccer Zone Day

23 – Boys & Girls Rugby Zone Day

24 – End of Specialist Cycle 2 – your child begins a new Tech class on Monday

24 – H.I.S Board of Trustee Elections Nominations close 12pm

29 – Teacher Strike School Closed

JUNE

3 & 4 – School Closed – Queens Bday Holiday

6 – School Disco

7 – School Fun Run

13 – Year 6 Open Night

14 – Bakesale for SPCA

26 – Whānau Hui 7pm

27 – Pasifika Celebrations Evening 7pm

Check out our calendar on our [School Website](#)

Kia ora Henderson Intermediate School Whānau

I hope this finds you all well.

It was great to see so many of you at the **Curriculum Evening** last Thursday. It was wonderful to be using our Hall again. I hope that this evening has helped to give you a better understanding of **what** we are teaching and **how** we are teaching, your son/daughter.

Last week six of our teachers took part in some very exciting professional learning around **Student Agency**. This is about how well teachers are engaging with students in learning, allowing students to be driving their own learning and to be listening to student voice about what works for them when it comes to their learning. This is very positive for staff and students! Anything that helps teachers to better engage with students is exciting.

Last week we also celebrated **Support Staff Day**. These are our Admin Staff and all our Teacher Aides. We are incredibly lucky this year to have an extra six Teacher Aides who are being almost fully funded by the Ministry of Social Development. We are now in the situation where we nearly have one Teacher Aide in every classroom. These are just wonderful people on our staff. They are doing so much to support our children that are having difficulty in their learning. We are very mindful always of the fact that the two years at Intermediate are the “last chance” when it comes to ensuring that children are numerate and literate. Being able to read is the most important thing that we need to give our children the mastery of! Reading is the thing that gives our children access to all other learning areas.

The Value that we are focussing on right now is **PREPARED**. We want our children to be prepared for learning. Prepared for school each day!

Today the children who went to China, returned home. They had a truly amazing time

Have a GREAT week!

You can contact me anytime if the need arises. Call me at school or on my mobile 021 252 1383. If you want to come in and see me at School, you do not need an appointment to do so. Just come!

Noho ora mai ! Stay well.
Manuia le aso! Have a good day.
Warmest Wishes

Mrs Wendy Esera

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF STAFF AND BOARD

NATIONWIDE TEACHER STRIKE

Please be aware that there is a Teacher Strike happening on Wednesday 29th May.
The school will be closed this day.

LOOKING AFTER OUR STUDENTS

Last week we had an incident where a white Nissan car driven by a young male stopped and tried to persuade one of our students to get in. The student did the right thing by running away and reporting it to school. The Police are following up with this. Please remind your children about what to do if this should happen to them. Our students being safe is a priority for us.

Showcasing - Team Four - Rms 2, 3 & 7

This term our Inquiry focus is all about Community Kindness. Our syndicate began with our own everyday acts of kindness. These acts have been recorded and displayed in our classrooms. The students have reflected on these acts and have identified how they have impacted others. It is lovely to see all the wonderful acts of kindness our students show each day.



We are also identifying the different communities we belong to, the needs of these communities and how we can collectively show kindness. The students will be planning and implementing their own unique way of showing kindness in our communities. We are looking forward to seeing what our students will do and the positive impact they will have towards others and our environment.



Our syndicate has been preparing themselves for the Fun Run which will be held at the end of this term. We are getting fit and training hard.



Ms Weaver, Mrs Tyler & Room 3 posing with our Trusts cheque! Thank you again to our school community who voted in the Million Dollar Challenge. Your efforts and support helped us to reach our dream of a new school van.



Last week was NZ Sign Language Week.

New Zealand Sign Language Week
6-12 May 2019



On May 10th Room 3 were fortunate enough to have some guests visit us from Kelston Boys Deaf Unit.

They shared some fun, interactive activities with our students which we all enjoyed.





Seven of our Henderson Intermediate **student leaders** attended the **National Young Leadership Day** conference in May, held at the Vodafone Events Centre in Manukau (they got to travel in our brand new school van :0). This leadership event is held annually for primary & intermediate school students.

The theme of the day was *"Ihe aha te kai ā te rangatira? He kōrero, he kōrero, he kōrero. What is the food of a leader? It is conversations."* The students listened to a number of inspiring speakers throughout the day, and participated in a lot of fun, confidence building activities. The highlight was having **Kings** – a NZ rapper, singer and songwriter - address the students, and then perform a couple of songs. From left below : **Cody, Harlem, Leah, Jayda, Sana, Annabel and Amelia** thoroughly enjoyed their day.



KINGS performing for Student Leaders at the recent NYLD

A Message from Jessica Barrett - our Social Worker in School (SWIS)

Dear Parents and Caregivers, I am the **Social Worker** based **full time** at Henderson Intermediate.

My role is to provide you and your children with support before problems at home or school become more serious and difficult to overcome. Social Workers in Schools (SWIS) is a free, confidential and voluntary service that is available to families and children in primary and intermediate schools.

SWIS have three main roles: 1. One on one work with children and their families/whanau, 2. Provide group programmes which help children and families succeed and 3. Help families to access community support and networks. My role is to work with you and your child on: Social skills, self-esteem, and confidence for children, children's peer relationships, family relationships, behavioural concerns, parenting, family violence, advocacy, referrals to other services

If you require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school office or my work phone: **021428386**. Alternatively you can email: **Jessica.Barrett@fwn.org.nz** or come in to see me at school.



Waitākere College Taster Days - selected H.I.S students attended a Performing Arts & Sports Taster Day at Waitākere College on Thursday 9th May. The College has kindly shared a [link](#) to a short video about this day.

Photolife Studios Class & Individual Photos – Photolife will soon be sending us slips for students each containing a Shootkey code which families will use to go online, view their photos and buy these online. Photolife will deliver the photos to our school if ordered before the date given. If you order after that date photos will be posted to your home at a cost.

Welcome Back!

We are very happy to welcome our H.I.S students and staff returning to school from China today. We look forward to hearing about their many adventures and what they have learned...meanwhile check out some photos from their trip.



ABOVE: Delicious Chinese cuisine was always on hand! BELOW: Making dumplings the traditional way



Click [HERE](#) to play the haka performed by our students.



Students stayed with Chinese families



ABOVE LEFT: whaea Jo riding a rickshaw
RIGHT & BELOW: The GREAT WALL of CHINA!



Community Notices

Auckland Girls' Grammar School Open Day Thurs 30th May - 9.30am -12.30pm
Our senior students will lead school tours throughout the morning and our Principal will give short talks at 10.00, 11.00 and 12 noon.

Information Evening – Thursday 30th May 6.30pm – 8.00pm.

All prospective students for 2020 and their parents are very welcome to attend this evening. The evening will be useful for those students who are interested in enrolling into Nga Tumanako o Kahurangi, our Maori Whānau Unit.

For more information please phone 307 41 80 or email enrol@aggs.school.nz

BASKET BALL

ONE DAY CAMP

26 VERONICA STREET,
NEW LYNN

With the announcement of the primary & secondary schools teachers strike, we will be holding a basketball focused one day programme.

Come learn ball handling skills, footwork and much more!
It's all FUN! Suitable for Years 5 to 8.

Wednesday 29 May - 9am to 3pm

\$50 per child \$45 for siblings

Email: info@hoopquarters.com to register

www.hoopquarters.com



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**WAITAKERE COLLEGE
OPEN EVENING**
Thurs 25th July 6.30pm

Meet the Principal, Teachers and talk with Students while enjoying a guided tour of our facilities. Sample each subject to help you decide on your course selection. You can also enrol on the night!

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Email: secretary@waitakerecollege.school.nz

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**WAITAKERE COLLEGE
CLASSTIME TOURS**

Tues 30th July & Thurs 8th August
9am and 10am

DON'T MISS your chance to see our successful secondary school in action!

Classtime Tours - Bookings Essential

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