



# HENDERSON HIGHLIGHTS

February 2010



## To Henderson High School parents and the school community

At the start of the year I resigned my position as Principal of Henderson High School, effective from the end of term 2.

Following a period of discussion with the board and careful reflection on my part I have decided, for personal and professional reasons, to take a break from Principalship and pursue other career opportunities within education.

Communities are well aware that the role of the Principal as instructional leader is often challenged by other aspects of this demanding job and I have decided I want to move forward by focusing on areas that are priorities to me. My interests in education remain strongly in the area of student achievement and the development of a modern curriculum yet the level of administrative responsibility in the Principal's position is such that I feel I am currently unable to follow these interests in any great depth.

It is this conflict and my wish for greater life balance that has caused me to relinquish the role of Principal.

It has been an honour to serve as Principal of this wonderful school.

Henderson High is a very special place with a rich heritage of endeavour and achievement. The pioneering spirit of the founding years lives on in the determination to achieve and maintain excellence in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. There are exciting developments planned, as we structure learning to meet the needs of our students as citizens of the global community. I hand over my position with real regret but with a commitment to stay involved in education, hopefully in the west.

The students of Henderson have been the greatest joy. I have loved their energy and enthusiasm; their commitment and cheerfulness; their outstanding levels of maturity and responsibility. I have been fortunate to meet exceptional students here and I believe it has been the nurturing environment of this school that has allowed those students to step up into strong leadership roles. I will leave them with considerable sadness but I hope they will not forget me and will invite me back to celebrate their future achievements.

I also commend the staff to you. They serve this community with dedication and drive. Their focus is supporting your children to be successful in all areas of school life. I am proud of the way so many have picked up the challenge of offering new programmes and activities that widen student experience.

As I prepare to move on at the end of term two I do so with profound goodwill towards the community, the staff, the Board and especially the students of Henderson High School.

Joy Eaton  
February 2010

## PTA NEWS

The PTA will be running a Car Boot Sale every fortnight this year. Held in the carpark on Saturdays 9 am to 1 pm: 20<sup>th</sup> February, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 17<sup>th</sup> July.

Please come along to support them.

## HIGH ACHIEVERS IN 2009

Congratulations to **Esther Toclo** for an Excellence endorsement on her Level 1 Certificate.

Congratulations also to:

**Level 3 Merit endorsements:** Sarah Bussey, Teresa Robinson, Tim van Ahsen, Rachael Sumner, Rebekah Rasmussen, Van Nguyen Hoang, Kristina Berends, Prasanthi Cottingham, Hannah Bartley.

**Level 2 Merit endorsements:** Tegwen Fry, Jade O'Shea, Bianca Schouten, Amelia McAllister, Victoria Methven, Danielle Glover, Shannon Connell, Sarah Thompson.

**Level 1 Merit endorsements:** Christina Klaver, Alyssia Matthews, Brenda Kelly, Muntaha Iqbal, Jamie-Leigh Hill, Phoebe Munro, Hasmita Singh, Mia Magsambol, Jennet Siriphone, Amy Partridge.

## SWIMMING SPORTS

Congratulations to all swimmers who took part in the HHS Swimming Sports day - it was a great success. The following students excelled on the day with the fastest times in their age groups. A special well done to you all.

**Juniors:** Melissa Smith, Jennifer Sambrook, Hanna Ettles, James Kendrick

**Intermediates:** Sahreng Mullan, Stephanie Kyle, Brooke Telford, Peter Milani, Shaun Boag, Jade Atkinson

**HHS PHONE 838-9085**

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT DEPARTMENT

This term we welcome a number of International students visiting Henderson High School on short term and long term exchanges.

These include:

### **Tokyo Seituko High School Japan (For the full Term 1)**

Takumi Matsushima Y10  
Kento Yoshida Y10

### **Tokaidai Sagami Girls High School Japan (8 February till 26 February)**

Ikuko Nishiyama Y13, Mai Kotagiri Y13  
Rika Nakajima Y13, Hiromi Inoue Y12  
Kazune Murota Y12

We also have longer term students from various countries:

#### **Germany**

Fabian Fischer Y12, Moritz Hillen Y12  
Vivian Jarke Y12, Sven Horstmann Y9

#### **Japan**

Mayumi Ogasawara Y12

#### **Korea**

Jiye Shin Y11, Dahee Choe Y9

#### **Macau**

Long I Tang Y12, Chi Chong Yim Y12

Thank you very much to the buddies of the short term groups and our Henderson High students for receiving our International students so well.

## *Happy New Year* from the HHS Health Workers!

The Health room is working with the University of Auckland to launch **SPARX!**

Sparx is a new tool that gives help to students who suffer from feeling "stressed out" or "down". It uses cognitive therapy tools to empower the student to work through their feelings and make positive decisions for their future all by playing a computer game. To be part of the pilot study come and see the Health Workers. The programme begins next week and the computer will be located in the doctor's room. Referrals from teachers or parents are welcome. Ph 8389085 ext 710

### **Have we got your correct contact details?**

Up to date contact details for students are really important especially in case of emergencies.

**HHS U15 RUGBY** pre-season training has started and is being run on Thursdays after school. Any parents who may wish to help out can contact Erica Forbes (Sports Co-ordinator)

**CONGRATULATIONS to Serena Simmonds** (11JEU) who won an award for Enthusiastic Participation at the annual YWCA Future Leaders prize giving.



Henderson High School joined this fantastic programme in 2009, and students involved are representing the school well.

## **PEER MENTORING 2010**

This year 42 Year 13 students came along for peer mentoring training the week before school started. All were eager and ready to share their thoughts and love for Henderson High School with the Year 9's. The Peer Mentors took part in the Year 9 Orientation Day and over the last week have taken two more sessions which are filled with games and chatter, easing the new students into high school life.

Peer mentoring discusses different aspects of people working together in the classroom. The latest sessions have covered communication and co-operation. The photos below show the various Year 9 students involved in a fashion parade and cover why tasks are more fun and easier when there is cooperation and how difficult things can become when someone is obstructive.

Future sessions involve looking at

- Self awareness/Awareness of others
- Values – my culture, myself
- Peer Pressure, feelings, friendship and trust

