

HENDERSON SOUTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 10/2018



Caring Sharing Learning

Thursday 4th July
Principal's Message

Why get in behind the campaign?

New Zealand has a problem. Enrolments in teacher training have dropped 40% between 2010 and 2016 while there are growing school rolls. Since the early 2000s teacher salaries have dropped significantly relative to the median NZ salary from 1.8 times the median (for experienced teachers on the top of the pay scale) to just over 1.5. In effect, this means jobs that used to earn less than teachers now earn more.

What is the Government saying?

The Finance Minister Grant Robertson has hinted that the Government are making provision for a salary increase for teachers in the upcoming Budget in May. And the Education Minister

Chris Hipkins has said there is a chronic teacher shortage: It's a shocking failure of planning by the previous National Government that has left an immediate shortage of teachers, but more worryingly, a ticking time bomb for schools as baby boomer teachers retire and too few incoming teachers coming through to take over.

As a result of our Paid Union Meetings:

Teachers and principals were out in full force at paid union meetings over the past fortnight. Together we are strong. The teacher's union has **voted overwhelmingly to reject the Ministry's offer and to hold a three-hour strike on 15 August**. This will happen next term in Week 4 details will follow closer to the day.

Reporting to Parents:

This is a very important time of the year as it informs parents of the progress and achievement being made by their child. We are no longer reporting on the National Standards. We are now assessing children on where they are according to Curriculum Levels and progress being made. Students are either Pre (before the level) Early, At or Advanced within the Curriculum levels. We have found that by assessing children in this manner that it gives every pupil an opportunity to improve rather than being compartmentalized by a standard. Our results have been stunning since the change.

End of Term:

Our school term is coming to a quick end after a busy but productive time. Our students will return next term and the main topic of study will be based around Technology. Children will learn how to think about how technology helps improve their lives. They will use equipment that will challenge their thinking and how it relates to their subject areas.

Staffing:

After 12 years of dedicated service at our school Miss Karaka has resigned and has accepted a Team Leaders position at Glen Avon School in Blockhouse Bay. She will be missed by both the students and staff. She has made a huge contribution in many ways at our school teaching our students and has been a valued member on our Management Team. We wish her all the best for the future.

Mrs. Woodman will be taking refreshment leave for Term's 3 and 4.

Mrs. Fiti Tigafua will replace Miss Karaka until a Team Leader has been appointed.

Dental Clinic Van:

This is the last week that the dental van will be at our school. They will be relocating to Bruce McLaren Intermediate School. All referrals can now be made to this school if your child has a dental problem.

Final Assembly

Our final assembly will be Friday 6th July at 1pm.

School finishes at 2pm

Starts again on Monday 23rd July

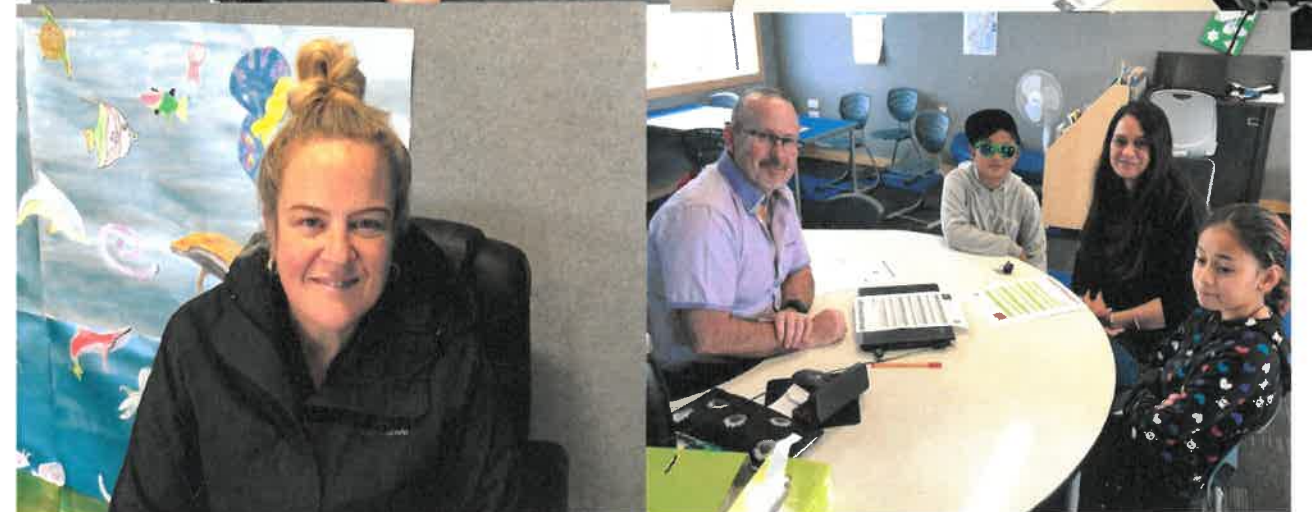
Have a safe and happy holiday.

Kia kite ano

Trevor Diamond
Principal

THANK YOU

A BIG Thank You to Mrs Sa'e Makaro, from all the Staff and Students for making Pancakes and Cocoa for the whole school during Samoan Language Week. Everybody said how delicious they were.



NEWSLETTER:

I have read the newsletter 10/2018 dated 5th July 2018 and wish to enter my child in the prize draw.

Name: _____ Room: _____ Signed: _____