

# Henderson Intermediate School

## NEWSLETTER 7

Term 2 | Week 4 | Monday 21st May 2018

**Teacher Only Day**  
**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June**  
School closed to  
students  
**Queens Birthday**  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June**  
School Closed

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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

### Upcoming Events

#### MAY

- 22 – WZ Chess
- 24 – WZ Rugby
- 29 – WZ Girl's Football
- 30 – WZ Boys' Football

#### JUNE

- 1 – Teacher Only Day  
(School closed to students)
- 4 – Queen's Birthday  
(School closed)
- 6 – WZ Cross Country
- 7 – Turbo Touch
- 14 – Year 6 Open Evening
- 19 – Refugee Olympic Day
- 19 – WZ Rugby League  
(please note change of date)
- 21 – CHOIR APPA Rehearsal 10am to 1pm
- 27 – Whānau Hui 7pm
- 28 – Pasifika Celebrations Evening 7pm

#### JULY

- 3 – Student Led Conferences after school
- 5 – JULY SPLASH Performances!
- 6 – Last day of Term 2
- 23 – Term 3 begins
- 31 WZ Netball

#### AUGUST

- 2 – WZ Hockey
- 14 – Year 6 Open Evening 7pm

Kia ora Henderson Intermediate School Whanau

I hope this finds you well.

Last week saw me and both our Deputy Principals attending the **Intermediate School Principals National Conference**. All our Team Leaders also came for a day each. This was a very useful conference for us! I want to share with you some of the key things as they are very useful for you to also know.

One presenter, **Nathan Wallis**, talked about the actual science of the brain which was very helpful. We were told that at the time when children are at intermediate, the part of the brain that gives them logic, reason and learning ability is in shut down as it is being built towards their adulthood. This is why our students, your children, are very tricky at this stage in their development. They are operating in what is called the Limbic part of their brain. This means all they do is based on what they are feeling and not about thinking. When we, as the adults in their lives, are dealing with them we need to think about this. We need to be patient, give them time to feel safe first, take time to listen to them and then work on teaching them the right way to behave. The minute we get angry they close down and go into a stage where in fact their learning will stop because they will be feeling negative. One of the exciting things too was the reminder that we need to be telling them what to do rather than what not to do. By telling them what we want them to do, they can visualise this and are more likely to learn the right behaviour. Nathan Wallis is also on TV right now with an advertisement and it says at the end, **"LOVE GROWS BRAINS"**.

Another presenter, **Michael Fuller** was also great. His specialist area is in this intermediate age level. He is an internationally known presenter from Melbourne. Like Nathan he talked about the chemical changes in the brains of children at this stage. The thing that he talks about is that we, as the adults in the lives of our children, need to be able to show children through successful relationships with them: trust, forgiveness, integrity, hope and compassion. Our children need us to show this in all we do. I loved the way that he said that **NO LEARNING HAPPENS UNLESS THERE IS A RELATIONSHIP**. This is a challenging thought for us all. We must make sure that we build a relationship with every child in our class because without that, no learning will take place.

**TEACHER ONLY DAY** – just a reminder that next **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June** all 12 schools in our Community Of Learning are having a combined Teacher Only Day. School will be closed that day.

The Value that we are focussing on right now is **PREPARED**. We want our children to be prepared! Getting their uniform out, lunch packed, homework done, being at school by 8.30.....are just a few ways that they need to be prepared.

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 2019 ENROLMENTS

**YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7pm**

We extend an invitation to all families of prospective students for 2019 to join us here at school.

**In Zone Enrolments for 2019** - Please send your completed enrolment form, with proof of your address and a copy of your child's birth certificate/passport, to the school office. **Out-of-Zone applications** are now being accepted. Please send all enrolments to us before 4pm Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018.



# Showcasing Friday Groups

Each Friday morning here at H.I.S, students have an opportunity to join a group to learn more about subjects other than what they learn in the classroom.

The groups we have at present are: Kapa Haka, Samoan, Tongan, Cook Island and Tuvaluan. The photos below showcase some of the things that are being taught in the **Samoan Culture** group as well as a snippet of how we have integrated Samoan culture and traditions into our school inquiry topic. Below left: **Mrs Talamahina** is having a go at scraping a coconut using a traditional Samoan scraper. Below right: **Asher, Oscar, Fati, and Jeremiah** showing how to make palusami using taro leaves.



## WELCOME BACK

Today we welcome back to school a group of 23 H.I.S students and 3 staff who travelled to China on Saturday 5th May. We look forward to hearing about all the amazing sights they have seen and what they have learned in the 2 weeks they have been away.





# R2P2 at Henderson Intermediate School

**Respectful, Responsible, Prepared** and **Proud** are our School Values – these values are encouraged and reinforced to our students as a very important part of their learning here at school. We expect H.I.S students to display these values every day in the classroom, at play, when travelling outside the school and during all school events.



**How it works:** Each day students have the opportunity to achieve one of these cards by displaying these values. When a student has four cards – one of each value - they are presented with a white R2P2 badge at our Friday assembly. When they have accumulated another eight they gain a silver badge and another sixteen cards gains them a black badge. Badges are then sewn onto the student's red polar fleece and worn with pride.

## Chinese Speech Competition

On Saturday, May 12th, three students from **Henderson Intermediate School** competed in the **Chinese Bridge Speech Competition** at the **Confucius Institute** at Auckland University.

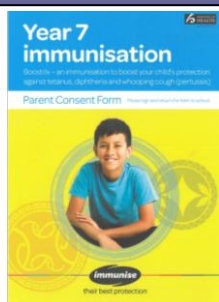
**The theme was "One World, One Family".**

Our students competed in the junior category which was for students Year 7-10 from all around Auckland. The girls worked with **Li Laoshi**, our **Mandarin Learning Assistant**, to write a speech about themselves, where they were from, and about their families. Mandarin speaking Chinese students at our school helped our competitors brush up on their pronunciation and they gave their speech in front of their class or at assembly for practice. All three girls spoke very well at the competition.

**Rachel Birch, R10** received a **Merit** for her speech. **Azariah Clarke, R6** placed **third** and **Stephanie Jordan** placed **second**. These results are excellent and we are very proud of these three girls.



From left: Rachel, Azariah, Stephanie



### Year 7 School Based Immunisation Programme at Henderson Intermediate School.

The year 7 boostrix programme also known as 11year old vaccination and dTap is being offered at school to boys and girls in year 7. This vaccine is a booster of vaccinations received during early childhood. Information on the vaccine and consent forms have been sent home with your child. Thank you to the families who have already returned their child's immunisation form to the school office. We still have a few outstanding. The form must be filled out regardless of whether your child: already has had/ or does not want their immunisation (fill out the maroon area) or needs to be immunised (the blue area) and returned to the school office by tomorrow please. If you would like more information on this important Immunisation Programme please go to: <http://www.immune.org.nz/>



## National Leaders Day

On Wednesday, May 9th, 8 school leaders travelled with Mrs Wylde to attend the **National Leaders Day** conference organised by the Parenting Place. Students from all over Auckland descended on the Vodafone events centre in Manukau to enjoy listening to inspirational speakers and explore what it means to be a leader. Pictured here are **Jaykuz Feau, Kalani Matthes, Wesley Paongo, Nadija Turk & Cheshna Naiker**. **Reon Nippert, Jessica Palesoo** and **Maggie Aspden** also attended the day.



CELEBRATE  
COMMUNICATE  
CONNECT  
NEW ZEALAND  
**Sign**  
LANGUAGE

# NZ Sign Language Week

## NZSL ALPHABET

Have fun with your whanau, family and friends.  
Learn your name and teach others theirs!

NOTE: NZSL grammar structure is different to English and sign language. "I'm good thanks" is signed "What's your name?"



Week 2 of this term was **New Zealand Sign Language week**.

School council leaders taught their classes a phrase every morning in sign language. By the end of the week, most students could say "Hi, how are you? I'm good thanks. What's your name? My name is... Pleased to meet you".

We had a guest speaker at our assembly. **Shona McGie**, who has been deaf since birth, gave a presentation to students about NZSL. Her interpreter, **Rev**, spoke English on a microphone so everyone could understand the messages that Shona was signing.

The whole school had learnt a song "Everybody loves Saturday night" which we performed in three languages - **English, Te Reo Māori and NZSL** - which are NZ's official languages.



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## Tweens and Teens Years Parenting Course

**We will be running the ToolBox parenting course here at school in term 3.**

The Tweens and Teens course is run over 6 weeks covering different topics. The goal of a parenting course is to give you a Toolbox of ideas and skills to get you through the teenage years with support from other parents. The course is free and available to any parent or caregiver. If you would like more information on the Tweens and Teens parenting course or would like to register, please contact me. **Jessica Barrett | 021428386 | jessica.barrett@fwn.org.nz**

## Auckland Zone Champions Tag Competition

On Tuesday 8 May, our boys' and girls' top two tag teams who had won the Western Zone competition, attended the Auckland Zone Champions competition at Cornwall Park in Greenlane. There was a lot of tough competition during the day, and both teams had to play in a round robin draw against five other schools across Auckland. The boys' draw had them come up against schools: Wesley Intermediate, Pt England, Northcross, Whenuapai and Papatoetoe, to which the boys had 2 wins, 2 losses and a draw, where they placed 3rd in Auckland. The girls' draw had them come up against schools: St Therese, Pt England, Northcross Intermediate, Hobsonville and Koru. The girls won every game, which placed them at the top of the table, automatically putting them into the Grand Final against Northcross Intermediate. The girls played hard, and supported each other throughout the final, which they won gracefully, giving 100%, and making them the Girls Auckland Zone Champions Tag Competition Winners for 2018. Congratulations to both the boys and girls teams who played well during the day, showing exceptional R2P2 both on the field and off. A special congratulations to the girls who played in the Auckland Zone winning team: Emily Rm3, Khadijah Rm4, Jayda, Leah Rm6, Silia Rm13, Rachael Rm15, Raukura Rm16, Malita, Lilly Rm20 and Phaliny Rm29. **A huge thank you to the parents who supported both teams on the day!!**



## Community Notices



WAITAKERE COLLEGE  
Achievement for all

### Waitakere College Open Evening

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018  
at 7pm  
Year 8 students and their families are invited.



### OPEN DAY

THURSDAY 26 JULY

4pm - 7pm

Bring your high expectations!

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NZ WARBIRDS  
PROUDLY PRESENT

## DDAY OPEN DAY

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018  
10am to 4pm

at Ardmore Airport  
(Hamlin Rd entrance)

Entry \$20 under 14  
yrs FREE  
[www.nzwarbirds.org.nz](http://www.nzwarbirds.org.nz)