



ROSCOMMON SCHOOL

WHAKAPONO KIA KOE – BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

NEWSLETTER
12 February 2018
Week 2, Term 1

Kia ora, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Namaste, Bula vinaka, Fakalofa lahi atu,
G'day, and Greetings to all our families!

— WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back to the 2018 school year. A special welcome again to all our new whanau. It was great to meet most of you at our Powhiri first day back. It was also fantastic to see the majority of the school returning back to school on Day 1.

We know we started at the later time this year (after Waitangi Day, rather than after Auckland Anniversary as we've previously done), and we just wanted to see if that was a better way to begin a school year where we will be emphasising regular ATTENDANCE (coming to school everyday- unless you are very unwell!). We will of course be listening to your feedback and considering how this impacts on our learning at school, when we review start dates for next year.

As we've walked through the school, both during class time and break times we've noticed that the students have returned with a positive attitude, ready to learn and play alongside one another. Thanks to everyone for a settled start to our school year- looking forward to sharing lots of good news stories in our newsletters to come.

For our new school families/ whanau...our newsletter usually comes home every 3 weeks. The newsletter will include updates about our school events, and will also share some of our students learning outcomes with you.

A reminder to all parents/ caregivers, to check in with your child daily to see if they have any notices or newsletters to hand to you. Sometimes they can sit at the bottom of their school bag all term. We will also provide updates and uploads of school communication through our school website and Facebook pages.

2018 ANNUAL THEME

Our Annual Theme this year is...

Dream Big, Dig Deep

The inspiration for this theme evolved as we thought about the direction of our school- where we are at, and where we need to go next.

As a school community, we'd talked about our dreams for the future of our school. We know some of these have to be 'bigger dreams' than we have imagined for our students education. We know that we have to prepare them for a world that is ever evolving with the rapid development and impact of technology and globalisation.

We are looking forward to further clarifying the priorities that came out of our Future School Dreams consultation last year (keep an eye out for these upcoming sessions).

Our 'Dig Deep' part of our theme comes from the idea that we need to continue to build on our 'culture of inquiry', where we've been fostering our learners (students and adult learners- teachers and parents) curiosity, creativity and critical thinking.

Digging deep inspires us to think about, and beyond, what we can see, which helps lead us to not just 'know of things', but to really 'know about them' –to seek understanding, not just information.



ROSCOMMON SCHOOL WHANAU 2018

Introducing the wonderful, talented, intelligent staff who are educating our students this year...

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

| | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Principal | Mrs Sonia Johnston |
| Associate Principal | Mrs Christina Patea |
| Associate Principal | Mr Junaid Rungan |
| School Operations | Ms Tania Lunjevich |
| Enviro Education | Mr Koteka Cuthers |
| ESOL Coordinator | Mrs Laepa Sililoto-Malele |

FOTU O NU'U PULE

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|------------------|---------------------------|
| Syndicate leader | Mrs Laepa Sililoto-Malele |
| Whanau Support | Mrs Pisa Fua |
| Room 1a | Mrs Pisa Fua |
| Room 1 | Miss Lasi Kalati |
| Room 2 | Mrs Simoe Toleafoa |
| Room 3 | Mrs Rebecca Manoa |
| Room 4 | Miss Gillian Kiripati |
| Room 5 | Miss Lagi Leapai |
| Room 6 | Mr Terry Televave |

HE PUA MAI I RANGIATEA

| | |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Whanau Leader | Whaea Pare Greening |
| Whanau Support | Whaea Makere Walker |
| Room 7a | Whaea Pare Greening |
| Room 7 | Matua Shane Pahi |
| Room 8 | Whaea Hera Green, |
| Room 8 | Whaea Makere Walker |
| Room 9 | Whaea Zarah Johnson |

ARONUI WHANAU

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|------------------|------------------------|
| Syndicate Leader | Mr Junaid Rungan |
| Whanau Leader | Miss Renski Christians |
| Whanau Support | Mr Adam Tamariki |
| Room 10 | Miss Renski Christians |
| Room 11 | Ms Emma Fainu |
| Room 12 | Miss Malvina Lal |
| Room 13 | Mrs Della Solomone |
| Room 14 | Mr Adam Tamariki |

TAHURANGI WHANAU

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|------------------|---------------------|
| Syndicate Leader | Mrs Christina Patea |
| Whanau Support | Miss Moran Apelila |
| Room 15 | Mrs Lorraine Afoa |
| Room 16 | Mrs Helen Savila |
| Room 17 | Miss Moran Apelila |
| Room 18 | Whaea Sonya Moke |
| Room 19 | Mrs Anne Forsyth |

JUNIOR SYNDICATE

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Syndicate Leader | Mrs Deepa Chaturvedi |
| Whanau support | Mrs Radhika Singh |
| Tuatea: Year 2 | |
| Room 20 | Mrs Gurpreet Kaur |
| Room 21 | Mrs Radhika Singh |
| Room 22 | Mrs Helen Hickey |

Tua Uri: Year 1

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|---------|-----------------------|
| Room 23 | Miss Sara Millward |
| Room 25 | Whaea Mistery Flavell |
| Room 26 | Mrs Valentina Kingi |

SUPPORT STAFF

Office/ Admin

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| School Administrator | Miss Daphne Hukui |
| Office Administrator | Miss Maryanne Webb |
| Payroll/ Finances | Miss Claudine Nathan |
| Student Administrator | Miss Jolene Tokorangi |

Resource Management

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| Librarian/IT Resources | Miss Daphne Hukui |
| Resource Teacher Aides | Miss Nicki Pickard |
| | Nanny Rosa Tawhai |
| | Miss Marie Masiutama |

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| ESOL Teacher Aides | Whaea Leanne Sinclair |
| | Miss Fuatino Leaupepe |

Classroom Teacher Aides

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|-------------------------|
| Mrs Jocelyn Clarkson |
| Miss Shelby Fatialofa |
| Whaea Ollie Henry |
| Mrs Flo Losivale |
| Whaea Rose Masters |
| Mrs Fuarosa Motuga |
| Miss Seraphim Niua-Tofa |
| Mrs Meliame Noovea |
| Mrs Siutaisa Pasi |
| Whaea Arohaina Patira |
| Whaea Tracey Paul |
| Mr Siamani Pese |
| Mrs Helen Pouono |
| Mr Karl Ropati |
| Miss Serena Sage |
| Mrs Masela Savelio |
| Mrs Joanne Sundvick |
| Miss Pai' Taupa'u |
| Mr Chris Yeng Tung |

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| School Operations | Ms Tania Lunjevich |
| Enviro Education | Mr Koteka Cuthers |
| Groundsperson/ Property | Papa Scottie Pullen-Burry |

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

| | |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Chairperson | Mr Tasi Leaupepe |
| Deputy Chair | Mr Ray Sa'u |
| Staff Trustee | Ms Tania Lunjevich |
| Trustee | Mr Terry Pouono |
| Trustee | Miss Joanne Wilson |

EXTENDED WHANAU

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| Kaumatua | Papa Alec Tairua |
| Chaplain | Mrs Lynette Farhi |
| Speech Lang. Therapist | Erina |
| RTLB Liaison | Marie |
| SWIS | Matua Stewart Baker |
| PHN | Bia & Belinda |
| Kiwi Can Tutors | Kimberley Tangaroa |
| | Jeff Tausie |

WELCOME NEW STAFF



If you were at our Powhiri on Day 1 of this year, you will have seen the following teachers we welcomed into our school. Again we say, welcome to our Roscommon Whanau. We are excited about what you will bring to our school learning community!

- **Miss Lagi Leapai**- Miss Leapai has been teaching in West Auckland. She has been looking forward to joining us 'out South' and can be found having fun with Room 5 students in Fotu o Nu'u Pule.
- **Mrs Lasi Kalati**- has been tutoring Early Childhood Adult Learning. She also joins our Fotu o Nu'u Pule team, teaching our younger students in Room 1.
- **Miss Malvina Lal**- has been teaching in several schools in South Auckland before joining us in the Senior Syndicate in Room 12.
- **Jeff Tausie**- has been a Kiwi Can tutor at Koru School, and now joins us taking over from Margaret who is now a Kiwi Can tutor at another local school. Jeff is looking forward to meeting all our tamariki and kaiako with the Kiwi Can programme starting this week.

OPEN DAYS/ MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS



Next week we are having our Open Evening. This session will be an opportunity to come along and meet your child's teacher, and to also find out what's happening in the school year/ term. As we have a number of new staff, and your child's teacher may be new to them, it would also be good to make connections with your child's teacher and share anything you believe is important for them to know about your child and their learning.

WHEN: Wednesday 21st February 2018
TIME: To be confirmed

A separate notice will come home with more information about our Open Evening.

You will also have the opportunity to go in the draw for a Stationery Pack raffle (or equivalent if you've already purchased your child's stationery).

In a fortnights time, we will hold our **Student Learning Conferences**, where parents, students and their teacher will sit together to discuss how they've settled into their learning for the year, and develop some shared learning goals for both home and school to be working towards for the year. We will send home separate information about this in the next little while.

BRING A HAT- KEEP SUN SMART SAFE!!!

In Terms 1 and 4 the expectation is that ALL students will bring a hat to wear when they are outside, whether during playtimes or during class activities outside of the classroom. Students that do not bring a hat will be redirected to play in the shaded areas around the school.

CHANGE TO SCHOOL TIMETABLE-BREAK TIMES

We now have an updated school timetable for the summer terms (Terms 1 and 4), which accommodate the warmer weather. There are new break times, ie. we have swapped the longer break, usually lunchtime, to the earlier morning session, with the shorter break during the second half of the day. This allows for the most productive learning time to be in the cooler part of the day- morning blocks, and helps keep our students out of the heat during the latter part of the day.

Our first week back showed that our students benefitted from these break times, and were more engaged in their learning throughout the day (and not so lethargic or tired in the last block of the day). It will take some time perhaps for the children and teachers to continue to adjust to the different times, but so far things are going well, and we will continue to monitor and update you on these changes.

THE SCHOOL TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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| 8.55am | School starts |
| 10.45am-10.55am | Eating time |
| 10.55am- 11.35am | Morning Interval |
| 1.05pm-1.15pm | Eating time |
| 1.15pm- 1.35pm | Lunch time |
| 3.00pm | School finishes |

FRUIT, MILK BREAKFAST & LUNCHES

FRUIT IN SCHOOLS



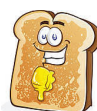
Everyday of the school week each of our students receive a piece of fruit to eat. Fruit varies throughout the week depending on the season.

MILK FOR SCHOOLS



Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday each student receives a small carton of plain milk to drink.

KICKSTART BREAKFAST



Everyday of the school week we offer breakfast for students who need it. Breakfast is served in our school hall from 8am to 8.30am and consists of Weetbix, toast and a cup of Milo. Thank you to our lovely Teacher Aides Masela Savelio and Marie Masiutama who kindly prepare and serve breakfast for our students.

REQUIRED LUNCHES



Students who don't have any lunch can go to the hall during lunch eating time and they'll be given a sandwich and a museli bar/ piece of fruit to eat.

PARENT/ TEACHER APP



✓ EVENTS ✓ INSTANT SCHOOL MESSAGES ✓ ABSENTEE

Download Our School Calendar App



HOW: In Play Store or App Store search "Parent Teacher Calendar" and choose our school once installed.

REFRESH YOUR CALENDAR APP!

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE MOST UP TO DATE
SCHOOL EVENTS AND INFORMATION



ROSCOMMON SOCIAL MEDIA

FACEBOOK PAGES

- Roscommon School Community Page
- Roscommon Senior School Parents
- He Pua Mai i Rangiatea
- He Pua Year 7&8's
- Roscommon Samoan Bilingual Unit FoNP

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Roscommon School (look out for our school logo)

WEBSITE

Welcome to Roscommon School

REMINDERS

STATIONERY

Many thanks to those families who have sorted their child's stationery needs, as this helps to settle students into class programmes and routines more readily. You may still order stationery through our school if you have not done so already.

UNIFORMS

A reminder that our uniform consists of the polo shirt or t-shirt with the school logo, and black shorts, pants or skirt/ 'skorts'. Shoes are roman sandals or black lace up shoes. The school hat is a bucket style with the school logo.

The Uniform Shoppe, Great South Road, Manurewa is our official supplier. They do quotes for WINZ customers, so pop in and have a chat to them to see how they may be able to help with this.

Should your child not have the correct uniform, they will need a note from home and will be issued with a uniform pass, until their uniform is sorted.

SCHOOL TIMES, LATENESS

School starts at 8.55a.m. each day. The bag bell goes at 8.30a.m. to let children know to go to class and prepare for their school day. Remember- if you added up the lateness over time, it can add up to a significant amount of learning time that is lost!!!



'BREKKY BUSTERS' CLUB- ROSCOMMON BREAKFAST PROGRAMME

The Brekky Busters breakfasts are in the hall, from 8.00am to 8.30am. Children who come to this programme always remember their wonderful manners and behaviour. Masela Savelio and Marie Masiutama and their team of helping hands will continue to provide this service.

VISITORS TO SCHOOL

Thanks to all those who are remembering to sign in at the office if they are visiting our school grounds during the school day. This is for your own and our students safety, that we know at all times, who is in our school- particularly if we have to account for people in an emergency situation.

ROAD SAFETY



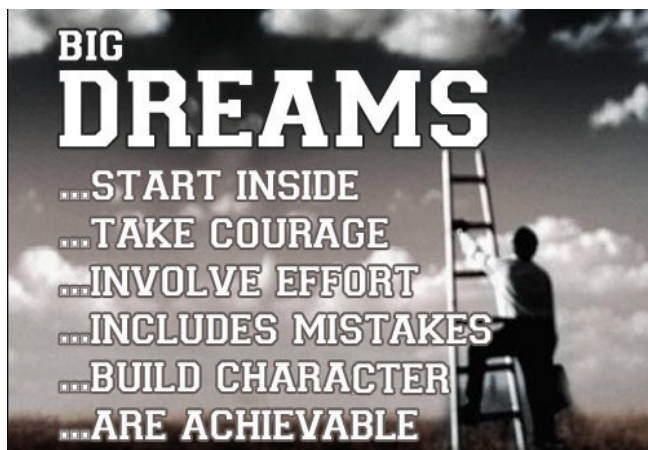
Land Transport will send home pamphlets reminding parents/ caregivers about road safety issues around schools. This includes keeping their speed to no more than 40km in school zones; not illegally parking, so that students and drivers can see one another clearly; and being mindful of newly trained road patrollers. Traffic enforcement will be patrolling our local schools to ensure the message is getting home about road safety.

A reminder too to parents parking on the opposite side of the road when dropping off or collecting their children...please don't walk them across to/ from your car across that busy road. Please walk them down to the school crossing and then cross them using this safer way. When you don't do this, you teach your children to ignore the road safety practices that are there to keep everyone safe... and you are teaching them that it is okay to take a risk with their own/ others lives by crossing dangerous traffic situations.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our children's road safety.

Last Thoughts

Last thoughts are quotes that relate to our Annual Theme, leaving you with something to think about, or be inspired by...



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Toolbox Parenting Group
Building Awesome Whānau

iosis
transforming family life for good

Clendon PRIDE Project

A parenting course packed full of ideas, positive stories from parents still on the journey with their own tamariki and useful resources to help you build a great future for your whānau.

www.iosis.org.nz

60 Maplesden Drive, Clendon Park
Phone 269 0050 enquiries@iosis.org.nz

About Building Awesome Whānau

This programme is for parents with children aged 0 to 12. You are the most important person in your tamariki's world. Learn how to lay the building blocks for a great future.

Course Content

- Session 1 Laying the foundations - building your family on aroha
- Session 2 Parents are the roof! Protecting your whānau
- Session 3 The walls of the whare - boundaries to keep the good stuff in and the bad stuff out
- Session 4 Keeping it sweet - atmosphere is everything!
- Session 5 Cool korero! Communication
- Session 6 Outside the whare

Cost

This course is free

When

Mondays 10.00am - 12.00pm

Term 1, 2018

Starts 12th February Ends 19th March



Football Registrations
CLENDON UNITED AFC
Manurewa Sports Centre
Mountfort Park, Weymouth Road



Thurs: 15th & 22nd Feb - from 6pm to 8pm
Sat: 17th Feb - from 10am to 2pm

Players aged 5-16
(Birth Certificate required)

Enquiries to Kathryn - 022 380 4086

www.sporty.co.nz/clendonunited
www.facebook.com/Clendon-United-AFC-inc

COMMUNITY NOTICES

COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUPS

Clendon Community House
60 Mapleseden Drive, CLENDON



Mondays

Empowering Parents Focus Groups

10.00am - 12.30pm
5th February - 9th April

Week 1 - 5th February
Parents coffee group and discussion
Week 2 12th February
Goal setting
Week 3 19th February
Building awesome whanau session 1
Week 4 26th February
Building awesome whanau session 2
Week 5 5th March
Building awesome whanau session 3
Week 6 12 March
Building awesome whanau session 4
Week 7 19th March
Building awesome whanau session 5
Week 8 26th March
Building awesome whanau session 6 &
graduation celebration
Week 9 2nd April
Cooking with kids
Week 10 9th April
Having fun on a budget in the holidays

**Getting sorted with your
Finances \$\$\$**
1.00pm - 2.30pm
5th February - 9th April

Extra Supports

**Legacy womens support
group starting on 6th
February 7-8pm every
Tuesday evening.**

**Plunket clinics every
Wednesday and Thursday
from 9.30-12.30.**

Monday to Friday

**Whare Tautoko &
Mana Advocacy**
are available to access at the
community house
Monday-Friday 10am-2pm.

Thursdays

MAN UP - 7.00pm

Wednesdays

**Gardening
to put kai on the table**
10.00am - 12.30pm
7th February - 11th April

Week 1 7th February
Intro and goal setting
Week 2 14 February
Growing from seed
Week 3 21 February
Ground preparation for successful
planting
Week 4 28 February
Potions for organic pest control
Week 5 7 March
Maramataka
Week 6 14 March
Companion planting
Week 7 21 March
Planting for the seasons
Week 8 28th March
Worm farming and composting
Week 9 4th April
Harvesting
Week 10 11th April
Cooking with fresh produce and storing
produce correctly.

FREE GYM SESSION
1.00pm - 2.00pm
5th February - 9th April

**Mana Advocacy-Mana
Action sessions**
10.00AM
Start in March

**EMPOWERING OUR
COMMUNITY
FOR A BETTER
TOMORROW**

Fridays

Hauora
1.00pm - 2.30pm
9th February - 13th April

Week 1 9th February
Laying your cards on the table
Goal setting
Week 2 16th February
Walking tracks and whakatauki
Week 3 23rd February
Mindfulness, gratitude can change your
attitude
Week 4 2nd March
Cooking and nutrition & fitness circuit
Week 5 9th March
Clendon Food Forest
Week 6 16th March
Bike fit and mental health
Week 7 23rd March
Physical session Clendon Rec
Week 8 30th March
Weymouth Community garden
Week 9 6th April
Aqua jogging and reflection
Week 10 13th April
Overcoming barriers to success
Milestones and celebration

**Keep updated on our
Facebook page**
<https://www.facebook.com/Clendoncommunityhouse>
Or
contact Mel with any queries
melissaatama@gmail.com





TERM 1 DATES

ROSCOMMON SCHOOL

23 Burundi Avenue, Manurewa, Auckland

Phone: 266-5731 Fax: 266-5226 Email: admin@roscommon.school.nz

| FEBRUARY | |
|-----------------|--|
| 21 | Open Day- Meet the Teacher Sessions |
| 26 | BoT Meeting |
| MARCH | |
| 4 | Children's Day NZ |
| To be confirmed | Student Learning Conferences |
| 16 | Polyfest - Seniors attending |
| 30 | Good Friday Easter Holiday (school closed) |
| APRIL | |
| 2 | Easter Monday (school closed) |
| 3 | NZ Schools Easter Holiday (school closed) |
| 12, 13 | James Cook Sports for Seniors |
| 13 | Last Day of Term 1 |

2018 TERM DATES

(as per Ministry of Education)

Roscommon School

Term 1: Tuesday 7 February to Friday 13 April

Term 2: Monday 30 April to Friday 6 July

Term 3: Monday 23 July to Friday 28 September

Term 4: Monday 15 October to Thursday 20 December

*Each term is 10 weeks duration