

HENDERSON SOUTH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 17/2018

Wednesday 7th November 2018

Caring Sharing Learning



Principal's Message:

We are in Week 4 nearly half way through the term already. Our topic is The Arts has commenced well and the children are learning about other cultures around the world focusing on customs, dance and art.

Sun Smart:

The weather forecasters are predicting a hot summer this year. We want our students to be sun safe. Wearing hats at school will help protect them from our severe sun. We have sun cream here at school and our teachers will supply students with this so they can apply it to their skin.

Sandals:

Thank you to all the students that are wearing sandals this term. You look very smart, tidy and cool in them.

Dogs:

We have had a number of stray pets entering our school grounds. Dogs are not permitted on our school property. They are a potential health risk to our students especially stray dogs. Our children get very scared when they see dogs entering our playground. Thank you for co-operating with our school by keeping dogs away from our school grounds.

STRIKE DAY:

At this stage teachers will be going on strike this **Monday 12th November** unless it is called off. Henderson South School will officially be **closed** for this day. School will re-commence for everyone on Tuesday 13th November.

WHY ARE TEACHERS STRIKING?

[New Zealand's losing more and more teachers...](#)

Kids need teachers, yet schools are struggling to fill teacher vacancies, with some schools reporting zero applicants for vacant positions.

Within a decade, NZ will be short 1,800 teachers.

There are growing numbers of children entering school, yet there has been a 40% reduction in people training to be teachers.

There just aren't enough teachers to give your kids the education they deserve. There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs.

[Why are teachers striking and what are they asking for?](#)

Teachers and principals are in collective employment negotiations and are asking for:

More teachers - so your kids can get more attention

More resources and staff - to support children with additional learning needs

A pay jolt to teachers' salaries to address the teacher shortage – so that your children will have a teacher in the future

[Can the Government afford it?](#)

This is about choices. A 16% increase in primary teacher salaries would cost \$300 million a year. This is equivalent to 4km of the \$1.9 billion Warkworth to Wellsford motorway. Or approximately one cockpit of one of the four new military planes the Government has purchased.

[Do other New Zealanders support these issues?](#)

Yes, **91% of NZers want more money to be spent on education.** And 83% think teachers need a pay increase. The vast majority of them think teachers need a decent pay increase, and 67% even thought double digits.

Dates to remember:

Start Day for teachers - 2019

Term Dates

Term One

Term Two

Term Three

Term Four

First Day of School for pupils Mon 4th Feb

Feb Mon 4th to April Fri 12th

April 29th to July 5th

July 22nd to September 27th

October 14th to December Wed 18th

= 10 weeks 98 half days

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= 10 weeks 100 half days

= 10 weeks 96 half days

Have great week

Trevor Diamond
PRINCIPAL

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READING NIGHTS:

25 NIGHTS:

Hitesh Bhati

50 NIGHTS:

Irae Solomona Patea

Ve'a Aki

75 NIGHTS:

Liana Naea

100 NIGHTS:

Athena Berking- Satele

Tiana Duncan

Vaeluaga Seko

Jaydiuz Ofisa

125 NIGHTS:

Carter Anderson - Ratana

150 NIGHTS:

Jezreel Lopeti

Luciano Williams

Kalolo Tafua

Simoli Tuia

175 NIGHTS:

Cherish Payne

Joseph Tanielu

Jiovan Dargaville

200 NIGHTS:

Sharleen Lamese

Tau Falo –Fai

Ryan Meredith

Kia Ora Whanau

The School Public Health Nurse's Amy and Maretta will now be available at the times listed below, to drop in for chat.

- Amy Monday mornings 8.15am – 10.30am
- Maretta Wednesday mornings 8.30am – 10.30am

They are also available in the afternoons by prior arrangement – please call or text them, or ask at the school office for help.

They will be situated in room 11

They are available to discuss any concerns about your child's health, growth and development in a confidential environment.

For example: Skin & ear infections, asthma & eczema, sore throats: Rheumatic fever prevention, hearing & vision, bed wetting & other continence issues, nutrition & diet, family violence, linking to health or social services & advise about any other health concerns.

To contact:

Amy 021 243 4928

Maretta 021 227 8680

Learning is easier for a healthy, happy child.

Reminder:

- **Duffy Books in homes. Duffy Summer Reading \$5.00 Parent offer. Order and Money to be returned to the school office by Friday 16th November.**

NEWSLETTER:

I have read the newsletter 17/2018 dated 7th November 2018 and wish to enter my child in the prize draw.

Name: _____ **Room:** _____ **Signed:** _____

