



ROSCOMMON SCHOOL

WHAKAPONO KIA KOE – BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

NEWSLETTER
Friday 6 July 2018
Week 10, Term 2

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



Hooray, it's the last week of term and we feel like dancing? Why do we feel this way? Because we've had such a great term of learning; we've celebrated our performing arts; we've excelled in sports; and we are ready to dance our way to the holidays! Thank you everyone for all your efforts in making Term 2, cold as it was at times, a fantastic time of learning.

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.**

Fagasa Speech Competition

Last week some of our senior students in Fotu o Nu'u Pule, our Samoan Bilingual unit participated in the annual Fagasa Samoan Speech Language competition. The competition was at a Regional level, ie. Auckland Schools.

It was a great opportunity to promote and support the use of the Samoan language, and the contestants did their schools proud. Well done Paulo

Tipasa, Fili Lemoa and John Aitu, who represented Roscommon and their families with their beautiful oratory skills and demonstrating our school values in the way they conducted themselves. Congratulations to John in Room 6 who came third in the competition and is now entered into the National Fagasa Speech Competition in Wellington next term! We look forward to sharing his experience at this national level.

Spelling Bee Championship

In Week 8 our senior students participated in our annual Spelling Bee Competition. It was great to see so many of our students get through to the finals. They have also improved their word knowledge and their spelling skills in the process. Congratulations to the following students for their placings:

- 1st - John Pouono
- 2nd - Hinalei Taufua
- 3rd - Dhivnesh Kumar

Mid Year Reporting, Student Learning Conferences

Thank you to those families who were able to make it to our Mid Year Reporting for Learning sessions, where we were able to talk through some of the slight changes to our Mid Year Reports.

Unfortunately, we did not get as many parents as we had hoped due to the busyness of other school events, ie. Roscommon's Got Talent, and the poor weather. However, we were able to get some feedback around our reports and we'll also follow up the upcoming Student Learning Conferences this week with a parent/ whanau survey.

We will send home some follow up notes with the key points discussed at these hui.

Well done to all our whanau who were able to make it to our SLC's. We will share a bit more about this in our next newsletter.

Celebrating the Performing Arts- Dance and Music:

Roscommon's GOT TALENT

Last week we were highly entertained by our many talented dancers, singers and musicians. Both the Junior and Senior sections of Roscommon's Got Talent blew us away with their stunning performances. It was very difficult to judge, but there could only be a few winners (even though all our students were awesome:

JUNIOR SECTION

- Dance - Daneisha Harder
- Singing - Nevaeh Sanele
- Instrumental - Dhivnesh & Krishant Kumar
- OVERALL WINNER - Daneisha Harder



OVERALL JUNIOR SECTION WINNER
Daneisha Harder

SENIOR SECTION

- Dance - Ultra Walkies (Room 6 Students)
- Singing - Faith Alu
- OVERALL WINNERS - Rebecca & Tavai Manu'a

Reading Together Celebration

This term several parents/ whanau engaged in our Reading Together Programme. The 4 session programme concluded with a fantastic celebration held at the Clendon Library. We were so proud of the learning our whanau had made, and are pleased that they are enjoying reading for both meaning and pleasure with their tamariki. Congratulations to all those parents who were involved in this programme.



Our Dedicated Reading Together
Graduates!

Sporting Updates

Congratulations to our Rippa team who have made it AGAIN for the 8th year in a row to the National Rippa Rugby Tournament being held in Wellington later next term.

The team were almost not included on the draw due to a administrative error at Counties Manukau, so we were only informed of the Counties Rippa Tournament at very short notice. This however did not deter the team, as their training had prepared them to be ready at any time- in fact, the late notice made them more determined to prove that they indeed were worthy of playing in the regional finals.

Congratulations to the team and also to Mani, Mr Cuthers and Karl for their coaching. We'll look forward to cheering you on at the nationals!



Some of our winning Rippa Team with the
Counties Manukau Shield

Welcome New Staff

Welcome Whaea Ngahuia who is a student teacher in Room 16 this term, and will continue her teaching practicum into next term. She has been a great addition to our Middle Syndicate team.

Teachers Paid Union Meetings

Thank you to our whanau who supported us by allowing your children to finish at the earlier time, earlier this term, in order for our teachers to attend the Paid Union Meetings.

You may well have read in the news that there are planned teacher strikes this coming August. This is as a result of the disappointment the teaching sector wish to convey to the government, from the pay negotiations. Teachers were 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 have seen already how this has impacted on our current provision for quality teaching and learning, and the pressure this has put on the teaching workforce as a whole.

Teachers were hoping this round of pay negotiations would 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.

We will keep you informed about the strikes, but this will mean that the school will be closed for the day, should they go ahead.

Bikes and Scooters... but where's your helmet?

We've noticed that there has been an increase in the number of students bringing their bikes and scooters to school. We think this is awesome, as being a Travel Wise school, we do promote walking and cycling rather than travelling to school by car if possible.

We have also seen that there are too many students who do not wear their helmets. Through our Bikes in Schools programme we teach them the safety benefits of wearing a helmet.

We remind you that you'll need to request permission for your child to use their bike or scooter as a means of transport to and from school. Please take note of this reminder, as from next term if students come to school on their bike or scooter without permission and/or without a helmet, we will safely store their bike/scooter and contact home to arrange for these things to be sorted before we can

allow them to continue using these for transport. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

We'll be sending home a separate panui/ notice about this as well, along with our school's request for permission slip.

REMINDERS

SMOKEFREE ZONE

A reminder that all schools and most public places these days are Smokefree. Please do not smoke inside our school grounds. Thank you.

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 (for Terms 2 and 3) are as follows:

- 8.30am - Bag bell
- 8.55am - Start of school bell
- 10.35am - Interval eating bell
- 10.45am - Interval play bell
- 11.05am - End of interval bell
- 12.35pm - Lunch eating bell
- 12.45pm - Lunch play bell
- 1.25pm - End of lunch bell
- 3pm - End of school bell

Thank you for your support in this matter ☺

CONTACT DETAILS

A reminder Parents that if any of your contact details change i.e. address, phone number, emergency contacts etc. to please let the office know so that we can update our records for your child/ children.

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.

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....



2018 TERM DATES **(as per Ministry of Education)**

Roscommon School

Term 3:

Monday 23 July to Friday 28 September

Term 4:

Monday 15 October to Thursday 20 December

*Each term is 10 weeks duration

COMMUNITY NOTICE

