



# Rosebank School

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Nihao, Sidaytahay, Konichi wa, Ayubowan, Greetings!

Dear parents

We're starting this newsletter with some examples of different kinds of writing. We write to express our ideas so that other people can read them and think about them. Often teachers help the children build up some background knowledge so that they have something to write about. Some very famous writers have said that if we have nothing to write about, our heads are empty. This is an interesting thought! Our concept across the school has been *Environmental Sustainability* so this provides the children with lots of idea and lots of different types of writing.

## Report writing

Children in Room 3 have been reading *Humpty Dumpty* and wondered what would happen if an egg was dropped, so they experimented and wrote about what happened. This is the beginning of children learning how to write a report. Here are two examples.

*The egg fell down and bounced, we said. Humpty Dumpty fell down.  
We lined up and had a turn to bounce the egg.*

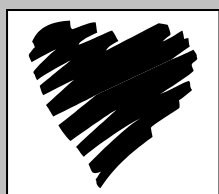
**By Mahnoor, Y1  
By Tala, Y1**

## Descriptive writing

Babikir from Room 2 has been writing with Genevieve. Babikir is an English language learner and is beginning to use very interesting words to describe what he sees. In Room 2 Navtej dressed up and the children had to describe what he looked like. Babikir, who is only 5 years old, wrote this. The scarf had sequins which he described as 'twinkles' – which is a clever use of language for a little boy!

*Navtej is wearing a red hat. He has a red scarf and twinkles.*

**By Babikir, Y1**



## 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

## Persuasive writing

Miss Italia in Room 27 has been teaching her class how to write to persuade someone to do something. Miss Italia thinks that fidget spinners in the class are a distraction, so the children had to write a letter to her. Lots of people thought that they should have fidget spinners in the classroom and so Miss Italia has agreed. She has been persuaded! Here are some examples.

*Dear Miss Italia*

*Fidget spinners should be allowed in the classroom. These are the reasons. First you can spin them on your thumb. Second you can spin them on your head. Third you can do tricks with them. Next you can ask someone for help to do the fidget spinner and you can learn how to do it by yourself. Finally in the future if our classroom was colourful the fidget spinner would be too.*

**By Kendra, Y3**

*Dear Miss Italia*

*Finger spinners should be allowed in class. Firstly they are quiet and fun to play with but don't give it to a boy because he will take it from you. Secondly your fidget spinner has to go into your bag when you are working. Next when you are playing with your fidget spinner don't break it because your mum and dad used money to pay for it. Finally fidget spinners are cool so don't give it away.*

**By Tyrese, Y4**

*Dear Miss Italia*

*Fidget spinners should be allowed in class. First fidget spinners help you to do your work because you can spin them and keep calm. Second you can do tricks. Finally it makes everybody quiet.*

**By Adam, Y3**

## Road safety

Parents, please stop your children running across the road. We've had another group of children almost hit by a car, and their mother was on the other side of the road! Another incident saw three children race across the road and the traffic had to grind to a halt. We want our children to be safe, not injured. It is always safer to use the crossing.

## Swimming

The cooler weather is not stopping our children from enjoying the heated pool and from learning really valuable swimming skills. We are fortunate to have the pool as part of the Pools in Schools scheme, as swimming is part of the New Zealand Curriculum, and our children would not have such opportunities without the pool. Every day the pool is checked, the chemicals are tested to ensure that the water is safe and clean. Thanks to the families who are supporting their children with swimming, and we really need more children to participate to justify having the pool here. We're hoping that we'll be able to have the pool again next term, which would give the children a wonderful chance to strengthen their skills. The more children we have going swimming, the better our chances of having the pool again!

## Keeping Ourselves Safe

This is an excellent programme that the NZ Police developed many years to help children find ways to keep themselves safe. It has been well researched, and is delivered by trained police officers. We are really lucky that we have Senior Constable Taina to work with our teachers and children to apply the learning. Senior Constable Taina will be working with the teacher and children in the Y2/3 team.

## Class Photograph's

Photolife Studios will be at Rosebank on Monday 26 June to take this year's class photo's. You might like to ensure that your child is neat and tidy or to dress them in something special for the day.

They will be taken in the school hall as usual at approximately 9am where they will start with Room 1 and work their way through to Room 32 so there is NO allotted time schedule for each room, and they should be finished by lunchtime.

We will send out information for ordering, after the photograph's have been taken.

## Banking update



***Paul the branch manager at ASB Blockhouse Bay and Angela French school Account manager, West Auckland explaining how a bank works to our students.***

These were some of the comments from our bank tellers after the hour long visit to ASB bank.

I liked the way they took care of the bank and explained to us how it worked. If you have half of a ten dollar note with the serial number on it you can get \$5 from the bank--Maisy Rm 17

If you forget your details they will look it up on their computers---Kelly Rm 17

I like that they are now using digital devices---Romel Rm 28

It was interesting to know that the bank tellers use a weighing machine to weigh money. I learnt that you will be security checked before you can become a bank teller---Cindy Rm 28

It is interesting that they can find out your bank account number when you lose it. I also know how the bank tellers work--Avinash Rm 28

I liked everything. I want to be a bank manager like Paul-Dhruv Rm 14

## Rugby league tournament

Rosebank entered 2 rugby league teams in the Western zone competition. One open grade team comprising 14 players and an under 45kg team comprising 13 players. Conditions were perfect for running rugby. Our open grade made it to the quarter finals but unfortunately did not progress further. Highlights included a hat trick by Leka in the first game, powerful running by Elijah Saia on offence, solid defence by Sosaia and team player qualities shown by all.

The under's team won all their pool games including 1 draw to reach the grand final against Konini. The final was a thriller with both teams displaying quality play and skillful offensive and defensive moves. At full time the score was even so the golden point rule was applied and after a close battle, the opposition managed to score a try and win the final. In all games, Filo showed natural ability with the ball and accurate spot tackling, Tre, Elijah N and Oliver made it difficult for the opposition to get past them. Sangster was agile and evasive while running and all boys displayed a positive team attitude. We were so proud of how the boys showed resilience and demonstrated fair play towards the opposing teams.

A huge thanks to Mike for training and preparing the boys for the tournament and special thanks to all the parents, whanau and family who supported us on the day.

*Special mention to the family of Oliver Kwan who came to our school the next day with pizzas and drinks for the all the boys. It was greatly received and much appreciated!*



## Cross Country

Earlier this term 36 determined athletes participated in the South-West Cluster inter school cross country. They navigated a 2km course that had them twisting through shady woods, sloggng up steep hills and weaving through twists and turns.

Congratulations to the team who trained hard and made Rosebank School proud.



## Support Staff Day

Wednesday 14 May has been determined as Support Staff Day, so next Wednesday if you see any of our support staff, please thank them for the wonderful work they do. We'll have a special morning tea in their honour!

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Bubble Dome Holiday Courses

Bubble Dome is offering holiday courses at Auckland Boys Grammar School, Auckland Secondary School Centre (in Herne Bay) and Albany Senior High School, starting from Monday 10 July. Check the website to see what is available and keep your children engaged with a fun and educational holiday programme. [info@bubbledome.co.nz](mailto:info@bubbledome.co.nz)

## Southern Stars Charitable Trust performance

This generous charity is supporting a performance of *Rapunzel* coming up soon. We have been given a number of free tickets, for Saturday 24 June at 10:00am and at 1:00pm. Each ticket is for one adult and two children. If you would like a ticket, or even two, please collect it or them from Christina in our office. The performance this year is in support of Koru Care New Zealand – this is the group that raises money to send seriously ill children to Disneyland, so is always worth supporting. We're grateful for the free tickets that Southern Stars has sent, so we hope that our parents will be able to use them!

Kind regards

*H I Bell*

Heather Bell  
Principal

# COMING EVENTS

Monday 12 June	Mobile Ear Clinic will be here all week Senior Constable Taina working with Y2/3 team
Tuesday 13 June	Senior Constable Taina with Y2/3 team
Wednesday 14 June	Senior Constable Taina with Y2/3 team Support Staff Day
Thursday 15 June	9:30am Family Forward Budgeting programme R25 and R27 to Avondale Library
Friday 17 June	school assembly hosted by MST/ESOL teams
Monday 19 June	Mobile Ear Clinic will be here all week 6:00pm Board of Trustees meeting
Wednesday 21 June	Y5/6 speech competition
Thursday 22 June	Y3/4 football competition 9:30am Family Forward Budgeting programme R10, R25 and R27 to Avondale Library
Friday 23 June	singing assembly
Monday 26 June	class photographs
Wednesday 28 June	Junior speech competition
Thursday 29 June	9:30am Family Forward Budgeting programme
Friday 30 June	school assembly hosted by Te Whanau team