

Newsletter No: 6

Umu and Matariki Celebration photos



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In brief ...

School Phone Numbers

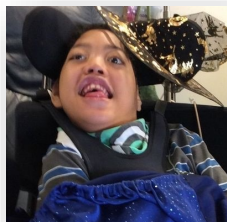
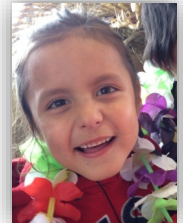
Base School	838 6696
Bruce McLaren	836 3175 ext 215 or 226
Hobsonville	975 7400 x 547
Edmonton	837 5360
Flanshaw	834 7294
Freyberg	836 7664
Glendene	837 4391
Holy Cross	838 5380
Rutherford	834 5449
Te Atatu Int	834 7899
Pakeke	837 2395



Sad News ...

It is with great sadness that I inform you that two of our students passed away recently.

Matthew Bryan, one of our students in Glendene 2, passed away suddenly last week. His twin brother, Jeremiah, is in our Holy Cross Satellite. Our thoughts and love are with Matthew and Jeremiah's whanau at this very sad time.



Junior Tangamaki, a student in Base 4, passed away on Tuesday. Junior lived at Geneva House in Ranui, and our sympathy and thoughts go to his family, and his carers at Geneva.

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...

...is on Wednesday 10 August 10.00 am at Base School. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. (Note time.)

Future 2016 meetings will be:

- 21 September
- 26 or 27 October (TBC)
- 16 November
- 13 or 14 December (TBC)

Stationery and Donation

There is still stationery money outstanding from the beginning of the year. Please pay asap. We would also appreciate payment or part-payment of the school donation of \$100. Thank you for your attention to this.

Welcome to New Students

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

- Hunter Painter and Ku Reh—Edmonton
- Navayah Dick-Stringer—Freyberg 1
- Tolonia Malio, Evan Lawless and Andreas Rifi—Freyberg 2
- Hana Langley—Hobsonville
- And welcome back to Imogen Cockcroft who is joining Pakeke.

Staff Welcomes and Farewells

We warmly welcome the following new staff to the school:

- Doug Rupa, TA in Flanshaw 2
- Ramesh Prasad, TA in Base 8
- Ann Ramsay, TA in Freyberg 2
- Rahel Kissun, TA in Hobsonville
- Holly Kahu, TA in Rutherford 3
- Narendra Godha, TA in Flanshaw 1 (Narendra was previously a reliever)
- Edina Bagyinszki, TA in Edmonton
- Rachel van Polanen Petel, TA reliever

And we sadly farewell Julie Skelling, TA in Flanshaw 1, who is leaving at the end of this week to take up another position. We wish her all the very best for the future.

Pasifika Feast and Umu

We had a fantastic end to term 2 with our senior school umu in celebration of our

stories of the pacific theme study and to celebrate Matariki. The day resulted in some delicious food, a brilliant performance by our Bruce McLaren students and a great turnout by our families.

This amazing day would not have been possible without the help of our wonderful school staff and families. A huge *THANK YOU* goes to the group of people who turned up at 6.00 am in the winter morning dark, to prepare the umu, light the fire and cook the food, ready for everyone to eat for a delicious lunch. (Pictures are on the cover of this newsletter.)

Roll Growth

From the number of staff welcomes this term you may have realised that the school is growing! In the last six months we have had 22% roll growth. We began the year with an extra classroom and to help alleviate the growing numbers we are opening a new unit at Massey Primary in the 4th term. It is hoped that this will eventually become a purpose-built double unit.

We are grateful to Massey Primary for being so welcoming and accommodating and look forward to sharing our school communities. The make-up of the room is yet to be decided.



Thank you Tat Upcycle

Tat Upcycle is a social enterprise in Te Atatu Peninsula creating meaningful work experience and employment opportunities for members of the community recovering from addiction. Their kaupapa/philosophy promotes a proactive, holistic approach to recovery.

They are doing their bit for 'Zero Waste by 2040' by turning refuse into useful products, and have used wooden pallets to make two sensory tables which have been donated to the school. These tables have already been used in Rutherford 1 and the students love them. The Rutherford classes are looking forward to the warmer days when sand and water play can be part of the table use.

Thank you so much Tat Upcycle!



PLP Family Meetings Term 3

Your child's Class Learning Plan, Personal Learning Plan and Therapy Plan for term 3 have been sent home.

If you would like to meet the teacher to discuss your child's learning for term 3 please make an appointment for a meeting by contacting Dinah on 838 6696, or booking a time through www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using the school code **mw9cu**.

Meeting times are up to 30 minutes.

At the beginning of every term you will be offered the opportunity to meet the teacher at specified bookable meeting times. If these times don't suit you, you are welcome to request an alternative time to meet the teacher.

Term 3 meeting times

Tues 16 August: 3.00pm, 3.30pm, 4.00pm, 4.30pm

Wed 17 August: 3.00pm, 3.30pm, 4.00pm, 4.30pm, 5.00pm

Thurs 18 August: 3.00pm, 3.30pm, 4.00pm, 4.30pm, 5.00pm

If the teacher has set additional times to those above, you can see these online at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz, or check with your child's teacher or Dinah.



Respite Carer Available

One of our teacher aides is keen to work as a respite carer over holiday breaks. If are interested, please contact the school on 838 6696 (talk to Teresa or Dinah), or email us, and we will pass your details onto her.

More Thanks ...

- ♦ Thank you again to Westie Pies—a fabulous selection of sports equipment arrived at base school this week and will be distributed for use among the classes. Thank you too to Ellen for winning the competition.



- ♦ And thanks to Colgate (and to everyone who donated their toothpaste tubes, etc). We have won a garden seat made of recycled materials, with an adjustable back to make it easier to use by all our students.

Seminars—Disability Connect (Parent and Family Resource Centre)

- ⇒ **Transition Seminar:** Tuesday 9 August, 7—9pm at MPHS Hub West, 27 Corban Avenue, Henderson
- ⇒ **Work & Income Support Seminar:** Tuesday 6 Sept, 7pm to 9pm, at MPHS, 27 Corban Avenue, Henderson

To book please contact Disability Connect on 636 0351 or email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Cool Crew Mid Winter Christmas Disco

Friday 5 August, 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm

Te Atatu South Community Centre, Edmonton Rd

Cool Crew is a hip-hop dance and social group for young people with special needs in West Auckland—see their Facebook page www.facebook.com/coolcrewnz.

Entry is by gold coin donation. Snacks and drinks will be available to purchase. All attendees must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Razzamatazz—free tickets

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd October
12 noon and 3.00 pm

Clouston Hall, St Cuthberts School
122 Market Road, Epsom

Comedy with Wow Factor!

Organised by the Kids Foundation

Let us know if you would like tickets (one ticket per person)
- phone 838 6696 or email dinah@arohanui.school.nz



2016 Term Dates	
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

**Below are the Arohanui School
term dates for 2017**

2017 Term Dates:		
Term 1 102 half days	<i>Staff only day</i> First day of school <i>Waitangi Day</i> Last day	<i>Tuesday 31 January</i> Wednesday 1 February <i>Monday 6 February</i> Thursday 13 April
Term 2 98 half days	First day <i>Queen's Birthday</i> Last day	Monday 1 May <i>Monday 5 June</i> Friday 7 July
Term 3 100 half days	First day Last day	Monday 24 July Friday 29 September
Term 4 88 half days	First day <i>Labour Day</i> Last day of term	Monday 16 October <i>Monday 23 October</i> Friday 15 December