



HENDERSON HIGHLIGHTS

June 2009



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

The start of June is the signal for the end of semester one. Students have been working hard to gain credits towards their NCEA Certificates. Many students have made great progress and there will be a print out of results next week. The new semester will mean a new timetable for most senior students. This will start on Monday. I expect all students to take this opportunity to refocus and work hard for the finals. Term 2 is proving to be very busy but it's great to see so many students involved in school activities and I look forward to meeting many parents at these events.

Change to Early Closing on Mondays

For the last two years staff have been involved in a professional development programme on Monday afternoons. The Board and parents have generously supported this by allowing the school to close early. This has been very helpful for teachers. We are now at a stage where professional development can be organised in a different way. From the start of **Term 3** Monday closure will be **3.05pm**, the same as the rest of the week.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who gave up some of their April holiday to support Henderson RSA Poppy Day: Patrick Loughran, Helen Dart, Nicole Methven, Tineka van Houten, Mat Tatana-Edmonds, Bernadine Kruger and Vincent Reyland.

Two Year 9 students, **Reece Main** and **Brooke Telford**, were especially invited to be part of the ANZAC Day ceremony at Henderson RSA. Reece read his very emotional poem and Brooke offered a lovely piece of prose describing lessons learnt about the ANZACs. Their efforts were greatly appreciated by those attending the parade.



Congratulations to the **Bollywood Dance Group** who entered the High School Rockerz competition on 23rd May. There were 18 Auckland schools in the competition. Our team gave a very energetic performance with precision moves that showed hours of practice. They came away with the Best Costume Award. Well Done Shayneez Ali, Afsheen Ali, Sanil Jeet, Muntaha Iqbal, Allan Hawkins, Ashlyn Prasad, Ashleigh Reekie and Tania Parker.



AUCKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS HORSE TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were held at Papatoetoe Pony Club recently. Our team—Brenda Kelly, (captain) Lara Schaufelberger, Bianca Schouten and Harley Bell-May, competed successfully. After the dressage phase the team placed 4th in the composite teams section. With four double clear jumping rounds, the team placed 3rd overall, behind St Kentigerns and Botany.

To their delight our team were also awarded the **Pickmere Trophy for "Team Spirit."** This was a huge achievement as there were 36 teams competing. Congratulations team and thanks to supportive parents.

YEAR 10 JOURNEY

CONGRATULATIONS to The Junior Journey who arrived safely back at school last week after ten days kayaking, biking, tramping and roughing it from northland to Auckland.



Front row, left to right:

Thaao Tuikaki, Ruby Beresford, Adspecs instructor, Chloe Rayner, Ashleigh Allport, Krista-Lee Haslam, Adspecs instructor.

Back row: Briar Keates, Rachael Cunniffe, Jessie Baker, Kirsty Atkin.

**Henderson Intermediate
and Henderson High students
visit the Travelling Art Show at HHS**



Congratulations to our Home Economics teacher Mrs Pocock's daughter Katie, a Mairangi Bay surf lifesaver, who has captured the biggest crown of her illustrious career by winning the Moloka'i World Champs surfski title in Hawaii last month. The 31 year old paddler has been a dominant figure in NZ kayaking and surf ski racing for the last 9 years. This was a gruelling 53km race with strong challenges from Australian and Hawaiian ironwomen.



Year 11 Art
Using ink
and
bamboo



SWINE FLU UPDATE

The Ministry of Health has issued a letter to schools reminding us to still be vigilant for flu symptoms.

As a precaution

- * Students with symptoms of possible influenza should contact their doctor and should stay home until they are well.
- * Students who have travelled to countries with considerable spread of Influenza A (H1N1) should stay at home for a week upon their return, even if they have no symptoms.

If there is a community spread of the Swine Flu virus in our area it is possible that the school would close. If the school is directed to close it could happen quickly – students would be sent home at the end of the day with a letter telling them not to return. The school could be closed for 7 days or more. It is in our emergency plan that we would contact parents by letter home or text message. There would also be a message on the school answerphone. To help us do this we need to ensure that your contact details are correct. If your contact details have changed in the last 3 months could you please ensure the school has your corrected details.



Helena Terry
("the buyer")



This week our **Trash to Fashion** students joined a group of Project Runway enthusiasts from Bruce MacLaren Intermediate and took part in a workshop to experience an interactive use of materials in a fun, inspiring and colourful way.

Congratulations to **Brittany Taylor** who was selected for the NZ Junior Curling Team that travelled to China in January for the Pacific Junior Curling Champs. She was one of five in the team - three from the South Island and two from Auckland.

The Under 21 Curling Tournament earlier in the year was a huge learning curve for Brittany and the other team members who competed over the two days - spending over 13 hours on ice! They didn't win any of the five games, but came really close on two games, losing only because of strategic inexperience, not ability. We are very proud of how the team played, especially as they had never played as a team before, except for one training session.