



# Newsletter 1

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*Kia Ora Talofa Guten Tag Bonjour Malo e lelei Kia Orana  
Fakalofa lahi atu Goeie Dag Sawadee Croeso Bula Fáiite*

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## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

### **Kia ora koutou**

Warmest greetings to you all and welcome to the 2023 School year. We are looking forward very much to working with you and your special young person over the year. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any issues or concerns. Let's hope that 2023 is a different year for us all. The sudden rain that we had last week certainly was one out of the box.

We are ready if the need should arise again, to move to online learning. We are being told that we may get that second wave with COVID. Let's hope we do not. But I want you to be rest assured that we are ready if necessary.

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 child each day is a privilege and a pleasure. The middle years are a most exciting time. This is a time of huge change emotionally, socially, physically and academically.

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 may this year be a time of growing and developing the new skills that you gained last year. We are really looking forward to working again with your families! The growth over these two years is the second most significant time of growth for any human being. Teaching children at this 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. All our homeroom teachers will be contacting you through Classroom Dojo. This means that you will have very regular contact from your child’s teacher. One of the positive things from the Lockdowns, was that teachers found they had much better communication with parents and whānau. I am sure that this great engagement with whanau, will continue this year!

### **CONTACTING YOUR CHILD’S TEACHER**

From time to time you will want to contact your child’s homeroom teacher. Our teaching team put in long hours and one of the things that we want to ensure this year is that teachers are not being contacted at home at night or during the weekend. Like all of us they have families of their own. **Times when you can meet face to face with your child’s teacher are: Any week day from 8.15am to 4.00pm by appointment. If you need to contact your child’s teacher you can expect a response Monday – Friday from 8.15am to 5pm.** I am always able to be contacted on my cell phone any day at all.

### **STAFFING 2023**

We warmly welcome new teachers: **Anevili Auva’a, Jasmine Brett, Anaru Hetaraka and Leisha Tuaoi.**

We are delighted with the new staff that we have have. We will also be getting 5 new teacher Aides by late March. They come to us through a special Ministry of Social Development Scheme.

### **HOMEWORK**

All classes are providing an after-school Homework Support programme. Each Team will determine when this is. Teachers will be providing students with some work to do at home.

### **FREE LUNCHES IN SCHOOLS**

Our school is one of the lucky ones that provides free lunches in schools. All your child will need is something for morning tea and a water bottle to school. All meat used is halal and there are NO NUTS OF ANY KIND used in any of the food.

### **SPECIALIST LEARNING AREAS**

For those of you that are new this year, your child will have specialist subjects that they attend while at Intermediate. These are covered in two 5 week blocks. They are: Food, Art, Music, PE and Design Technology. You can expect to hear from the teacher working with your child in these

Areas from time to time.

### **UNIFORM**

With the back log of uniform orders, we realise and understand that not all students have their full uniform. Please don't worry 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 exciting new project with 14 brand new classes in a 2 storeyed block, is finally getting underway.

### **MEET THE TEACHER**

Your first opportunity to meet our staff and your child's teacher is going to be **FEBRUARY 23rd 6.00 – 8.00pm**. You will go directly to your child's classroom with them and their teacher will talk with you about the year ahead.

### **CONTACTING ME**

I can be contacted on my cell phone anytime on 021 252 1383 or via email at [principal@hendersonint.school.nz](mailto:principal@hendersonint.school.nz). An anxious young person for the whole weekend is not what we want so please contact me.

Thank you for choosing to make Henderson Intermediate YOUR SCHOOL for your special young person!

Here's to a great 2023 together. May 2023 be a year that is COVID FREE and DRY!!!!

**Warmest Wishes**

**Mrs Wendy Esera**

**FOR AND ON BEHALF OF STAFF AND BOARD**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **February / Hui-tanguru**

14 - Board of Trustees Meeting - 6pm

23 - Meet the Teacher - 6-8pm

### **March / Poutū-te-rangi**

**3 - Staff Only Day - School closed for students**

6 - Class and Individual photos

7 - Waitākere Zone Girls' Softball

9 - Waitākere Zone Boys Softball

10 - School Athletics Day

14 - Board of Trustees Meeting - 6pm



## SCHOOL CALENDAR

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