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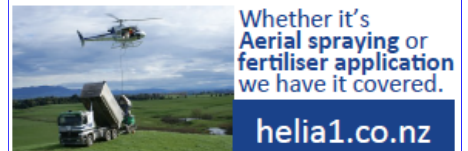
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*Don't forget that John McLean is leaving us at the end of this Term, Friday 1 October is his last day, and there will be a Farewell for him as per the details below. Unfortunately, due to covid restrictions we may have to limit numbers but we will keep you informed and if at all possible we want as many people to be there, so lock in the date and come along.*

**Vision Hearing Technicians** from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects. **Which children are routinely checked?**

- Catch up screening for children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check
- Children absent from previous visit, require retests or follow up
- In special circumstances, parents, teachers or others may request a vision or hearing check
- New immigrants
- All Year 7 student's vision only

**What tests are carried out?**

Ears

- Audiometry (hearing test)
- Tympanometry – middle ear function test (only carried out when hearing test is not within a normal range)

Eyes

Long distance vision tests – not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test

*NB All of these checks are non-invasive, safe and should cause no discomfort.*

**The Vision Hearing Technician will:**

- Notify parents of all test results
  - Enter results on Ministry of Education database
- The Vision Hearing Technician will obtain personal details from the school ie; names, date of birth. If the technician needs to contact parents or caregivers following the visit, addresses and phone numbers will also be required.

Our Service may share this information with other health professionals involved in the children's care. If any parents/caregivers **do not** want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.

### John McLean's Farewell

**There will be a farewell "Final Assembly" for John on**

**Friday 1 October at 11.00 am**

**in the Pukeatua Hall**

**followed by a sausage sizzle. Everyone is very welcome to enjoy a sausage and spend time mingling following the official proceedings**

## COMING EVENTS

2021

Sep	27	BOT Meeting
	30	Vision & Hearing Checks
Oct	1	John McLean's Farewell 11 am
	1	Term 3 ends
	18	Term 4 starts
	20	Agricultural Day
	22	Group Day at Arohena School
	25-26	Harold & Life Ed Truck
	27	Calendar Art orders due
Nov	12	Athletics
Dec	10	Final Assembly
	14	Last Day 2021

**Next Newsletter: Thursday 16th September 2021**

All items for the next newsletter are due by:  
**12 noon, Tuesday 15th September 2021**

**The next Board Of Trustees Meeting**  
will be held in the Pukeatua School staff room on  
**Monday 27th September 2021**  
**at 7.00 pm**  
Everyone is most welcome to come along

## Welcome To:

Taylah Ballentyne Y6  
Shakyrā Shaw Y5  
Harry Shaw Y3



The roll now stands at 95

## **Agricultural Day -** **Wednesday 20 October** **Group Day - Friday 22 October**

This day will go ahead under Level 2 so please encourage your children to spend lots of time with their pets so that they can be at their very best on the day. **Students who do not have an animal** will be required to complete a Pet Project and all students have been sent home with the criteria for this.

**Group Day** will only go ahead if we have moved down to Level 1, more details as they come to hand.

**Saving dates for the animals are:**

**Lambs & Kids**

Early: 1/07/21 to 19/08/21

Late: 20/08/21 to 20/09/21

**Calves**

1/06/21 to 26/07/21

27/07/21 to 20/09/21



## DISTRICT NOTICES

### Slink Skin Collections

**Just a Reminder:**

**Thursday 30th September**

will be the last day for  
collection of the slinks  
(Dead calves and lambs)

We would like to thank you  
for supporting our collection  
service

We hope you have been hap-  
py with this service and will  
continue to support us next  
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### Principal's Message

Kei konei te puna inaianei kia pai o maatau huarere!

Spring is here now, let's have some fine weather!



Well we are all back to school under **Alert Level 2 guide-  
lines**. After 5 days back at school with all the children, it  
feels like we were never away! Having had less time away  
from school than we did at last year's Lockdown and  
knowing that we had been through it before, makes it feel  
fairly normal at the moment. Most children are back at  
school this week with a few away with illness. The  
children seem relaxed and happy to be back with their  
friends and classmates! Teachers reported good levels of  
connection with students and parents when we were in  
level 3, 4 lockdown. Thanks to all for your support!

Guidelines under level 2 states the following. *"School  
events or activities like performances, cultural events and  
sports can continue. Ākonga (students) and teachers do  
not need to physically distance. But parents, carers and  
whānau who visit the school should try to keep 2 metres  
apart from people they do not know." We encourage  
children to wash hands regularly or disinfect with hand  
sanitiser, practice approved coughing / sneezing  
techniques and stay away from school if unwell!*

Auckland is still doing it tough at the moment so we  
hope they and we can all get back to normal before too  
long.

**At the moment we are planning for next term and the  
Agricultural Day is still planned for.** Children are  
spending time with their animals and planning as normal.  
I'm sure we can run this day safely. More to follow in due  
course.

**Teachers have been cleaning out gear** from around the  
school and have sent a couple of skips of rubbish  
away. **Spring cleaning**, I think you still call it. Typically as  
with many others I'm sure, we have cleaned the backs of  
rooms and sheds that we fill with stuff "just in case!"  
Well guess what?? We never did need those 30+  
boxes! So after 25 plus years they are gone!! I've put a  
lot of my "teaching collections" in the skip as well!

**Daylight saving** starts in a couple of weeks and this year  
it doesn't seem right? The country has seen cooler  
wetter days with major weather events around the  
country. Heavy rain and strong winds! Global warming? I  
heard on the "National Radio station" last weekend that  
farmers in the Waikato had started making silage this  
time last year. This year?? Bring on the warmer sunny  
days of spring!!

Two weeks and 2 days left till the end of term and the  
next newsletter is my last! More on that next edition!

### **Quote of the week**

*"If you think you are too small to make a difference, try  
sleeping with a mosquito"* - Dalai Lama

**John McLean Principal**