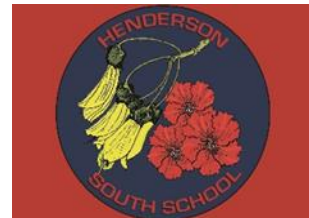


# HENDERSON SOUTH SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 07/2019



**Wednesday 22nd May 2019**

*What a busy four weeks we have had at our school. Our students have been striving to improve their achievement levels in all areas of the curriculum. They are mindful that teachers will be writing their mid-term reports on their progress soon. Our school has developed a new report and we will be using it to report student achievement. This report will be a combined Mid-term and End of Year report. It will cover all learning areas but will focus more deeply on Reading, Mathematics, and Writing. The report will reflect your child's progress across the curriculum. The report will recognise individual qualities in relation to the Key Competencies. We will be sending out the parent invitations to attend a meeting with teachers to discuss the report in Week 6 after Queens Birthday. Report days will be 2nd and 3rd of July. You will get your interview date and time confirmed after you have made your selection.*

### **Book Week:**

*We had a fantastic book week and an enjoyable book character dress up day. The students looked so different in their costumes. A big thank you to Mrs. Jones our school librarian for organising this event.*

### **Police Education Officer:**

*We have a new PEO for our school. Her name is Constable Jen. She replaces Constable Dean. She came to our assembly and introduced herself to our students and spoke to us about her role. We also met our Community Constable Murray. He spoke to our students about going straight home after school and not to be playing in local parks if it is dark. We are very lucky to have these two constables attached to our school to support our school and community.*

### **Cross Country Running:**

*Our school was represented at the Henderson Cluster Cross Country. We sent a keen group of athletes to this annual event which was held at Henderson Valley School. Our students participated well and tried their best. We gained some excellent results.*

### **STRIKE ACTION:**

*Wednesday, May 29th, 2019. We greatly appreciate the community support that we have already received following the decision by teachers and principals to strike on Wednesday 29 May.*

*The decision to take further strike action was not taken lightly by any of us. For the first time, both primary and secondary school teachers are striking together because the crisis in education hits us all very hard and we need the Government to understand how serious it is.*

*Schools are grappling with the fallout of a 40% nosedive in the number of people training to be teachers between 2010 and 2016, even while the population grew by 400,000. While the situation improved a little last year and the Government has announced an urgent \$95m package to recruit teachers, this is not sufficient to address the crisis. Schools struggle daily to find enough teachers to meet their relief teacher needs and this will worsen as winter approaches. There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs.*

*The fact is that teaching is no longer considered an attractive profession due to long-term under-funding of the education sector. A significant pay jolt is part of the solution, alongside significant improvements to our heavy workloads. Otherwise, our schools will end up with larger class sizes and more teachers leaving.*

*On Wednesday 29 May we hope you will join us at our local public event, likely to be from midday. We would love to see you and your children standing with us – together we are a community and we can make a difference. We will advise you of further details when they are confirmed.*

*STRIKE DAY = WEDNESDAY 29th May, (Our school will be closed on this day).*

### **BOT Elections:**

*If you are interested in becoming a BOT member we would love to have you join us. If you have children at our school you can nominate yourself. If you no longer have children at our school you must get someone from our school to nominate you. It is a very rewarding role and you will be supporting our teachers and students at Henderson South School. Nominations need to be submitted to our school office before Friday 24th May – before 12 pm.*

Trevor Diamond  
Principal

**Reminders:**

**EFTPOS** - We now have EFTPOS available in the office.

Please note that EFTPOS cannot be used to get cash out or to pay for your child's lunch.

**Saturday Netball Fess:**

If you have a child/ren that is playing Saturday netball and you haven't paid your netball fees these need to be paid ASAP.

**Zoofari School Trip:**

As part of our topic about 'Furs, Feathers & Fins', our classes will be attending a trip to the Auckland Zoo. A notice was sent home with every child on Monday.

**READING NIGHTS:** The following children have reached reading milestones.

**25 NIGHTS:**

Jerome Ulberg  
Ellanor Folokene

Charlee Connal

Gester Taliaivao

**50 NIGHTS:**

Neority Bourne  
Vaeluaga Seko  
Cherish Payne

Ebony Talopa'u  
Cassandra Faalaga  
Rocatus So'otuli

Jadyn Falo Fai  
James Lepua

**75 NIGHTS:**

Carissa Lopati

Tau Falo Fai



**NEWSLETTER:**

I have read the newsletter 07/2019 date 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 and wish to enter my child in the prize draw.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

