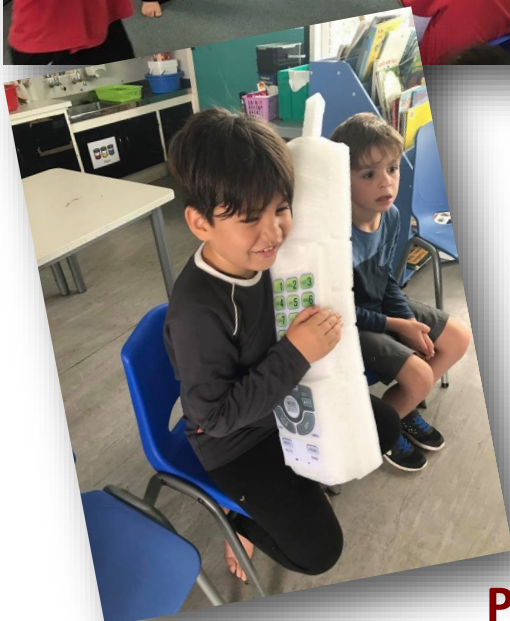




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People Who Help Us

Our fabulous Arts team have put together a travelling puppet show. The students in Glendene 2 and Holy Cross all knew the different people in our community who can help us!



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
Massey	8337232
Rutherford	834 5449
Te Atatu Int	834 7899
Pakeke	837 2395



Next BOT Meeting...

...is on Wednesday 17 May at 10.00 am, at Base School.

Students' Taxis

Important message from Moe at Auckland Co-op:

If your child goes to respite and needs taxi transport to/from there and school, can you please give Dinah a roster of these visits, as soon as you are given a schedule. Dinah will then email this to Moe at the taxi company.

Moe wants to ensure that the taxi service continues seamlessly when there are any changes such as respite visits.

Thank you for your help with this.



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End of Term and ...

Thursday 13 April is the last day of term 1. School finishes at the usual time of 2.30 pm, and begins again for term 2 on Monday 1 May.

I wish you all a very Happy Easter and relaxed holiday break.



Farewells and Welcomes

We warmly **welcome** to Arohanui ...

- Amanda Vowles, TA reliever
- Pelite Loto, TA in Base 5
- Bronwyn Krissansen, TA in Hobsonville
- Tayla Jackson, TA in Rutherford 3
- Sam Holcroft, relieving TA
- Iona Clarke, Holy Cross teacher

We sadly **farewell** the following staff who will finish at the end of this term:

- Chloe Stannage, teacher in Pakeke. Chloe is hoping to return to do some relieving for us next term
- Tracey Haszard, teacher in Holy Cross. Tracey is moving to an RTLB position
- Fran Britz, teacher in Glendene 1. Fran is moving with her family to Hawkes Bay
- Shona Procter, TA in Holy Cross. Shona is moving with her family to Australia.
- Tracey Cockroft, relieving TA. Tracey has been a teacher aide reliever at Arohanui for many years and will be much missed
- Gill Hedley, DP (see note below).

We are very sad to lose these wonderful staff members but wish them all the very best in their future endeavours.

Gill Hedley

Sadly this term we farewell Gill Hedley, Deputy Principal. Gill has recently been appointed as Principal of Rosehill Special School in Papakura and will begin there in Term 2. Gill has been with Arohanui for more than 20 years and has made a major contribution to teaching and learning, our strong school culture and school-wide leadership. While it is sad to lose Gill it will be great to have a kindred spirit leading another Auckland special school.



I am sure you will join with me in thanking Gill for her time with us and in wishing her well in her new position. I know she will make a fantastic contribution to Rosehill School.

Powhiri

The school took part in two powhiri last week. The first was at Massey Primary where we were manuhiri, and were warmly welcomed by Massey staff. We also took part in the official opening of our satellite class there and our Taonga iti and nui students did an excellent job in representing us. Our own powhiri last Friday to welcome our new students and their families/whānau was an equally enjoyable occasion. Thank you to all the families who attended and again to our Taonga Nui group for their enthusiastic welcome and performance.

Term 2 Organisation

We have a number of changes to class teachers next term. In Fran Britz's position in Glendene 1, Rachael Bean will be the classroom teacher. We have appointed a new teacher for Holy Cross, Iona Clarke, who will be starting in week 5. Until then, Mirjam Wradatsch will continue to be the class teacher, and in week 5 she will move to Pakeke to replace Chloe Stannage. Many of you will know Rachael and Mirjam who have been part of the school for a number of years and have been covering teacher release this year. A very big thank you to them both for being so accommodating with these changes.

Congratulations to Narelle Webb (Outreach teacher) on the birth of her baby boy, Jono, born on 27 February.



KiwiChat Sibling Camp

This camp is especially for the brothers and sisters, aged between 5 and 11 years, of our special needs students and will be held over two days in the April holidays. Details are:

Venue: Sunnyside School, 48 Smallfield Ave, Mt Roskill

On: Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 April, 9am to 3pm

Who: Special needs children who use communication systems with their siblings

Day 1: Siblings only

Day 2: Siblings plus their special needs brother or sister who uses a communication system (plus a caregiver)

Cost: \$60 for the whole family for both days

The theme is 'circus'. If you are interested please email kiwichat@talklink.org.nz or phone Jessamy Amm on 021 044 4681 or 557 1214. Places are limited so you will need to be quick.



Living Options Seminar

Information on four options for living arrangements for a person with a disability

West Auckland

Tuesday 2nd May 7-9pm

Hubwest, 27 Corban Ave, Henderson

Presented by Lisa Martin, Disability Connect

This seminar explores the four main living arrangements for a person with a disability including information about supports available under each option, funding arrangements, who the providers are, benefits and challenges of each option, etc.

This seminar is ideal for families of a young adult with a disability who is approaching the age or 'readiness' to leave home.

Options discussed include:

- Residential Care
- Supported Living
- Choice in Community Living
- Family Governed models

Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available from 30 minutes prior to the start of the seminar.

A copy of the presentation will be given to each attendee and a resource table of information will also be available.

No charge for parents or family members attending.

\$50 charge for each professional (working in the disability sector) attending.

RSVP is essential: 09 636 0351 or admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz

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.

Special Olympics

What a fantastic day it was for Special Olympics. We had a large group of our students show their skills at the special Olympics athletics day. Our students have been training in the various codes for weeks and reaped the benefits of it.

Well done to all of our students; you did Arohanui proud today.



Holiday Arts Programme

This programme is for adults, youth and children living with disabilities and includes cartooning, printmaking, drama, clay, music, drawing, hip hop, filmmaking, etc.

The programme will be held at Mapura Studios, Fowlds Park, Rocky Nook Avenue, St Lukes, from 9.30am to 3.00pm on the following days:

- ☼ 20 and 21 April for over 17 year olds
- ☼ 27 April for children aged 5 to 11 years
- ☼ 28 April for 12 to 16 year olds

Cost is \$50 per day (or 1/2 carer support day +\$15)

For more information contact:

- ☼ Alex on 845 5361 or email info@mapurastudios.org.nz
- ☼ Paula on 849 5595 or email interacting@ihug.co.nz

Or look at the website www.mapurastudios.org.nz





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