



Roseneath School Newsletter

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Me mahi tahi tātou mō te oranga o te katoa
We work together for the wellbeing of all.

Kia ora whānau

A big **welcome** to six new students to Roseneath: Gigi, Izzy and Oliver have joined Lower Deck; Ali has joined the Long Boat; Pax and Mossy have joined Aft. We know you will have a great time at Roseneath School.

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Well done everyone for participating in our **Read-a-thon!!** I know many of our students have met or exceeded their goal! Karawhiu!

Now it is time to **contact your sponsors** and let them know how much they need to pay!! Read-a-thon pledges can be paid into the school account. Thank you to those who have already paid. We will have a better idea of how much we have raised next week. Our account is Roseneath Primary School Board of Trustees - 02 0560 0035404 00 ref readathon.

The next big Friends event is the **Quiz Night and Silent Auction**. 6.30pm on 8 September at Parrot Dog, Lyall Bay. We are accepting **donations of vouchers or goods for the Silent Auction** so please think about what you are able to donate. Obviously there will be a "Lunch with the Principal" voucher and a "Car Wash from the Boss" again this year. Very popular lots in the Silent Auction. Tickets \$25 are on sale either through the office or the website. Bring along a group of friends or come on your own and join a group on the night. Fun!!! <https://www.roseneath.school.nz/quiz>.

A huge thank you to Chris Curry for adding this page to our refreshed website which looks amazing. I have had two "**Book a tour with the Principal**" enrolment inquiries in the time the new website went live.

Our **roll continues to grow!** We have 82 students at present with another 7 five year olds before the end of the year and 4 older students starting in the next few weeks. The word is getting out about our **small but mighty school**.



Jenny and the Roseneath team

Our certificates of Awesomeness

Aft- Maxi -writing a 3 page story! Your writing is neat... the letters are the right size and sit on the line AND your remembering the full stops at the end of every sentence! **Isidro** - giving compliments to your classmates, you are great at encouraging others. **Joshua** - for doing an amazing job reading 2 syllable words. **Anäelle** has completed the Advanced Words programme.

Lower Deck - Evelyn - For working so hard in Maths! **Leo** - For always having the confidence to give all your learning your very best - Ka rawe! **Gigi** - Welcome to Roseneath School, we love having you in Lower Deck! **Izzy** - Welcome to Roseneath, we love having you in Lower Deck! **Oliver** - Welcome to Roseneath, we love having you in Lower Deck! **Elise** - For fantastic work work in Writing! You're using great vocabulary and I love reading your writing!

Upper Deck - Nuha - You are amazing for being so welcoming and kind to the new students in Upper Deck! **Lucia** - For being helpful, patient and kind in the classroom. Your honesty and generosity is always noticed!.

Long Boat - Ali - Welcome to Roseneath and the Long Boat. We are happy to have you! It has been great to see you making new friends. Anisha - Mrs Lightfoot is so proud of you backing yourself and not doubting yourself in our Maths Week Challenges this week. Legend! **Hawaiki** - Striving to meet your learning goals, you can do it!! I'm proud of you! Well done! **Addie** -For very creative and well crafted Found Poems and supporting others to find success too!

Times Tables Rock Stars Gone Green Times Tables awards to: Malcolm, Deborah, Indigo and Ethan

Upper Bridge

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Friends Fundraisers

Quiz Night and Silent Auction Tuesday 8 September Parrot Dog

includes a....



Silent Auction Items Needed: We need your help!

We are asking each family to make a donation for the Silent Auction of a service voucher Car washing, gardening, housework, babysitting, dog walking, lawn mowing, grocery shopping, cake baking, tutoring, painting etc

Let me know what your family can offer and I will make up the voucher.

We also need more **donated items** so please ask around businesses, friends and family to see what they can donate.

Yummy Stickers

Please keep collecting these stickers which we use at the end of the year to add to our PE gear. If you need a collection sticker please ask at the office.



Wellington City New World Receipts

If you are shopping at New World there is a collection tube for Roseneath School to place your receipt into - opposite the Lotto desk.. We earn a little from these receipts - it all helps!

School Lunches

- instructions for ordering school lunches are on our refreshed [website](#).

Tuesday - Sushi \$7

Wednesday - Pizza \$7/Chicken bites \$5/Hot chips \$5/Mousse \$5

Thursday - Weeks 2,4,6,8,10 Sausages \$3/Hot chocolate \$2/Jelly \$2

Friday - Bento Box

Small bentos: \$10.50–\$11.50

Large bentos: \$14–\$15

Onigiri from \$4, with bulk options (\$7.50 for two, \$11 for three)

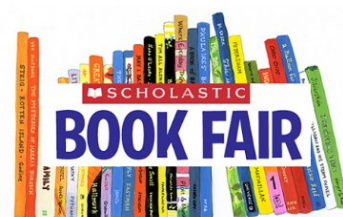
Assemblies Term 3

This term our assemblies are on even week Fridays.

Weeks 6,8,10 Week 6 28 August hosted by The Long Boat

Book Fair

The Book Fair has been an outstanding success with sales exceeding \$1400 which give us around \$420 worth of books for our Library. Thank you to everyone who visited the fair and purchased books and stationery.



Specsavers Free Vision Screening

Look out for the permission slip for the Specsavers free vision screening on 9 September at school. Please return the permission to the office by 21 August.

The vision screening involves a series of short tests, involving an overall assessment of the child's vision, eye muscle testing and colour vision screening.

Teachers are continuing the wero to improve their use of te reo in the playground this year.

Some of the phrases we are using are as follows:

Kia tau!
Relax!

**E mea ana
koe!**
You bet!

Ka wani kē!
Awesome!

Our mahi from a former pupil, Sam Livengood now in Year 11 at Wellington High.

Sam lives in Hataitai and wrote this piece for the Hataitai Community Newsletter.

The Mystery of Mount Victoria's second tunnel

By Sam Livengood - Wellington High School, Year 11

Beneath Mount Victoria lies a lesser-known artifact from Wellington's transportation history in the form of an abandoned pilot tunnel dug in the 1970s for the construction of a second Mount Victoria tunnel.

The pilot tunnel was dug from Mount Victoria to Hataitai to support plans for the construction of a bigger tunnel for traffic through the mountain. Engineers dug an approximate 2.5-metre, 701m-long tunnel through the mountain, beginning in 1972 and breaking through on 7 February 1974.

The City Engineer's Department Design Branch carried out the design work for the proposed tunnel and approaches, as well as the pilot tunnel dug as part of the feasibility studies. Design work was done between 1972 and 1973; however, the tunnel never went ahead. A lack of finances saw the proposal turned down.

An aide-mémoire to the former Transport Minister, Hon Phil Twyford, in 2019 explored whether the pilot tunnel could be



repurposed as a dedicated walking/cycling tunnel. It stated: "We have been advised by members of the LGWM [Let's Get Wellington Moving] working group that there is a pilot tunnel through Mt Victoria adjacent to the existing road tunnel. It was constructed in the 1970s as part of the early planning work for a second tunnel.

"The pilot tunnel has a small diameter ... and has since partially collapsed. It would not be suitable for walking and cycling use without reinstating the tunnel with significant additional investment to increase its size and ensure safety for users. No estimate is available of the indicative cost of this work."

**The Annual General Meetings
of the Hataitai Community
Recreation Trust, Hataitai
Childcare Collective and
Community House, and Hataitai
Bowling Club will be held
downstairs at the
Hataitai Centre/Bowling Club,
157 Hataitai Road, on Tuesday
18 August 2026 at 7 pm.**

We warmly welcome everyone to attend these open meetings. They are a great opportunity to connect with what is happening in your local community, provide feedback and offer support.

We're always looking for suitable volunteer members. If you're interested in learning more contact chrisd@hataitai.org.nz

This year, we'll be sadly farewelling Jane De Lisle after fifteen years on the Community House Committee. Refreshments will be served

Our Mahi from The Long Boat



Long Boat - Proud Teacher Moment!

Recently, Long Boat have been on some trips and we know at Roseneath School we are awesome Roseneath kids. We are curious and creative and we are respectful and we are kind. We know it and I am pleased to share that other people know it too! Proudly, Mrs Lightfoot would like to share some feedback she received this week from some educators at Te Papa and the Ocean Collaboration Lab.

Ka mau te wehi!

Thank you for attending our 'Ko wai au,? ko wai tatou?' at Te Papa.

Laura and myself were really impressed with questions from the taura, their engagement and resulting artworks were awesome. Thank you for attending the full day programme, we look forward to welcoming you back anytime!



FEEDBACK FROM MARTIN LANGDON,
MUSEUM EDUCATION SPECIALIST:
TE PAPA

Feedback from Dr Gabby O'Connor- Artist & Researcher, University of Auckland - Ocean Collaboration Lab

I WANT TO SAY HOW WONDERFUL YOUR STUDENTS WERE. IT WAS A TOTAL JOY AND PRIVILEGE TO HAVE THEM VISIT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT WORKSHOP. THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS WERE SPECTACULAR AND ATTITUDES WERE IMPECCABLE. I FELT REALLY INSPIRED BY THEIR CREATIONS WITH THE CREATIVE TASK AND RESPONSES TO THE QUESTION: "HOW IS THE OCEAN IMPORTANT TO YOU" AND I APPRECIATE ALL THE EFFORT AND WORK THAT THEY HAD DONE PRIOR TO THE WORKSHOP. THEIR QUESTIONS AT THE END OF THE WORKSHOP WERE REALLY EXCELLENT AND QUITE MATURE. YOU HAVE A GREAT CLASS.



Yes, I DO!

RECIPE FOR A WINTER OF CONNECTION



DIRECTIONS

STEP ONE:

Create a cosy space with pillows, blankets, and warm lighting.

STEP TWO:

Add candles and a generous dash of slowing down.

STEP THREE:

Stir in snuggles, favourite stories, and a sprinkle of laughter.

STEP FOUR:

Relax, savour the moment, and enjoy the warmth together.

Community Notices



Kia ora to all Zoo Crew members! Come along to Storytime at the Zoo, every Wednesday this August. Join us for a free Zoo Crew-exclusive story session hosted by our wonderful Education team. Held in the Living Room at 10am every Wednesday throughout August, these cosy story times are the perfect opportunity to warm up, relax, and enjoy a fun and engaging storytelling experience with your tamariki during your Zoo visit!

WELLINGTON SCHOOL DIVING CHAMPS

19TH SEPTEMBER 2026
WELLINGTON REGIONAL AQUATIC CENTRE



WHO IS IT FOR?

Anyone who attends a Primary, Intermediate or Secondary School in the Wellington Region.
No diving experience needed!

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

contact your sports administrator or
development@wellingtondiving.org.nz

WWW.WELLINGTONDIVING.ORG.NZ



SIGN UP HERE!

COMMUNITY HOCKEY PROGRAMME

FUNSTICKS

TERM 3

**DON'T MISS OUT
REGISTER TODAY.**

REGISTER THROUGH PLAYHQ.

Sessions: Every Tuesday afternoon
Dates: Running till 8 September
Cost: \$35
Location: Kelburn Normal School



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SOUTH ISLAND'S TOP 10 ACTIVITY

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BROUGHT TO LIFE**