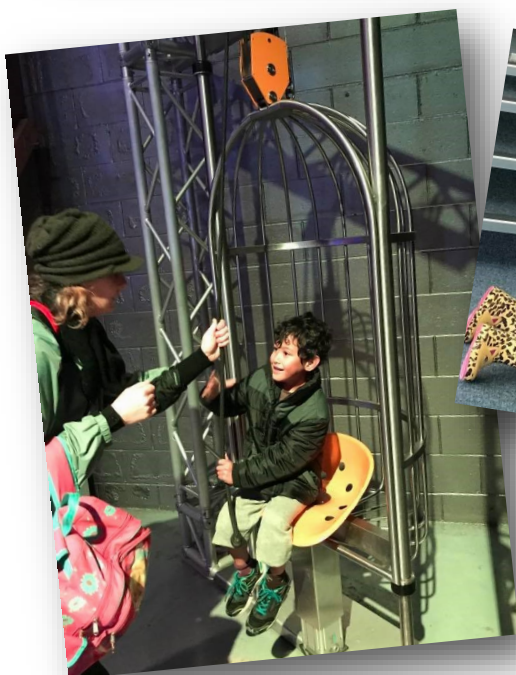


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Visit to MOTAT

This term our theme is toys and games. As part of our learning unit, several classes have visited MOTAT and participated in their "toys" programme. Glendene 1 and Flanshaw 2 had a lovely time exploring all the exhibits and toys during their visit this week.



Newsletter 4

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 14 June at 10.00 am, at Base School.

Students' Taxis

Important message 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.

And about buckling up ...

This is a little reminder that our taxi drivers are not responsible for putting our students into the taxi and buckling them in. This is the responsibility of the family/carers and school staff.



New AP and School Organisation

A very warm welcome to Ellie Mackwood who has joined the senior management team as the new Associate Principal.



The school organisation is now as follows:

- ◆ Trudi Brocas, Deputy Principal, is responsible for personnel and the therapy team
- ◆ Shaki Padayatchi, Associate Principal, is responsible for enrolments and student transport, and is leader of Kauri which is all the Base classes and Pakeke
- ◆ Juanita Corbett, Associate Principal, is leader of Nikau: Edmonton, Massey, Flanshaw, Freyberg, Glendene, Holy Cross and Rutherford classes
- ◆ Ellie Mackwood, Associate Principal, is leader of a new school, Kanuka, and her classes are Bruce McLaren, Te Atatu Intermediate and Hobsonville.

Staff Welcomes and Farewells

We also **welcome** the following staff:

- ◆ Iona Clarke, teacher Holy Cross
- ◆ Elenoa Naborisi, teacher aide Massey
- ◆ Michael Keightley, assistant groundsman
- ◆ Sara Tucker, teacher Freyberg 1
- ◆ Linda McAlpine and Amber Trautvetter, relieving TAs

And a sad **farewell** to ...

- ◆ Christine Zubiri, TA Freyberg 2
- ◆ Angela Lidgard, TA Rutherford 3
- ◆ Joey Hewitt, assistant groundsman
- ◆ Dinah Payne, receptionist (Dinah finishes at the end of term)
- ◆ Gaye Merrilees, TA in Bruce McLaren 3.

Joey, Dinah and Gaye have been part of Arohanui for many years and we are particularly sad to say goodbye to them. We wish all these wonderful people all the very best on their new adventures.



Student Welcomes and Farewells

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

- ◆ Aroha Ngawaka, Freyberg 1
- ◆ Joshua Davis Freyberg 1
- ◆ Isaiah Davis, Freyberg 2
- ◆ Kristy McBride, Te Atatu

And **farewell** to ...

- ◆ Nicholas McDermott who has joined Wairau Valley School
- ◆ Dayelle Fitzsimons-Nu'u, who has moved to Oaklynn School
- ◆ Micah and Luka Ngaeruaiti, who are going overseas with their family.

James' Sabbatical

James Le Marquand is currently on sabbatical, returning on 21 August. In his absence Trudi is Acting Principal.

While James is away, he is continuing his work on the Establishment Board of Trustees for the new Kumeu School, and working on various projects with the MOE and NZEI. In addition he is working on his own project, a Musical Intervention Approach, looking at using music in engaging students with a significant intellectual disability. We wish him all the best and look forward to his return and sharing with us this work.

Sick Students

We are in the middle of the cold and flu season so please, if your child is sick, keep them at home until they are well enough to come back to school. As you will be aware, some of our students are very susceptible to illness and we need to keep them healthy as well as ensure that your sick child recovers quickly.

Base 7 and 8

Yah! The Base 7 and 8 renovation is finally finished. We had a blessing of the rooms last Friday and the students moved in this week. The rooms look wonderful, and we warmly thank the builders, painters, carpet-layers, tilers, and the architect, Wade, for giving us such great spaces for our students.

Matariki—Junior School Hangi

This year we will be celebrating Matariki with a hangi for the junior school on **Friday 30 June**. The hangi will be at Base school—more detailed information for families and classes involved will come out nearer the time.

In the meantime, if anyone is able to help prepare the hangi, make stuffing, peel vegetables, etc, on the Thursday afternoon (29 June) please give Juanita a call on 838 6696, or leave your name with Dinah in the office. Thank you!

Family Donation and Stationery Payments

If you haven't already done so, please pay your child's stationery and family donation. You can pay at the Base School office—we have Eftpos available (cashflow cards only, not credit). Our thanks to those families who have already paid both stationery costs and donation.

Give a Kid a Blanket

We are really excited to be supporting Bernie (who has worked with us for many years) and his partner, Donna, in their community programme, *Give a kid a blanket*.



They are collecting new or used bedding, duvets, blankets and sleeping bags, and distributing to those who may need them this winter through public health nurses, social workers and community support agencies.

If you have any new or used bedding you would like to donate, feel free to send them into school (we are aiming to fill up James' office while he is away) or check out their Facebook page to find other drop-off points.

<https://www.facebook.com/Give-a-Kid-a-Blanket-161245310901.../>

Website to find Carers

There is an excellent website where you can advertise for and find carers for your child. It is called My Care, and the address is www.mycare.co.nz

Support Worker required

15 year old young lady with Down Syndrome and ASD requires support for daily living and community activities. Varied hours, minimum 4 hours per week.

Need to be reliable, energetic and organised. Good communication essential.

A full, clean, driver's licence and the ability to work flexible hours (negotiable) e.g. early mornings, evenings and some weekend hours needed. Possible job share. Remuneration in line with new support worker legislation.

Contact: email— m.d.hoffman@xtra.co.nz

Transition Seminar Post schooling options

Disability Connect offers this seminar for students with a disability and/or their parents. Topics covered in this informal seminar are:

- Ministry of Education Transition Guidelines
- The process of ORS funding post school
- What happens to this funding post school?
- What types of vocational/day programmes are available?
- Options for non-ORS funded students
- Travel costs to Vocational Programmes
- Possible Work & Income supports for families
- Broad overview of Ministry of Health Disability Support Services
- Needs Assessment & Service Coordination during Transition stage
- Brief discussion re proposed MOH New Model and Individualised Funding (including Respite)
- What is Welfare Guardianship and what is it used for?

Central Auckland

Wednesday 21st June 12-2pm

Disability Connect, 3b Olive Road, Penrose

South Auckland

Wednesday 5th July 7-9pm

Mt Richmond Special School, 30 Albion Road, Otahuhu

Central Auckland

Thursday 31st August 12-2pm

Disability Connect, 3b Olive Road, Penrose

North Auckland

Wednesday 20th September 7-9pm, at Yes Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Place, Albany

South Auckland

Tuesday 31st October 7-9pm

Otahuhu Town Hall, 10-16 High St, Otahuhu

[They also have a Transition Expo which will have transition, vocational and recreation/leisure providers](#)

Tuesday 8th August 9am-2pm

Transition Seminar to be presented at 9.30am and 12pm.
Mt Eden War Memorial Hall, 4 Mt Eden War Memorial Hall, 489 Dominion Road, Mt Eden.

Disability Connect now charges \$50 including GST for each professional attending (working in the disability sector) attending our seminars. There is no charge for parents or family members attending. **RSVP is essential:** 09 636 0351 or admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Free Tickets to Rapunzel

A performance organised by Southern Stars Charitable Trust
in aid of Koru Care

On **Saturday 24 June, 4pm**

At Logan Campbell Centre, ASB Showgrounds, Greenlane

Each ticket is for 1 adult and 2 children.

Either call on 838 6696 or email dinah@arohanui.school.nz
if you would like tickets.



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> BOT meeting Matariki—hangi Last day	Monday 1 May <i>Monday 5 June</i> Wednesday 14 June Friday 30 June Friday 7 July
Term 3 100 half days	First day BOT meeting BOT meeting Last day	Monday 24 July Wednesday 16 August Wednesday 13 September Friday 29 September
Term 4 88 half days	First day BOT meeting <i>Labour Day</i> BOT meeting BOT meeting Last day of term	Monday 16 October Wednesday 18 October <i>Monday 23 October</i> Wednesday 15 November Wednesday 6 December Friday 15 December