

Date: 20 February 2018

Welcome to our newest Students

Lene, Shanin, Nathan, Cameron, Leonie, Aananta, Alex, Jayden, Liam, Jason, Maka, Lucas, Marvin, Jackie, Avantika, Ngatawa, Richard and Zane

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Bula Vinaka, Malo e lelei, Kia Orana, Choum reap sor,

Welcome back everyone!

First of all, welcome to our wonderful students, staff and whānau, old and new.

The first days have gone pretty smoothly and everyone seems happy to be back at school. This is going to be an exciting year for the school with lots of improvements underway and new classes opening.

Welcome to our new staff Davene, Alice, Gill, Lois, Jenna, Julie, Suzanne, Victoria, Vienna, Carol, Julie, Natasha, Tahliah, Rebekah, Amy, Moana, Emile, Jonathan, Janise, Brianna, Jordan, Doris, Charlotte, Joleen, Elaine, Connor, and welcome back to Sharn.

This year we have 3 new roles at the school,

Learning Leaders—Our Teachers Mary Bowers, Naomi McPike, Alli Trood, Rachel Keating, Tracey Sholson, Kristen Thomas, Angelo Arendse and Imtiaz Khan (relieving) have taken on middle management roles. These are aimed at supporting a small team of teachers to work collaboratively to improve teaching and learning.



Pou Ārahi - Davene Clarke—This role involves supporting teachers with Te Reo, tikanga and building links with whānau and community.

Enviro Teacher—Lois Williams

Lois will be at Base School 2 days per week to get enviro schools established. She will also help with developing a garden to table programme.

Papakura High School—Our satellite classes have opened. Papakura High has been very welcoming and our students are getting lots of opportunities to mix in with mainstream. The classes are large and well appointed. We are just waiting on council approval for a new drive way.



Hingaia Peninsula

The building of our satellite classes at Hingaia Peninsula are well underway. We will keep you updated on further progress.



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Gill Hedley, Principal



Just a reminder we require parents, caregivers and whanau to contact us when a student will be absent from school. Please phone the office on (09) 298 4569 and leave a message. We now also have a quick and easy option to do this on our website. www.rosehillschool.co.nz then click on 'report and absence'.

Volunteers

We are looking for Parents and whānau who are able to volunteer their time to assist our therapists in making Core Boards for our students. If you are able to help—please contact the office. (09) 298 4569



**Rosehill School Family Fun day will be held at
South Park, Beach Rd, Papakura
Thursday 22nd February
10 am – 1.30 pm.**

Parents / Caregivers come along, meet the teacher and share this fun day with your child.

Food for Sale:

- Mini Burger - \$3
- Sausage in Bread - \$2
- Cake or Cookie - \$1
- Bottled Water - \$1

Taxis will be going to and from our Base School. If parents are dropping your children off, please bring them to our Base School.

Please remember:

- * Water bottles
- * Sun hats
- * Food that doesn't need heating or toasting
- * Something to sit on
- * Your ice cream tickets

If the fun day needs to be postponed due to weather this will go ahead on Friday 23rd



Sharing our learning.....

Kristen at Kereru Park satellite has had her students learning how to plant bean seeds and cress. They learnt how to fill a cup with potting mix, poke a hole in the soil with their finger, and push the seed into the hole until it was covered with soil.

They also learnt how to put some cotton wool into a large bottle top, sprinkle cress seeds over the cotton wool, and water them with a spray bottle.

We put them in a sunny spot on the windowsill, water them regularly, and will be watching them grow.



Our first learning theme for the year is garden to table. We hope to see lots of vegetables grown this term and hopefully some tasty cooking. Students are also

learning about where their fruit and vegetables come from and how they are grown before they get to the shops.

Waste Audit

We arranged a waste audit at Base School. This was carried out on Wednesday 14 February. We collected all our rubbish from the previous day and laid it all out to see how much there was (Lots!) and then sorted it out. Students were hands on and engaged. A great start to our Enviro Schools programme. Our aim for this year—Clear, shared learning intentions and active engaging learning programmes. It looks like we are making a good start.



Living Options Seminar

Information on four options for living arrangements for a person with a disability

This will be presented by Lisa Martin, Disability Connect. This seminar explores the four main living arrangements for a person with a disability including information about supports available under each option, funding arrangements, who the providers are, benefits and challenges of each option, etc.

This seminar is ideal for families of a young adult with a disability who is approaching the age or 'readiness' to leave home.

Options discussed include:

- Residential Care
- Supported Living
- Choice in Community Living

Family Governed models

Tuesday 22nd May 7-9pm

Individualised Funding (IF) Including Respite

Presented by Lisa Martin, Disability Connect

Who Should Attend:

The Ministry of Health Disability Support Services now include access to Respite (including Carer Support) under Individualised Funding, for eligible families. This creates new, flexible ways of taking a break. This seminar will explore all aspects of Individualised Funding including Respite.

If you are a disabled person, parent or guardian of a disabled person, you might want more choice about how services will be delivered, when they will be delivered and who will provide your government funded support. Individualised funding helps you;

- Employ the support staff you want in your life – people who understand your culture, priorities, preferences and lifestyle choices.
- Set your own timetable so support staff come and go as you want, so you can build stronger relationships and enjoy a better social life.
- Source flexible Respite care that best benefits your family (short stay, overnight stay, in-home, in-facility, etc).
- Identify new sources of support.

Take charge of who enters your life and reclaim your priorities.

Thursday 7th June 7-9pm

Work & Income Support Seminar

This seminar is free to family members and will clearly explain the types of Work and Income supports which individuals **may** be eligible for if living with a disability or raising a child with a disability. Eligibility criteria will be explained – also whether particular supports are means tested or not, and income thresholds if they are. The main Work and Income supports being discussed are:

- Supported Living Payment
- Accommodation Supplement
- Child Disability Allowance
- Disability Allowance

Supported Living Payment – Care of Sick and Infirm
Wednesday 28th March 7-9pm

Mt Richmond Special School, 30 Albion Road, Otahuhu
Who can attend: Parents, teachers, care-givers, teacher aides.

Cost: Parents - Free of charge

To enrol please contact Disability Connect:
Phone 09 636 0351
Email admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz

School Holiday Programme

Spectrum Care will be running a school holiday programme at Base School in the April school holidays. More information will be sent home soon.

Parent Help is a non profit organisation supporting parents to build resilient and positive families/whānau. They offer a free Helpline for parents and caregivers providing advice, support and practical strategies on any parenting concern. They aim to make all parents across New Zealand aware of our Helpline and the support they can get.

Parenting Helpline

we can help with any of your parenting concerns

Call 0800 568 856

9am - 9pm Monday to Sunday

www.parenthelp.org.nz

3.5KM WALK*
FAMILY AND FRIENDS FUN DAY



SUNDAY 18TH MARCH 2018 - TAHAKI RESERVE, 250 MT EDEN RD.



Whether you have Down syndrome, know someone who does, or just want to show your support, come along and join us for a day of celebration and fun.

- 9am:** Music, food & coffee
- 9.30am:** Welcome & JUMP JAM warm up
- 10am:** Walk starts
- 11am:** Live entertainment & activities

Entertainment includes:

- Live Music • 4x4 Jeep • Bouncy castles • Raffles
- Lucky dip • Silent auction • Prizes for best dressed
- Cake stall • Merry-Go-Round • Face Painters
- Rock climbing walls • Farm animals • Bubble Man
- Roaming Dalek • Food and Drink stalls
- 6D mobile movie theatre • And much more...

*No walk registration in 2018 with thanks to our major sponsor Grassroots Trust.
www.adaa.org.nz



DRESS UP THEME,
come dressed as your favourite character and be in to WIN!
COSTUME PRIZES ARE FOR:

- Best Pre-schooler
- Best School Age
- Best Adult
- Best Group

Do you need help accessing support from Taikura Trust? Iris is the Community Liason Coordinator for IDEA Services in the Counties area. She is more than happy to help.

Her contact details:

Iris Philip

Ph (09) 529 8748 or 022 010 8243

Email iris.philip@idea.org.nz

IDEA Services

IHC, through IDEA Services, supports adults of all ages with intellectual disabilities to live in their own homes and be part of their local communities.

