

Henderson Intermediate School

NEWSLETTER 19

Term 4 | Week 6 | Monday 18th November 2019

This week we
celebrate
**OTHER
LANGUAGES
WEEK**

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

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

- 19 – WZ Athletics
- 22- Farewell to Jie our MLA at assembly
- 22 – H.I.S Has Talent heats
- 25 - Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm
- 26 - Last day for Te Whānau Moko's Homework Club
- 29 – Careers Day
- 29 – H.I.S Has Talent heats

DECEMBER

- 2 – Special Assembly for 2020 Head Student Candidates
- 3 - Te Whanau Moko Prize Giving 7PM
- 4 – Year 6 students attending our school in preparation for 2020
- 4 – Year 8 students to Parnell Pools
- 5 – Year 8 Graduation Dance

Please check out our
FULL CALENDAR

Kia ora **Henderson Intermediate School Whānau**

I hope this finds you all well.

China - Over the last 9 days I have been in China with one of our Deputy Principals, Julz Thumath. This was a useful time to meet with the Principals of the schools that are sending groups of students to visit us in 2020.

School Reports - Staff are very busy right now with reports. These will come home to you all next month, Tuesday 17th of December.

Waitākere College Taster Day - For students who are going to Waitākere College next year, they are providing a taster day next Tuesday 26th of November.

Year 8 Students - Year 8s are at the final stages of their Primary Schooling and this is such an exciting time for them too. If you have not yet enrolled your son/daughter into College for 2020, then please do so as a matter of urgency.

Kapa Haka Nationals - I had the great pleasure of going down to Hamilton to see our Kapa Haka perform at the National Competition. For the many of us who attended you would agree that our children really were a stand out performance in every way. The maturity of these students, the huge amount of hard work that they put in, is a credit to them, matua Hone and their families. We are very lucky to have Hone Tobin leading the group. He is a role model to our students.

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



HENDERSON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 2020 – Please enrol your child now. Special In-School Day on

Wednesday 4th December - 9.00am to 2.30pm - This is a special day when all **enrolled** students for 2020

come to our School for the day. Students will spend the day in the class that they will be in for 2020. Parents are invited to join us from 9.00am until 10.00am. **IMPORTANT:** If you have not enrolled your child and you live

in our School zone, please can you do so as a matter of urgency. Click [here](#) to print an enrolment form. Please provide proof of your in zone address & a copy of your child's birth certificate/passport. For further information please phone the School Office.

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WHAKATAETAE KAPA HAKA A MOTU



This year, Henderson Intermediate School Kapa Haka were fortunate to represent Tāmaki Makaurau at the **National Primary and Intermediate Schools Kapa haka Competition, Te Mana Kuratahi**, hosted by Tainui and held at the Claudelands Park, in Kirikiriroa, Hamilton.

On **Sunday the 3rd of November**, 61 kapa haka, representing all regions within Aotearoa, New Zealand, were welcomed onto Waahi Paa Marae, Ngauwawahia, Huntly, where the Māori King and his whānau stay. The atmosphere was filled with excitement, anticipation and pride as all schools came together for the biggest Kapa Haka competition for Primary and Intermediate Schools in the world.

We stayed at Rereamanu Marae in Otorohanga, 1 hour south of Claudelands Park, where the competition was being held.

A marae with a rich history in Aotearoa and Tainui iwi. This marae was where the Kīngitanga movement started, where the first Māori king, Pōtatau Te Wherowhero was crowned and stayed before the monarchy moved to Tūrangaawae, Huntly.



The following day, **Monday 4th November**, was the first day of competition, and the excitement grew. Not having cell phone coverage at our marae did not change the fact that we knew what we were there for, and why we came to the competition. This day was also the day we were scheduled to have our walk through. Only 10 minutes was allocated to each team, and going over the allocated 10 minutes would mean a deduction of points. When we touched the stage, we all felt the pressure mounting. In two days,

we will take this stage and see how good we are.



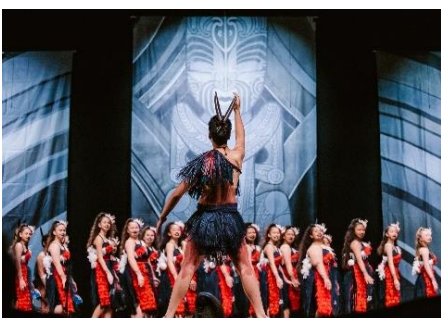
Tuesday 5th November was used to solidify our positions and mentally prepare for the competition. Out of all of the practices that we had, these run throughs were the most productive. After every item, we sat together and reflected on the items, what they meant to us, and how best to execute each item



to its fullest potential. By the end of the night, we were ready.



On **Wednesday the 6th of November**, at 8am, we woke up and began the long and arduous process of preparing for our performance. Under the watchful eyes of our kākahu māmā's, whaea Arndrea Welch, whaea Joanne McMath and whaea Kylie Tipene, our uniform came together and at 12:30pm, we boarded our bus, and made our way. Although the bus ride was long, we managed to calm our nerves and focus on the task at hand. Backstage, we did our final checks and at 2:10pm, we took to the stage.



For 16 weeks we had trained, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, on weekends and holidays, all for 25 minutes on this stage. All of the training, both physical, mental and spiritual, came together in a collaboration of team work, dedication and pride in what we were presenting, who and what we stood for and the many messages we wanted to portray, through kapa haka.



School Kapa Haka



To see our whānau, both immediate and extended, after our performance was nothing short of amazing, and to have you all there solidified why, who and what we stood for.

For that, we would like to say thank you. After our performance, we, as a kapa haka, were convinced that we stood for our school, our whānau and our community with pride, dignity and satisfaction.

We felt we had performed the best we had ever performed and the waiting game started for our results.



Although, our own thoughts about our performance were of amazement, a competition is still a competition, and the results were not final until the prize giving at the end of the week.

On **Friday the 8th of November**, at the prize giving, the results were in and we were fortunate to have placed in the same category we placed at the last Nationals, which was **kākahu**, finishing **1st equal** with Te whānau o Te Maro Hauhake.

We would like to acknowledge and attribute this achievement to the dedication, commitment and aroha our whānau, whaea Arndrea Welch, whaea Joanne McMath and whaea Kylie Tipene, put into our uniform and our performers. Tēnā koutou. That was the only award we placed in.

This year's competition was of another level than previous competitions, and the difference between 1st and 30th for most items was, 7 points. When looking at those kinds of results and numbers, it is fair to say, the competition was fierce in all respects.

Although we, as a kapa haka, felt this was the best performance Henderson Intermediate School kapa haka has ever done, it wasn't enough to achieve our goal. Overall, we placed 45th equal with Te Kura ā Iwi o Te Whakatipuranga Rua Mano. But, as the old saying goes, what doesn't kill you, makes you stronger.



In hindsight, our Henderson Intermediate School students who took the stage, came off the stage with no regrets, their heads held high. They had given their very best, which was all that was asked of them. The proudest moment for me was when I told them, that we placed 45th, and yes, there was doubt, disbelief and shock, but like true champions, they still held their head up high with pride, dignity and satisfaction. We own it, not moan about it.

Our kapa haka would like to acknowledge, the BOT and whaea Wendy, for supporting us and our

campaign, our whānau, who gave up some of their holiday time for kapa haka, the staff of Henderson Intermediate for their support in and out of school, the students of H.I.S for your words of encouragement and comradery, and finally, our students who took the stage, for standing on that stage and representing our school with pride and dignity.

Next year, we will be gearing up for our Auckland Regional Kapa Haka competition.

With the results of this competition, we can look at this either as a moment that defines us, brings us down and never recover, or that helps us grow, makes us stronger, and better than before. I believe, with whānau support, support of our school, and student support, we will be back, better and stronger than ever.

Kei mate wheke, okea ururoatia e mara mā!





Students are currently being nominated by staff for Head Boy or Head Girl for 2020. These students need to exemplify our values of being **respectful, responsible, prepared and proud.** They also need to be confident communicators. Students who are selected and accept their nomination will give their speeches to the other students in a special assembly in the afternoon on **December 2nd.** The student body will then vote for who they would like to represent them as their head boy and head girl. These head students will be badged at our formal prize giving ceremony on **December 17th.**



On Friday, November 15th Room 7 and enviro leaders travelled to **Spinnaker Reserve** at Te Atatu Peninsula to do a beach cleanup. The **Sustainable Coastlines** organisation volunteers met the students there and explained what they would be doing. Collecting rubbish, especially plastic, ensures it doesn't end up in the ocean. This is important as many sea creatures and birds eat plastic, especially the very tiny pieces, thinking they are food. The students worked hard and collected lots! They can feel very proud of their efforts to keep our environment clean and safe for our NZ ocean wildlife.



STATIONERY & UNIFORM POP UP SHOP - We will have a pop up shop open here at School from **Wednesday 22 January to Friday 7 February – 9am to 3pm** (please note we will be closed Auckland Anniversary Day – Monday 27 January). Bring your child to try on and buy their uniform and purchase their stationery pack. Cash, Cheque, EFTPOS (incl credit card) available.

Community Notices

Catch up on measles vaccination

The measles outbreak is continuing, so it's still important to catch up on your children's vaccinations.

Children will get very sick with measles.

They also can miss school activities like sports, concerts and camps.

The friends of a child with measles may also have to stay at home if they are unvaccinated.

See your doctor - it's FREE.

Do it now, so measles doesn't interfere with end-of-year activities and get-togethers.

If you suspect measles please stay at home and call your doctor or Healthline (0800 611 116) for advice.

Measles info at: arphs.health.nz/measles



INITIATE DANCE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME JANUARY 2020

Kelston Community Centre
Te Pae o Kura

Dates: 6th - 17th January 2020

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Time: 9am-4pm each day

Cost: \$60 per week, \$120 for both - book for one week or both!

Open to students 8-12 years - no dance experience needed.

Bookings are open now **online** at a very low price of \$60 per week (\$120 for both weeks) Places are limited so be quick!