

Date: March 2022

Tēnā Kotou, Mālō e lelei, Talofa,

Wow, this has been an unusual term. We are very proud of how well every one has managed the COVID outbreak. Thank you to our whanau for keeping us informed about COVID cases and our staff for being so adaptable and moving to other classes when staff have been away. The number of cases in the school are dropping significantly and we are hoping school will be back to normal next term.

Our Base students have been enjoying our new playground and we expect our refurbished pool to be open at the start of next term. We hope all of our classes will be able to come into Base to enjoy our new facilities.

One of the things we are focusing on this year is increasing our students fitness and activity levels. Being fit, active and healthy helps develop physical and mental wellbeing, and this helps our us to regulate our emotions and behaviour. We are looking at fun ways to increase activity for all our ākonga. Our new facilities at Base are certainly helping!



Most of you will have met Judith Stanbridge when you have come into the office. Judith is retiring after 28 years at Rosehill school. She really has done a bit of everything since she started in 1994. Volunteer, teacher aide, teacher, Board of Trustees and administration. Happy retirement Judith!



Congratulations to one of our Associate Principal's, Davene Clarke. She is off to be the Principal of a small school in the far north. We are sure she will thrive in this small coastal community.



We are very pleased to welcome back Naomi McPike who will join our Leadership Team as an Associate Principal and Syndicate Leader for Te Ara Poutama.



*Kia hora te marino, Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana,
kia tere te kārōhirohi I mua I tōu huarahi*

*May the calm be widespread, May the ocean glisten as greenstone,
May the shimmer of light dance across your pathway*

Basketball: Redhill Community Centre, starting Friday 1st April.
All players 3.45pm to 5.00pm. Drop off start at 5.10pm

Bowling: Manukau Superstrike, started on Sunday 27th March.
10am to 12pm, \$4.50 per game

Swimming: Massey Park pools, started on Wednesday 30th March: 4.30 pm to 5.30pm, \$5.00per session

Fitness: Redhill Community Centre, Friday's from 5pm to 6pm.

Karen Smith and Special Olympics Papakura Committee.
Phone: 027 609 8339



Sharing our learning.....

Greenmeadows Intermediate students adapted amazingly when their teacher Ash was in isolation. They continued to learn with her through Zoom. We are seeing students coping extremely well as we navigate through this season.



Base Room 6 has been working on a Sensory wall. They are experiencing the touch of wrinkly, gritty, rough, bumpy, rubbery, soft, smooth, hard, fuzzy, shiny and lumpy. Our wall can help students improve their visual, auditory and tactile processing, as well as fine and gross motor skills.



Students at Te Ara Poutama Takanini are having Mindfulness and Movement sessions twice a week. These are facilitated by our Dance Therapist, Sergio.



On Monday 14 March, the Puutake Unit (Māori Unit) at James Cook High led the blessing for the newly refurbished C Block. This now has 3 classes for Blennz Unit (School for the Blind and Low Vision) and our 3 classes: Kākapo, Kakariki and Weka. With 5 bathrooms, formal meeting room, storage room and shared learning space, it is an exciting new beginning that has been years in the planning!

Senior Associate Principal Ranjit Singh and representatives from our unit were in attendance, as well as Grant McMillan (Principal of James Cook), Senior leaders, and the James Cook Board Chairperson.

Unfortunately, due to delay in materials, Kākapo is unable to move into their new class, and remains in a temporary space until completion, however Kakariki and Weka are thrilled to be back in C Block!





Hold on tight, here is the start of the new school year. I know that your school is very busy at the moment, but I wanted to reach out.

We have set up Superpower <https://www.facebook.com/SuperpowerCharity/> and we have put together a FREE Information Pack for families with a child who has or might have neurodiversity (ADHD, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Autism Spectrum etc). There are around 75,000 school age children with some form of neurodiversity and there is a strong chance that you have several at your school who could do with some extra support.

Currently the system relies on the school, teacher and SENCO (if you have one) to do much of the heavy lifting in supporting the child and family and it is quite difficult to get families up to speed with information. This is where this information pack comes into play.

We started in mid-December and have already had 35 schools that have agreed to get our Information Packs to families.

We have put together a 76 page information pack that families can get for FREE. It contains lots of great information, including:

- Links to support and information groups
- Type of Neurodiversity
- Key people you need to know and their roles
- Information for the classroom
- Materials needed at school
- Study at home
- Setting up a good study area
- Study time
- Sensory Strategies
- Support your child's self-regulation
- Managing feelings
- Problem solving
- Social Cues
- Cognitive Flexibility
- Connecting with your child
- Managing Stress

Please contact us directly and request the Information Pack or you can contact us through our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SuperpowerCharity/> and request it from there.

Thank you to The Hugo Charitable Trust for your generous donation of \$7,550.00 to Rosehill School. This will enable us to purchase a JenX wheelchair from Medifab for one of our students.

Your generosity is greatly valued and appreciated.



<http://www.hugocharitabletrust.nz>

transition expo

Explore what is available

07 SEPTEMBER 2022

TIME: 9am – 2pm
VENUE: Auckland Netball Centre, 7 Allison Ferguson Drive, St Johns

Interactive Activities:

- ▶ 12pm: Live Forum – "Preparing for life after school"
- ▶ Opportunities and advice from Transition, Vocational, Employment, Education, Recreation and Information providers
- ▶ Social Enterprise Resources
- ▶ Chill Zone – quiet sensory space
- ▶ Competition with Prizes
- ▶ Café on Site

Additional Information:

- ▶ Free Parking
- ▶ Wheelchair accessible
- ▶ All students with a disability and those involved in the disability sector will enjoy this day.

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