

PRINCIPAL'S PĀNUI #2



Be Event-Ready

A fundamental aspect of any educational experience is Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC), which includes various programs, excursions, and opportunities to host experts on-site. As we continuously develop and enhance our curriculum, our educators, or kaiako, are actively seeking opportunities that will enrich our ākonga learning in engaging and enjoyable ways.

Throughout this year, we will organise several field trips and sporting events, including the upcoming Elim Olympics and our swimming program in Term 4. To ensure these experiences run smoothly, we often request support from whānau to help maintain appropriate ratios that comply with health and safety guidelines, thereby providing a more tailored experience for our ākonga.

As a best-practice school, we adhere to the guidance from the Ministry of Education, which recommends that all parent volunteers undergo police vetting. If you are interested in volunteering as a parent helper on any field trips or school events, we kindly ask that you contact one of our office administrators to initiate the police vetting process at office@elimhenderson.school.nz.

Please note that a police vetting application must be submitted by each educational institution. Therefore, even if you have completed this process with your child's previous school, you will need to complete it again with us. The vetting remains valid for three years, which is beneficial whether you have one child or several attending our school.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to a member of our leadership team or our office administrators. We are here to assist you!



Whānau on the way?

Establishing a kura is an immense privilege, and the experience of fostering a community has been exceptionally rewarding. One of the most gratifying aspects has been the development of whānaungatanga—nurturing positive and collaborative relationships with our learners, their families, and the broader hapori.

Welcoming tamariki onsite each day is a highlight for us, as their bright and cheerful faces serve as a constant reminder of how fortunate we are to engage in this meaningful work with and for them.

As Bev and I have cultivated this routine, we have reflected on the joy of connecting with families beyond those enrolled at our kura. It has become increasingly common for us to see younger siblings or cousins participating in the ceremonial drop-off, which further enriches our community experience.



We are looking forward to the potential addition of younger siblings and/or cousins in the coming years. In this context, we invite you to collaborate with us in planning for the future.

If you are considering applying to our kura in the next few years, we would greatly appreciate your completion of this [survey](#). Your responses will provide us with valuable insights, enabling us to strategically plan for the growth of our kura.

Please note that completing this survey simply indicates your interest. Should you wish to submit an application for either 2026 or 2027, you are most welcome to do so. The application form is available on our [website](#).

Alternatively, you may contact our office staff during drop-off or pick-up times, via email at office@elimhenderson.school.nz, or by phone at 09-242 3516.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'Andy Lawrence'.

Andy Lawrence
Tumuaki | Principal

