



## Newsletter 2 Term 1, Week 6 2020

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The year is now in full swing and a lot of high quality learning is taking place school wide. A big thank you to all staff and students for coping in this very humid start to the year, if all goes according to plan - we hope to have air conditioning in most classes school wide by years end, which will take the ridiculous heat out of some classrooms. Watch this space!

Thank you also to those who have begun the school year in our new school uniform - it looks AMAZING! A gentle reminder that the BOT requires all Rosebank students to be in uniform at the start of the 2021 school year, further information will follow as we will be holding some 'uniform afternoons' with our supplier - who will sell on site.

Finally, I hope you enjoy our new website which is now available at [www.rosebank.school.nz](http://www.rosebank.school.nz), it certainly is a huge improvement from the previous one, and continues to lift the profile of our school, resulting in us receiving many enquiries/visits from prospective families who want to know more about our school.

Best regards,

Paul Pirihi

### New School Vision

As part of my own personal development and learning in 2019, I undertook work with the Springboard Trust to develop a new school vision and 3 year strategic plan. Alongside fellow principals and business mentors, I was able to (with full staff support and ideas) come up with a new vision statement that supports everything we do here at Rosebank School.

The previous vision statement of 'moving forward as successful lifelong learners' has been replaced with -

#### **'Dream.Believe.Succeed'**

**Kia wawata. Kia whakaponu. Kia tutuki**

which is underpinned by the school values of Manaaki mai (Respect self), Manaaki atu (Respect others) and Manaaki i te taiao (Respect the environment). You will see this vision statement added to all signage across the school over time.

### Dance Curriculum

Last week and this week we have been very lucky to have Dance Curriculum at Rosebank! They have been working with all classes teaching them hip hop and salsa dances - on Friday 6th March (this Friday) the children will be performing what they have learnt.

- 9am - Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 15, 16 and 17 will be performing in the hall.
- 1.45pm - Rooms 7, 8, 25, 29, 12, 14, 31, 18, 26, and 32 will be performing in the hall.

We would love to see you there!

## **Rosebank School Road Safety Message**

There have been quite a number of reported incidents of students running across the road and not using the crossings. We have stressed this safety issue a lot, but it is also important that parents reinforce this at home, and that you make sure you model to your children the correct use of crossings. Holly, our Community Constable, will be undertaking some child car seat / restraint inspections in vehicles possibly within the next few months. Obviously there will be penalties for those who do not comply with our current laws and legislation around this issue. Please ensure that you have the correct car child booster seats / restraints for your children installed in your vehicle. Thank you all for your support.

### **Seesaw**

This year we are continuing to use Seesaw which creates a powerful learning loop between students, teachers, and families.

- Students show learning
- Teachers gain insights
- Families connect

Please see your child's classroom teacher to connect to the class journal or click the links on our Facebook page.

### **New App**

Check out our awesome new App. This is a great way for us to stay in touch with you and keep you up to date on all school events.

To download either scan the QR code (just open your camera and a link will pop up), enter the link <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/kiwi-schools-connect/id1466719204?ls=1> or go to the app/play store and search for KiwiSchools Connect.

Download the app and select Rosebank School. Then choose to Subscribe to All.



## **Cohort Entry Policy**

Last year we sent out a survey to collect feedback about the Cohort Entry in Schools policy. The feedback we received was very supportive of this policy. Last week it was discussed at the board meeting and so we are happy to announce that this will commence in Term 3, 2020. The Cohort Entry in Schools means that students who have turned 5 can start school at two entry points (2 times throughout each term), rather than the day they turn 5. This will mean that children will possibly have to stay longer in early learning centres, depending on when their birthday falls in the term.

The benefits of this is outlined on [education.govt.nz](http://education.govt.nz) state: "Cohort entry is about helping children to settle better in school. There's evidence that starting school alongside other children helps children build relationships and supports a smoother entry to school life. Schools that are already using cohort entry believe it offers their kids the best start to their school life. It can also mean less disruption for new entrant teachers who can prepare for groups of children arriving on a specific date, rather than on an individual basis throughout the year.

We look forward to supporting our new entrant students, ensuring they have a smooth and happy start to their school life and setting them up for a successful future.