

Newsletter No: 10

Enviroschools

Bruce McLaren 1 and Te Atatu students (and staff) are pictured here working hard in the gardens at Base School doing the ground work for more spring planting.



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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...

...is on Wednesday 16 November at 12 noon at Base School. The Board members are doing a short tour of the school before the meeting. Anyone interested is welcome to attend the meeting which will begin at approximately 12 noon.

Future 2016 meetings will be:

- 13 or 14 December (TBC)



Seclusion Rooms

I emailed families last week regarding the recent news around seclusion rooms. To reiterate, it is a practice that has pretty much died out as a behaviour management strategy in schools. We have not had a seclusion room at Arohanui since 1995.

Our behavioural approach at Arohanui is called *Positive Approaches* which focuses on rewarding behaviours that we want to encourage; we certainly do not use a punishment model in any shape or form.

However, this does not mean our students cannot seek their own 'time out' when they need a quieter, calmer space. This can be either outside the classroom or in another part of the room doing a different activity, depending on, and dictated by, the individual needs of the students.

Property Projects

Finally it seems the long-delayed new building at Te Atatu Intermediate is at last underway. This is a year behind the original opening date but hopefully we will see our classes moving into the new building at the end of term 3 2017.

Also we have a new satellite class at Massey Primary. The indications from the Ministry are that this project is due to be completed on time. However, having been involved in many building projects before, I am working on a contingency plan in case we have to start the class in another room temporarily.

We also hope to begin some building work at Base School over the Christmas holidays, to modernise two of our classrooms. We are hoping to have this completed by the end of term one.

Family Survey

Thank you to all families who completed the survey regarding our new personalised learning plan system (PLP), and Seesaw. We had 39 responses giving us very useful feedback and information for improvements we could make. All survey entries went into the draw for a Christmas hamper and the winner was Gian Cruz's family – congratulations to Me-dea, Gener and Gian!

Senior School Ball — Friday 11 November

Our school ball for senior students is this Friday 11 November. We hold this ball every year jointly with Oaklynn Special School, and this year Oaklynn is hosting the event.



The ball will be at

ZEAL, Alderman Drive,
Henderson, from 7pm to
10 pm. All our students
16 years and over, and
their families and care-
givers, will have re-
ceived an invitation.
Please come —the
more the merrier!



Cost is \$15 per student (no charge for accompanying family members). Dress is formal.



Diwali

The Base School students all celebrated Diwali together —staff and students enjoyed the activity and the lovely food provided by some of our staff members.





Environmental design happening in Glendene 1

Introductory Workshop on Problem Eaters

Introductory sessions on "Problem Eating" ...

- ♦ Either on **Wednesday 9 November 12.30 to 2 pm**
- ♦ Or **Wednesday 16 November 5.30 to 7 pm**



at Arohanui Special School, Tirimoana Road, Te Atatu. Both sessions are the same, so you only need attend one. They will be led by James Ray SLT.

If you wish to attend please email James at jamesr@arohanui.school.nz, indicating which session you would prefer, and your child's name and class.

♦ Experienced Carer Available ...

... for carer support days: weekend and evening work. Lorraine has experience with special needs and autistic children, and can provide references. Contact Lorraine on 022 140 1502.

♦ Carer/companion required

A 17 to 25 years old companion/carers is required for autistic teen, after school and weekends. Experience preferred—good personality essential. Please phone Anek on 027 276 1969.

Cans for Good

We are collecting cans of food (any brand) to help restock foodbanks. Wattie's will match our donation can for can, so this is a great opportunity to support our community. Please send any cans of food you may like to donate, to your child's class or to base school before next Wednesday 16 November. We look forward to seeing how many we can collect!



Visit to Arataki

Flanshaw 2 visited The Arataki Visitors' Centre in Titirangi as part of the theme Physical World—experiencing the environment.



Youth with Disabilities Disco

Movie theme—dress as your favourite character

When: Saturday 26 November 2016, 7-10pm

Where: ZEAL, 20 Alderman Drive, Henderson

FREE event—no need to RSVP
Just come along for a great night out!
Refreshments and adjacent space provided for parents/caregivers.

This event is brought to you by Auckland Council





Upcoming dates:

Wednesdays 9 & 16 Nov	Fussy Eater Workshops at Base
Wednesday 16 November	BOT school tour and meeting
Friday 25 November	Senior School Prize Giving
Friday 9 December	Senior School Graduation
Friday 16 December	Last day of school for 2016
Wednesday 1 Feb 2017	First day of school for 2017

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

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 Feb <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