



# ROSCOMMON SCHOOL

WHAKAPONO KIA KOE – BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

NEWSLETTER  
Wednesday 4 April 2018  
Week 9, 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



**Last day of Term 1 - Friday 13 April**  
**School closes at the earlier time of 2.00pm**

We hope you had a great Easter break and didn't eat too many chocolates! It's crazy, but we have the remainder of this week and then next, and then we are back to school holidays. As disruptive as this is to our learning time, the holidays are determined by our government, so please talk to your children- especially the younger ones, about school holidays and how we have four school terms etc, as this can be quite confusing for them.

### 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.**

### Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities

When you were growing up, did you ever wonder why on earth you had to learn those different mathematical formulas or rules? How did they apply to everyday life in the real world anyway?! That's exactly the reasoning behind the approach we have to maths learning these days, ie. to make sure that our kids are challenged with everyday real life problems, where they need to develop an inquiring mindset as a mathematician to solve these problems.

Last week our Maths Inquiry Leaders team did some walkthroughs during Maths learning time. We were pleased to see classes using their agreed class norms to support their inquiries and their learning conversations. We saw students working collaboratively, asking questions, having friendly debates (agree or disagree), and sharing their strategies as to how they solved their maths problems. We continue to provide our teachers with professional development to strengthen their maths knowledge and teaching. We are also looking to having some Parent Maths Sessions early next term.

## Roscommon School recognised for being 'tidy kiwis'

Building on from our work on Sustainability and Conservation, our Year 5/6 students were given a 'shout out' from a well-known group in our community "Talking Trash" (you can check them out on Facebook). The Talking Trash team were impressed when they too were out doing their bit for the community, and found our students showing one of our school values: Kaitiakitanga (caring for ourselves, each other, our environment). These lovely ladies then visited our students last week to talk to them about their work in keeping our community looking beautiful and caring for our environment. They brought some pizza's too, as a small token of thanks for all our tamariki and teachers are doing in our learning. Well done Seniors- keep on being the amazing kaitaki that you are!



## Welcome New Staff

Welcome back to Whaea Dalena who has been teaching in a short term reliever position in R8 this half of the term ☺.

## Student Learning Conferences/ Mid Year Reports

Thank you to all our parents/ whanau who attended our Student Learning Conferences. Your input about your child helped greatly in helping teachers to consider how best your child learns, and in setting together (students, parents and teachers) the learning goals which we will then catch up on at our Mid Year Student Learning Conferences.

We have also been working on updating our Mid Year Report format, now that schools no longer report against National Standards. We will be sending home some information about the updated version and run some parent/whanau sessions closer to the Mid Year Student Learning Conferences to familiarise you with the changes.

A reminder that you are very welcome to get updates on your child's progress and learning at any time during the school year- see your child's teacher ☺

## Congratulations Roscommon Softball Team!



Well done to our Roscommon Softballers who entered the local softball league. These students, coached by Matua Stewart and Whaea Puti, trained during the week and then played every Saturday morning over the season.

They came in as 'rookies' and made it all the way to the finals where they faced a very experienced club. Not only did they play with great sportsmanship, athleticism and enthusiasm...they came away as winners!



Not bad for a first season. All credit to the coaches, the students and their whanau for a fantastic effort. It was wonderful to see our school values demonstrated through the way you conducted yourselves. A proud achievement indeed!



## Year 5/6 & Year 7/8 EOTC trips

Last week it seemed so quiet back here at school. We really missed our senior students who were out and about around Auckland and beyond.

Our Year 7/8's flew off to Wellington, where they made their way through the Wairarapa, visiting many interesting places along the way. It gave them a continued appreciation of the Great Outdoors and of our beautiful country, Aotearoa.

The Year 5/6's ventured off to the pools, stayed at school overnight, and participated in several team building exercises.

For both sets of students, this was also an opportunity for teachers and even the students themselves to consider leadership opportunities, appropriate as seniors in our school.

In a later newsletter, we'll hear more from the students themselves, and also update you on our school service/ leadership teams- so watch this space ☺

## Out & About with our Year 7/8's on their EOTC







## **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 our school.



These meetings will be held on  
**Wednesday 11 April,  
Week 10**

Please keep an eye out for this notice and plan to come and join in our discussions ☺

## **Teachers Paid Union Meetings**

Thank you to our parents for supporting our teachers to attend their union meetings late last month, by allowing our students to finish at an earlier time.

Teachers are appealing to the government to recognise the value of education for our future, and to try to attract and retain high quality teachers to the profession- as there is a shortage of teachers, and a decline in the numbers of people opting to train as teachers. We can see already how this can impact on our current provision for quality teaching and learning, and the pressure this can put on the teaching workforce as a whole.

Teachers are hoping the next round of pay negotiations will recognise the need for improved remuneration, to attract and keep good teachers, and so that you can be assured of the availability of such teachers for the future of your children.

## **Skool Loop**

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## REMINDERS

### 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 ☺

### 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



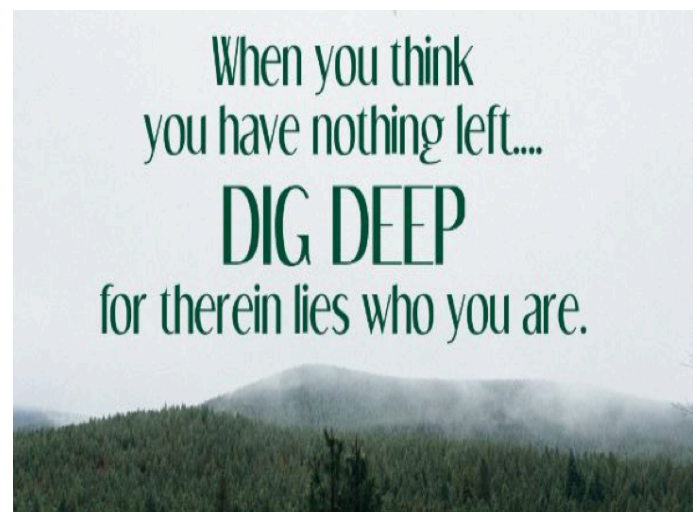
Land Transport will send home pamphlets reminding parents/ caregivers about road safety issues around schools. This includes keeping their speed to no more than 40km in school zones; not illegally parking, so that students and drivers can see one another clearly; and being mindful of newly trained road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

### FREE EVENT



**Eye on Nature**  
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

## FAMILY DAY

**HEALTHY TREES, HEALTHY ME**  
**Hauora Rākau, Hauora Ahau**

AUCKLAND BOTANIC GARDENS EVENT SITE  
(ENTRY VIA EVERGLADE DRIVE)

**14 APRIL 2018**  
**SATURDAY 11AM - 5PM**

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### Recycle your child car seat with SeatSmart

Did you know you can now recycle your expired or damaged child car seat? Around 90% of seat materials are recyclable which is great news for the environment, and keeping expired car seats out of circulation is good for child safety. SeatSmart accepts any brand of capsule, booster or reversible car seat (no polystyrene boosters) for a small fee of \$10 (RRP). For collection site details visit [www.SeatSmart.co.nz](http://www.SeatSmart.co.nz). You can also like us on Facebook (SeatSmartNZ).

### 2018 Census

#### Message from Statistics NZ....

A reminders parents and caregivers that it is still not too late for you to do your census. If you haven't done it - you will be receiving a visit soon from field officers so you can do it then too.

**Keas** is the youth section of Scouts NZ for **girls** and **boys** in school years 1 to 3

Keas specialises in fun and friendships, including outdoor activities: camping, tramping and water activities where team work is learnt.

Interested in your child's development contact Debbie 027 702 8890 or email [Debbie.bunnings@gmail.com](mailto:Debbie.bunnings@gmail.com) for more details

**Cubs** is the youth section of Scouts NZ for **girls** and **boys** in school years 3 to 6

Cubs specialises in fun and friendships, including outdoor activities where team work & leadership skills are learnt.

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**Scouts** is the youth section of Scouts NZ for **girls** and **boys** in school years 6 to 10

Scouts specialises in fun and friendships, including outdoor activities where team work, & leadership skills are learnt.

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### sKids

Join our exciting School Holiday Programme coming up during the April School Holidays between 16-27 April! There will be lots of fun activities and trips (including going to RAINBOWS END, MOTAT and a SENIORS TRIP for Year 6s and above) based from the Roscommon School Hall from 8am-6pm daily.

If you are working (full time, part time, shift work, studying, receiving CDA or sickness benefit), you may qualify for a Work & Income NZ Oscar Subsidy and your child /children can potentially come for FREE (Conditions apply).

To find out more, please ring 022 56 75437 or Rush de Silva on 0800 386 543, (09) 392-7874 or email [rush@skids.co.nz](mailto:rush@skids.co.nz) or visit us in the School hall between 3.00-6.15pm on school days.



Safe Kids In Daily Supervision

**ROSCOMMON**

Roscommon School Hall  
(School entrance is on Burundi Avenue)  
8am-6pm Daily

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For more information, call our team 021 252 9470 or 021 403 009

Mobile/Free call 0800 337 4582 or 0800 386 543 Email [rush@skids.co.nz](mailto:rush@skids.co.nz) or [cheyenne@skids.co.nz](mailto:cheyenne@skids.co.nz)

Please note: Some scheduling and activities listed above may vary without notice.

Register now at [www.skids.co.nz](http://www.skids.co.nz) click on



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## TERM 1 DATES

**ROSCOMMON SCHOOL**

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APRIL	
12, 13	James Cook Sports for Seniors
13	Last Day of Term 1 - Early finish at 2pm

## 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