



ROSCOMMON SCHOOL

WHAKAPONO KIA KOE – BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

NEWSLETTER
Thursday 23 August 2018
Week 5, Term 3

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



Apologies for the delay in getting out a newsletter this first half of the term, but we just wanted to say it's been a fantastic return to school for the second half of the year, and we just can't believe that spring is just around the corner. Time certainly does fly when you are having fun! Find out what kind of fun we've been up to so far in Term 3.

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.

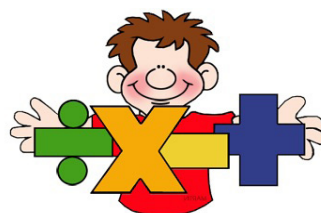
Fagasa Samoan Speech Competition



Congratulations to John Aitu who represented our school so well at the recent National Fagasa Samoan Language Speech Competition held in Wellington earlier this term.

John spoke very well and was placed 6th in his category. We were very proud of his efforts. Thank you John for continuing to promote and foster the love of our Samoan language!

Maths Week



Last week we did a low key celebration of Maths Week in our own teams and classes. Part of Maths Week involved some of our students participating in the Australian Maths Competitions. We look forward to seeing how they did. Results will be posted to us in the next little while. Well done to those students who entered that competition.

Diversity Festival

Next Tuesday 28 August is the day for our Diversity Festival, where our choir along with several other Manurewa Schools and some special cultural performances will be showcased. Miss Kiripati and Miss Millward have been doing an amazing job training the choir.



Our talented Roscommon choir



Practicing hard for the Festival



Miss Millward & Miss Kiripati

Miss Millward and Matua Shane again are in the Diversity Band. Tickets are available at the school office...but hurry up, they are selling out fast!

COST FOR DIVERSITY FESTIVAL TICKETS

- Adult - \$10
- Child - \$5 (for all children aged from 2 to 13 years)
- Family - \$25 (2 x Adult tickets + 2 x Child tickets - additional children \$5 each)

There will be some limited ticket sales on the night, but you will need to have CASH for door sales, and sometimes the queues for these are so long that you may miss out on the best seats.

Bandquest

This coming Saturday two of our Year 7/8 bands are entered into the Bandquest competition being held at Auckland Girls Grammar, at 7.00p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 and there are door sales only.



Gianni



Hoani & Johnson

This is our first time entering so we are looking forward to seeing how this event is organised and giving our kids an amazing experience in performing in front of a wider audience. The bands are an extension of the music programme that we've been providing for our Year 7/8 level. Most students can now play at least one musical instrument, and have been learning to read and then create their own music. Way to go bands- and all the best for Saturday!

Year 8 Ski Trip

On Sunday our Year 8's travelled down to Taupo where they'll be based for the next couple of days so they can head off to the mountains and ski and snowboard down them. We hope they enjoy this fun filled adventure and we'll share more of this in our next newsletter.



Our Year 8 travellers!

ESSILOR Vision Screening



The ESSILOR Vision Screening programme which tests Year 5/6 students eyesight (this is funded by some major sponsors for various schools in Manurewa) is coming up next week, Friday 31 August. We are again excited that we will be able to help our students pick up on any vision issues, as this can greatly impact on their ability to read and do their school work.

Teachers Strike

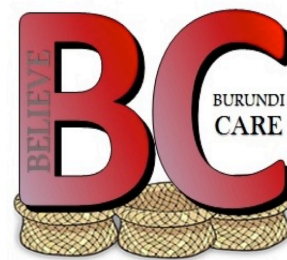


Thank you to all of our whanau for your support for the Teachers Strike last week. We realise that this may have inconvenienced families as they juggled their work days to take care of their children. We've been humbled by your overwhelming support for the work teachers do with your children, and your encouragement in trying to improve the conditions for teachers that will allow teachers to be drawn to, and then remain in the profession.

We are hoping the negotiations between the teachers union NZEI and the government go well, otherwise the union has called for further strike action, this time 2 days. We really don't want to take such action, but we will keep you updated along the way.



Burundi Care



In the last fortnight we've been promoting our upcoming Out of School Care Programme called Burundi Care. Our students loved the 'Open Day' sessions held in Week 3, where they got to have a taste of what is to come, ie. the After School Care and Holiday Programme provisions.

Burundi Care 'Open Day'!



We followed this up with a parent/ whanau information session. It was great to see the overwhelming support for Burundi Care, which will begin in the next October school holidays, and continue with our own After School Care Programme in Term 4 and beyond.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions at this stage. We will also keep you updated about this over the remainder of the term.

REMINDERS

DROPPING OFF/ PICKING UP CHILDREN



Thank you to those whanau who have been keeping to our requests of **NOT USING THE SCHOOL DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE TO DROP OFF OR PICK UP STUDENTS**. We need to keep this clear so that cars (especially staff and official visitors) can drive in or out without having the driveway blocked. If people use the driveway entrance as a pick up/ drop off point, this creates a very unsafe situation. It's hard for cars and sometimes pedestrians to see clearly the oncoming traffic. If an accident is caused, it will become a police matter. Thank you for keeping our/ your kids safe!

ROAD SAFETY



A few reminders....

- When driving please keep your speed to no more than 40km in school zones.



- Please do not illegally park, so that students and drivers can see one another clearly. ***A problematic area appears to be Dorendia Place which is situated next to one of our school back gates. A reminder to all Parents, for the safety of our students and others, please do not park on the yellow lines.***

- 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.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Starting 23rd September 2018, our school uniform supplier The Uniform Shoppe is shifting to new premises in Manukau, next door (on the right) to Krispy Kreme.

School uniforms and accessories will be available from the The Uniform Shoppe at 2 Ronwood Avenue, Manukau and the existing store at Manurewa will close its doors permanently.

The Uniform Shoppe as of 23rd September:

- Address: 2 Ronwood Avenue, Manukau
- Landmark: Beside Krispy Kreme
- Phone number: 267 6063 or 299 8412
- Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30am-5:00pm & Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm

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!!!



BELL TIMES

Bells and breaks times for this term:

- 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

'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.

SMOKEFREE



Did you know that our school, along with all other schools are SMOKEFREE? This legislation came into effect several years ago, but prior to this being legislated, our school had declared ourselves a smokefree

zone as part of being involved in Health Promoting Schools. We ask that when you are onsite, you please refrain from smoking. Our school is a smoke-free zone ☺

Roscommon Social Media

A reminder that there are several ways you can keep up to date with school news, events and trips:

facebook

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



Roscommon School (look out for our school logo).

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Welcome to Roscommon School



SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

A reminder that digital copies of our school newsletters (in colour) are available on our facebook pages and school website.

School Loop

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR SCHOOL APP YET?

NEVER MISS IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION AGAIN!



- *Events
- *Notices
- *Instant school messages
- *Absentee
- *Newsletters
- * Permission Slips

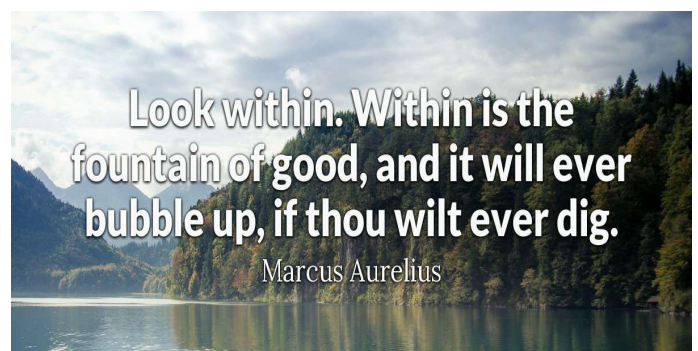


Simple free download: In the Play Store and App Store search 'Skool Loop NZ' & choose our school once installed.



Last Thoughts

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





TERM 3 DATES

ROSCOMMON SCHOOL

CONTACT DETAILS

Address: 23 Burundi Avenue, Clendon Park, Auckland

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AUGUST	
25	Bandquest-Year 7/8 bands (at Auckland Girls Grammar School)
27	Diversity Festival Dress Rehearsal
28	Diversity Festival, Vodafone Events Centre 7.30pm to 9.30pm
29 or 31	Cross Country Manurewa Schools
31	Caught Being a Good Dad Duffy Assembly
SEPTEMBER	
3	Tongan Language Week
4	Waimahia Intermediate Orientation Day
6	Manurewa Intermediate presentation at Roscommon for Year 6's
5 or 7	MPSSA Girls Football
9-11	National Ripa Rugby Tournament, Wellington
10	Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori
14	Maori Language Day
19	Waimahia Intermediate presentation at Roscommon for Year 6's
19 or 21	MPSSA Basketball
24	Board of Trustees Meeting, pm
25	Junior Syndicate Motat Trip
26	Manurewa Intermediate Orientation 9am-1.30pm
26	Manurewa Intermediate Orientation 7pm Parents session
28	Last Day of Term 3 - Early finish at 2pm



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