

# HENDERSON NORTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



*From the principal's pen*

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa, Kamusta, Talofa, Mālō e lelei, Nǐ hǎo, Bula Vinaka, Namaste,

Warm greetings to you all. It is hard to believe that we have arrived at the last week of Term 1 2024, it honestly feels like we just started! The term has gone so fast, perhaps because everyday has been a busy one since we started back at school. Our learning focus has been around healthy eating, gathering knowledge around how we source, produce, cultivate and preserve food in our past and present. I hope you had the opportunity to see some of the learners' wonderful work during goal setting interviews.

A couple of weeks ago we had our goal setting interviews. Thank you to all our whānau who attended these. If you weren't able to make it, you can still make time to meet with your child's teacher. I am so proud to say we had 304 interviews booked in on the day.

These first interviews have informed you of the goals your child has made in numeracy and literacy. They will be working on these goals for the next few weeks. Each term our teachers and your children will be meeting with you to report on how the goals are going; if they have reached these goals, what are the next learning goals and what they need to do to achieve them..... And yes your input and support is so vital to the whole goal setting and learning process. Our goals not only enable us to report to you progress and achievement, it is another opportunity for our learning partnerships with whānau to develop - this a very effective way of supporting your child in their learning. It would be great to see our whānau engaging more and more each time - let's see if we can beat 304 interviews next time!

This term we say goodbye to two of our staff; Jenny Angell who has been at our school for 7 years as a classroom teacher, and Miss Kay who has worn many hats in her TA role for the past 15 years. We thank them with full hearts for their contributions to our school community and wish them all the best in their next journeys.

Please whānau continue to read our newsletters and keep an eye out for all the main dates in Term 2 especially events that involve you as we would love to continue to connect and work with you. Also you are welcome to join us every 2nd Friday at 2pm for our whole school assemblies, where we come together as a whole school to share and acknowledge our learners, and the singing is really good too! Nau mai haere mai! Come along if you can.

We wish you all a very safe and relaxing two week break and look forward to seeing you all in Term 2.

Ngā mihi mahana - warm greetings.

Whaea Donna - Principal/Tumuaki

***Together we create and inspire success!***

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2

**Friday 31st May - Teacher only day**

**Wednesday 19th June - Goal Setting Interviews**

**Thursday 27th June - Matariki Evening Celebration**

## *2024 Dates Term Dates*

**Term 1** : 1 February - 12 April **finish at 3.00pm**

**Term 2** : 29 April - 5 July

**Term 3** : 22 July - 27 September

**Term 4** : 14 October - 18 December

### **Public Holidays**

Monday 3 June King's Birthday

Friday 28 June Matariki

Monday 28 October Labour Day

### **School Hours**

School starts: 8:55

Block 1: 8:55-10:30

Morning Tea: 10:30-10:40 (Eat in Class); 10:40-11:00 (Playtime)

Block 2: 11:00-12:30

Lunch: 12:30-12:45 (Eat in Class); 12:45-1:25(Playtime)

Block 3: 1:25-2:55

School finishes at 2:55

# ATTENDANCE @ HNS

Kia ora e te whānau



I hope everyone had a great Easter break.  
I have a couple of requests for our whānau out there.

We are receiving an increasing amount of non-specified and open ended absences.

We cannot assume if a child is meant to be here or not.  
If your child is going to be away please be as specific as you can with dates of absence.

If your child is away due to a pre-booked doctor or specialist's appointment, we can record these better if you provide some form of verification. An appointment slip or even email/text screenshot would be perfect.

If you have any questions or concerns related to how we record your tamariki's attendance, don't hesitate to contact me at [matt@hns.school.nz](mailto:matt@hns.school.nz)

We here at attendance are working through some new ways to get your tamariki excited to be here.

So stay tuned for some exciting news.

Thank you to everyone for getting your tamariki here to school.

Ngā mihi Matua Matt



**- HONEY -**

**Our amazing '5 Bee's Honey' will be on sale on  
Friday at the school office -**

**\$15 a pot**

**The money goes towards looking after our school bees and our  
'Garden to Table Programme'.**

*Please feel free to donate any pantry items to our  
Garden to Table Programme -*

# Welcome!



Kia Ora! Kamusta?

My name is Joan Mercado. I am from the Philippines, and I have been residing in the beautiful community of Henderson since 2022. I am grateful and honoured to be a part of Henderson North School. I will be teaching the New Entrants in Room 11 starting this Term 2 of the school year 2024.

I have been teaching for more than eight years and I feel so blessed to be able to do what I love. Through these years, I have become more passionate and my ultimate goal as an educator is to mould young minds and help them develop holistically.

I would love to get to know my Room 11 Tamariki and their whanau, so please come and visit us in Room 11 whenever you can.

Thank you and Mabuhay!



Kia Ora,

My name is Tania Haare. I'm so privileged to be part of the Henderson North School family.

I enjoy meeting new people and getting to know them. I absolutely love spending time with my family and taking them on walks. If you see me around, please don't be shy to say hi.

I look forward to getting to meet a lot more families through out the school.



Kia Ora

My name is Michelle Siaoloa and I am a fruit salad of different cultures; Niuean, Samoan, Cook Island and Tahitian.

I am very privileged to be the Learning Support Coordinator at Henderson North School. The challenge for our tamariki to meet learning milestones can be really difficult for some students more than others. My priority is to be an active part of the team to help navigate those challenges to create pathways forward for our students, whanau and staff.

I have been a classroom teacher and leader in education for 18 years, mostly at intermediate level. I have a daughter at university, a son at intermediate, and a grandson at primary school. My family along side my teaching and learning journey, inspire me to work hard for our tamariki, whanau and staff. I look forward to connecting with our whanau and wider community.

*Me mahi tahi tātau mo te oranga o te katoa*

*Working together for all to succeed, nobody is left behind*

Ngā mihi nui

# MOTUTAPU ISLAND SENIOR CAMP

Tuesday 29 October - Friday 1 November

Our Year 5 & 6's are off to camp at the end of the year.

Payments can start being made either a lump sum of \$320 or you can pay in instalments.

Bank account details for Direct Debit payments -  
Westpac 030155-0405731-00



Photos from Motutapu Camp 2022

# Stories from room 17!

Honey-Marie Kahie-Rhodes  
Did you know i adore my  
mum? She spends time with  
me so much. she takes  
me to the Amazing places  
to explore. Her cooking is  
great and wonderful, she  
cooks me my favourite meals  
like eggs on toast and fries  
and they are delicious. My  
mum is lovely and wonderful.  
I wish i will be a great woman  
like my mum when i grow up.

London 06.03.2024

Did you know that I  
absolutely adore my mummy?

I love her because she

braids my hair and cooks my

favourite food. She makes

me feel so loved. I don't

know what I would do

without her. She plays Son of

Andreas with me. She is

sweet and she has a golden

heart. She is kind and

lovely. Certainly my mum

is my favourite person to

be with. ♡

Kiani Katoa

13.03.2024

Did you know that milk and getting enough sleep make our body healthy. Sleeping early will give you energy in the morning. Because it keeps you active and fit. With the help of protein your brain will be full of ideas. Milk gives our bones strength. Additionally it builds our muscles. It also makes our brain smart. We need to drink milk every day. Absolutely drinking milk makes our body healthy, strong, and active. It makes me happy too.



**PRINCIPAL'S  
CERTIFICATE  
AWARD'S  
FOR THE VALUE OF RESPECT  
Friday 5 April**

<i>Room 1</i>	<i>Samuel Kay</i>
<i>Room 2</i>	<i>Tank Poa</i>
<i>Room 3</i>	<i>Angela Galvez</i>
<i>Room 4</i>	<i>Carter Ferguson</i>
<i>Room 5</i>	<i>Lauagaia Faumuina</i>
<i>Room 6</i>	<i>Rhia Kumar</i>
<i>Room 7</i>	<i>Filipe Tasolo</i>
<i>Room 10</i>	<i>Yujeong Tak</i>
<i>Room 11</i>	<i>Yaewon Kang</i>
<i>Room 12</i>	<i>Falesau Etene</i>
<i>Room 14</i>	<i>Arabella Skipp</i>
<i>Room 15</i>	<i>Elijah Karan-Nandan</i>
<i>Room 16</i>	<i>Isla Haare-Tuisamoa</i>
<i>Room 17</i>	<i>Hazel Heinzen</i>
<i>Room 18</i>	<i>Zion Aldaba</i>

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN US ON  
SUNDAY 21 APRIL -**

**AND BE APART OF MAKING OUR  
GARDENS LOOK MAGNIFICENT!**

**Waitakere Rotary**

# **Operation Helping Hand: Henderson North Primary School Garden Works**

**We Need Your Help!**

Join us as we embark on a mission to Upgrade and beautify Henderson North Primary School's Garden. Your assistance is invaluable in making this project a success. Let's come together and make a positive impact on our community!

**Date: 21/04/2024**

**Time: 9am -2pm**

**Location: Henderson  
North Primary School**

For more information  
please contact - Elizza  
-021300250.





# NZ MODERN SCHOOL OF MUSIC



## Henderson North Primary School In-School Lessons Piano – Guitar

NZ Modern School of Music is a national music organisation that has been operating for over 70 years, and provides quality music lessons throughout New Zealand. We conduct one-on-one lessons within schools, and after-school lessons at private studios. Our teachers are carefully selected and are all police vetted. Our qualified teachers are Sabrina Ou (0211889460) for piano and Zachary McKay (0224077394) for guitar.

Our music school also provides the below opportunities for students to further develop their skills and gain recognition for their work. We understand some pupils just wish to learn casually, so these are optional and participation can be discussed with the teacher.

- Our own range of Music Books
- Annual Competitions
- Theory Exams
- Practical Exams

### Lesson Costs

20 mins: \$24.10/30 mins: \$33.30 (private)  
30 mins: \$18.95 (group – guitar only)

**Henderson North Primary School values music tuition and has allowed us to offer in-school tuition during school hours.**



## NZ MODERN SCHOOL OF MUSIC ENROLMENT FORM

To enrol, please fill in the form below and return to the school office. Alternatively you can contact us directly on **0800 696 874** or email us at [info@modernmusic.co.nz](mailto:info@modernmusic.co.nz).

Pupils Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Room Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

## SECRETS UNDER THE SEA

**Waitakere Central Library**



### **Robogals Workshop Saturday 13 April**

**10:30am-12:30pm**

Robogals is an organization run by university students who are passionate about STEM - come join us! A Laptop or Chromebook will be provided. Suitable for 8+



### **Learn what's under the wharf with**

**Kelly Tarlton's team  
Wednesday, 17th April  
10:30 am - 11:30 am**

Join us for a fun and interactive session with Kelly Tarlton's team to learn more about Tikapa Moana, the animals that swim under the waves and why we need to protect this Taonga. Suitable for ages 5+.



### **3D printing with Brian Play Thursday, 18th April 10:30 am - 11:30 am**

Join us for 3D printing to make shipwrecks, treasure maps or make your own design. Suitable for ages 7+.

### **D&D: Secrets under the sea Saturday, 20th April 12pm - 3pm**

Join us for an under the sea themed Dungeons and Dragons session focused on finding secrets! Pre-generated character sheets and dice provided. For new and experienced players. Suitable for ages 12+. Spaces are very limited, first come first serve.



### **Luna in the forest Creative Workshop Monday, 22nd April 10am - 11:30am**

Join Stephanie Glass the author of "Lunar in the forest" for a storytelling session with drawing activities. Suitable for ages 7-12.



### **Mini Connect4 workshop & Tournament Friday, 19th April 2pm - 3pm**

Come and join our first ever Connect 4 tournament. You will learn HOW to win, followed by a tournament to find out who is the BEST Connect 4 player. Suitable for all ages.

### **Movie: The Little Mermaid Tuesday, 23rd April, 10:30am - 12pm**

Join us with a free movie session. Suitable for ages 5+.





## Concussion Recovery Assessment of New Zealanders in Adolescence and Childhood



We are looking for families of **children and teenagers (age 5-17 years)** who have had a **concussion or mild TBI** in the **last ten days**, to take part in a study to find out how long it takes them to recover.

We would like to talk to families up to five times over the 6 months after injury. The interviews can be conducted by phone, on zoom, or in person at a time that suits you. Each participating family will be given a \$20 voucher for each assessment in appreciation of your time.

To find out more, email [concussion@waikato.ac.nz](mailto:concussion@waikato.ac.nz), ring 0220159773 or [facebook.com/craniac.nz](https://facebook.com/craniac.nz).

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April				
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>
<b>African Safari</b>  Embark on an African Safari Adventure with jungle masks, African shield making, playing Mbube Mbube from South Africa and more.	<b>PREMIUM DAY – KIWIBUBBLE SOCCER</b> Be at skids by <b>9:30am</b> .  Bubble Soccer is a hilarious combination of traditional sports and big Bubble suits.	<b>skids Masterchef</b>  Put on your Masterchef hats and skills in to action! Let's make something delicious and have fun!	<b>TRIP DAY – MOVIE</b>  Be at skids by <b>9:30am</b> . Don't forget to bring combo money.	<b>Pajama Day.</b>  Bring your Blankets, Pillows, Pajamas & let's PARTY...

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<b>World Earth Day.</b>  Spark curiosity, creativity and appreciation for our planet with recycled art projects, outdoor nature yoga and more.	<b>TRIP DAY – MOVIE</b> Be at skids by <b>9:30am</b> . Don't forget to bring combo money	<b>Let's Bake!</b>  Let's bake some yummy delights and have fun time..	<b>ANZAC DAY Public Holiday.</b> Sorry! We're closed. ANZAC DAY Public Holiday.	<b>ANZAC Spirit.</b>  Let's celebrate history with playful army style fitness sessions, ANZAC arts, crafts and more..



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<p><b>African Safari</b></p> <p>Embark on an African Safari Adventure with jungle masks, African shield making, playing Mbube Mbube from South Africa, baking monkey cupcakes, and crafting some slippery snake finger puppets.</p> 	<p><b>Feathered Friends</b></p> <p>Join us for a nature filled day and explore nature to find some feathered friends. Craft a DIY Bird Houses and Bird Seed Feeders and create your own feathered bird buddies to take home!</p> 	<p><b>Flippin Fun – Trampoline Park</b></p> <p>Show us your best moves and bounce the morning away at Flippin Fun trampoline park. Don't forget your socks, plenty of snacks and a full drink bottle. <b>(Trip)</b></p> 	<p><b>Puppet Paradise</b></p> <p>Join us for a puppetry adventure as you learn the art of story telling through the magic of shadows, popsicle stick characters and cuddly sock puppets. <b>(Premium)</b></p> 	<p><b>Spike-Tacular Cacti</b></p> <p>Join us for a day of prickly themed fun! Featuring fun cactus theme games to test your skills and creative activities like handprint cactus art and DIY cactus plants!</p> 

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<p><b>Earth's Heartbeat – Earth Day</b></p> <p>Spark curiosity, creativity and appreciation for our planet with recycled art projects, outdoor nature yoga, STEM projects, and Earth-themed baking.</p> 	<p><b>Story Land – World Book Day</b></p> <p>Dress up as your favourite book character! Create your own 'story dice' from The Make Company to take home and inspire yourself with more storytelling. <b>(Premium)</b></p> 	<p><b>ANZAC Spirit</b></p> <p>Our ANZAC day celebrates history with tasty ANZAC biscuits, playful army style fitness sessions, creative soldier silhouette art and craft popsicle stick biplanes.</p> 	<p><b>Closed</b></p> <p>We're closed for this ANZAC Public Holiday. We'll see you tomorrow.</p>	<p><b>Farm Animal Antics</b></p> <p>Join our farm-themed day and enjoy entertaining games, craft DIY Farm Bams, mold playdough farm animals, bake pink pig cupcakes, and enjoy paper cow crafts!</p> 

# Do you enjoy crafts? Do you love little things?



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