

ROSCOMMON SCHOOL WAS OPENED IN 1977



FOUNDATION STAFF & STUDENTS



Here is a photo of the foundation staff and pupils- the people who were here in that very first year of Roscommon. Do you think they look different from our school community now?

TWO SCHOOLS

There used to be two schools here. They were called Roscommon Junior and Roscommon Senior School. After a while Roscommon Junior became Manukau View School. Roscommon Senior just became known as Roscommon School.

SCHOOL LOGO



Roscommon School did not have a school motto, but it did have a school logo. The school logo was in the shape of a bird, using the letters R and S. What do you think the R and S stood for? What do you think of this logo? The bird logo was chosen because Manurewa means 'soaring bird'.

Lots of schools in Manurewa have a bird in their logo...



MANUREWA WEST
PRIMARY SCHOOL



MANUREWA CENTRAL
SCHOOL



MANUREWA HIGH
SCHOOL

MAGGIE ANARU

In 1997 a new principal, Ms Maggie Anaru decided that our school needed to have a new beginning. We needed a school where our children and their families would feel at home, a place of belonging. We needed a motto or a whakatauki that would give our Roscommon whanau- the students, their families and our staff- the encouragement and the direction for everything we do in our school to best prepare our children for the future.



PAPA TAHURANGI

Our school kaumatua at the time, Papa Tahurangi Priestly, went to the local kaumatua or elders at Manurewa Marae. These kaumatua are from our local iwi or tribe, Tainui. The kaumatua gave Papa Tahu six whakatauki for our school, and told him that we could choose the one we believed would be the best for our school community.



Manurewa Marae

WHAKATAUKI

Here are the six whakatauki Papa Tahu brought back to us. Papa Tahu said there were two of them he thought we should think about. Can you find which one we chose?

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Etahi whakatauki:

1. Whakapono ki a koe:

Have faith in yourself
Believe in yourself

2. Manaaki te katoa:

Be kind to all
Care for all

3. Pumanu ki te pono:

Rely on the truth
Depend on the best

4. Maau ano te pai:

For you the best
Only for you the best
Only the best for you

5. Kia tau te rangimarie:

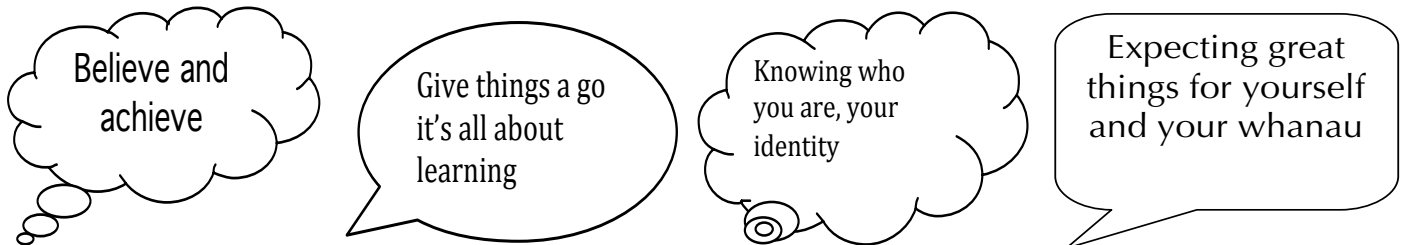
Let all things be at peace
Be peaceful and understanding

6. Rapua te pai:

Seek the best
Find success

SCHOOL MOTTO

We had to think and talk for a long time about which whakatauki would be the best motto for us to have. In the end, we decided on *Whakapono ki a koe* because we knew that we wanted our children to believe that no matter what happens in your life, whatever circumstances you might come from, or you might face- if you 'believe in yourself', you will know who you are, and who you can become.



SCHOOL LOGO

Once we had decided that *Whakapono ki a koe* would be our motto, we then went about creating a new logo to replace the old one. We wanted a logo that would show the different cultures in our school.

DESIGNING OUR SCHOOL LOGO

Ms Anaru asked one of the teachers, Mrs Felise if her brother-in-law Sa'ili who was studying to be a graphic artist, would design our logo. Sa'ili drew a few ideas, and then we chose which ones we thought might best fit the logo.

You will see that our logo has the story of the three kete or baskets of knowledge.



Above the baskets of knowledge, are the koru patterns that show Rangiatea, the heavens.



The tapa patterns show the many cultures from the Pacific in our school community.



The red colour represents the 'mauri' or life force within each of us, and within our school.



The circle shape represents wholeness and eternity, and that our learning journey is a life long one.



SCHOOL MOTTO & SCHOOL LOGO

Now our motto is well known in our school community. We wear our logo every-day on our school uniform.



We can see it on our school letters or notices, and on many signs around our school.



WHAKAPONO KI A KOE

Ms Anaru's vision has come true when we sing our school song, "We are known everywhere, *Whakapono ki a koe...*"

People know the heart of who we are as a school community.
We believe in ourselves.

ROSCOMMON SCHOOL SONG

*We are the whanau North of Bombay
We work hard at our mahi and play
We are known everywhere
Whakapono ki a koe*

*Hip hip, we're together now
Hip hip, we're together now
Hip hip, we're together now
Hi hi hi ha*

*We're a Health Promoting and a Duffy school
They came to us 'cause we're so cool
Manaakitanga and Aroha
Use these and we'll go far*

*Hip hip we're together now
Hip hip we're together now
Hip hip we're together now
Hi hi hi ha*

*Children from everywhere
Bring their cultures for us to share
Working hard everyday
That is the Roscommon way
Education is the key to it all
Working hard and standing tall
The new millennium it will see
Tomorrow hero's we will be*

*Hip hip we're together now (ohh ohh)
Hip hip we're together now (ohh ohh)
Hip hip we're together now (ohh ohh)
Hi hi hi ha
HIP*

INTERESTING THINGS

Some other interesting things you might like to find out more about...

Did you know that our library is called the Maggie Anaru library, and that the garden outside the library is called Maggies Garden? Maggies garden was a little joke we had with Ms Anaru, because there was a TV programme called Maggie's Garden, and the lady Maggie would grow all sorts of lovely things. Ms Anaru was a terrible gardener. Whenever she was given plants to look after, they didn't last long. I think she had more time for people, than she had for plants.



Do you know how He Pua Mai i Rangiatea got it's name?

Can you find out about the three kete or baskets of knowledge? You will find out about the names of our whanau teams: Tua Uri, Tuatea, and Aronui.

Did you know that Tahurangi whanau was named after Papa Tahu? Can you find out about Tahurangi and Rangiatea in the story of the kete or baskets of knowledge?

Do you know what happened to Manukau View School?

Did you know that Papa Tahu used to teach Mrs Johnston, and that Mrs Johnston used to be able to write beautifully just like his handwritten list of whakatauki? Now Mrs Johnston writes better on the computer- and sometimes can't even read her own handwriting, it can be that messy! Sorry Papa Tahu!