



NEWSLETTER
7 March 2018
Week 5, Term 1

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

2018 ANNUAL THEME



KEEPING UP WITH THE CURRICULUM



A regular feature in our newsletters will be Curriculum or learning updates for parents/ whanau. Sometimes we get so caught up in the busy-ness of school, that we can forget to keep you posted about what our core school business is all about: **LEARNING.**

Class Norms/ Rules/ Treaty

Last week our school leaders conducted some walkthroughs in our classes. They were looking to see how well set up for learning our classes were. In most classes we saw some great examples of class norms (things classes have talked about and agreed upon that all learners in the class could do to help support learning focused relationships) in action.

Students were sharing ideas, listening to one another, asking questions, seeking clarification, exploring possibilities as they problem solved and much more.

We also saw displays of these class norms/ rules/ treaties. Here's a cool example in Room 19 where they've linked their norms to our school's annual theme: *Dream Big, Dig Deep*.



This is our submarine...as we dig deeper into our learning.



This is our nightmare...that reminds us of the things that we don't want to be doing as it won't help with our learning.

What a load of rubbish! **Roscommon's Waste Audit**

Last week our Health Promoting Schools (HPS) kids and staff held a Waste Audit exercise. They took the rubbish from one whole day at school, gathered it up and displayed it in the hall.



**Our School rubbish
collected by HPS Students
on Wednesday 28 February**

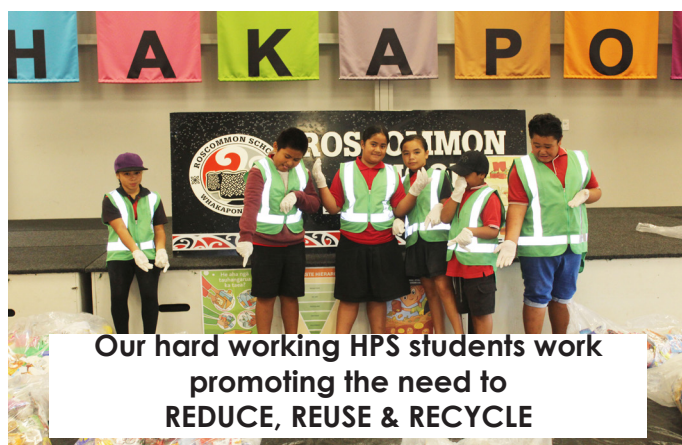
The classes then took turns to visit the hall and to check out just how much waste or rubbish we collect over a day, and to think about what that might look like over a week.



**Mr Cuthers, Ms Lunjevich
and some of the HPS Students talked to
Room 14 about our school rubbish**

We discovered that we fill up two whole skip bins of rubbish a week! This works out to cost our school almost \$10,000.00 a year to have the rubbish taken away. We realised the following things by doing this waste audit:

- Not all of us realised there are many things that can be either reused or recycled;
- We need to reduce the amount of packaging we use, which would reduce the amount of rubbish we collect;
- A lot of the rubbish will end up in landfill if not reused or recycled. This impacts on the quality of the soil and the air. It pollutes the land and our waterways including the sea;
- All this connects to our studies this term/ this year in which we are learning about things like conservation, climate change, and taking care of ourselves, our school, our community, our world.



Weymouth Beach Clean Up Trip

Both the Juniors and the Middle Syndicate visited Weymouth Beach in the past fortnight. The Juniors have been learning about taking care of themselves, others and the environment. The Middle Syndicate has had more of a focus on Sea Conservation- learning about the sea creatures and the importance of a healthy ocean environment in order for their survival and wellbeing. Here are some photos of the young environmentalists in action. Thank you Juniors and Middle Syndicate for doing your bit for the planet!



**Mrs Kaur & Junior Syndicate Students
helping to keep our community clean**



Whaea Helen and students learning how they can do their part to care for our environment



Junior students collected a lot of rubbish from Weymouth Beach!

Welcome New Staff



Welcome to Miss Nikita Henwood who is a new teacher in Room 10. Miss Henwood has had most of her teaching experience in the Waikato area, but has been raised in South Auckland, where she still resides. Miss Henwood loves music, sports, young people and having fun. We know she will be a great addition to our Roscommon Whanau.

Miss Christians has now finished as Room 10's class teacher, and continues to provide leadership for the Senior Syndicate and as part of our Maths Leaders team. She is undertaking a new role in that team, ie. Maths Support Teacher and will be working with students and teachers and the maths leaders across the school to help students who require extra support for their maths learning. We are pleased that she has been able to take on this new role for us this year, and look forward to learning how we can continue to improve our maths teaching and learning.

Maths Developments

While we are on the subject of Maths, the ERO (Education Review Office) research group that visited us in 2016 to look at what we were doing that was making a positive difference for our students both in literacy and maths, has now had their findings/ our case study published in an ERO national publication, as well as an additional publication focused solely on Mathematical practices that make a difference for student learning.



We are still very much continuing to work on our Maths teaching and learning, but are pleased that other schools are benefitting from our Maths story/ journey. We will be having some parent/ whanau sessions during the year where you'll get to see this approach to Maths teaching and learning, and the kaupapa or philosophy that underpins 'Developing Mathematical inquiry Communities (DMIC).

Open Day and Student Learning Conferences


Thank you to all our parents/ whanau who were able to come along in Week 3 to our Open Day/ Evening . We really weren't sure what the weather was going to do, given that leading up to this day we'd had several weather warnings from the Ministry of Education. However, the sun came out and so did you!

Unfortunately, I was unwell and unable to make it, but the teachers feedback was that it was wonderful to see so many families attending the team meeting briefings and then visiting their child's class and meeting their teacher.

The Student Learning Conferences (SLC's) are next week. It is important that you come along with your child to the conference, as it is a time for home and school to reinforce to your child that we are working in partnership, and that their learning and progress is a priority.

This is a time for your child to share their learning goals and some progress to date; a time for you to share knowledge of your child that would be helpful for the teacher as they consider how best to teach your child; and a time for your child's teacher to share how well your child has settled into their learning for the year.

We will send home the 'Getting to know your child' worksheet for you to add to and talk to when you meet with us...



ROSCOMMON SCHOOL

Getting to know your child...

Room _____ is very lucky to have _____ in our Class. So far we have found out that _____ loves to _____.

We would love to learn about _____ from the family. Please take a few moments to share some your knowledge with us, so we can make the most of 2018 together.

Your child's information

Full Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Culture: _____

Parents Name: _____

Phone Number 1: _____

Phone Number 2: _____

Email: _____

My child loves to learn by

• _____

• _____

• _____

• _____

5 Words that describe my child

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

You will know that my child is struggling with their learning because

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

★ Goals that your child wants to achieve this year

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

There is still time to book your child's SLC's on-line...

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=n7z5z>

If you don't have access to a computer, come in or make contact with your child's teacher and they will be able to assist you with that.

Board Parent/ Whanau Meetings coming up

At the end of last year, our Roscommon Board of Trustees conducted a survey followed by some community consultation meetings to help us with future school planning. We had some great input and the board have been working through the feedback and looking at the emerging priorities.

The board will be sending home a separate notice about the upcoming meetings to share these priorities. This will help us to then shape up our strategic plans for the future of school. These meetings will be held in Week 7 (the week following our Student Learning Conferences). Please keep an eye out for this notice and plan to come join in our discussions ☺

CENSUS 2018

Thank you to our Year 7/8 students and some of our teachers who supported some parents/ whanau to complete their Census information online.

The CENSUS people have sent out teaching packs which are helping some of our students find out more about the purpose of a census, and how this helps a nation to find out about the needs of it's population/ people and then be able to plan for them accordingly.

Assessments and Reporting for Learning

National standards
ditched by government

National Standards have officially ended in primary schools across the country

Government confirms primary schools to scrap National Standards

Now that schools no longer are reporting against National Standards, parents are possibly wondering what we will be reporting against.

Just to reassure you, we have and will continue to report your child's progress and achievement against the New Zealand Curriculum levels. Even though National Standards proved to do more damage than good in terms of fulfilling the intent of the NZ Curriculum (which is to provide a broad curriculum that will support students holistically to become confident, connected, actively involved, life long learners), the process of us having to support our judgements (as we did when measuring achievement against the National Standards), will remain. That means when we make a judgement about your child's progress in relation to the NZ curriculum, we will have a range of evidence to support that judgement.

At the moment we are working on updating our Assessment and Reporting for Learning Guidelines/ processes. This will include updating our Report formats for Mid Year and End of Year Reports. We will be also consulting with you for your feedback on this over the next little while.

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

Syndicate leader	Mrs Laepa Sililoto-Malele
Whanau Support	Mrs Pisa Fua
Whanau Support	Mrs Simoe Toleafoa
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

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

TAHURANGI WHANAU

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
Tuatae: Year 2	
Room 20	Mrs Gurpreet Kaur
Room 21	Mrs Radhika Singh
Room 22	Mrs Helen Hickey

Tua Uri: Year 1

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

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

ESOL Teacher Aides	Whaea Leanne Sinclair
	Miss Fuatino Leaupepe

Classroom Teacher Aides

Mrs Jocelyn Clarkson
Miss Shelby Fatialofa
Whaea Ollie Henry
Mrs Flo Losivale
Whaea Rose Masters
Mrs Fuarosa Motuga
Miss Seraphim West
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

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

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

COMPLAINTS POLICY

Twice a year, we publish our Complaints Policy. You can also find this on our school website. We remind our whanau that your feedback, both positive and constructive about anything to do with your child or our school is encouraged. If you have a concern about a specific student that is not your own child, we ask that you not approach them directly, but come and talk to our school leaders and we can investigate any matters on your behalf.



Complaints Guidelines

Principles:

1. To ensure consistency when dealing with complaints.
2. Complaints will be dealt with in line with set procedures such as in Collective Agreements.
3. Corrective and disciplinary action will be put in place where this is deemed appropriate.
4. The rights of both complainants and of staff or students involved will be safeguarded.

Guidelines:

1. Complaints may be made in writing or in person in the first instance to the relevant staff member or the principal.
2. Documentation will be stored in a complaints file which is held by the school in confidential storage.
3. Complaints of a serious nature should be directed to the principal.
4. Other parties will be informed at the principal's discretion and appropriate action taken at that point as required.
5. In cases of complaints against the principal which remains unresolved in the first instance, a formal written complaint may be made to the B.O.T. chair or in person.
6. Complainants are informed by the principal or B.O.T. chairperson of the outcomes of the complaint or enquiry or hearing.
7. Where appropriate outside mediation may be sought from organizations such as STA, PPTA, NZEI, etc.
8. In dealing with any complaint the school will act in accordance with the relevant conditions of the current employment agreement pertaining.
9. In all cases the Board in dealing with complaints will be advised in writing of the nature of the complaint, the process of investigation and the availability of support.
10. Complaints will be treated in the strictest confidence by the school and all rights respected. Where necessary the school will assist with any language issues or cultural sensitivities.

11. All employees against whom a complaint is made will be advised in writing of the nature of the complaint, the process of investigation and the availability of support.

12. The complaints policy will be published to the school community at least once each year through the school newsletter.

Dropping lunches to school



Due to the increased number of lunches being dropped off to school, we are asking parents/ caregivers to consider the following:

- Please try to prepare your child's lunch so they can bring it to school themselves so there is no need to drop off lunches;
- If you do bring their lunch, please drop it off at the office and we will organise for the daily runners to drop off their lunch to class. We are trying to reduce the number of interruptions for our students learning in class. We take all care but no responsibility for your child's lunch.

The updated school timetable and break 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 |

Thank you for your support in this matter ☺

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

Parent/ Teacher App



✓ EVENTS ✓ INSTANT SCHOOL MESSAGES ✓ ABSENTEE

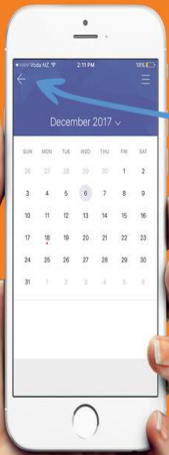
Download Our School Calendar App



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



To refresh the
calendar:

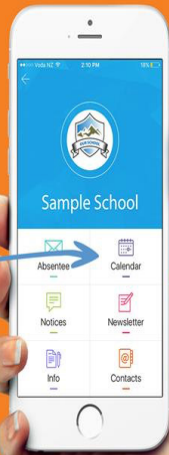
tap on arrow to
go back to the
welcome screen,

then go
back into
calendar,

your calendar is
now up to date!



The Parent and
Teacher Calendar App



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.

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..

LET YOUR DREAMS
BE BIGGER THAN
YOUR FEARS
AND YOUR ACTIONS
BE LOUDER THAN
YOUR WORDS

COMMUNITY NOTICES



You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

Children need teachers with enough time to teach so they can give each child the attention they deserve, and children need talented and inspiring people to be attracted to teaching. Children are missing out on some opportunities to learn because teachers are bogged down in administration or are struggling to get enough support for children with additional learning needs.

Teachers at our school are joining an NZEI Te Riu Roa campaign, called Kua Tae Te Wā – It's Time to address these issues. Our goal is to free teachers to teach, and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. And we'll attract more people to teaching by respecting and paying them as the professionals they are.

NZEI Te Riu Roa members at our school have been invited to paid union meetings in March so that we can plan and discuss the campaign and their upcoming collective agreement negotiations.

The meeting schedule has been planned so that teachers and principals across the country can work out the best meetings for them to attend, including the option of groups of teachers attending meetings at different times. This is to help reduce disruption to teaching programmes, children and parents.

Our children deserve the best education in the world, and New Zealand can afford to provide it. It's just a matter of priorities. Thanks for your co-operation in this important matter.



Parenting Helpline

get support, advice
and practical strategies

Call 0800 568 856

9am - 9pm Monday to Sunday

www.parenthelp.org.nz

we can help
with any of your
parenting concerns

**Parent
Help**
Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri



TERM 1 DATES

ROSCOMMON SCHOOL

23 Burundi Avenue, Manurewa, Auckland

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

MARCH	
7	Year 7 & 8 Parents meeting at 3.15pm
7	Year 7 & 8 Puberty Talk meeting with parents at 4pm
7	Middle Syndicate Kelly Tarlton's Trip Rms 15, 16 & half of Rm 19
8	Middle Syndicate Kelly Tarlton's Trip Rms 17, 18 & half of Rm 19
8	Senior Syndicate Disco Year 3 to 8 students 5.30pm to 7.30pm
14	Early finish at 12.30pm for Student Learning Conferences
14	Student Learning Conferences 1.30pm to 7.30pm
15	Student Learning Conferences 3pm to 5.30pm
16	Polyfest - Seniors attending
23 to 27	Year 7 & 8 EOTC Camp - Wellington & Wairarapa
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