

Newsletter No: 5



Matariki and Junior Hangi



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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 16 August,
12 noon, 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

To change your address or other permanent changes, please contact Dinah/Louise 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

Term 2 finishes on **Friday 7 July** at the usual time of 2.30 pm. School reopens on Monday 24 July. We wish you all a good holiday break, and look forward to seeing all the students back on Monday the 24th.



Front of Office Changes

As you may be aware, Dinah Payne is leaving at the end of this term. Dinah is the person who's smiling face greets you when you come to base school, and the one who deals with all your taxi and other transport issues. Dinah has sold up and is moving to Papamoa and we are very sad to see her go after 11 years at Arohanui, but wish her all the very best for the future.

The person taking Dinah's place is Louise Smith. Louise has worked at Sunnyside Special School for many years doing a similar job to Dinah's so we are very pleased to have her joining our team. Welcome Louise!

Property Issues

- Our newly built satellite classes at **Te Atatu Intermediate** are expected to be finished in term 4. We are very much looking forward to moving into the new space. We will let you know nearer the time of the exact date of the move.
- New **Kumeu school** – the senior management team attended the blessing of the new school site in Kumeu last week. Work will begin on the site in the near future with an expected finish date of early 2019. We will have a significant presence in this new school with two classes and a specialist/teaching hub. We are very excited to be part of this new school development.

Science Fair

The school event this year is a Science Fair Open Night. This will be on the evening of Thursday 21 September and we will be exploring the various science activities and experiments the students have been involved in. We warmly invite you, your children and the wider whanau to attend – the more the merrier. There will be more information closer to the date.

Thank you TTFC!

We very warmly thank The Trusts Community Foundation for their generous response to our recent grant application. They are donating \$50,000 to help in the construction of our new playground at Glendene. We already have an exciting and innovative design for this playground which we are very much looking forward to implementing. Work on this will start in the summer holidays.

More Thanks

Thank you to all those who donated blankets and other bedding to the 'Give a kid a blanket' drive. We almost filled James' office with donations (lucky he's on sabbatical). Donations were collected by Bernie earlier this week, just in time for the upcoming cold weather.

Family PLP Meetings

Your child's personal learning plan for term 3 has been sent home. If you would like to meet your child's teacher to discuss your child's learning, you can book a meeting in weeks one and two next term (24 July to 4 August) by going online at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz, or by phoning Louise Smith on 838 6696. Meeting times vary according to the teachers' release time, and we also have times between 3.00 pm and 6.00 pm on 25 and 26 July and 1 and 2 August, at Base School. To make an appointment with your child's teacher, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz enter the

school code **7mq3w**. Enter all the required details, and choose your child's class for dates and times your child's teacher has available to meet.

You are very welcome to phone the base school office if you would prefer to make an appointment over the phone.

Entertainment Books/Apps

The 2017-2018 Entertainment book or app can be purchased from the Base School office or online. We receive \$14 for each membership bought and we are hoping to raise \$400 this year. Purchase online at www.entbook.co.nz/103e600. This will take you directly to the Arohanui log in.



There are again great savings to be made, and heaps of good discounts and savings for activities for the kids these holidays! I have books available for you to collect from the base office—app purchases are downloaded directly to your phone at time of purchase.

Thank you to everyone who has purchased this year's book or app. We have raised \$280 so far!

Family Donation and Stationery Payments

If you haven't already done so, please pay your child's stationery and family donation. You will have received stationery costs from your child's teacher. Family donation is \$100 for the year. 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.

Hangi and Matariki

The junior hangi was held last Friday (photos on front cover). It was lots of fun, with delicious food and class performances from the children. It was especially pleasing to see so many families there, joining us to celebrate Matariki.

Thank you to all those who put in a huge effort to make this day a success, with particular thanks to Countdown stores in Henderson and Te Atatu and Pak n Save Lincoln Road for their food donations, Wai Harris and whanau (for the pig), Aliesha and whanau for the kumara, Kay Graham for plates etc, and last but not least Tama and Tui (two of our board members) for the hours they put in preparing and cooking the food.



Transition Expo 2017

Hosted by Disability Connect and MSD

When: Tuesday 8 August 2017

Where: **Mt. Eden War Memorial Hall**, 489 Dominion Rd

Time: **9.00am – 2.00pm**

The Transition Expo features Auckland transition and vocational programme providers as well as an array of leisure, recreation, sports and information providers. This Expo will feature a Transition Seminar in a separate presentation room at 9.30am and midday (1.5hr seminar will run twice) – issues covered will include:

- Engaging with Taikura Trust
- The process for ORS funding and access to vocational programmes upon leaving school
- Post school options including High Needs and Very High Needs Vocational Programmes, employment possibilities, micro-enterprises
- Information about future planning
- Use of supports such as Individualised Funding and Carer Support Subsidy
- Options for living arrangements – Individualised Funding and Flatting, Choice in Community Living, Supported Living, Residential Care, etc
- Work & Income supports you may be eligible for

This Expo is suitable for all students aged between 14-21 years who are ORS funded, parents, family members, caregivers, education experts, careers advisors, school transition coordinators, teachers and all those involved in the care of a young adult with a disability.

Please contact Disability Connect for further information on ph 636-0351 or email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Riding for the Differently Abled

One on one riding lessons and positive animal friendships for fantastic children who have special needs

One of our teacher aide relievers, Sam Holcroft, who is also an OT student, is offering riding lessons on her ponies, and advice on interacting with and caring for the animals.

Lessons are \$50 for 30 minutes riding, plus an additional 40 minutes valuable educational time before and after riding. Sam is happy to use social stories and visual aids to help with the experience. Times can be adjusted to suit the individual child/young person. Carer support payments welcome.



Contact Sam on 021 207 2942 or sholcroft@gmail.com if you are interested. Riding lessons are in Kumeu.



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