

Newsletter No: 7

Rutherford 3's Spells and Potions Morning Tea

Rutherford 3 held a magical parent event last week based around the theme "sensory science—spells and potions". Parents were invited to see a snippet of several wonderful learning experiences the students have explored over the term. There were cause and effect spells and potions on the smartboard, dressing a witch by choosing clothing symbols and a lovely "cauldron melting pot" activity with an opportunity for everyone to add ingredients to the mix. Students also made books to showcase all the various science experiments they had explored over the term. The event ended with a colourful selection of "witchery" food items.



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



Next BOT Meeting...

...is on Wednesday 18 October,
at Base School.

Students' Taxis

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.



Taxi Changes

If you need to make any changes to taxi arrangements:

To cancel a run for the day, or to arrange respite runs, call the driver or Auckland Co-op on 302 6033.

To change your address or other permanent changes, please contact Louise Smith on 838 6696. Remember a change of taxi run can take up to two weeks so please let us know in plenty of time.



End of Term 3

Friday 29 September is the last day of term 3. School finishes at the usual time of 2.30 pm, and begins again for term 4 on Monday 16 October. We wish you all a relaxed holiday break.

Welcome to New Students

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

- ◆ Charlotte Simpson to Rutherford
- ◆ Khalil Rahme, whom we welcome back to Arohanui, joining Bruce McLaren 3.

Welcome to New Staff

We also welcome the following new staff members to the school and wish them well in their new positions:

- ◆ Lynne Walker who is the new teacher in Pakeke working with Karen Havell
- ◆ Rachel Sheary who begins in term 4 as the teacher in Freyberg 2 replacing Brooke who will be taking our new satellite class at Colwill Primary School.
- ◆ Brendan Vernall, TA in Glendene 2
- ◆ Jane Matavesi, TA in Flanshaw 2
- ◆ Relieving TAs: Rhiannon Epiha, Helen Goudge and Nicole Godkin.
- ◆ And we welcome back Rebecca Heanaghan who has returned from maternity leave to teach part-time on Outreach.

Staff Farewells

We sadly farewell Jennifer McKay, TA in Flanshaw 2, who has taken another position; Rea Caley, outreach teacher, who is taking time off for her family; and Dave Coyne, TA in Base 8, who is moving out of Auckland with his family. Dave finishes at the end of this term.

We wish these wonderful staff people all the very best in the future.

PLP Meetings—Term 4

There are no set PLP meeting times next term. However, you are very welcome to request a meeting with your child's teacher if you wish. Just let them know via the home-school notebook or email.

Family Morning Tea

It was great to see so many families at our information sharing morning tea. A huge thank you to Kay and Shaki for organising such a successful and informative event. We hope to make this a regular event for families.

Science Fair—our 2017 whole school event

THIS Thursday 21 September

Come anytime between 5pm and 7pm

At Base School

We will be exploring the various science activities and experiments the students have been involved in. We warmly invite you, your children and the whole family to attend. There are heaps of exciting experiments to see, plus a sausage sizzle and interactive story theatre for the whole family. See you there!



Senior School Ball



Our school ball for senior students, held in conjunction with Oaklynn Special School, will be held on **Friday 22 September**, at Zeal in Henderson. This is always enjoyable and a chance for the older students (and the staff!) to dress up and share a fun evening together. We would like to thank the following companies who have made donations to support our ball:

- ☺ Kiwi Property—LynnMall
- ☺ Demop
- ☺ Kreme Café
- ☺ Snowplanet
- ☺ Jump
- ☺ Westgate Bowling



Introductory Workshop on Problem Eaters

- ⇒ Does your child eat a very restrictive range of foods every day? (often yellow/white foods)
- ⇒ Does your child get very upset when presented with new foods at mealtimes?
- ⇒ Do you find as a parent you are stressed/worried/anxious about mealtimes with your child?



If you answered "YES" to any of these questions then come along to one of our introductory sessions on "Problem Eating" ...

- ♦ Either on **Thursday 2 November 12.30 to 2.00 pm**
- ♦ Or **Thursday 9 November 5.30 to 7.00 pm**

at Arohanui Special School, Tirimoana Road, Te Atatu. **Choose ONE session only**—the same material is repeated in each session. Sessions will be led by James Ray, speech language therapist.

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

Individualised Funding (IF) Including Respite

Presented by Lisa Martin, Disability Connect

The Ministry of Health Disability Support Services now include access to Respite (including Carer Support) under Individualised Funding, for eligible families. This creates new, flexible ways of taking a break. The seminar will discuss how services will be delivered, when they will be delivered and who will provide your government funded support. Individualised funding helps you:

- Employ the support staff you want in your life
- Set your own timetable
- Source flexible respite care that best benefits your family (short stay, overnight stay, in-home, in-facility, etc)
- Identify new sources of support

Central Auckland

Thursday 21 September 12-2pm
Disability Connect, 3b Olive Road, Penrose

Central Auckland

Thursday 2 November 7-9pm
Disability Connect, 3b Olive Road, Penrose

There is no charge for parents or family members attending. **RSVP is essential:** phone 636 0351 or email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Special Olympics Basketball

Last week some students from our Bruce McLaren, Te Atatu Intermediate, Hobsonville Point and Pakeke classes had the opportunity to put their skills to the test playing in our Special Olympics Basketball Competition. It was great to see the students working as a team, and really trying hard to share the ball with other players. It was wonderful to see so many whanau there to awhi our kids. Whakawhetai koe mo te haere mai i tenei



UNIQUE is an international organisation for families of children with rare chromosome diagnoses. Its Facebook pages are designed to provide support and help. Have a look at their website: www.rarechromo.org/html/home.asp

Ambury Farm Day

Give the kids a taste of life on the farm

On **Sunday 8 October, 10am to 4pm**

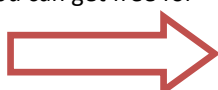
Pony and horse rides, cow milking, wood chopping, butter making, gumboot throwing, bouncy castles, sheep shearing, tractor rides, live entertainment, and much more!



At Ambury Regional Park, 43 Ambury Road, Mangere Bridge. To find out more phone 301 0101 or visit www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Mumps

Auckland is experiencing an unprecedented mumps outbreak. There have been over 370 cases with more than 60 schools affected this year. Here is some information regarding the vaccine you can get free for your child.



Need mumps protection?

There's an outbreak of mumps amongst Auckland students not fully vaccinated.

The measles-mumps-rubella vaccine will help protect young people against three serious diseases that are easily spread.

And it is free. Talk to your doctor or nurse today.

For more info call 0800 immune (0800 466 863) or visit ARPHS.govt.nz



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IMPORTANT DATES



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 of term BOT meeting <i>Powhiri</i> BOT meeting Family Morning Tea <i>Science Fair</i> <i>Senior School Ball</i> Last day of term	Monday 24 July Wednesday 16 August Friday 8 September Wednesday 13 September Thursday 14 September Thursday 21 September Friday 22 September Friday 29 September
Term 4 88 half days	First day of term 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



Early Notice: 2018 Term Dates

Term 1	98 half days
<i>Anniversary Day</i>	<i>Monday 29 January</i>
<i>Staff only day</i>	<i>Tuesday 30 January</i>
First day	Wednesday 31 January
<i>Waitangi Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 6 February</i>
<i>Easter</i>	<i>Friday 30 March to Tues 3 April</i>
Last day	Friday 13 April
Term 2	98 half days
First day	Monday 30 April
<i>Queen's Birthday</i>	<i>Monday 4 June</i>
Last day	Friday 6 July
Term 3	100 half days
First day	Monday 23 July
Last day	Friday 28 September
Term 4	88 half days
First day	Monday 15 October
<i>Labour Day</i>	<i>Monday 22 October</i>
Last day	Friday 14 December