



ROSENEATH SCHOOL

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***Tēnā koutou whānau o te kura o Te Wai Hirere***

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

Ko Tangi Te Keo te maunga  
(Mt Victoria is the mountain we look up to)

Ko Te Whanganui a Tara te moana  
(The Harbour is the sea that calms our spirits)

Ko Te Wai Hirere te kura  
(Te Wai Hirere is our place to connect, our school)

**Kia Ora Roseneath Whānau****Final thoughts**

What an incredible, challenging, historic year we have had in 2023. We have learnt about our place and its history and celebrated in style 125 years of our fabulous school. We can stand proud to have contributed to the school as a student, parent or staff member. I know I have had a year of learning to be principal and have many to thank for the opportunity and for the many ways I have been supported in my role.

As principal I receive many compliments for the actions of our pupils or work of my staff and it is satisfying to be able to pass these on to the people concerned. On Wednesday for example, our Year 8s were on a Leadership Licence Scavenger Hunt around the CBD - on their own! They met a parent who emailed to me:

*I just bumped into Henry, Danny, Sam L, and a few others in town! They were on their trust excursion or whatever the official name is. They were super, greeted me very warmly and were an absolute credit to the school in their overall comportment.*

It is pleasing to hear our students are out in the world living the Roseneath Way. I hope you have a lovely festive season with friends and family this year.

Wherever you happen to be, travel safe and enjoy the little things. We will see you back on Feb 5th ready to start another adventure filled year in Roseneath School. Ka kite ano. Meri Kirihimete.

## Festive Singalong

We had a lovely singalong last night with a great turn out of whānau. The children looked amazing in their Christmas costumes and the hall was beautifully decorated by the staff. A fun night was had by all.

## Staffing for 2023

As you will know by now we are staffed for 2024 with only 4 classroom teachers. The Board has generously funded Sarah Lightfoot to work 0.5 next year and she will also do teacher release. Sarah will teach in the Long Boat Year 5 & 6 from Upper Deck (Year 4 & 5) and Upper Bridge (Year 6, 7 & 8). She will teach this group Mon - Thurs from 9 - 11.45am. Staff are planning together to ensure consistency across the three rooms.

## Gardening through the Summer

We really appreciate the parents who are available to do a little weeding and caring for our plants. Please feel free to do so if you have the time to pull a few weeds.



We will definitely need some helpers over the summer to water our new plants. **If you are about over the summer and able to help with watering please let us know.** We plan to attach a lock box for the key to the tin shed by the sandpit which will contain the hose and tap attachments.

## Commemorative Tea Towel

We have created a commemorative tea towel to celebrate our 125th Anniversary. These would make ideal Christmas Gifts. They are available to purchase from the office for \$10 each.

Original artwork by the staff and students!!



## Certificates

**Aft:** Alisa - Magical work in art! and writing! You are fabulous at drawing and you are making sure you have lots of details in your writing too. Arnon - You are starting your story writing independently! Awesome work! Gaku - Awesome skip counting in maths! Evie - Fantastic story writing with lots of thoughts and details. Paris - for finishing Early Words! Lucia - You are kind and respectful - for being a kind friend to everyone in Aft Class.

**Lower Deck:** Connie - For being so helpful with our end of the year tidy-up! Emily - For fabulous creative narrative writing—so many lovely stories! Coco - For your determination in learning your pepeha. Tino pai tō mahi! Theia - For your fantastic progress in maths! Gregorio - For fantastic progress in your spelling and reading! Jasmine - For your positive attitude in all your learning.

**Upper Deck:** Anjali - Curious and Creative for giving new learning a go and creating a very big bubble with just your hands.

Omri - coming up with solutions to problems with the tech for assembly and creating an innovative slide show. Tu Meke!

Hiba - challenging yourself to make the biggest bubble possible. Ka rawe!

**Long Boat:** The Long Boat - Thankyou for the opportunity to work with such curious and creative minds. I have loved being your teacher this year! You guys Rock! Nick - For achieving many of your goals and being able to identify what you need to do next. I really love your work ethic! Ka pai te mahi! Bobbie - For working really hard on your research projects and producing excellent information. Well done Bobbie, keep it up! Caius— For listening to feedback and feedforward, then acting on the advice to improve your work! Ka Pai!!

**Upper Bridge:** River - You have continued to be a great Kaitiaki in our class and rōpū. Tino Pai River! Sam - You are king of the values—you are a striver, upstander and a good role model in our class. Miharo Sam! Ollie - You had your team focussed on the tasks and enjoying the Scavenger Hunt - Tumeke! Reem - You always step up when there is a performance to be done. You are creative and contribute fabulously!

## Roseneath Hoodies for sale

Roseneath Hoodies as modelled at assembly are now available for purchase.

We have limited numbers of each size it will be first in best dressed.

The children's sizes are: size 8 -fits 5-8 year olds and size 10(sold out)

The hoodies for kids are \$55 and for adults \$65

The below picture shows:



Gaku(6) size 8,  
Amal (9) size 10  
Juno (12) size  
Small Adults  
Jamie (12) Medium



## Futsal Registrations Open for Term 1 2024

Registrations have opened for Term 1 Futsal in 2024. Games are played at Ākau Tangi Sports Centre, Kilbirnie on Fridays between 4.00pm - 6.00pm. The league runs for 6 weeks from 9th February - 15th March and the age groups are Year 3/4 Mixed, Year 5/6 Mixed, Year 7/8 Mixed. Please let Jemima know at [jemima.hales@roseneath.school.nz](mailto:jemima.hales@roseneath.school.nz) if you would like to sign your child up or if you have any questions about the league.

## Library Stocktake

The library is now closed for the year for issues and we ask that you search under beds and in cupboards for any library or other school books that might be hiding at home. There is an amnesty so don't feel bad about dropping off a pile of books - it often happens. We are just happy to have the books returned.



## Sharing our mahi

### Upper Deck and The Long Boat

Yesterday Ben the Bubble Man came to school and taught the Long Boat and Upper Deck about big bubbles. He showed us the different types of bubble wands and what would work best to get the biggest possible bubble. We then made our own big bubble wands and tested them out down the bank. Some of them were huge!! Did you know you can also make big bubbles with just your hands and some bubble mixture?







What an eventful week we have had in The Long Boat, we found out that football is a very dangerous sport with two of our students sustaining serious injuries playing the game! Iris suffered a broken bone in her foot, and Tom a broken toe. I have never experienced two students on crutches at the same time. I can guarantee they both will be right back at it when the casts come off.

On Tuesday we had the pleasure of being testers in some amazing games Upper Deck have been designing and testing for our cross country event next year. Upper Deck certainly were Creative and Curious with their designs. We helped them by giving feedback about what we liked about each game and offering suggestions on how to improve. We loved the opportunity to work with Upper Deck.

The theme of working with Upper Deck and being Curious and Creative continued on Thursday when we were able to join Upper Deck with their

visiting bubble expert Ben. He had a range of bubble wands that created amazing bubbles of different sizes. We watched in awe as one giant bubble floated high in the air and then popped into 5 smaller bubbles. We then used our curious thinking and creativity to make our own bubble wands, we tested our creations 'down the bank', we found some wands were very successful and we soon had some giant bubble masters. Henry, Megan and Nolan created monster bubbles. We also had fun trying to catch bubbles with soapy hands. Such a lovely way to spend an afternoon, bubbles never fail to delight at any age. Thank you Ms Hales and Upper Deck for letting us be part of this joyful afternoon.

Then to finish off Thursday's Christmas Singalong - what can we say - outstanding TLB23! From Caius stepping in to be a hippopotamus Hero at short notice, the dancing girls, the short wearing Santa's to Hjeleena singing Snoopy's Christmas and then the surprise item that was truly outstanding! Mariah Carey would be proud I am sure of the excellent performance by Zeb, Reggie, Tom, Evie and Iris - well done everyone. A very proud teacher!





## Te Reo o te Wiki

Meri Kirihimete Merry Christmas

Hari tau hou Happy New Year



Ngā mihi  
Jenny and the Roseneath Team

## How to Protect Your Child's Boundaries at Family Gatherings

A situation:	You can say:
A family member asks your child "Why are you so shy?"	"Yes, Michael has a gentle and observant nature. We love that about him."
Your uncle says to your child "Hey there! Give me a hug!"	"It looks like Jack doesn't want to hug. You can offer him a high-five instead."
Your family member is trying to parent your child.	"I'm right here, I've got it. You just enjoy being a grandma (uncle, etc.). You can leave parenting to me."
Your dad says to your child "Wow! You're eating a lot."	"Every child is different, and they know when they're hungry or full. Let's focus on enjoying our meal."
Your family jokes about your child having a girlfriend or boyfriend.	"Let's respect Sawyer's privacy. If he ever wants to share something with us, we'll be here to listen."
Your family jokingly comments about your child's appearance	"We want to help Grace feel confident and comfortable with who she is. So, let's keep our comments positive and uplifting."
Your family member shares private information about your child without permission.	"I appreciate your concern, but we believe it's important to respect Emily's privacy. Let's focus on other conversations tonight."

These boundaries need to be voiced clearly and respectfully. It may be uncomfortable to say these things but it's important. Our kids might not have the courage to set their own boundaries and we need to advocate for them (especially in the beginning!).



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