



Roseneath School Newsletter

Term 5 Week 6 21 November 2025

principal@roseneath.school.nz
office@roseneath.school.nz
043847218



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

Greetings from **Forest Lakes Camp**. We have had a blast with a mudslide, kayaking, 10 pin bowling, mini golf, a flying fox, horse riding and so much more including Ms Crewdson's very own version of "Traitors" which has kept year 7&8 on tenterhooks and suspicious of everyone!! Seriously though, Camp is a lot of fun and I have really enjoyed the way Upper Bridge are so supportive of each other with the challenges they are facing. We have had a bit of rain but lots of sunshine and warm weather - oh and no wind. It is so nice to be able to sit out at night and listen to the many bird calls.



As we near the end of the year, staff are busy with assessments ready to write **end of year reports** for years 2-8 which will come home on Friday 12 December. Year 1 students receive reports at different points of their first year at school. This will be the last time we use this report format due to changes to the curriculum and assessment requirements. We'd appreciate your feedback on our reports - is there anything from the existing reports that you'd like us to retain?

There are a number of important whole school events that are still to happen this term. We have the **Kapa Haka** sharing with whānau on 5 December at 11.00 and the **Holiday Singalong** on Thursday 11 December at 6.30pm. We would like the children at school at 6.15pm on that day to be ready to start at 6.30pm.

Jenny and the Roseneath Team

See more camp photos on page 7

Camps

We ask that all camp fees are paid prior to camp if possible. Please contact us if you need assistance and would like to spread the payment over the next three weeks. We want everyone to have an enjoyable camp experience.

Kapa Haka Tuakana - Teina sharing for Whānau - Friday 5 December 11 am

Kia Ora e te Whānau - We are looking forward to sharing some of our Kapa Haka learning with you on Friday 5 December at 11 am. Please come a little earlier so you can be seated, ready for us to begin at 11 am. We are looking forward to sharing our mahi with you.



Festive Singalong Thursday 11 December 6.30 pm

Please be seated at 6.15 pm. Our festive singalong is a fun family occasion with Christmas themed songs and a few Carols. The children all take part and most are dressed up for the singalong. On the night please bring your children in festive clothing and adults feel free to dress festively as well.

We are collecting donations of unwrapped gifts (in a new condition) for 0-16yr olds to donate to families less fortunate than ours, for St Vincent de Paul. Please see the notice below for further details.



A Merry Vinnies Christmas

A Merry Vinnies Christmas offers a shopping style experience to families seeking support over the holiday period - giving people the dignity, ownership, and choice of presents for their children, without the cost.

We're calling on the community to collect and donate gifts for the **Merry Vinnies Toy Shop!** Please bring your donations of gifts to the **Christmas sing-along** on December 11th. There will be a box in the hall foyer, or drop them off at the school office on or before the 11th.



Gift Criteria: Other ways to support:

- 0-16 years old
- Unwrapped
- New condition
- Donate Christmas food
- Donate decorations
- Donate gift-wrapping materials

For more information on how to donate and access the shop, visit our website: vinnies-wellington.org.nz/christmas

Donate:

Name of BNZ Bank Account:
Society of St Vincent de Paul
Wellington

Account Number:
02-0576-0017817-00
Reference: TOYS

Assembly Fridays in Term 4

Week 8 - 28 November Hosted by Lower Bridge

Week 10 - 12 December Hosted by Upper Bridge

Final leavers' assembly Wednesday 17 December

Student contributions due

Some student contribution statements have already gone out and the rest will follow in the next couple of weeks. We would really appreciate any outstanding amounts to be paid before 17 December. Donations are tax deductible so please contact Joanne if you would like a receipt for a 33% tax rebate or you have any questions. We need the contributions to be settled for lunches, stationery, sports subs etc as these are not included in the school budget. Any unpaid fees reduce our current school budget. Thank you to those of you who are all up to date with this matter.

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.

Kia pau te hau!
I'm exhausted!

He reka!
Yum!

Hangareka ana!
What a crack up!

Term dates for 2026

Term 1 3 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**

The Man Whose Mother was a Pirate - The Musical (at the Hannah Playhouse)

Aft, Lower Deck and Lower Bridge (Our year 0-4 students) were incredibly lucky to have Nino Raphael, the composer of 'The man whose mother was a pirate' come and teach us some pirate songs on Monday. We had the best time & Nino was a big hit with all the kids: everyone was stomping and singing along! The show is going to be loads of musical fun, and is a great chance for the whole family to join in some 'swashbuckling fun wrapped up with a heartfelt message.' You can find more information at hannahplayhouse.org.nz or piratemothermusical.com

Show dates:

Friday, 5 December 2025 - Sunday, 14 December 2025

On 11 December our students will leave school on a bus at 1 pm going to Hannah Playhouse and return to school by 2.50 pm.



Our Mahi from Lower Deck

Jack's Adventures

By Gaku

"Hurry up," said Jack's Mother. "The ferry is leaving in ten minutes."

"Okay, I'm just packing my bag."

After a few minutes they were all on the ferry.

"Oh no," the captain cried. We all saw a mighty thunderstorm approaching.



Crack! The boat snapped in half.

Jack fell in the water and tried to swim to his parents but the current was too strong. He felt scared and lonely, but he had an idea. "Maybe I could swim to an island nearby," thought Jack.

It was getting dark so he grabbed a chair floating by to keep him afloat. Jack woke up and realised and he was stranded on an abandoned island.

He dried his clothes and made some new clothes from flax.

Then he went into the forest to find some food and some wood to make fire.



He saw a pile of sticks that were perfect for a fire so he went to collect them.

Suddenly he saw a tiger cub. He was a little bit scared but it was just a cub so he decided to take care of it because it looked like it had no parents. He named it Stripey.

Jack needed to make shelter out of flax and wood so he didn't get blown away. He remembered that he had a spool of string in his pocket so he tied it a stick and made a fishing rod, but he knew he could not catch fish without bait.

He dug a hole in the dirt, caught some worms and tied them to the end of the string. He lowered it in the water. Luckily he caught some fish.

Jack made a fire, then put a stick in the fish and held it over the fire to cook. He also had one more fish so he gave some of it to the tiger cub.

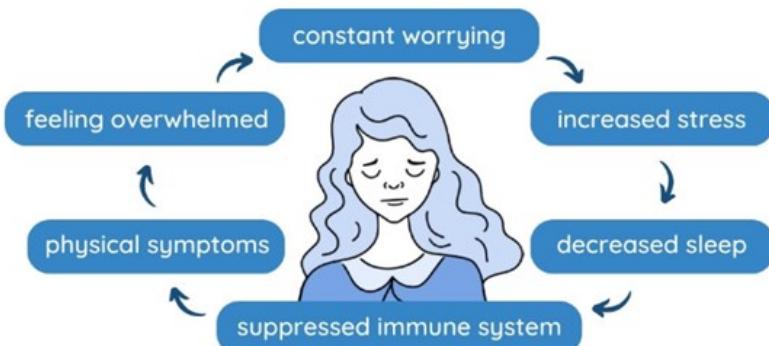
He went in the shelter to sleep.

In the morning Jack woke up to the sound of the waves crashing on the rocks, and very strong winds. Jack was worried in case the shelter wasn't strong enough so he grabbed the tiger cub and ran. After a while it turned sunny again. The tiger cub wanted to play so Jack grabbed a twig off the ground and waved it in the air, as if he was a wizard with a wand.

He went into the forest to climb a tree. When he got up the tree he saw something sparkly. Jack and the tiger cub went there to see what it was. When he got close he saw a portal! Jack did not know if it was safe but he grabbed the tiger cub and dived through the portal. He saw his parent sand together they lived happily ever after.

Teach Your Child to Turn Their Worry Into “I Wonder”

Occasional worry is okay. But when **worrying becomes a habit**, it can have serious health effects on your child.



Break the cycle by helping your child turn their worry into “I wonder”:

Worry	Wonder
“I will be embarrassed if I screw this up.”	→ “I wonder what will happen if I try this and give it my best!”
“I won’t know anyone and will have no one to talk to.”	→ “I wonder if I can make some new friends if I go.”
“This is going to be too hard for me.”	→ “I wonder if this will help me learn a new skill!”
“I don’t want to ask a question because I feel stupid for not knowing this.”	→ “I wonder if others have the same question as I do. They would be thankful I asked.”
“I won’t have any friends in the new school.”	→ “I wonder how many kids like the same game as I do.”
“I’m just not good at anything.”	→ “I know everyone has unique talents. I wonder what mine are.”

When your child learns to turn their worries into “I wonder” ...
...their mental and physical health improves, and they become more resilient.



Year 7&8 Camp Forest Lakes



Year 7&8 Camp Forest Lakes



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.**

Licensed REAA 2008

GLEN JONES — 021 221 9393 | glen.jones@nzsir.com

Community Notices

Explore your rohe!

The popular swingbridge track in Kaitoke Regional Park is an easy 2km loop following the Hutt River/Te Awa Kairangi downstream through rimu and rata forest. New paw-friendly panels make it more comfortable for dogs to walk across the water pipe bridge as well.



AS Academy

Off season rugby programme for year 7-8 kids to improve and develop rugby performance.

7 sessions:
21st, 24th November
1st, 5th, 8th, 12th, 15th December
All sessions run from 4:00pm - 5:30pm on the Wellington College turf

Sessions: \$30
Full programme: \$180

These sessions will focus on skills, conditioning and the love of the game.

By the end of the seven sessions players should feel more confident in their abilities and be ready to take charge of their respective 2026 teams.

Contact: archielrsims@gmail.com to confirm your spot.

About Archie:
Archie has played in the Wellington College 1st XV for three years, has played in the Hurricanes U18s, and is currently signed to and training with Auckland Rugby. Archie has three years of coaching experience coaching junior college rugby.

MANE FITNESS PRESENTS

KIDS DUATHLON SERIES

RONGOTAI COLLEGE FIELD

4-6:30PM EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY
10 DECEMBER
28 JANUARY
11 FEBRUARY
25 FEBRUARY

Under 5s: 200m run ~ 400m bike (scooter) ~ 100m run.
5-7 years: 400m run ~ 800m bike ~ 200m run
8-9 years: 800m run ~ 1.6km bike ~ 400m run
10-11 years: 1.2km run ~ 2.4km bike ~ 800m run

ENTER: WWW.SNAPEVENTS.JO
MORE INFO: [HTTPS://MANEFITNESS.CO.NZ/KIDS-DUATHLON-SERIES](https://MANEFITNESS.CO.NZ/KIDS-DUATHLON-SERIES)
CONTACT: ADMIN@MANEFITNESS.CO.NZ, 0274245125

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Trademark Construction

MOANA clothing

MANE FITNESS