

HENDERSON SOUTH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 04/2019



Wednesday 27th March

Principal's Message:

Wow!!! we are in Week 8 already. How time flies. Goal setting night was fantastic we had a large number of parents attend to discuss their child's goals.

There were 198 appointments made which is 73.6%. Last year 64% of our school population attended. It was pleasing to see parents, teachers and students engaging with each other and making powerful connections.

Healing Through Arts Trust Show:

Last Friday we had an assembly before this show to observe the two minutes of silence to remember the Christchurch victims. After this, our students watched a show based on kindness. It was a fabulous performance and our students were totally engaged with the actors and the strong messages they had based on kindness. This was a free show for our students.

Lockdown:

We had our first whole school lockdown practice today. It is becoming a common occurrence in New Zealand schools. A lockdown occurs when there is a danger that potentially can be life-threatening to our students or the local community. We hope that this never happens at our school we are prepared and know what to do if it does happen. We will review our systems regularly.

Bible in Schools:

We have commenced bible in school which started last Wednesday. If you do not want to have your child to participate in this, you can write a note to me requesting this. It is optional for children to attend these lessons. Your child will be supervised in the library otherwise.

Mrs. Cama is going to China:

Mrs. Cama has been selected to go to China on a cultural language trip. She will be departing for Beijing at the end of next week. She will not be at school for the last week of the term. She will be away for three weeks visiting tourist spots and visiting schools to teach at using Mandarin. This will be a wonderful opportunity for Mrs. Cama to experience the Chinese culture. She will be travelling with other teachers from other schools in New Zealand. We wish her all the best.

Measles:

With the growing numbers of children contracting this infection, it is important to strongly consider getting your child vaccinated in order to protect them from this. We have quite a large number of students that are not vaccinated. If we have an outbreak at our school, I would work in conjunction with the District Health Board in order to contain the outbreak Children that are in danger because they are not vaccinated would have to remain at home up to 14 days until we get an all clear from the Health Department. Vaccinations are free at your local GPs clinic. If you would like more information you can access this from our Public Health Nurse that is here on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 to 11 am. I have also included a link which contains detailed information about measles. <https://www.arphs.health.nz/public-health-topics/disease-and-illness/measles/>

Reminders:

Please collect your children at 2:45 pm when the school day ends.

Final Assembly Friday 12th April 1 pm

School closes at 2 pm Friday 12th April

School starts on Monday 29th April

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I have read the newsletter 04/2019 date 27th March 2019 and wish to enter my child in the prize draw.

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

