



# Te Kura o Pātiki

Rosebank School

NEWSLETTER 2

TERM 1 -

WEEK 4



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Talofa Rosebank Community,

As you're well aware, we provide high-quality, culturally rich bilingual education at our school. Alongside mainstream education, students and their families do have the option (if space allows) to join one of these bilingual units. They are the heartbeat of our kura, reflecting our community and Tamaki Makaurau in general.

On Friday, March 27, we will officially open our Niuean bilingual unit, 'Kau Fofoa hala', which in translation means 'Wayfinders'. 'Kau' means group or team, Fofoa means to pave and 'hala' means way. This is an extremely important day for our entire school and our community - in particular, our very proud and passionate Niuean families who have waited a long time for this bilingual unit to become a reality! More information about this opening will come out soon - and everyone is invited to come along and be a part of this very prestigious event! If you're available, we'd love for you to join us.

A gentle reminder that the NRL kicks off this weekend in Las Vegas! Our beloved Warriors begin their season next Friday night at Go Media Stadium, so fingers crossed we can start the season with a win.....

Thank you all for your ongoing support of our school - it's much appreciated!

Very best wishes

Paul Pirihi, Principal



## UPCOMING EVENTS 2026



- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Manawa Museum trip
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - Manawa Museum trip
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Road Patrol Training (selected students)
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March - TMAT/Niue Matua Fono
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Manawa Assembly and Kaitiaki announcement - 11.30am on the turf
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - TMAT/Niue Curriculum Evening - 5.30pm, TWOP Whānau hui - 6pm
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - TEACHER ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - BOT hui - 5.30pm
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Last day of Term 1

## HATS & DRINK BOTTLES

At the moment we are experiencing some very hot weather, please ensure your children has a drink bottle full of water so they can stay hydrated through out the day. We have drinking fountains around the school which they can fill their bottles.

No hat = No play - we are really enforcing our no hat no play rule this term. It is so important that students bring a hat to school to wear when they are outside. If they don't have one they will be sitting on the stage under the canopy. Please support this by sending your child(ren) to school with a hat.

## YEAR 3-4 CRICKET

A great day out for our Year 3-4 team who attended the Whau Cluster Cricket tournament held at Eastdale Reserve on the 26<sup>th</sup> February. Our team hit some huge boundaries and took lots of wickets. A big thank you to our loyal and very vocal supporters. A big thank you also to Whaea Becs for all the training sessions that took place in the lead up to the day. Watch out Black Caps and White Ferns!



## ONLINE SAFETY



Recently, we have become aware of a small number of online incidents.

We encourage whānau to regularly check in with your child about their online activity — who they are communicating with, which platforms they use, and how they treat others in digital spaces. The same expectations we have at kura apply online: kindness, respect, and making safe, responsible choices.

Please remind your child not to share personal information, passwords, or images, and to speak to a trusted adult if something online makes them feel uncomfortable or unsure.

Working together, we can support our tamariki to be confident, responsible digital citizens — both in and out of school.

## ROAD SAFETY

Yet again we need to put this reminder about being sensible, using your common sense and being a role model. We are seeing it far too often again, parents crossing at random points outside our kura. PLEASE use either of the crossings at Gate A or by Orchid Street. We battled for so long to get an extra crossing to keep everyone safe so we need to be using them.

Also, Avondale Kindy carpark is only for Avondale Kindy whānau. Please do not park there to walk over to us. They are very full, have a small space and whānau not belonging to the kindy are blocking up the carpark and entrance. Let's do the right thing whānau!

## PASIFIKA FONO

Last night we held our first Pasifika Community Fono for the year, and we were delighted with the wonderful turnout from our families. It was a valuable opportunity for our Pasifika community to reconnect, strengthen relationships, and share thoughts and ideas about what is happening in

our school for our Pasifika children.

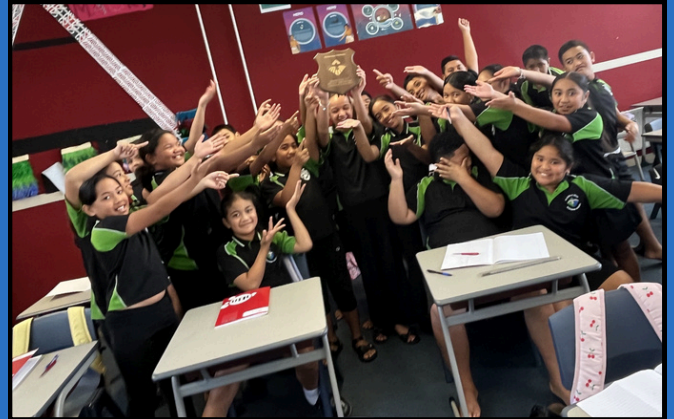
The talanoa and discussions were meaningful and constructive, reflecting our shared commitment to support the success and well-being of our learners.

We look forward to continuing these conversations, with more fono to be held throughout the year.



# AKOMANGA TITIKAHA

Room 20 is on fire! Two weeks in a row, a huge congratulations to Room 20 with 98% for Week 3. A new winner for Week 4 - congratulations Potu Fa, with 97%!!!



## DUFFY BOOKS

We had our first 'caught being good' books and certificates given out at last week's singing assembly. Kaiako got to pick two students from their class to receive a certificate and a brand new book to take home. Every fortnight, we have a singing assembly, and at each of those assemblies, we will be giving out these awards. So if your child comes home with a brand new book and certificate, then they were caught being good.

Here are some pictures of our first assembly of some of our caught being good winners!



# ESOL

Kia ora koutou.

If you haven't already met us, we would like to introduce ourselves as members of the ESOL team. Also, if you are not familiar with the location of the ESOL room, it is in front of the Gate A entry and there is a sign above the window. Presently, there is a lot of mahi happening behind the scenes, so the ESOL programme hasn't yet started, but it will be up and running soon. We look forward to keeping you posted...



## MEET THE ESOL TEAM BELOW:

Kia ora, I'm Dawn Nuralli, Director of the ESOL programme at Te Kura o Pātiki Rosebank School where I have been working since 2018. I was born in the UK and have lived not only in New Zealand, but also in Colombia where I taught English at a bilingual international school. I have been teaching since 1990, and an area of special interest is developing student writing skills. My qualifications include a Master of Education, a Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching English as a Second Language, and a Diploma in Spanish Language from the University of Salamanca in Spain. I have experience teaching across primary, intermediate and secondary school settings. I previously worked at the University of Auckland as a lecturer in Education and for the Ministry of Education as a facilitator supporting teachers to establish foreign language programmes in schools. At the beginning of 2025, I undertook an additional role for the Ministry of Education as Co-Leader of the Western and Central Auckland ESOL Teachers Professional Learning Cluster.

NĪ HǎO

Ola, I'm Fran. Originally from Brazil, I've proudly called Avondale home since moving to New Zealand eight years ago. I'm deeply committed to supporting our local community, particularly through my work at Te Kura o Pātiki Rosebank School. Since 2022, I've worked in the ESOL Department as an ESOL teacher aide, helping students build their confidence and develop their English language skills. I'm also a passionate author and illustrator, with three published children's books available in both English and Portuguese. As part of my professional growth, I completed the Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA) micro-credential for teacher aides in 2025. I am currently studying toward a degree in Psychology in Education.

KIA ORANA

Kamusta, I'm Ely Jane Falcutila. I come from the Philippines where I trained as a teacher and where I previously taught Year 2 and Year 6 students. I have been working at Te Kura o Pātiki Rosebank School as an ESOL teacher aide in the ESOL Department since 2024. As part of my professional development and personal growth, in 2025 I completed a course in the Better Start Literacy Approach and also attended personal development workshops to further support the students I work with. My qualifications include a Bachelor in Elementary Education and a Master of Education (Major in Educational Management). To help them to understand the New Zealand Curriculum, I support our Filipino students by using our native language (Tagalog) and translating into English.

KIA ORA

TALOFA  
LAVA

SALAAM  
ALAYKUM

KUMUSTA

Salam, I'm Estori Hakim. I was born in Afghanistan and have been living in New Zealand for 24 years. I began working at Te Kura o Pātiki Rosebank School initially as a bilingual assistant in 2022 and for the past three years I have worked as an ESOL teacher aide in the ESOL Department. Throughout this time, I have attended various professional development workshops to extend my knowledge and skills. Last year I completed the Better Start Literacy Approach for teacher aides which is a structured, evidence-based programme designed to build strong foundations in early literacy. This has helped me to focus on improving student achievement in reading, writing and oral language. I speak five different languages and have a passion for learning new languages and learning about different cultures.

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