



# 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*

*We're beginning to experience cold and wet weather. How wonderful that the children have their KidsCan raincoats that they are wearing with pride, and already showing that they are taking good care of them. Parents, now that winter is approaching please make sure that we have your correct contact details so that if your children are sick and we need to contact you we are able to get you as quickly as possible. Our sick bay beds are good for emergencies, but not too comfortable for any length of time. Congratulations to our 2017 peer editors. Lavelle R17, and Vanessa Janis and Kahleen all from R14 have been selected, and this is their first time editing. They were excellent editors – thank you!*

## Staff changes

Mrs Robyns has accepted a position as a senior teacher at Victoria Avenue School. Mrs Robyns has been at Rosebank School for 11 years and has worked with almost every child and teacher in her role as our e-learning leader. She has worked enthusiastically and successfully and found ways to support e-learning within the community through her involvement with the *Computers in Homes* programme. Throughout her time here she has constantly found ways to keep on learning herself. This has enabled her to support the teachers and staff members in her teams. We wish her every happiness and success in her new job.

## ESOL update

Miss Hedstrom and her ESOL groups have been working with some staff from Bunnings Warehouse to link with their studies about sustainability – about reducing, reusing and recycling. Here is Miss Hedstrom's report of the first group's experience.

*Today Group 1 had a fabulous field trip. We went first to Bunnings Warehouse in New Lynn to make planter boxes out of recycled wood. While these were drying we completed a "Find something that.." activity at Bunnings and then drove to Tui Glen Park to eat our lunch and play on the amazing playground. After this we went back to Bunnings to plant some vegetables like broccoli, cabbage and silverbeet. A huge thank you to Anita at Bunnings who was able to offer this wonderful experience for our children free of charge.*



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All children benefit from using materials to expand their understanding and our children who are learning English as a second or third language most certainly benefit from being able to talk about what they are doing, to name objects, to ask questions and follow directions and to construct items that they can then talk more about. In class the children are enjoying making models from different materials such as boxes, tubes, old wheels, sticks and so forth. When the children went to Bunnings they also had an opportunity to “Find things that....” And this gave the children lots of chances to explore language such as words that start with particular letters, words that rhyme, things that are used for different purposes – and Miss Hedstrom says that the children really loved this task. The children were able to explain what they were learning.

So, here are some photographs of the children on their trip. For lots more information please visit the Room 8 blog (<http://>or pop into Room 8 to see the displays of work.



## KidsCan raincoats

Once again we are extremely grateful to the KidsCan organization for the generous donation of such amazing raincoats. Very special thanks to Mrs Greig and Miss Hedstrom for organising this. Mrs Greig personally named every coat, and we had a wonderful assembly on a rainy day to celebrate the arrival of the raincoats.



## Taming the beast....

The children in Room 10 watched *Mojo and the Beast* on Clasdojo. The *Beast* is a really strong feeling that we have sometimes. Mojo felt embarrassed and shy when he was presenting to the class. Room 10 wrote about their feelings and what they need to do to 'tame the beast'.

*When I feel shy because I have to present, my beast comes  
He makes me want to hide under a chair  
"Everyone's looking at you!" he says  
I want to hide but I know people will laugh at me  
I need to take a deep breath and count to ten  
Everything is going to be okay.  
"I can beat you beast" I say.*

**By Emerald Y3**

*When I feel nervous about my nightmares, my beast comes  
He makes me want to hide under a blanket and stay awake  
He shouts at me, "Go back to sleep!"  
I want to stay awake because I'm nervous.  
I need to tame that beast and say  
"I can beat you beast!"*

**By Ofeina Y3**

*When it's in the night and I feel scared, my beast comes  
He makes me want to hide under a table  
"Go and shout at mum!" he says  
I want to tame the beast  
I need to go to a quiet place and calm down  
"I can beat you beast!" I say.*

**By David Y2**

## Helping children with learning

As leaders we are constantly asking teachers to make sure that their classes know what they are learning, not just what they are doing. You can help your children to think about their learning when they talk to you about their day at school. You could ask the following questions.

- What are you learning? (not just doing!)
- Why are you learning it? (children need to know the reason for what they are learning!)
- How will you know that you have learned it? (success!)
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The more practice children have in making their learning obvious, the better their learning becomes.

## Pink Shirt Day

Thanks to our Social Worker Tanya and the Pink Shirt Crew we had a wonderful Pink Shirt Day. In the next newsletter we'll have a more detailed report. Parents, you would have been proud of the children and their thoughtful presentations to help stop bullying. Holly and Kelly and their mother shared a Tansanian dance that beautifully demonstrated how being different is so rich! Thank you to all participants.

## HIPPY update

Our HIPPY team has been given a huge donation of clothing and shoes (mainly for women) from the Dress for Success organisation. Please go along to the HIPPY Room and select a bag of clothing – for just a gold coin donation. First come, first served!

## RAMADAN

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting. We have Muslim children and staff members who will begin Ramadan very soon. While other children are eating their lunches each day our Muslim children will go to the library so that they can be together. Teachers are aware that our Muslim children might get tired more easily and will allow them to avoid excessive running around and sporting activity, but the children will manage themselves as they usually do, and ask to be excused if they need to be.

Kind regards,

*H I Bell*

Heather Bell

**Principal**

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## COMING EVENTS

Monday 29 May	Samoan Language Week starts at school
Tuesday 30 May	Y5/6 Rugby League tournament
Thursday 1 June	9:30am Family Forward Budgeting programme
Friday 2 June	school assembly hosted by Tupulaga
Monday 5 June	school closed for Queen's Birthday holiday
Wednesday 7 6 June	2:00pm Senior Constable Taina Keeping Ourselves Safe parent meeting
Thursday 8 June	9:30am Family Forward Budgeting programme
Friday 9 June	Bright Day at Rosebank (more details later!)
Monday 12 June	Mobile ear clinic is here at school