



# Rosebank School

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Tena Koutou, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Malo e lelei, Fakalofa lahi atu,  
Talohani, Talofa Koutou, Namaste, Salaam, Sawasdee, Hallo Allemaal,  
Nihao, Sidaytahay, Konichi wa, Ayubowan, Greetings!

Dear parents and families

This will be the last official newsletter for this term, and my last newsletter as principal. The end of term is approaching at an alarming speed, I'm busy packing up after 13 years and teachers are very busy preparing for next term as well as finalising all the events for the end of this term. The Extravaganza is keeping everyone very busy, with children and teachers working so eagerly to complete their business 'offerings'. Please come along and join in the fun – bring your laughter, your time and enthusiasm and plenty of money. All funds raised will be used to help us buy more Chromebooks and iPads for classrooms.

## Using our languages

*During this term we have celebrated Cook Islands Language Week, Niuean Language Week and most recently Maori Language Week. Having a week to celebrate is a way of keeping 'up front' the importance of our different languages. We know that **using** our languages every day is the best way to celebrate them! Being bilingual is another form of achievement, one that we should always celebrate.*

*Sometimes when parents enrol their children at school they are a bit reluctant to say that their own language is their first language – and that saying that English is their first language will help their children – this is not always the case. Here are some very interesting myths and facts about bilingual language development.*

### MYTH

*Speaking two or more languages to a child can 'confuse' them, so it is better to only speak one language.*

*It is better for families to only speak the language taught in school to their children, even if they do not speak the language well.*

### FACT

*All children are capable of learning multiple languages, including children with developmental delays and learning disabilities.*

*Families should speak the languages they are most comfortable speaking, so children are given rich linguistic models and can interact with other members of their communities.*



## AVONDALE CHRISTIAN CENTRE

*"A heart for all people" "A church for all nations"*

Meeting every Sunday, 10.30am in the Rosebank School Hall, a multi-cultural, contemporary, friendly church serving your community: Crèche, Children's programmes, Regular youth programmes: All enquiries phone 820-0411

## MYTH

*Young bilingual children are delayed in learning language compared with peers who only speak one language.*

*Bilingual children who mix languages ('code normal switch') are confused and sound uneducated.*

*Bilingual children who stop speaking their first acquisition language have a language disorder or learning disability.*

## FACT

*Bilingualism does NOT cause language delays, and has been shown to improve children's ability to learn new words, sounds, and problem-solve.*

*Language mixing (also known as 'code switching') is grammatical. It serves social and communicative purposes, while fostering cultural and linguistic awareness.*

*"Language loss" occurs during bilingual language when a child is exposed to a second language more consistently than their first language. It is not a sign of disorder or disability.*

*The ideas in this information are a bit convoluted – but put simply, children who can speak more than one language are rich in the way they can learn, express their idea and contribute to society. Let's keep celebrating!*

## School banking

*The bank tellers are on duty in the library every Friday morning, and look forward to helping children with their banking. Mrs Sila'ilā'i has taken over the coordinator's role now that Mrs Stanley has left. Please remember that regular saving is a great habit to have, and the deposits soon grow.*

## Rosebank TV studio!

*Thanks to Mr Nadat, we now have a make-shift T.V. studio. And thanks to Whaea Carolyn, we now have the chance to stream te reo lessons live across the school. Whaea Carolyn will write the scripts and the children will provide the learning for the daily te reo. Teachers will be able to have the opportunity to screen the lesson again whenever they like. The first 'test screening' was a great success and Kinoa from R25 was a very impressive host. Well done to everyone involved, and we look forward to more lessons live! Ka pai, tino pai!*



*HIPPY Avondale has had a great term 3 even though the weather has been cold, wet and misable. HIPPY families have been enjoying spending fun quality time learning with their child. We have had great turn outs to our group meetings fortnightly on Wednesday 10 – 12pm. Families have had fun learning to plant with children, how to make slime, how to make cookies and walking away with cookie in a jar ingredients and our best one was our trip to Bunnings in New Lynn making a gift for father's day. We are looking forward to our end of year Graduation on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 from 6pm – 7.30pm. This will be a time to acknowledge our parents and children for their time and commitment and to celebrate success.*

*If you have a preschool child between 3 – 4 ½ years old the HIPPY programme is one you don't want to miss out on. If you are interested in joining this wonderful FREE education programme for your child, then contact Elisa Niovara 0223507748 or see her anytime in room 5.*

## "Farm Day Out" school sports day!

**Wednesday 27 September**

**Come and join in our fun day at Rosebank – all welcome!!**

**We will be selling sausages up to 1.00pm on the day OR children can pre order sausages through their classrooms and they will be delivered to them at lunchtime.**

**\* \* Sausage sizzle - \$2 each \* \***

## Etel Ltd on Rosebank Road

We are very grateful for the generous donation of boxes of boxes from Etel Ltd. The boxes are quite sturdy and can be used for storage. Our children will find lots of uses for them, as will the teachers!

## Mumps outbreak

The Auckland District health Board has asked all school principals to advise their communities that Auckland is experiencing an outbreak of mumps. There have been over 370 cases with more than 60 schools affected this year. Schools have had to exclude students and staff with mumps and any close contacts who haven't been fully immunized with the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine. For more information, talk to your doctor or nurse today, or call 0800 466 863 or visit [www.ARPHS.govt.nz](http://www.ARPHS.govt.nz).

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Halloween Light Party!



### Bubble Dome

Lots of interesting holiday courses are available, particularly relating to robotics, gaming, Minecraft and coding. For more information please phone Bubble Dome 634 1990 or go to [www.bubbledome.com](http://www.bubbledome.com).

### Avondale Community Library

Once again the library has interesting, free school holiday activities. Please call into the library to find out more.


### Sanctuary Mountain



For enquiries please contact :  
**Rickie-Lee Scanlon**  
**Visitor Centre Coordinator**  
**Sanctuary Mountain | Maungatautari**  
**Ecological Island Trust**  
PO Box 476 | Cambridge | 3450  
99 Tari Rd | Pukeatua | 3880  
**P 07 870 5180 | F 07 870 5198**




## Ambury Farm....






### Give the kids a taste of life on the farm

- pony and horse rides
- cow milking
- wood chopping
- butter making
- gumboot throwing
- bouncy castles
- cow lotto
- kite displays
- sheep shearing and mustering
- live entertainment
- tractor rides
- farm animal petting



Ambury Regional Park, 43 Ambury Road, Māngere Bridge, Auckland.  
Cycle to Ambury Farm Day and we'll provide a supervised bike parking area for you. **Getting there:** visit [at.govt.nz](http://at.govt.nz) for public transport and cycleway options.

Find out more: phone 09 301 0101 or visit [aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](http://aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)

## Health & Sports Swim Club....

## Mindfulness & Yoga School Holiday programme....

This programme is happening from 5 – 6 October from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Pt Chev Community Centre, and is being offered by the Kindness Institute. This institute specializes in mindfulness education for young people, using fun games and activities, arts and crafts, play and yoga. Children will learn about focus, calmness, gratitude, self-love and stress management. The cost is \$85 per day, and children may participate in one or both days. Please contact [www.thekindnessinstitute.com/events](http://www.thekindnessinstitute.com/events).



### Health&Sports SWIM CLUB

SO DON'T BE SHY COME AND JOIN US TODAY!  
FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT.....



**TEXT 'SWIM' TO 2414** [swimclub@healthandsports.co.nz](mailto:swimclub@healthandsports.co.nz)

### Health&Sports FITNESS CLUB

**SPRING IN TO Summer**

**\$3 FOR 3 DAYS**

\*TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLY.



**TEXT 'THREE' TO 2414 NOW! OFFER ENDS SOON!!!**

2 Morningside Drive, Kingsland, Auckland  
PH: 09 845 3305  
[www.healthandsports.co.nz](http://www.healthandsports.co.nz)

**AUCKLAND'S BEST KEPT SECRET**

- BABY & PARENT
- TODDLER & PARENT
- PRESCHOOL
- SCHOOL AGE
- ADULTS

Kind regards

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Heather Bell  
Principal

## COMING EVENTS...

Monday 25 September  
Tuesday 26 September  
Wednesday 27 September

Friday 29 September  
Monday 16 October

5:00pm Rosebank School EXTRAVANGZA  
Y3 – 6 children at Swimsation  
Farm Day Out sports day with Avondale College students  
10:30am Morning tea for new parents  
**school closes at 3:00pm**  
**school starts for Term 4**