

Newsletter 2

Holy Cross portraits

"Holy Cross attended the 'This is Me' art workshop at Corban's on Wednesday 23rd March. We learnt how pictures tell a story of who we are, how to create our own printing panel and how to create our own art work using a printing press. We all had a wonderful day with lots of learning and produced great portrait silhouettes."



Adding printing ink to our printing frames (dressed in our printers' aprons!)



Our finished portrait silhouettes

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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.

Free Show Tickets

- ♦ **Sleeping Beauty**
Saturday 30 April 10.00 am
Logan Campbell Centre,
Greenlane
(ticket is for one adult and
two children, 1-14 years)
- ♦ **Circus Quirkus**
Sunday 29 May, 11am, 2pm
or 5 pm
Logan Campbell Centre,
Greenlane

Please let us know if you would like tickets to either show—for Circus Quirkus, let us know your **preferred show time**. Email dinah@arohanui.school.nz or phone 838 6696.

End of Term

Friday 15 April is the last day of term 1. School finishes at the usual time of 2.30 pm. School begins again for term 2 on Monday 2 May.



Welcome to New Students

We welcome Mona Luengsrinak and her family to Arohanui. Mona started in Freyberg 2 last week.

Staff Welcomes and Farewells

We warmly welcome the following new staff to the school:

- Aleisha Tangariki-Easthope, TA in Flan 1
- Christine Zubiri, TA in Flanshaw 1
- Brent Hayward, TA in Bruce McLaren 1
- Gwen Tay, TA in Rutherford 2
- Caryn Wigmore, TA in Edmonton
- Ga Young Anderson, TA in Freyberg 2
- Te Ao Marama Anaru-Johnson, TA in B4
- Jennifer McKay, TA in Bruce McLaren 1
- Jodi Seu, TA in Bruce McLaren 3
- Samantha Brown, Tatiana Jimenez Zabala and Rosita Valai, TA relievers

And sadly farewell Anne Cleary and Glynis Jones, TAs in Base 4. We wish them all the best on their move to Tauranga (Anne) and move to a new position (Glynis).

Board of Trustees Elections

Board of Trustees Election Day is **3 June**.

There are five trustees on the Arohanui Board, four parent members and one staff representative, and James Le Marquand, a member-of-right. The current board members are: Darryl Cockroft (Chair), Louis Kapeteni, Ella Schaumkell and Nick Taylor (parent representatives), Natasha Carter-Bing (staff representative) and James.

Nominations for parent and staff representatives will be open on 6 May. If you are interested, or know of someone else who may be interested, please contact Teresa Walsh, Returning Officer, on teresa@arohanui.school.nz or 838 6696.

Next BOT Meeting...

...is on Wednesday 4 May 10.00 am at Base School. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. (Note time change.)

Education Review Office

A team of ERO reviewers will be at the school next month, for our five-yearly review. We are looking forward to their visit and to hear their views and observations on our school. There will be a powhiri to welcome them on 16 May, at 9.00 am, at Base School. All families are invited to attend.



It is great to see so many families

signed up to Seesaw, and taking the time to check in and comment. If you have not already joined, please talk to your child's teacher. We encourage all families and whanau to use this resource to view your child's school activities and progress, to comment on their work, and to let us know what they are doing and achieving at home.

Class Learning Plans & PLPS—Term 2

There has been a very positive response to our new system. Thank you everyone! In term 2 a new Class Learning Plan will be sent to you in week 1, followed by a revised Personal Learning Plan. If you would like to meet your child's teacher to discuss the PLP, opportunities will be set up in weeks 2 & 3. You will continue to get updates on your child's progress through Seesaw.

Health and Safety

As you may be aware, the new Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 came into force this week. We have a very active Health and Safety Committee at Arohanui (consisting of James LM, Louise Reynolds and Teresa Walsh) who are working hard to ensure the school is as safe an environment as possible. If you have any questions or concerns around safety at school, please contact us.

Pasifika Families Working Bee

Next term all classes will be working on the theme ***Stories From the Pacific!*** We will be setting up a class at Base School as a Pacific story-telling room so classes and families can get together and share their stories, art, songs and dance.

We are having a working bee to help set up this room and would love your help. Please come along to help or let us know if you have any mats, fabric, tapa, etc, that we could use we would very much appreciate it. The working bee will be on:

Thursday 5 May

From 3.00 to 5.30 pm

**At Base School
Children Welcome**

**See you
there!**



Reminder: Family Donation and Stationery Payments

Family donation is \$100 for the year, and stationery costs should have been sent home by your child's teacher. There are still some stationery payments that remain unpaid. The stationery has been issued by the school already so payment before the end of this term would be appreciated. Payment options are:



- ◆ Directly into our **bank account:**
(ASB) 12-3071-0339339-00 (Arohanui Special School)
- ◆ **Send money/cheque** in a clearly marked envelope via the class teacher
- ◆ **Pay cash, cheque or Eftpos** at the Base School office

Donation payments are also very much appreciated. Thank you to all families who have already paid.

Planning for Adulthood

*The Legal Framework around
Disability and Disability Rights*

*A presentation by Nan Jensen, Quinlaw
Hosted by Disability Connect*

Wednesday 12 April 6.30-9.30pm
Westwave Pool and Leisure Centre
20 Alderman Drive, Henderson

Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available from 30 minutes prior to the start of the seminar. A resource table will be available with useful print material free of charge.

RSVP is essential: To book contact Disability Connect on 636-0351 or email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz. Please provide a phone number and email when booking.

Powhiri

Thank you to all who helped organise our powhiri for new families last month, and to everyone who attended. It was lovely seeing all our new families in attendance.



Caregiver Needed ...

For a 15 year old girl, on weekends, Saturday and Sunday, times to be agreed. Phone Angela on 021 881 751.

StarJam Singing and Dancing Workshops

Does your young person with a disability (aged 6 to 25 years) love to dance or sing!?

StarJam empowers young people with disabilities through music and performance and they have places available now in their singing and dancing workshops, happening in West Auckland on Monday evenings! Visit www.starjam.org or contact them at auckland@starjam.org or 09 300 6257 for more info.



Term Dates 2016

Term 1	
<i>Teacher only day</i>	<i>Tuesday 2 February</i>
First day of term	Wed 3 February
<i>Waitangi Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 8 February</i>
<i>Easter</i>	<i>Fri 25—Tue 29 March incl.</i>
Last Day of Term	Friday 15 April
Term 2	
First day of term	Monday 2 May
<i>Queen's Birthday</i>	<i>Monday 6 June</i>
Last day of term	Friday 8 July
Term 3	
First day of term	Monday 25 July
Last day of term	Friday 23 Sept
Term 4	
First day of term	Monday 10 October
<i>Labour Day</i>	<i>Monday 24 October</i>
Last day of term	Friday 16 December