



HENDERSON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

“WELCOME TO 2019!”

Kia ora koutou

Warmest greetings to you all - welcome to the 2019 School year.

We are very much looking forward to working with you and your special young person over the year. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher anytime, if you have any issues or concern.

Our School is passionate about engagement with families. We know how critically important it is for you to be closely engaging with us on a regular basis. When parents work together with schools their children have success in their learning. We believe that every student has a right to succeed. We want to do everything we can to ensure that your child reaches “better than their potential.” We are in a privileged position! Working with your son or daughter each day, is a privilege and a pleasure. To the families of our Year 7 students - we hope that you and your child, have a wonderful time being part of our school whānau. This is the time of opportunity, a time for your child to try out many different things and to find out what their real interests and strengths are. To our Year 8 students and their families, may this year be a time of you really growing and developing the new skills that you gained last year. The middle years are a most exciting time. This is a time of huge change emotionally, socially, physically and academically. The growth over these two years is the second most significant time of growth for any human being. Teaching children at this special stage, is very specialised. Our teachers will meet the needs of your child and will help them to achieve. They are determined to see every child in their class, have success. We are only a phone call away if ever you need to talk to us about anything at all.

STAFFING 2019

We warmly welcome new teachers **Sandra Hirinuki, Mark Snowden, Tania Christian, Junior Toko, and Izzy Easton**. While other schools are saying that they cannot get quality teachers, we are feeling delighted with the new staff that we have gained. Every one of these teachers come very highly regarded. Tania, Junior and Izzy were all teacher trainees at our school last year and so we know them well!

New teacher Aides this year are: **Kylie Iuta, Kerry Skelling and Venessa Thorlund**. It is lovely to have these new Teacher Aides join us. Our Support Staff do a wonderful job in our school. Our school roll numbers have gone through the roof and this has created new classes! We are still waiting on furniture for 2 of the new classes. This year will see the Ministry of Education funding us for more classes.

HOMEWORK

This year all classes are providing after school Homework Support programme. Each Team will determine when this is.

SPECIALIST LEARNING AREAS

For those of you that are new this year, your child will have specialist subjects that they do while at Intermediate. These are covered in a block of 8 weeks.

They are: **Foods, Art, Music, Science, and Digital Technology**. One of our lovely parents from last year has raised the matter of parents being able to have contact with these teachers to see how their children are getting on in these areas. This is a wonderful idea and makes great sense to me. Can I suggest that you ask your child which one they are doing and then you email or make contact with the teacher of this area. This will enable you to have input into what they are learning and being able to monitor their progress. The contact for these teachers can be found on our [website](#). Your child will tell you who the teacher is. These teachers would welcome contact from you anytime by also calling the school on 838 8529.

UNIFORM

With the back log of uniform orders, we realise and understand that not all students have their full uniform yet. Please don't worry about this at this stage. With the high number of students that we have, stocks have been depleted.

BUILDING WORKS UNDERWAY.

You will have noticed that our Hall is under wraps! Literally! The roof is being replaced and this work will be completed by the end of next week. In the meantime, we are using the Gym for our assemblies.

MEET THE TEACHER

Your first opportunity to meet our staff and your child's teacher is on **Tuesday 12th February at 7.00pm**. Information about this will come out later.

With the extreme heat that we have right now, we are encouraging all our children to bring along an empty water bottle that they can fill throughout the day. They need to keep **well hydrated!**

I can be contacted on my cell phone anytime on 021 252 1383. An anxious little person for the whole weekend is not what we want. Often a simple phone call can settle a problem. If you prefer face to face as a way of dealing with things, then you do not need to make an appointment to see me, just come! I am very seldom off site. You can also email me, if you wish, at principal@hendersonint.school.nz.

Thank you for choosing to make **OUR PLACE, YOUR PLACE**.

Here's to a great 2019 together.

Warmest Wishes

**Mrs Wendy Esera
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF STAFF AND BOARD**