

Newsletter 5

Term 1 | Week 11

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

From our Principal

Kia ora e te Whānau o Henderson Intermediate,

I hope this final newsletter for the term finds you well and you are all looking forward to having a two week break from the school routine. The end of the term is upon us and we will finish this term on Friday 12th April at the normal time of 2.50pm.

The last few weeks have been busy for staff and students. We had a fantastic turnout for our **Pasifika Evening** on the 27th March. It is always a pleasure to attend these and to have time to chat with whānau about our kura. Students from the Pasifika choir sang, a sound that fills everyone of us with pride. The survey from that evening is still open for another week, we would really appreciate you taking the time to add your thoughts, the link is in this newsletter.

Thank you to all of you that attended our **blessing of the new building** last Friday morning. We had a big turnout from the Ministry, Board, contractors, architects, staff, students past and present and Wendy Esera. Wendy cut the ribbon and announced our new building, named the Crawford Building, now open. This is named after our Presiding BOT Member Ron

Crawford. We are forever grateful for all the hard work Ron has put into our school, we would not be where we are now without him.

Next term on 30th May we will be holding our **Whānau Conferences**, this is a time that you can hear from your child and your child's teacher about the learning progress and goals set for the year. Please save this date as it is important for your child to see you in their kura taking interest in their learning pathway.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff at HIS for a wonderful first term. It goes without saying that your hard and dedicated work with all of our students doesn't go unnoticed, you are appreciated.

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.

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.

Have a wonderful holiday break, enjoy spending time with your family.

Ngā mihi nui | Kind regards

Viv Carr

Principal/Tumuaki

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF STAFF AND BOARD

Upcoming Events

Paengawhāwhā / April

9 - Tupu Maia Warriors Girls' Festival Day

11 - Waitākere Zone ARL Kiwi Tags

12 - Last Day of Term 1

29 - First Day of Term 2



Reminder - Last Day of Term 1

The last day of Term 1 is this Friday 12th April.
School will finish at the normal time of 2:50pm.

We wish all of our students a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 29th April at 8:50am.



Pasifika Community Evening



Pasifika Parent Survey

*Final week to complete the
Pasifika Parent Survey
Scan the QR code or
click the link below*

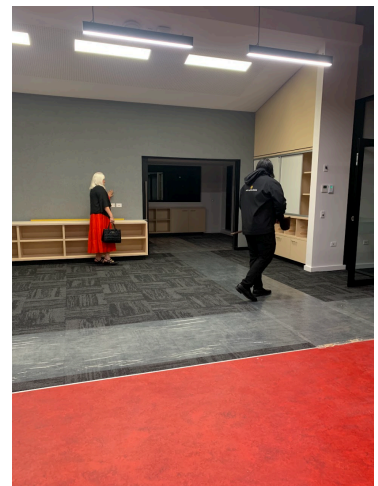


[CLICK HERE to complete survey](#)

New Build Opening/Blessing

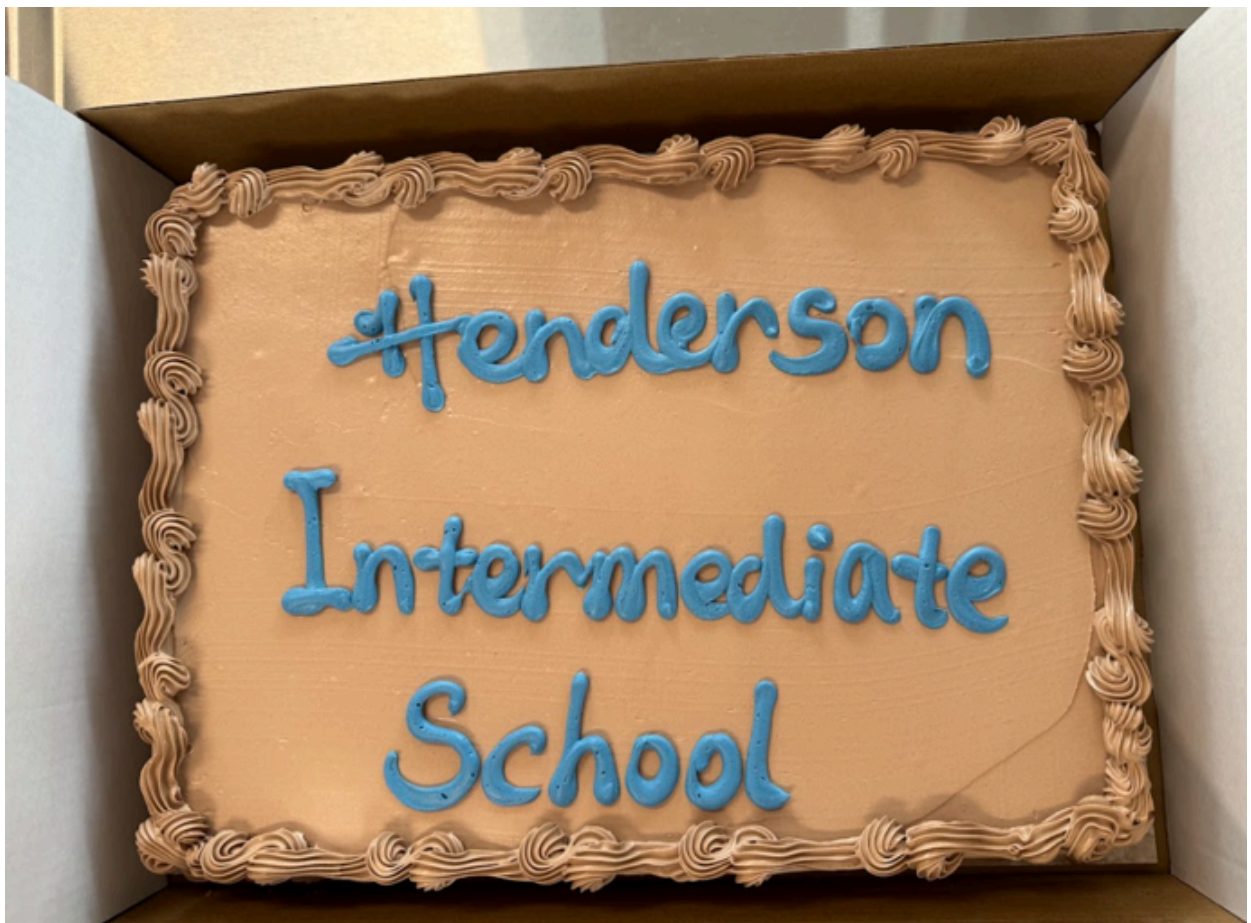
Last Friday we had the official opening of our new building. What a great turnout we had of whānau, staff, board members, contractors and MOE representatives! The blessing started bright and early at 6.30am. After this was completed, our previous Principal, Mrs Wendy Esera, along with two ex pupils, cut the ribbon to open the building. This building was officially opened as the 'Crawford Building', named after our Presiding Board Member, Ron Crawford. Mr Crawford has served our school on the Board for over 20 years. He has played a huge part

in many building and maintenance projects over the years and has been a key person in the construction of this new block. It is very fitting to name it after him.





An assembly was held in block 1 of the school day followed by all classes having a walk through of the Crawford Building. After this, everyone had a yummy piece of chocolate cake to finish off the celebrations.



**Waitākere and Auckland Zone
Swimming**



Aaliyah Ratumaitavuki-Naqau, Maddison Clarke and Irene Gong competed in the Waitākere Swimming competition held at West Wave on Thursday 14th March. All three gained placings that secured them to compete in the Auckland Championships which was held on Wednesday 20th March. Maddison Clarke swam strong heats which placed her in the finals for the 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke. She placed 7th in the 50m freestyle and 8th in the 50m backstroke.

A huge congratulations to Maddison and all those who competed in both swimming events!

Student Success

A huge congratulations to Lennon (Rm 21) who placed **1st Place** in the Aotearoa Fire Knife Championships (Junior Division). What an achievement!

He also had the honour of meeting Mikaele Oloa (5 x World Fire Knife Champion).

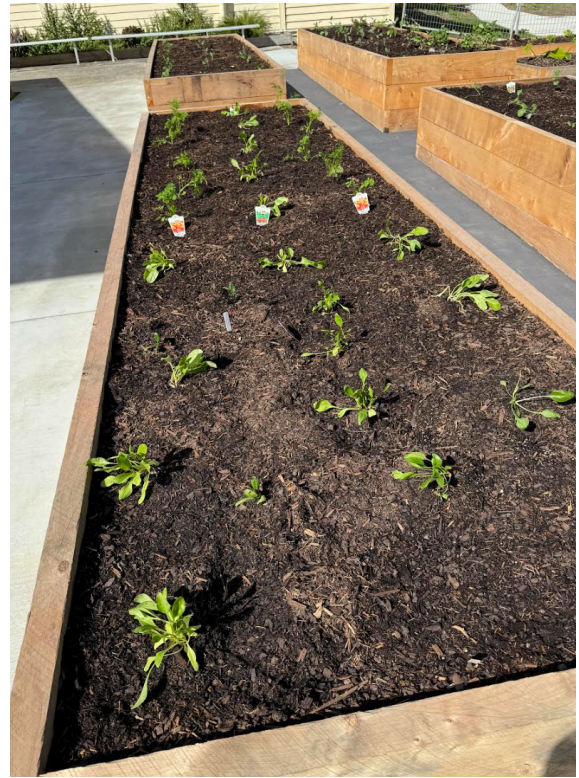
Well done Lennon! We are very proud of you!



New Garden Beds

We have recently had these new garden beds built (as part of the new Crawford Building project). Last week our social worker here at School, Jess Barrett and a few students, planted a variety of vegetables and herbs. What a great thing to learn - how to plant and grow fresh produce!

Once grown, students will be able to use these in some delicious recipes at Food Technology.



Property Updates

Today two new projects began here at school. One is the new shade structure in front of rooms 12 - 17 and the other is new tiger turf on the courts. Both are looking to be completed in the second week of the school holidays (weather dependant). We are really looking forward to both of these being completed hopefully in time for the start of Term 2!



Community Notices



FETŪ O LE MOANA AOGA AMATA

OPENING 1ST MAY 2024



Samoan Bilingual Early Childhood Centre



Catering from 6 months to 5 years old

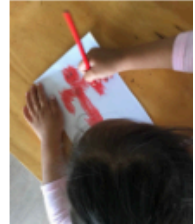


20 Hours Free



Located in Ranui, West Auckland

Now accepting enrolments. Email admin@fetuolemoana.org.nz





Autumn 2024

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Drop-Off 8:30-9:00am | Pick-Up 3-3:30pm

REMUERA

Kings School

April 15 & 16 & 17

WESTMERE

Westmere School

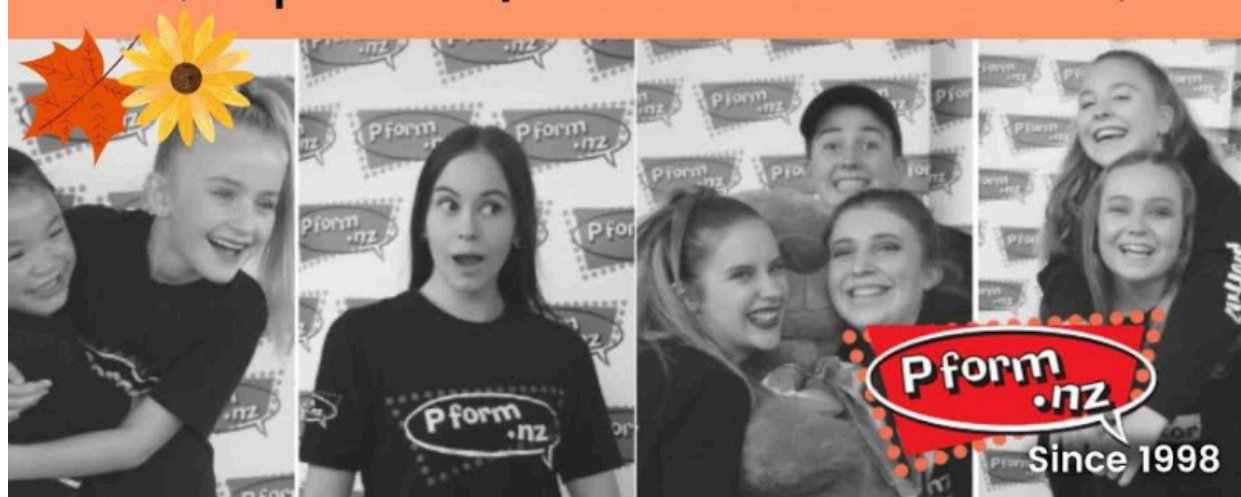
April 22 & 23 & 24

ALBANY

Albany Village Hall

April 22 & 24

Price: \$85 per child | Autumn Promo: Two for \$150!



LIFEWISE

PreSchool Years Toolbox (0-4 yrs)

13 May to 24 June – six Mondays 7pm to 9pm

Primary Years Toolbox (6-12yrs)

14 May to 18 June – six Tuesdays 7pm to 9pm

Teenage Years Toolbox (13+ yrs)

15 May to 19 June – six Wednesdays 7pm to 9pm

Building Awesome Whanau (0-12yrs)

17 May to 21 June – six Fridays 9.30am to 11.30am

Cost: \$85 per person/\$120 per couple (subsidy available for financial hardship)

Toolbox courses are held in person at Lifewise, 3rd Floor, 3055 Great North Rd, New Lynn.

Parenting Through Separation

We offer this 4 hour course every week at different times and venues, both in person and on Zoom.

There is no charge for this course as it is fully funded by the Ministry of Justice.

Register online for all courses at www.lifewise.org.nz ; or phone 09 818 0205; or email familyservices@lifewise.org.nz

Do you enjoy crafts? Do you love little things?



Waitakere Miniature Makers now has a junior member group for 9 - 12 year olds. We meet on the first Sunday of the month from 10am-12pm at the scout den in Tui Glen Reserve.

You'll make a small cool project each time and learn new skills. Supervision and materials are included for \$10 a term. Numbers are limited to six junior members.

Older members and visitors are also welcome!
(Adult club times are 10am-3pm)

Email annedunstall@gmail.com to register or for more information.



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