



ROSEBANK SCHOOL

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Newsletter 8 Term 2, Week 9 2022

Principal's Message

Welcome back to school - and to Term 3!

This term will go very quickly so it's important all children attend school each day, if well, to maximise learning. All classrooms have exciting programmes planned for the term and a lot of time and effort has gone into this mahi - a big thank you to all teachers for this!

Over the next 12 months or so I will be working throughout the North Island for ERO (Education Review Office) - reviewing schools for around 10 days per term. When I am off site, Whaea Jasmin will be your main point of contact if necessary. I'd like to thank the BOT for allowing me to do this work - it's fantastic learning and will only enhance the work we do here at Rosebank!

Finally - congratulations to Mr Richard Bennett on becoming the new Principal at Helensville School, starting next term. Mr Bennett will remain as the classroom teacher in Rm 11 this term and a special farewell will be organised late in the term - all families will be welcome. What pleases me the most is that my goal of developing leaders at Rosebank School is going extremely well - with Mr Iosia (former Associate Principal) winning the Kelston Intermediate Principals role 12 months ago and now it's Mr Bennett's turn.

School Board Message

Tēnā tatou katoa,

Ko Pippa tōku ingoa, kei te kura o Rosebank āku tamariki tokorua. Ko ahau te heamana mo te Poari Kaitiaki. My name is Pippa, my two children are at Rosebank School. I am the chairperson for Rosebank School's Board of Trustees (BoT). I write on behalf of the BoT to let you know a bit about our role and the upcoming BoT elections.

Every state school has a BoT. We have five 'seats' on the Rosebank BoT - elected members of the school community whose role it is to ensure that the community's voice is heard about the direction of the school. We work alongside Paul and Jasmin to set strategic plans, oversee reporting and achievement of the strategy and its targets, provide governance over finance and property management, review and develop policies and procedures as well as ensure the health and safety of the school, students and staff. Sounds very formal - more simply it's a dedicated space for kōrero about matters that impact the school.

Coming up in September, we have the BoT elections. If you think you would like to

Paul Pirihi
Principal



Congratulations Mr Bennett!

Mask Wearing Term 3

Masking up for the start of Term 3

Presently, cases of COVID-19 are increasing in most parts of the country, and we are also seeing high numbers of other winter illnesses.

For the start of Term 3, 2022, the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health strongly recommend that all schools and kura for the first four weeks of term require mask wearing in all indoor settings (where it will not have a significant impact on teaching and learning – see below) for students in Years 4 and above. At Rosebank we wear masks from Year 3 and above as we have composite classes.

This recommendation does not include any situation where mask wearing might not be practicable, such as while eating and drinking, playing certain musical instruments, indoor sport, where it will have a significant impact on teaching and learning (for example, students with particular learning needs), certain activities such as singing or drama performance on stage, and PE. In these situations, particular attention should be paid to ensuring there is

actively participate in kōrero about the schools strategic direction please consider putting yourself forward. You don't need to be a parent of the school, you just need to be committed to the education of our tamariki and seeing improvement in the achievement of our school community.

As a BoT we have seen the challenges that Rosebank has had to navigate in the past few years in this 'new normal' world of COVID-19. It hasn't been easy and often the school is given little choice on how to respond to something it hasn't had to deal with before. The BoT wants to particularly recognise the resilience of the school community - our tamariki, whānau and our kaiako. A huge thanks to the staff who have gone above and beyond to provide for our community, and continue to do so. Thank you.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Pippa van Paauwe
Chairperson, Board of Trustees.



Nomination information has been sent to you via email. Closing date for nominations is the 3rd of August. If you need more information

good ventilation during the activity, and physical distancing where practicable.

Wearing masks can reduce new cases of the virus by as much as 53%. It works alongside other measures including vaccination, good ventilation, staying home when sick, and hand washing and other hygiene measures, to protect our students and staff.

Keep up healthy habits – Unite Against COVID-19

If your child has an exemption to wearing a mask, we support this.

Please make sure that tamariki/ākonga come to school ready with a mask from home. There will be a limited supply of masks for students who are unable to bring one from home.

Thank you for your support in protecting our school community.

Contact Details

Please ensure that all contact details are up to date, if you have changed address, email or phone numbers please let us know. It is also vital that we have a second contact just in case we can't get hold of you. You can send any new details to Christina - office@rosebank.school.nz

please contact Christina at the office desk or Paul Pirihi- paul@rosebank.school.nz

Stardome Trips

We are very fortunate, thank you to Jess Beattie from The Rosebank Community Hub, to be able to visit the Stardome Observatory this term. It is follow up learning from our Matariki studies. Please read the notices that have come home with your child to make sure they are prepared for their trip. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

School Attendance

Sustained attendance is essential to your child's learning and success at school. Never before has this been so important after the huge learning loss that has been experienced during the covid lockdowns. Please get your tamariki to school and have them arrive on time. Please inform us if there is an important reason for them to be away. Bad or rainy weather is not a good reason to miss school. We have a safe, warm environment here for them! Please let us know if you are having trouble providing warm clothing for your tamariki. We can help.

Free School Lunch Programme

It has been great to see our students loving the hot lunches that are now being provided by Eat My Lunch! Yum! This happens every Tuesday during the winter terms. It is a privilege to be included in the programme and we would like to give it our full support. At the moment, we have children who are bringing lunches from home. Please encourage your child to eat the lunch that is provided at school. The success of this programme at our school rests on the majority of our students partaking in the programme. All diets and allergies can be catered to. We ask that you only give your child a small morning tea snack, if possible, with no packaging. They are also provided with fruit each day so there is no need to send additional food. If you do need to excuse your child from this programme you must let your child's teacher know in writing. Their name will be removed from the list and they will no longer be allowed to participate in the programme. The responsibility for lunch everyday will be back on you as the parent and they will not have a lunch catered for, even if they like the food that day.

Lost Property

Please encourage your children to take care of their items. Especially school jerseys. There are multiple jerseys picked up in the playground after every breaktime. Please make sure their belongings are named.

DANZA Dance Opportunity

DANZA is a new sponsor of Rosebank School. They are offering free dance classes during

Inquiry Term 3-4 Makerspace

During Term 3 & 4 our Inquiry is based around 'Innovation'. There are lots of exciting things that we would like to explore and we are sure the children will take this science and technology based concept in lots of interesting directions.

As part of the inquiry we would like to set up a 'Maker Space'. For this to be successful we need bits and pieces from home to make things with. We would like cardboard, boxes, foil, small bits of wood and things for carpentry. Even old small broken electronic things that kids can pull apart and reuse.

Please start saving your bits and we will begin collecting in a few weeks once we have a space to store them.



Tupulaga mo a Taeao presenting their Inquiry ideas for the tamariki

Swimming Lessons

Rosebank School is once again lucky enough to be one of a number of schools in Waitakere taking part in the Greater Auckland Aquatic Action Plan (GAAAP). The

school break times next term. This is a fantastic opportunity to have the professional tutelage of teachers from DANZA. They will be holding both Jazz and Hip Hop classes for our students and will put together a showcase at the end of the term. More details of who will be involved, will be shared next term. If you are interested in paid dance classes for your child outside of school time, please visit www.danza.co.nz



Safety online

We have had a few incidents of unsavoury and inappropriate behaviour from our students online. Please have a think about how your children's online behaviour is monitored. If you would like extra information or support in this area, we have booklets available from Netsafe at the office.

primary objective of GAAAP is to increase children's knowledge and skills in the aquatic environment.

During term 3, all students in Years 3-6 will receive **free swimming lessons** with qualified swimming instructors from Swimsation Swim School. Students will learn how to swim and will be taught water survival skills. Once a week, students will travel by bus (with their teachers) from Rosebank School to Peninsula Primary where they will be swimming in a 25 metre, indoor, **heated** pool. There will be a minimum of five swimming instructors in the pool at all times.

Swimming will commence in Term 3 - from Thursday 1 September and every Thursday through to Thursday 29 September.

More information will come home via notices with your child.

Maths Workshops for parents

As you may be aware, we are teaching maths differently to how we learnt when we were at school! If you would like to get your head around it, please come along to our workshops. We have been approached by some parents requesting workshops be held after 3pm and others in the morning, so we have accommodated both this term! Check out the timetable below and come and join us for some or all of the workshops.

Date	AM	PM
Aug 25th	9:00	3:00

Schoolwide Pasifika Fono

Violet Ukutaula will be running a Pasifika Fono for all Parents of Pasifika students this will be held in the staffroom from 6-7pmm on the 10th of August. Pasifika fanau have been sent notices. We would love your presence to discuss the learning and well being of your tamariki.

Important Upcoming Dates

- Stardome trips begin next week
- August 3rd- Kotahitanga trip to the museum
- August 10th-Schoolwide Pasifika Fono
- August 18th -Avondale Transition Trip
- 19th August-Teachers only day
- school closed for instruction
- 25th August-Maths workshops beginning
- 1st September- Swimming Lessons begin

Sensitive Topics-Nest

The senior management have discussed the need for education for our tamariki around some sensitive issues. Specifically, we are concerned about exposure to pornography, online behaviour and healthy relationships.

We have received funding through 'Presbyterian Support Northern' to help us pay for an all day workshop for our Year 5 & 6 students facilitated through 'Nest Consulting'. This will be taking place on the 31st of August and more information will be coming out to you closer to the date. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact jasmin@rosebank.school.nz

Sep 1st	9:00	3:00
Sep 8th	9:00	3:00
Sep 15th	9:00	3:00

Justice of the Peace

One of our Rosebank School staff, Gordon Gibbons is a fully certified Justice of the Peace so if you require the services of a JP, please contact Gordon Gibbons directly, 021912927, and make an appointment during school hours.



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