

# The Rosehill Review

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## Principal's News

Kia Ora and an early Merry Christmas to you all as this will be our last newsletter for 2018.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our whanau who have supported our school at every level, by ensuring their child has the correct uniform, the stationary needed for their learning, healthy lunches, listened to them talk about their day, their learning, their challenges, attended school sports, cultural and academic events, praised their efforts and guided their decisions. You have helped make made our job so much easier.

Having just read every child's report it is really affirming to know we have so many students in our school well supported by their family and their teacher. As the saying goes - it takes a village to raise a child.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our prize giving and service awards this week when we acknowledge and celebrate all our student successes throughout the year.

Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday.

Kind Regards



**Maria Owers**  
Principal

## News from the Board

Sadly we are saying goodbye to Mr Tyree who has been our school musician and student mentor for the last 5 years. Thanks to him many of our students have had the opportunity to experience making and performing music, and some have even featured in a music video.

We wish him all the very best for his new venture.



## ENQUIRING: Ways to Develop an Enquiring Mind

One of the biggest problems we have today is that students have stopped thinking for themselves. A lot of children have been taught **what** to think but not **how** to think. Thinking for themselves is easier to say than do when no one has taught them how to be curious or inquisitive - this is a task for both the teacher and the parent in this digital age.

We want our students to believe that they can be curious, that they can question and can wonder about how things are the way they are and how they could make them better. Our mind is so powerful but we have to teach students how to use it effectively so that they can use it to its full potential. Our students have to see that they have the capacity to learn just by using the words - Why? and How?

We do this with our Inquiry approach to learning within the classroom where students are given a big question and then work collaboratively to come up with ideas to form a whole range of answers for lots of different reasons, that make sense to them. This can be done at home as well where you give your child a problem to solve that could have multiple answers, that can then be discussed around the dinner table - you will be surprised what they come up with!

## **School Hats**

All students are required to wear our school hat this term and Term 1. These are available from the school office or the Uniform Shop for \$15.

## EPRO8 Challenge Area Finals

On September 7th our EPro8 team travelled to Pukekohe Intermediate to take part in a semi final competition against 12 other teams. During this time we had to work through challenges which would test our ability to apply our engineering, science and technology skills. We were thrilled to finish in second place and qualify RIS for the area finals to be held on November the 21st.

During this competition we competed against other finalist schools from Tuakau to Strathallan in Papakura. The challenge asked us to create a stage, with lights set on a timer. The lights had to pan the stadium and we designed a mechanism to allow the singers to stage dive and land back on the stage. We battled hard and finished second to Howick Intermediate!

Thanks to our amazing results, we are now in the Grand Final at Mt Roskill Intermediate School on Wednesday 5th December from 5pm. We will compete against 24 of the top schools in the Auckland area. Congratulations to Robbie Davies, Olivia Lin, Alana Mathews, Harnoor Sood and Bharathvajan Vasudevan-our EPRO8 team for 2018.



**Year 8 Graduation - Formal Dinner and Disco**  
**Tuesday 11th December 6.00pm - 9.00pm in our school hall**

This is the last school activity for our Year 8 students and a chance for them to have an evening to remember with their peers and teachers.

Invitations were given out yesterday and we look forward to a wonderful evening with them all. All information is on this invitation - please return permission slip and money by Friday

We ask that all parents/caregivers ensure that they pick up their child at **9.00pm**



**Year 8 mufti**

All **Year 8** students are invited to donate their clean school uniforms back to the school and wear mufti to school from Wednesday 12th December.



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***Important Dates:*** *Check out the calendar on our website for all our upcoming events*

***Rosehill College Orientation 4th December***  
***RIS Prizegiving 6th December -Year 7 9.15***  
***Year 8 11.15***  
***Papakura High Orientation 6th December***  
***RIS Service Awards 7th December***  
***Year 8 Graduation Dinner 11th December***  
***Rosehill Rewards Day 13 December***  
***Reports Home 14th December***  
***Last Day of Term 14th December 12.30pm finish***



## Papakura High School

Invites all Year 8 students to our

Annual Year 8 Open Day

Thursday 6 December 2018

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Get involved in some of our subject areas

- Meet our staff and kaitiaki (prefects)
- Have a tour of our kura
- Kai for everyone

Meet in the School Hall at 10:00 am

Lunch will be provided

Parents are welcome to attend

We look forward to seeing you there



Visit our website [www.papakurahigh.school.nz](http://www.papakurahigh.school.nz)  
Tel (09) 296 4400



**Carols in the Park**  
 7 December 5:30PM  
 Central Park Papakura  
 A FREE FAMILY EVENT

★ FEATURING ★

**TJ Taotua**  
 Musician, Singer-Songwriter

**Auckland Gospel Choir**  
**RONNIE**  
 from WHAT NOW

**Sara-Jane**  
 Pacific Soul Artist

**Children's Choir**

[www.hcc.net.nz](http://www.hcc.net.nz) | a smoke free & alcohol free event


