

Newsletter 1

Powhiri Welcome to New Families

A powhiri to welcome new families and staff will be held on **Friday 4 March, 11.00 am** at Base School, Tirimoana Road, Te Atatu.

Invitations have been sent to new families, and we also warmly welcome all school families who would like to attend.

Please let us know by email to admin@arohanui.school.nz or phone 838 6696 if you wish to attend for catering purposes.



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In brief ...

School Phone Numbers

Base School	838 6696
Bruce McLaren	836 3175 ext 215 or 226
Hobsonville	975 7400 x 547
Edmonton	837 5360
Flanshaw	834 7294
Freyberg	836 7664
Glendene	837 4391
Holy Cross	838 5380
Rutherford	834 5449
Te Atatu Int	834 7899
Pakeke	837 2395



Students' Taxis

If you have any problems or concerns with your taxi run please phone Dinah, Teresa or Gill at school on 838 6696. For cancellations, etc, either call the driver directly on his mobile, or phone Mary or Sandy of Auckland Coop on 302 6033.

We need two weeks' notice for all changes to addresses for your child's taxi run.

Next BOT Meeting

On Tuesday 22 March (TBC)
10.00 am pm at Base School.
Anyone interested is welcome to attend. (Note time change.)

Term 1 2016 Dates

Easter break:

Friday 25 to Tues 29 March
(back to school Wed 30/3)

Last day of term:

Friday 15 April

Welcome to New Students

We welcome the following new students and their families to Arohanui:

- ◆ Emma Fraser, Brody Garrett, Ofa Hau, and Lily-Grace Sarich—Edmonton
- ◆ Trisha Smit, Fa'a Lemaga and Dayelle Fitzsimons—Nu'u—Hobsonville
- ◆ Sarina Pama—Bruce McLaren 2
- ◆ Selina Ramos—Bruce McLaren 3
- ◆ Austin Stowers—Glendene 1
- ◆ Ben Homan and Matthew Bryan—Glendene 2
- ◆ Madden Wharewaka-Moa—Freyberg 2
- ◆ Srihan Kotra—Flanshaw 1
- ◆ Oscar Cranwell—Flanshaw 2

Welcome to New Staff

We also warmly welcome the following new staff to the school for 2016:

- Frances Britz, teacher in Glendene 1
- Tineke Struthers, teacher in BMCL 2
- Helen Ashman, teacher at Hobsonville
- Shara Atlantis, teacher in Freyberg 2
- Wendy Hindmarsh-Hook, OT
- Soo Jeong Lee, SLT
- Kiri Purdie, dance teacher
- Judith Westcott, outreach teacher
- Julie Skelling, TA in Flanshaw 1
- Katie Pickford TA in Te Atatu
- Rosa Cottaar, TA in Glendene 1
- Shona Proctor, TA in Rutherford 1
- Rakim Urale-Proctor, TA in Rutherford 1
- Megan Jennings, TA in Freyberg 1
- Hayley O'Callaghan, TA in BMCL 1
- Soraya Noor, TA in Flanshaw 2
- Lesley Stanko, TA in Flanshaw 2
- Lisa Shepherd, TA in Freyberg 2

Farewell

And we farewell the following people and wish them all the best on their next adventures!

- Andy Watts, teacher at Glendene
- Kirsty Campbell, TA in Flanshaw
- Ange Forman, TA in Rutherford
- Olivia Hochuli, TA in Flanshaw
- Eva Muselaers, outreach teacher
- Maria Viscardi, TA in Flanshaw
- Ann Mayo, TA in Hobsonville
- Caryn Mendes, TA in Flanshaw, and Sandy Clarke, TA at Holy Cross, who are both leaving next week.

Congratulations ...



... to Fiona Wright (teacher at Hobsonville) on the birth of her baby son in January, and Gemma Horsley (SLT) on the birth of her baby daughter last week.

Personal Learning Plans and Seesaw

Thank you to all the families who have attended their child's PLP meetings AND downloaded/signed up to Seesaw. We have been very encouraged by the many parent contributions already appearing on Seesaw.

If you haven't attended the PLP meeting, please remember to download the Seesaw app or sign up on the website beforehand. See your child's teacher for details.

School Organisation

Kauri (Led by Shaki Padayatchi)

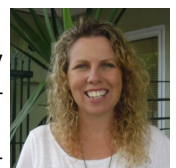
Supported by Trudi Brocas AP, and Juanita Corbett
Classes: Base School, Pakeke, Hobsonville, Bruce McLaren and Te Atatu



Shaki

Nikau (Led by Lyrese Rodgers)

Supported by Gill Hedley DP, and Geraldine Lewis-Smith
Classes: Edmonton, Flanshaw, Freyberg, Glendene, Holy Cross and Rutherford



Lyrese

If you would like to contact either Shaki or Lyrese, you can phone them at Base School on 838 6696 or email:

- Shaki: shaki@arohanui.school.nz
- Lyrese: lyrese@arohanui.school.nz

Keep Sun Safe



Please send your child with a hat and sun cream so we can make sure they are kept safe during these hot summer days. Thank you for your attention to this.

Info on PLPs and Seesaw

The Personalised Learning Pathways process is replacing the IEP system at Arohanui and is aiming to create closer partnerships between school and family/whanau, and relevant and flexible teaching and learning in and out of the classroom.

Class Learning Plan (CLP): This is an overview of what the students will be learning in class each term and it will be sent to you at the beginning of the term.

Family Meeting/Learning Partnership: At the family meeting you will meet with the teacher and key therapist.

Together your child's **Personal Learning Plan (PLP)** will be developed with reference to the Class Learning Plan. We would like to hear your ideas on how your child learns best and what he/she likes learning about. We will also be sharing their work and achievements via Seesaw, an app available for you to download on your electronic devices (see below).

Personal Learning Plan (PLP): After the family meeting, teacher and therapists develop your child's **PLP and Therapy Plan**. This will be sent home to you. The class teacher and therapists will let you know how your child is progressing and you can share how they are going at home via Seesaw, the home-school notebook or email.



Seesaw is a digital portfolio which you can download and access on your smartphone, laptop, iPad or android tablet. Teachers can add photos, videos, audio files, notes, PDFs and web links each week and you can have instant access (you will get a notification or an email to say there is a new post). You are also able to add your own comments.

Seesaw can ...

- ◆ Capture learning in real time using both photos and video
- ◆ Allow our students to contribute to reflections about their own learning
- ◆ Provide one place for teacher, therapists and family to give feedback and response to evidence
- ◆ Keep an accessible record of learning for students for their whole time at Arohanui.

If you are not already accessing this app, download it now. It is a great resource for sharing what your child is learning.

Phonics at Freyberg 1

Freyberg 1 have been looking at letter sounds (phonics). We looked at the letter 'i' for ice. We froze water in a glove and used our senses to talk about ice. Then we ate ice blocks.



Reminder: Family Donation and Stationery Payments

Family donation is \$100 for the year, and stationery costs, which vary from class to class, should have been sent home by your child's teacher. Please pay the stationery for your child urgently as these materials have already been purchased by the school. We would also appreciate payment of your family donation as soon as possible.



You can pay for both at the Base School office—we have Eftpos available (cashflow cards only, not credit—sorry).

Our thanks to those families who have already paid both stationery costs and donation.

Sea Week

We are currently celebrating Sea Week. Freyberg 1 and 2, Holy Cross, Rutherford 1 and Bruce McLaren 1 all went to Green Bay beach for a clean up, sandcastle competition and treasure hunt last Tuesday. The rain amazingly stayed away for the whole visit, and we all had a lot of fun. Here are some photos ...



Disability Swimwear

Splash About have designed swim wear that's fashionable and functional, incorporating a discreet Happy Nappy, for children and young adults. Have a look at their website: <http://www.swimspiration.co.nz/disability-swimwear.html>

