



# Roseneath School Newsletter

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## *Ma te kotahitanga e whai ai tātau In unity, we have strength.*

It is hard to believe we have come to the final newsletter for the year. I think our Roseneath children have had an amazing year, with lots of interesting topic learning as well as the foundational learning in reading, writing and maths. Our Education Outside the Classroom experiences this term have been a mix of camps and visits - challenging our children while having a lot of fun. Our children have tried new things, and learnt more about this wonderful corner of the world we live in! Thank you to all the parents who supported these activities- we were so lucky to have wonderful parent help supporting our children to get involved in these activities.

We farewell some families this year, as their children move on from Roseneath School. Thank you for everything you have done to support our school community events, fundraising, parent helping, being amazing audiences for our showcases and celebrations, and just being friendly, community-spirited members of Roseneath School! We wish you all the best in the next steps of your child/ren's education journey.

We also farewell our year 4 teacher, Bibi Devoy who has been working wonders in Lower Bridge this term. We are sad to see her go and wish her all the best.

On Monday children will spend time in their 2026 classes. Our new teacher Ottillie Wilson, in Upper Deck with Year 4, will be here to meet her class. We have a number of new enrolments across the school starting next year and many are able to join us for this transition visit. We know they will be made to feel welcome in our vibrant, inclusive school.

Our end of year student achievement data is looking amazing. We have 99% of students at or above expectation in reading; 89% at or above expectation in writing and maths. This is well above the Government's goal of 80% at or above for these key learning areas. We definitely strive in our learning.

From all of us - a very Merry Christmas and safe holidays.

Jenny and the Roseneath Team



## Certificates of Awesomeness

**Aft - Noah** - Has successfully completed the Early Words Reading Programme.

**Kotoha** - Has successfully completed the Early Words Reading Programme.

**Aubrey** - Has successfully completed the Early Words Reading Programme. **Maxi** - You have already started sounding out in reading! **Aubrey** - Your dancing enthusiasm and joy in performing is wonderful for everyone around you. **Kotoha** - You have a positive attitude to learning and it motivates everyone around you!

**Lower Deck** - **Alisa** - You have been kind and respectful, and SO hard-working this year - you're AWESOME! **Eleanor** - You have been a hard-working, helpful and friendly class member ALL year - Ka rawe! (awesome). **Nuha** - You have worked so hard all year on your reading and you've made wonderful progress! **Henry** - Thanks for all your hard work in Kapa Haka! **Caius** - Thanks for all your hard work in Kapa Haka!

**Tom** - Thanks for all your hard work in Kapa Haka! **Laura** - Thanks for all your hard work in Kapa Haka! **Megan** - Thanks for all your hard work in Kapa Haka!

**Evie** - Thanks for all your hard work in Kapa Haka! **Philippa** - Thanks for all your hard work in Kapa Haka! **Iris** - Thanks for all your hard work in Kapa Haka!

**Lower Bridge** - For being A FABULOUS TEAM, KIND AND UNFORGETTABLE.

**Long Boat** - **Amal** - You always believe in yourself and others. You show courage throughout your day. Well done! **Penelope** - For being kind and helpful to people who need help. You always support others. Ka Pai! **Emily** - For showing kindness throughout the year and always coming to school with a positive **mindset** and a big smile on your face. Well done! **Mia** - Quietly strives along and tries her hardest. Kua pai te mahi!

**Sophia** - You are so creative and put so much thought into your work **Leo** - For always being kind and respectful and including people. Ka Rawe! **Keigo** - For always being kind and helpful. You are a great role model and you are always ready to lighten the mood. Nice work! **Minh** - for always being kind and respectful. Ka Pai! **George** - For your amazing creative stories and your great sense of humour, you keep us entertained. Whakamatakua! **Loucas** - For continuing to believe in yourself and trying everything with a 100% effort. Well done! **Archie** - For always thinking differently about how to approach tasks and more often than not, your way is pretty good!

**Upper Bridge** - **Yaiza** - You join in so much with all of our activities - your confidence is growing - tino pai! **Pippa** - A huge thank you to all of your hard work in our library - you are an amazing librarian! Miharo. **Isaac** - You are an amazing performer—you own the stage! Tumeke!!

**Principal's certificate** - **Nolan** - In appreciation of all the IT support you have provided over the past years. We have valued your expertise and the way you have fixed devices and offered so much technical advice.

## Classes for 2026

**Aft** - Jenni Thwaites (Miss T) Year 1

**Lower Deck** - Maria Malone Year 2&3

**Upper Deck** - Ottolie Wilson Year 4

**Long Boat** - Sarah Lightfoot Year 5&6

**Upper Bridge** - Anne Crewdson Year 7&8

## Assembly Fridays in Term 4

Week 10 -12 December Hosted by Upper Bridge

**Final leavers' assembly Wednesday 17 December**

## Term dates for 2026

**Term 1** 4 Feb - 2 April

6 Feb Waitangi Day **School Closed**

23 March MOE Maths PLD **School Closed**

**Term 2** 20 April - 3 July

ANZAC Day 27 April ( actual day is Saturday 25 April) **School closed**

King's B'day 1 June **School Closed**

TOD 2 June **School Closed**

**Term 3** 20 July - 25 September

7 August MOE Maths PLD **School Closed**

**Term 4** 12 October - 18 December

Labour Day 26 October **School Closed**

TOD 27 October **School Closed**

## Attendance

From 2026 schools are required to have an attendance plan in place to help meet the Ministry of Education's attendance goal target: 80% of students to be present for more than 90% of the term by 2030. This is considered the definition of "regular attendance". A student is considered a regular attender if they miss fewer than five days in a standard 10-week school term. Our Attendance Plan is based on the MOE's STAR to promote **Sustained, Timely, and Academically Ready** attendance for all students.

Regular and punctual attendance is critical to your child's success, as missing even a few days can significantly impact their learning progress. Our attendance plan can be viewed on the school website. We ask for your support in reinforcing the importance of being at school, on time, every day. Let's make 2026 a year of **STAR** attendance!

### Thankyou

It really warmed our hearts to see the generosity of our school community in donating to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal—they are getting your donations today, and I know you'll have made some families so happy this Christmas!

Ngā mihi nui



**Te Reo o te wiki** Each week we thought we would share a te reo phrase or kupu with you that you could use at home.

**E kī rā!**  
*Is that so!*

**He reka!**  
*Yum!*

**Pae kore!**  
*By golly!*

A poem from  
Lower Deck



LOVE

we love you  
and  
you love us  
so  
we should love  
the universe

Sea and land  
helping hands  
Sky and stars  
close to  
mars

birds in nests  
plants in  
ground  
love is to be  
found all around

So come with me  
and lets find some love  
up in the world  
above

By Eleanor Curry



# Our Mahi in photos from across the school





A successful pirate outing yesterday.

Window designs are from year 4 in Lower bridge



# Health and Wellbeing

## ◆ ↗ COMMON PARENTING PITFALLS TO AVOID ↘ ◆

Mistakes are part of the process of parenting. But it's easier to recognize your missteps and get back on track if you know some of the common pitfalls.

Here's a list of 5 harmful habits and the positive approaches you can pivot to instead.



### ⇒ PITFALLS ⇌

#### BEING LED BY FEAR

"Get down from that tree! You're going to break your neck!"

#### BEING AN INCONSISTENT PARENT

"I know we said family dinner was important, but sometimes it's okay to skip."

#### BECOMING DISTRACTED

"Hold on, I just need to reply to this email from my boss."

#### WORRYING WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK

"Imagine what the neighbours will think about that mess you left in the yard!"

#### IGNORING YOUR OWN NEEDS

"I don't have time to take a break. I'm just way too busy."

### ⇒ INSTEAD ⇌

#### LEAD WITH LOVE

"I know you want to climb higher in that tree, but I want to make sure you're safe. Let's find a different tree with stronger branches."

#### STAND FIRM WITH RULES AND ROUTINES

"I know you want to join that soccer team, but the practices are at our dinner time. We decided that being together for dinner is important."

#### CREATE SPACE TO CONNECT

"This seems very important to you. I was about to reply to an email, so let's meet in the kitchen in ten minutes to talk this out."

#### FOCUS ON YOUR PERSONAL OR FAMILY GOALS

"I know we want to have time to watch a movie tonight. Let's see if we can clean up the whole yard in fifteen minutes, then we'll be free to relax!"

#### PRIORITIZE YOUR OWN MENTAL HEALTH

"I need fifteen minutes to take a break in the bedroom. I'll be back out soon, then we can figure out what we're making for dinner."

We all make mistakes as we go. Knowledge and awareness help us correct ourselves. We do better when we know better.



## Thinking of selling?

Sell with the world's premium real estate brand, or refer a friend who does, and we will donate \$2,500 to Roseneath School. **Contact us today.**

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### Community Notices



#### From the SPCA -

##### Dogs die in hot cars - don't risk their lives

We're once again urging dog owners across New Zealand to never leave their pets unattended in vehicles during the summer months.

### RĀROA MUSIC CENTRE REGISTRATION FOR 2026

Rāroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary and intermediate school children at low cost (\$70 per year + \$40 koha or parent volunteering). We offer music basics, cello, clarinet, drums & percussion, flute, guitar, keyboard, orchestra, recorder, saxophone, ukulele, and violin.

To register for 2026 visit our website and enrol online. Registrations close 14th February 2026.

[www.raroamusic.org.nz](http://www.raroamusic.org.nz)

**Enjoy After School Care Holiday Programme** If you are looking for childcare in the holidays check out Enjoy's Summer Holiday programmes.

**Summer 2026**  
**HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**  
**12<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> January**

**Centres:**  
1 St.Bernard's school hall (40 Taft Street, Brooklyn)  
2 Berhampore school hall (105 Britomart Street, Berhampore)  
3 Britomart school hall (96 Happy Valley Rd, Owhiro Bay)  
4 Owhiro Bay school hall (96 Happy Valley Rd, Owhiro Bay)  
5 Roseneath School hall (13 Maida Vale, Roseneath)

\*Enrolment numbers will determine how many centres will operate. See [enrolmy.com/enjoy-childcare](http://enrolmy.com/enjoy-childcare) for confirmation of which centres are operating during this holiday programme.

Monday 12 Jan	Tuesday 13 Jan	Wednesday 14 Jan	Thursday 15 Jan	Friday 16 Jan

Book at [enrolmy.com/enjoy-childcare](http://enrolmy.com/enjoy-childcare) or follow the booking links on our website [www.enjoychildcare.co.nz](http://www.enjoychildcare.co.nz)  
✉ email enquiries to [admin@enjoychildcare.co.nz](mailto:admin@enjoychildcare.co.nz)

**enjoy**  
childcare

**PRE-CHRISTMAS**  
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Monday 15 Dec	Tuesday 16 Dec	Wed 17 Dec	Thurs 18 Dec	Friday 19 Dec

**Standard days:**  
\$55.00 per day/child  
**Trip days:**  
\$60.00 per day/child  
\*discounts available

**7.30am OPEN**  
Roll Call, Fun-Fitness  
Morning tea  
**9.30am - 2.30pm**  
Special holiday programme activity, lunch  
**2.30pm - 5.50pm**  
Afternoon tea, Games & Play  
**6.00pm - HOME TIME**  
action may vary

more details online

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Book at [enrolmy.com/enjoy-childcare](http://enrolmy.com/enjoy-childcare)  
or follow the booking links on our website [www.enjoychildcare.co.nz](http://www.enjoychildcare.co.nz)  
✉ email enquiries to [admin@enjoychildcare.co.nz](mailto:admin@enjoychildcare.co.nz)

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# Christmas

# Crawl



Discover the meaning of Christmas in Wellington City Churches through stories and activities

22 December - 24 December  
[www.christmascrawl.org.nz](http://www.christmascrawl.org.nz)

# Come hang out with me!



Kia ora,  
I'm Mahira!

Plan your summer fun at  
**Ngā Manu Nature Reserve**

- Take part in the L'il Explorers Trail
- Feed our hungry eels
- Spot Frosty the kiwi and Sylvie our tuatara

Summer fun for the whole family at  
[ngamanu.org.nz](http://ngamanu.org.nz)

74 Ngā Manu Reserve Road, Waikanae

Get to know  
Mahira through  
the Native Bird  
Close Encounter



HANNAH TRULY ART  
PRESENTS

# IN MY *Dreams*

SOLO ART EXHIBITION

THISTLE HALL  
293 CUBA ST  
PŌNEKE

20-25 JAN 2026  
10AM - 5PM

@HANNAHTRULYART



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· ZINES · ILLUSTRATION · PAPER FLOWERS



Travelling  
overseas in the  
school holidays?

You must do a **New Zealand  
Traveller Declaration**  
when you come back

**[TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz](https://www.travellerdeclaration.govt.nz)**

**Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa**  
New Zealand Government

**New Zealand  
Traveller**  
Declaration | Whakapuakanga  
Tangata Haere ki  
Aotearoa