

Newsletter No: 7

Skateboarding

Our intermediate classes had a chance to develop their skateboarding skills last week, thanks to Steve Hodges and his team from *Onboard Skate*. Our students were excited to have a go at something different. We have three more sessions with Steve and his team to hone our 'ollie', 'carve' and 'kickflip' skills!



Newsletter 7

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...

...is on Wednesday 21 September 10.00 am at Base School. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. (Note time.)

Future 2016 meetings will be:

- 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 and Staff

- We warmly welcome Zoey Glander and her family back to Arohanui. Zoey joins the class at Pakeke.
- We also welcome Denise Bridger, new teacher aide reliever, and wish her all the best in her new position.

Louis Kapeteni

As many of you will know, Louis Kapeteni decided not to stand for board membership again this year, after many years of service to the BOT.

Pictured below is James presenting Louis with our gift of appreciation for his support of Arohanui, both as a board member and parent of the school.



NZEI Meeting for Teachers

A large number of our teachers will be leaving school at **1.00 pm on Monday 12 September** to attend an important meeting on the government's proposed changes to education funding. The school will remain open and we will put relief staff into classes. If you wish to pick your child up earlier on this day (from 12.30 pm) please feel free to do so. Please let your child's teacher know if you do intend to collect your child earlier on 12 September.

Special Education Proposed Changes

Once again special education finds itself at the feet of political footballers as we get ready for another change in ministry policy direction.

It is important that we keep our eye on what is happening and act collectively to advocate strongly for our community. What is particularly worrying is Minister Hekia Parata's cabinet paper in which she talks about reviewing ORS especially for students over 18 years. This, of course, has implications for our 18 to 21 year olds—simply removing funding surely creates more problems than it solves.

Following is a link to the Minister's cabinet paper so you can draw your own conclusions. We must fight for a system that doesn't move to a one-size-fits-all model but supports the continuum of needs in whatever way these are labelled, with a continuum of provision to meet these needs. The link, which is a long one, is:

<http://www.education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Ministry/Initiatives/special-education-update/Cabinet-Paper-Strengthening-Inclusion-and-Modernising-Learning-Support-July-2016.pdf>



On **Friday 9 September, 11.00 to 12.30 pm**, Base School and Pakeke students are holding a market day at Base, selling their crafts and other goodies. Everyone is warmly invited to attend so come along and bring your money to spend! There will also be a sausage sizzle. All profits go towards student art programmes in the school.

See you Friday 9th!

Sports and Outdoor Activities

Recently a number of classes have been involved in various sporting activities, keeping fit and learning as they go. (See front cover for the intermediate classes skate boarding prowess ...)



Ice Skating

Last week Rutherford Primary's hall was converted into an 'ice skating' rink and we enjoyed learning to glide and slide on the 'ice'. What a wonderful winter experience!



A whole school Boccia league has been developed for this term, which sees both our junior and senior classes playing each other over the course of the term. For the first round of competition our Holy Cross class played Hobsonville and then Bruce Mac 3. Hobsonville won 1-0 and Bruce Mac 3 won 10-8, after a very tough game. Well done to all these classes.

Boccia



Ten Pin Bowling

Bruce McLaren 1 went ten pin bowling last week as part of our science in the community theme. We learnt great new skills and had lots of fun!



Seminar—Disability Connect (Parent and Family Resource Centre)

⇒ **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

Fundraising

Entertainment books: so far we have raised \$325 on the sale of this book and app. Thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraiser!

Chalk and Parent Direct Educational Toys: you will have received a catalogue in your child's bag for this fundraiser. Great toys (especially for Christmas presents) and the school receives a percentage of each sale. We need all orders in by Wednesday 14 September. Phone us on 838 6696 if you have any questions.



Cool Crew ...

A fun group for young people with special needs

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.

They meet **every Friday from 5.30 to 6.30 pm** at 150 Universal Drive, Henderson. Enquires please phone 021 145 1730

Respite Care Needed

A school family is looking for help in the mornings with their daughter, Ocean—Thursday and Friday mornings, 6am to 9am. Afternoon and weekend work also available. The carer would be employed through Vision West. If you are interested please phone Lisa on 022 687 6281.



September 2016 dates:

(details in newsletter)

Tuesday 6 Sept	7 pm, Work & Income support Seminar
Friday 9 Sept	11 am to 12.30 pm, Market Day at Base School (Base & Pakeke students)
Monday 12 Sept	1.30 pm, NZEI teachers union meeting
Wednesday 14 Sept	All 'Chalk' toy orders to Dinah
Wednesday 21 Sept	10 am, Board of Trustees meeting
Friday 23 Sept	Last day of term 3

2016 Term Dates	
Term 1	
Teacher only day	Tuesday 2 February
First day of term	Wed 3 February
Waitangi Holiday	Monday 8 February
Easter	Fri 25—Tue 29 March incl.
Last Day of Term	Friday 15 April
Term 2	
First day of term	Monday 2 May
Queen's Birthday	Monday 6 June
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
Labour Day	Monday 24 October
Last day of term	Friday 16 December

Advanced notice ... 2017 Term Dates:

Term 1 102 half days	Staff only day First day of school Waitangi Day Last day	Tuesday 31 January Wednesday 1 February Monday 6 February Thursday 13 April
Term 2 98 half days	First day Queen's Birthday Last day	Monday 1 May Monday 5 June 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 Labour Day Last day of term	Monday 16 October Monday 23 October Friday 15 December