

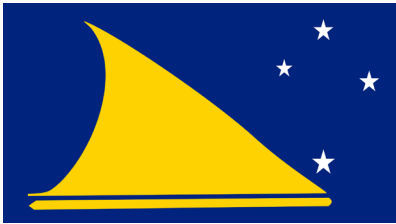


# ROSCOMMON SCHOOL

WHAKAPONO KIA KOE – BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

NEWSLETTER  
Thursday 25 October 2018  
Week 2, Term 4

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



*TALOFA NI - Happy Tokelauan Language Week and welcome back to Term 4. We've started the term with great weather, great behaviour, and we are looking forward to some great learning and achievement as we end our school year. Hasn't the time just flown! Let's find out what's been happening and what's to come during Term 4.*

## 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.

#### Language Weeks Niuean & Tokelauan

Last week we celebrated Niuean Language Week. We loved having Radio Roscommon each day promoting the Niuean language and running our Student/ Staff and Parents quizzes. We ended the week with an awesome assembly where we were entertained by dances, more quizzes, multimedia and much more. Thank you to all our students and their families and our teachers who helped us appreciate Niuean language and culture!







'ROSCOMMON NIUEANS'



ROOM 13 GIRLS



BEAUTIFUL NIUEAN STAFF



We are now looking forward to our Tokelauan language assembly this Friday, hosted by Fotu o Nu'u Pule our Samoan bilingual unit.

Not many people realise that Tokelau is a very small island that is close to Samoa- in fact if you wish to go there you must fly to Samoa and then catch a boat to the island.

Tokelau Islanders are working hard to resolve the issue of their island being at risk of being inundated by the sea (that means the rising sea levels are meaning more and more land is going underwater). Their theme this year is about unity and working together to maintain their homeland, their heritage- identity, culture and language is very appropriate indeed.

### Te Karere Showcasing Year 7/8 Sewing Programme

Last Friday Te Karere News crew came to film and interview some of our kaiako and Year 7/8 students from He Pua Mai i Rangiataea and Fotu o Nu'u Pule bilingual units. They were amazed to see how our students had created their own uniforms building on the sewing skills they had learned over the year. They loved seeing how sophisticated their skills actually were, and they enjoyed hearing our students using their heritage languages to talk with one another, and also about their learning.







Our Industrious Roscommon Intermediate Students with examples of their sewing!

## He Pua Mai Year 7/8- Helping out National Maori Medium Education

At the end of last term, the Ministry of Education asked us if we could help them with some current work that is going on in education. They sent along some artists who do 'live illustrations'- that means drawing ideas as we talk about them. HPM students were sharing with them examples of their

learning experiences and how their learning is shaped by our school Whakatauki and Values. Our work is helping to reimagine how a record of learning might be captured over time that will help affirm and promote further learning for our students as they progress throughout their school year(s).





## Swimming Lessons



This term our Middle and Senior classes have their swimming lessons at the Manurewa Aquatic Centre on Sykes Road. The lessons are only a few and they are free of charge. We would really encourage our families to follow up these sessions if you are able to, by talking with your child about what they learned. As we don't have a school pool, we notice that many of our children still find learning to swim a challenge. Sometimes we worry that the limited number of lessons is just not enough to help with their confidence when they are in the water.

The pools are free to use as part of Auckland City Council facilities, so if you can, try to take your children there and follow up these lessons. You never know when water safety and your ability to float or swim will come in handy, and maybe even save your own and/ or others lives.

## Burundi Care - Holiday Programme



Congratulations to Burundi Care, our new Out of School Care team, who began with a very successful School Holiday programme. Each day we saw happy children doing all sorts of activities. Some of the teachers commented that they wished they had something like that when they were little.

*Some photos from the BC Holiday Programme...*



Learning how to tie a tie



Learning about Empowerment



Designing Gladiator Armour



make overs

Table Tennis



Timeout Zone in manukau



movie Trip & Slumber Party



## Burundi Care Before & After School Programme

We had a great 2 weeks of Burundi Care Holidays and we are now in our 2nd week of Before and After School Care – and what an AMAZING time we're having! It's Pirates Week and we're looking for the Hidden Treasure. Make sure you keep watching our School Facebook Page for all the clues!

We love to have fun at Burundi Care with games, sports, quizzes, cooking, music, dance, arts and crafts and much, much more – even our Learning Time (including Homework) is a lot of fun. Kids are assisted by our trained staff and have access to library books, homework resources and devices such as Chromebooks (laptops) for research (and more fun learning).

### Contact details for Burundi Care...

- Phone - 027 232 6533
- Or email - burundicare@roscommon.school.nz
- Or visit the friendly Burundi Care Staff in our School Hall from 7.30am to 6pm

## World Teachers Day- October 5



World Teachers Day came and went in the school holidays. However this is not stopping us from celebrating our teachers. This Friday our support staff are honouring our teachers with a special morning tea. We invite you and/ or your child to write to their teacher and give them some positive feedback on the great job they do.

We know that there is a teacher shortage crisis and this has impacted on how schools organise their staffing. Our teachers are some of the best people around. They come to school everyday (when they are not sick of course) and they do their very best to ensure your child gets a great education. They care not only that their students learn, but also about how they feel about themselves as learners.



To our teaching staff on behalf of Roscommon School Whanau/ Community: THANK YOU for all the hard work, aroha, and commitment you demonstrate each day. Our school is blessed because of all you do!

## End of Year Production



"Aue, aue, Whakapono ki a koe.....". So this is a line from one of the songs you might just hear when you come along to our production towards the end of the term (Week 7 to be exact!). Our cast and crew are busy preparing for this entertainment extravaganza.

Over the next few weeks you'll see students practicing their lines, their singing and dancing. You'll see props and stages being built. You'll see Whaea Pare, Miss Kiripati and Mr Televave our directors getting grey hairs with all the stress- haha! But we think it will all be worth it in the end.

Keep an eye out for regular updates leading up to the production.

### Teacher Only Afternoon Friday 9 November School finishes at 12pm



In Week 4 on Friday 9 November we will be finishing school at the earlier time of 12.00p.m. Our teachers will be involved in what we call our 'Impact Day', ie. they will be presenting to each other their Collaborative Teaching as Inquiry from their years work. It's kind of like teachers inquiring into their practice to see what might make the most impact to improve our students learning, and in particular for those students who require accelerated learning in order to catch up and keep up with their learning.

Teachers work collaboratively in their teams to share what they are learning and we then look at how this learning can be built on across the school.

We'd like to thank you in advance for supporting us with this earlier finishing time, and trust that this opportunity will further enhance our teaching practice, and as a result your child's learning. We will of course send out reminders leading up to that day.



## Intermediate Enrolment Evening



On Thursday 1st November from 4.30pm to 6.00pm, Waimahia Intermediate will be holding a Year 6 enrolment evening at their school. A flyer with more information will be sent home shortly.

## Year 7/8 Intermediate Touch Rugby Tournament

Congratulations to our Year 7/8 Touch team who played in the local schools tournament. They came runners up and now make their way into the Counties Tournament. Well done team and coach(es) on your great sportsmanship, and all the best for the upcoming games.

## Term 4 changes

### BELL TIMES



We are back to our Term 1 and 4 bell times, now that the weather is warmer and sunnier:

- Morning tea eating time - 10.45am to 10.55am
- Morning tea play time - 10.55am to 11.35am
- Lunch eating time - 1.05pm to 1.15pm
- Lunch play time - 1.15pm to 1.35pm

### HATS



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. Please send your child to school with a hat that is named. Ideally the most sunsmart and sunsafe hat is the bucket style hat.



## REMINDERS

### 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 is our official uniform 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.

### Details for The Uniform Shoppe:

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

### 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 on-site, you please refrain from smoking.

### 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.

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



## '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.

## 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

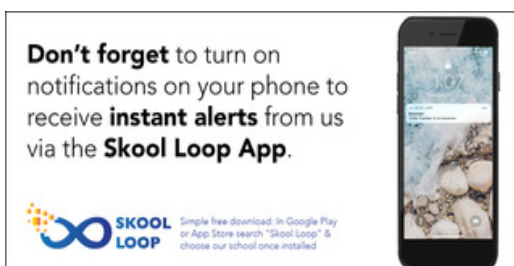
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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

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....





## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**REREMOANA SCHOOL**  
**TWILIGHT FESTIVAL**  
**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 30th**  
**GOLD COIN ENTRY**  
**Cultural Performances**  
**Craft Stalls & Food**  
**5PM TO 7.30PM**

*Celebrate with us*

Reremoana School  
 15 Scotsmoor Drive, Wattle Downs

PosterMyWall.com

**REREMOANA SCHOOL**  
**Twilight Festival**  
**CRAFT STALLS AVAILABLE**

**\$20 per stall**  
**\$5 to hire a table**  
**Community Event**  
**Friday 30th Nov**  
**5.00 - 7.30pm**

**Help support Reremoana School**

REREMOANA SCHOOL  
 15 Scotsmoor Drive, Wattle Downs  
 For more information:  
[supportteam@reremoana.school.nz](mailto:supportteam@reremoana.school.nz)

**James Cook High School**  
**1968 2018**  
**50th ANNIVERSARY**

**2/3/4 November 2018**  
[www.jchs.school.nz](http://www.jchs.school.nz) or 09-268-3950

**MANUREWA RUGBY**  
**TOUCH MODULE**  
**JUNIORS & SENIORS**  
**WEDNESDAYS AT MOUNTFORD PARK MANUREWA**  
**STARTING 24TH OCTOBER 2018**  
**FOR 8 WEEKS**

**UNDER 8S & 10S PLAYERS FEE - \$10**  
**UNDER 12S & 14S - \$20 PLAYERS FEE - \$20**  
**SOCIAL MIXED & MASTERS TEAM FEES - \$150**

**SPECIAL DISCOUNTS FOR SCHOOL TEAM ENTRIES**

REGISTER AT: [www.sporty.co.nz/manurewatouch](http://www.sporty.co.nz/manurewatouch)  
 enquiries to: [manurewatouch@gmail.com](mailto:manurewatouch@gmail.com)

**Snuggle Buddies**  
**Desexed cats are less likely to yowl loudly throughout the night**  
**Free desexing for cats between 5-16 November 2018**

Henderson	Mt Wellington	Papakura
Mangere	Onehunga	Papatoetoe
Manurewa	Otara	Ranui
Mt Roskill	Panmure	Whangaparaoa

Call us today on 09 256 7310

**SPCA**





## TERM 4 DATES

### ROSCOMMON SCHOOL

#### CONTACT DETAILS

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Phone: 266-5731

Email: [admin@roscommon.school.nz](mailto:admin@roscommon.school.nz)

OCTOBER	
22-26	Tokelauan Language Week
23, 25	MPSSA Touch Tournament, Bruce Pulman Park
29	Board of Trustees Meeting
30 Oct - 2 Nov	Class photos taken
31	Cross Country Manurewa Schools
31	Senior Community Beach Clean Up, Omana Regional Park
NOVEMBER	
1	Year 6 Enrolment Evening at Waimahia Intermediate 4.30pm-6pm
6, 8	MPSSA Softball Tournament
7, 12	CCSA Athletics Massey Park (to be confirmed)
7	Diwali
9	Teacher Only Afternoon- School finishes at 12.00p.m.
13	World Kindness Day
14	Pedal Power Bikes end for Rooms 15, 16, 17, 18 & 19
20, 22	MPSSA Athletics Day- Jellicoe Park
26	Board of Trustees Meeting (to be confirmed)
27-29	School Production
30	FoNP End of Year EOTC trip to Rainbows End
30	Last day for payment of Class photos
DECEMBER	
2	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons end
3	Juniors End of Year EOTC Trip to Aotea Centre
3-7	Class photos ready
4	Seniors Counties Sports Day
5	School Monitors Rainbows End Care Day
7	Year 8 Graduation
7	Seniors End of Year EOTC Pool Trip
11	Team Prizegivings: Junior 9.30am, Middle 11.30am, Seniors 1.30pm
12	HPM Prizegiving 9.30am, FoNP Prizegiving 11.05am
13	Year 6 Graduation
14	School Prizegiving; Reports & Yearbooks home
FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER - LAST DAY OF TERM 4 (EARLY FINISH AT 12.30PM)	