



Newsletter 1

Term 1 | Week 2

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

From our Principal

Kia ora Henderson Intermediate School Whānau,

Warmest greetings to you all and welcome to the 2024 school year! We are looking forward to working with you and your special young person over the year.

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.

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 2024

We warmly welcome our new teachers - Teejay Campbell, Melitta Kaveinga, Alanah Kraay and Andy Valeni. We are delighted to have them join our school.

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 part of the 'Lunches in School' Programme. 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. If your child has any dietary requirements or allergies please let the [School Office](#) know.

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 blocks. First is for 2 weeks, and then when we are in our new building students will have a 4 week block. Our specialist areas are: Food, Art (Term 2 onwards) 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

Thanks for visiting our pop up shop in the school hall over the last couple of weeks. We have decided to continue this pop up shop until Friday 9th February 2024. The shop hours are 7.30 -10.00a.m. After this there will be limited stocks available at school or online at Argyle.

BUILDING WORKS UNDERWAY

You will have noticed that our exciting new build is almost complete. At this stage we are

looking to open this in Term 2. There are 14 classrooms in this block, 4 are Technology classrooms. We will keep you updated about this in our fortnightly newsletters.

MEET THE TEACHER

Your first opportunity to meet our staff and your child's teacher is going to be **Thursday 29th February 5.30 - 7.30pm**. Please save this date, further details will be coming out soon.

CONTACTING ME

I can be contacted on my cell phone anytime on 0212720552 or via email at principal@hendersonint.school.nz. An anxious young person for the whole weekend is not what we want so please contact me.

CELLPHONE USE

The Government has introduced regulations that require all state schools to have student phone rules in use. We already have rules and a system in place which is inline with the government regulations. We are currently updating our policy on this to reflect these new regulations.

DROP OFF & PICK UP

Our school is on a very busy road. Our staff have set up a coned off system in our pick-up/drop-off bay. Can I please ask that you are respectful of this system and take your cue from the staff. Please observe these simple tips from us on how we can all make this work: Never park in the bay and leave your car, this blocks up everything.

- Observe the cones and which lane in the bay is open.
- Move up as space becomes available.
- The median strip is a feeder into the bay and we monitor this and call you into the bay when space allows .
- Please be mindful of the 750 students that are also in those areas.
- Please do not allow your children to walk across the road to get into your car whilst parked on the median strip, you must come into the bay to collect your child/ren.
- Always communicate with your child/ren as to where and when you will pick them up

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

Here's to a great 2024 together!

Ngā mihi nui | Kind regards

Viv Carr

Principal/Tumuaki

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF STAFF AND BOARD

Upcoming Events

Huitānguru / February

6 - Waitangi Day - School closed

26 - Board Meeting - 6pm

28 - Road Patrol Training



School Calendar

Thank you!

A big thank you to the Kindness Collective who have generously donated 5 big boxes of Lego packs to our school!



Music Lessons at School

MUSIC LESSONS AT SCHOOL!

The Music Education Centre offers specialist music tuition for a range of instruments including **Piano, Guitar, Drums and more!**

IT'S CONVENIENT!

Have your child's music lesson right at their school and give them the opportunity to develop their skills through our **individualised lessons that're both fun and educational!** Learning music supports all areas of learning through developing **confidence, creativity, concentration and so much more!**



To enrol, please visit www.bit.ly/MECINTERMEDIATE

Community Notices



DRAMA - DANCE - SINGING

Accelerate Confidence and Communication Skills
Enrol in February to be in the draw to win one of ten April Holiday programs with a bestie.
"Pform.nz classes provide the most fun of our son's week"

There is a Pform venue near you in Te Atatu every Tuesday at the Community Centre & Library and at Summerland Primary every Saturday and advanced training at Wellesley Studios every Saturday.

ADVANCED PERFORMANCE TRAINING

These courses are designed for those students who want to take their education in the Performing Arts further. If you want to audition with success then these are the courses for you. You will train in a fun and challenging environment with performers who are like-minded. No previous experience is necessary but would be an advantage.

Performers will have the opportunity to tour and have numerous big-stage performances. You will train at the Wellesley Street Studios each Saturday.

Free Trials available for a limited time www.pform.nz/free-trial

www.pform.nz info@pform.nz



Glen Eden Tennis Club

42 Glendale Road, Glen Eden

Junior Tennis Programme commencing Tuesday 30th January 2024 Term 1, 2024

We welcome newcomers to our Junior Tennis programme at the Glen Eden Tennis Club – all ages from 5 through to 18 years of age – we can supply rackets – just bring your sports shoes – and our coaches Toby Bunting and assistant coach Kemo Teariki will introduce tennis to young newcomers.

We can accommodate newcomers of all ages and stages – so don't feel shy in giving it a go – first lesson is free to trial for newbies! (we welcome adult players either new or returning as well!).

We have three junior classes each Tuesday for Term 1 2024

4.00pm to 4.45pm – 5 year to 8 year olds - \$90.00

4.45pm to 5.45pm – 8 year to 11 year olds - \$100

5.45pm to 7.00pm – 11 year olds and older up to 18 year olds - \$107.50

We have ice blocks available for sale for the after school munchies! And free tea/coffee for parents

For queries phone Anne on 021 103 3786 or Raema 021 208 0725



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